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## President's Message

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I am looking forward to serving you as your chapter President during the 2004-2005 year. This year we will be making and considering some changes given to the chapters by the SLA Board and changes made within our chapter. This year, we will be working to revise our Procedures Manual and Chapter By-Laws to be more in line with the association's Recommended Practices and Chapter Governing Documents. Hopefully, this will help to streamline questions new chapter officers or newly recruited officers may have about their positions and what needs to be done while in office. CO-SLA has a committee in place to tailor the Recommended Practices to our own chapter needs. If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact Deborah Witte at [dwitte@kettering.org](mailto:dwitte@kettering.org).

This fall, CO-SLA will be offering scholarship money to eligible students interested in pursuing special librarianship. The CO-SLA Board at the Annual Business Meeting approved the final draft of the application form and description. Look for the application form within this issue. If you know of anyone who is interested, please give them the application form or point them to the CO-SLA website.

We will be having a CO-SLA Board meeting on August 11, 2004 from 4pm-5pm at the State Library of Ohio. Among the topics that I need to discuss will be to see what the membership and

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## 2004-2005 Executive Board Officers

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officers on the CO-SLA Board think about SLA Board proposal to change the governance year from June to June to January to December. The Board's rationale for doing this is to make the governance year the same as the fiscal year. I would like to discuss this change so I can report back to the Chapter Cabinet as to what the issues would be.

This will be another exciting year for us. Have a great summer and I will look forward to seeing you in the fall! \_

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## **Collaborative Environment Workshop**

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Does your work environment support collaboration? The most frequently given answer to this question by the participants in the joint CO-ASIST/CO-SLA workshop on Managing and Working in the Collaborative Environment was: Not very well.

Presenter Mary Stansbury, Assistant Professor at the Kent State University School of Library and Information Science asked this and similar questions of workshop attendees when she spoke on April 30, 2004 at OCLC in Dublin, Ohio.

Professor Stansbury led participants in discussions of successful and unsuccessful collaborative work projects, of environmental attributes that affect collaboration, and of skill sets needed by team members. She also demonstrated a software tool for teams: Groove Workspace. Groove Workspace and Microsoft Exchange Server, a similar product, are designed to enhance collaborative tasks. They allow team members to share documents and calendars, to use email, chat, and voice communication within the group, and to plan and track projects collaboratively.

Participants in the workshop from business, government and academic settings had many anecdotes and examples to share of work environments that inhibited collaboration as well as of collaborative efforts that were very successful. For example, one participant described her successful experience with giving student workers ownership of a problem that supervisors had been trying unsuccessfully to solve. There was a long-standing problem of student workers not showing up for work. Instead of trying a top-down approach, this supervisor set up the student workers as a team. The students collaborated to arrange their work schedules and no longer needed to negotiate hierarchically to take time off or to deal with scheduling issues. They took care of this aspect of their jobs themselves. If someone was ill or unable to make it to work, the students arranged for substitutes. Absenteeism plummeted, the student workers seemed much happier about their schedules, and the supervisor's job became more pleasant also. \_

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## **Government Documents "Boot Camp" in the Nation's Capital**

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Interested in an opportunity to spend 8 days in the nation's capital visiting the Library of Congress, the Government Printing Office, and learning about various government publications first-hand? You might consider attending the annual Interagency Depository Seminar held in Washington, DC each summer at the U.S. Government Printing Office. The week-long seminar consists of an overview of various agencies' information products and activities as they relate to Federal depository libraries.

At the Interagency Depository Seminar, representatives from Federal Government agencies showcase their products and services. Presentations are interspersed with tours and question and answer sessions. The seminar offers the opportunity both to acquire information and to discuss and exchange ideas with colleagues, agency representatives, and Information Dissemination staff of the Government Printing Office.

The intended audience is documents staff with three years or less of recent experience with Federal Government documents. Attendees with reference or public service responsibilities will find these sessions particularly useful. Attendance is limited to 60, and registration preference is given to those outside the Washington, DC area and to those who have not previously attended the seminar. There is no charge for the seminar. However, attendees must cover their own transportation, lodging, and meals.

