

**State of the
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The Society of Experimental Test Pilots



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2013-2014 Symposia

Upcoming :

- Southwest Section (combined with SFTE National Symposium), Dallas TX, October 28 – November 1
- European Flight Test Safety Workshop, Amsterdam, Netherlands, October 29-31
- Southeast Section, Eglin AFB FL, Feb 21
- West Coast Section, San Diego CA, March 28-29
- East Coast Section, NAS Patuxent River MD, April 11
- Northwest Section, Seattle WA, April 25
- Flight Test Safety Workshop, Savannah GA, May 12-15
- Great Lakes Section, Dayton OH, May 22
- Central Section, Wichita KS, June 13
- European Section, Lulea and Vidsel, Sweden, June 15-18
- 58th Symposium & Banquet, Anaheim CA, Sept 24-27



President's Focus & Initiatives

- Continue Doing What We Do Best
 - Superior Symposia & Papers
 - Provide sufficient value to our members that they will travel on their own time; use their own money to attend
 - Electronic Improvements
- Meet Financial Challenges



President's Focus & Initiatives

- UAV Development and Flight Test Committee
 - Past President Rogers Smith Chairman
 - Test Pilots Critical in the Development and Flight Testing of UAVs
 - Revised tasking; will evolve product to policy-makers
 - Test Pilot Schools; developers and users of UAVs



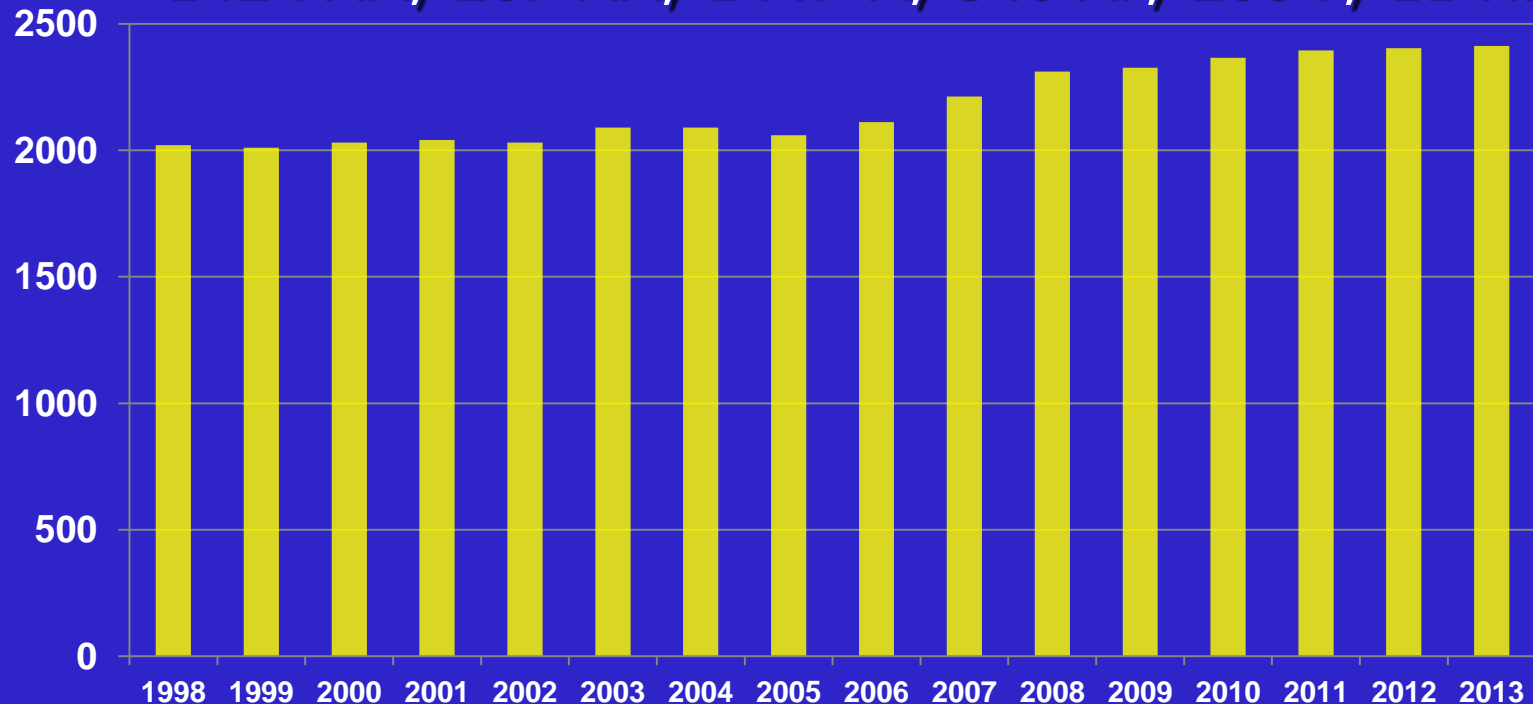
President's Focus & Initiatives

- **Fellows Election SOP**
 - Greg Lewis chair
 - Improve Fairness, simplicity, efficiency
- **New Sections?**
 - Greg Lewis - Brazil
 - Doug Benjamin - Japan
- **IT Committee**
 - Steve Rainy
 - Web improvements TBD



Membership

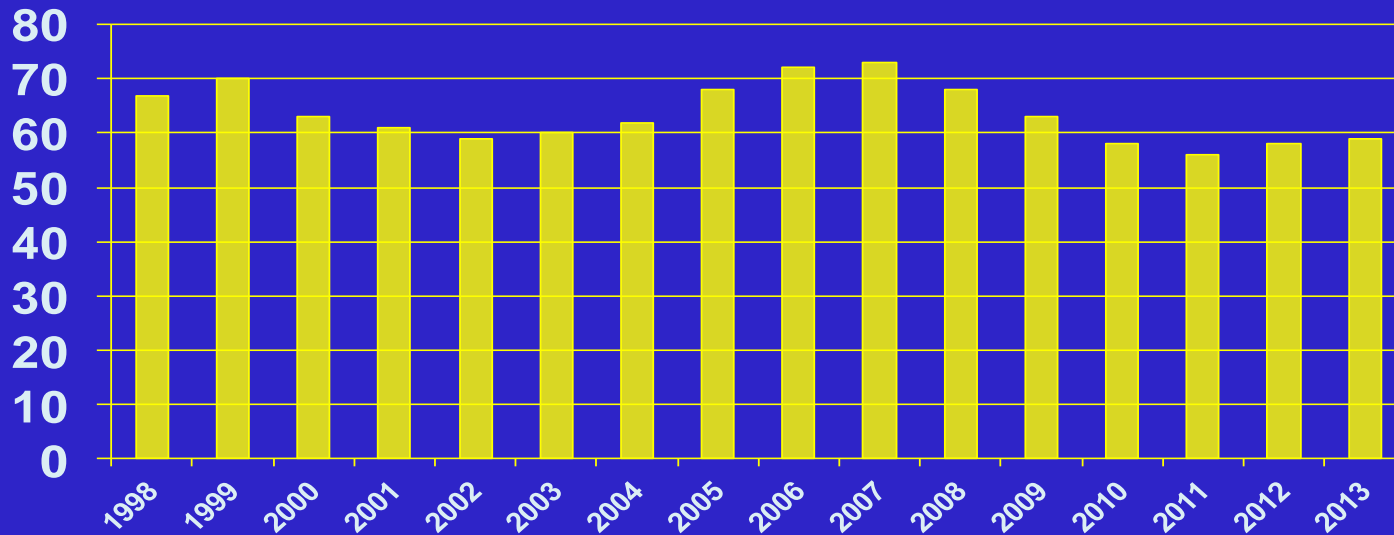
- Membership at all time high
- Slowly Climbing
 - Currently – 2413 members
 - 142 PAM, 267 AM, 1447 M, 340 AF, 206 F, 11 HF





Corporate Members

- Recent Downward Trend Stabilizing
- Fewer large Corporate Members
 - Currently - 59





Finances

- Solid, but under threat
 - Sequestration/Budget/Travel restrictions in U.S. a real threat to our primary forum (in-person technical symposia)
 - Financial stress from reduced attendance at S&B
- Dues steady for 13 years
 - Last raised 1999 (took effect 2000)

Finances – President's View

Premise #1 – SETP is not and should not be dependent on the U.S. government. Our mission is being accomplished and will continue to be accomplished regardless of any government's policy. Changing government policy is not our objective.

Premise #2 – No action will be taken to address the budget issues that hurts our primary objective

- a) Will not cancel symposia to “save money”
- b) Will not cut staff to save money
- c) Avoid any action that noticeably effects “value”

Sequester/Budget/Travel

- 3 impacts
 - Our Mission
 - Regional Symposia fill the gap – strengthen when possible
 - Web site Paper/podcast/member search & Blogs
 - Our Future (US DoD TPS Students)
 - USAF TPS is a concern
 - EPNER is being addressed
 - Financial

Finances – Bottom line

\$45K Loss of income

- ~~1) Do nothing, hope it all ends before savings are gone~~
- 2) Cut spending in ways that do not hurt our mission and our income
- 3) Increase revenues in ways that do not hurt our mission

Options

- Cut Spending
 - Postage? (Voting, Bios...)
- Increase revenue
 - Make more members
 - Outreach (Brazil, Japan, Epner, “Lost” members)
 - ~~• Make membership easier~~
 - Increase dues
 - Individual dues (not changed since 2000)
 - ~~• Corporate dues (have increase modestly in last decade)~~
 - ~~– Increase Registration fees~~



Other SETP Efforts

- Scholarship Foundation
 - More than \$4.1M in the bank
 - 8 beneficiaries in college today
- SETP Foundation
 - Charitable 501(c)3 organization
 - Future financial engine of the Society
 - Educational, Mentoring, Safety (FTSC), Building, Symposia, Publishing, Public Relations, Fund Raising

See the SETP Foundation WEB Site for more information
accessed via the SETP Home Page (www.setp.org)



Family Support

- **Family Handbook:**
 - <http://www.setp.org/setp-foundation/setp-partners-family-handbook.html>
- **Critical Incident Response Committee**
 - **Grief/Trauma Counseling Training**
 - **1 Member, 1 Staff, 1 Spouse**
 - **Eric Hansen, Laurie Simmons & Lisa Brown**
 - **SETP link to May Day Foundation Checklists, Best Practices and Communication with ALPA**



Summary

- Society is Healthy & Slowly Growing:
 - Potential financial challenges await
 - Modest actions now to head off bigger problems in future years
- We're spending a lot of time working to ensure this is a professional organization that members will commit their personal time and money towards
 - "It's not an assignment; it's a profession"
 - Questions/comments/suggestions for me