Highlights of the conference for me were presentations by the Patent, Trademark, and Copyright offices, and tours of the Library of Congress. We were able to see a book containing the very first patents, the first Bert doll, the first copyrighted computer program, and follow the path of patent, trademark, and copyright applications from receipt to approval. The U.S. PTO handles patent and trademark applications, while copyright is housed within the Library of Congress. Presentations included an entire day on products of the U.S. Census Bureau, and shorter presentations were given by numerous smaller agencies.

The weekend was free for visits to the U.S. Capitol, the Supreme Court, the WW II and other monuments, and the Kennedy Center. Meeting fellow documents librarians from around the county and making personal contact with GPO staff was, perhaps, the most valuable aspect of this outstanding opportunity. \_

## Annual SLA Conference 2004

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This year's annual conference was very exciting and interesting for me. As this was my first SLA conference, I wanted to make the most of my experience in the two days that I had. Therefore, I made sure to attend the sessions relevant to my work and interests, walk around the vendor exhibits and participate in the SLA business meetings.

Most of the sessions were held in the convention center part of the Gaylord Opryland Hotel, which is an expansive, climate controlled, glass-roofed convention center-hotel. While some people were getting a little stir-crazy because they hadn't left the hotel since Saturday or Sunday (and I was speaking to them on Tuesday), I kind of liked the fact that after a 10-15 minute brisk walk I wasn't sweating because of the humidity! Evidence-Based Practice—An Update, Climbing the Ladder Online: Professional Development and Legal Research for Non-Law Librarians were just some of the interesting sessions I attended.

Evidence Based Practice—An Update provided examples of benchmarking with different organizational peers. Barbara Silcox provided an update of the assessment activities at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) while Pamela Tripp-Melby (International Monetary Fund) and Benita Vassallo (Inter-American Development Bank) presented their survey methodologies and various survey design challenges so they could benchmark against each other. This session was very interesting and informative and piqued my curiosity especially after the results of our membership survey earlier this year.

The other two sessions are of interest to me personally. Using the Internet for my own professional development—whether it is getting a degree online or doing the online SLA professional development program getting started next year. The speaker of this session discussed the why's of doing professional development online, the tools needed and how to get buy-in from management and staff. The Legal Research for Non-Law Librarians also proved to be a great help by refreshing my memory of the jurisprudence and congressional bills processes and providing the Internet sources available to access that information. It was well worth the price of lunch for this session!

Of course no conference attendance would be complete without the vendor exhibits. Many publishers and vendors were on hand to show the latest updates to their services and to provide mini-tutorials on upcoming products and services. Seeing as I had only a couple of hours to walk the aisles, I needed to choose which vendors to speak with and get more information. However, I was able to get a feel for the types of vendors who come to SLA. And being that it was in Nashville, they even had country line dancing instruction on Tuesday afternoon!

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The SLA business meetings proved to be informative. Attendance at this year's conference was 3,839 (total includes members, non-members and vendors) and Ethyl Salonen gave her speech at the SLA Annual Business meeting and continued to point out the need to align ourselves with our strategic partners, getting the online professional development portion of the website up and running by June of next year, she is starting a Presidents Club as part of the recruitment campaign and that we should "Be the Brand". Since there was no weighty issue this time, not many people stayed for this business meeting.

The Chapter Cabinet meeting was also very informative. The Alabama Chapter has been reinstated and the Australian-New Zealand Chapter has been formed. The dues structure proposal the Chapter Cabinet sent to the SLA Finance Committee in January has come back to us in an interim report because the Finance Committee found the suggested proposals would not be revenue neutral. However, SLA is still continuing to investigate the dues structure and what changes will make sense for the organization. At this meeting, the Chapter Cabinet sent another proposal to this board this month about developing additional statistics showing trends in job movement and changing responsibilities of members so that members can be better prepared for changes in the workplace. I will keep you informed of this issue, as more information is available.

The Board also had a request of the Chapter Cabinet. They want to change the governance year to coincide with the fiscal year of the Association. Therefore, since the financial year is January-December, they want the governance year to also be January-December. They want to know what the issues/concerns will be if this change were to occur. So if you have made it this far in my article, please let me know what concerns you would have if the Association would make this change and I will send it to the Board.

For me, this year's conference was very exciting. I enjoyed the informative sessions and seeing what new products the vendors are developing and meeting up again with people I met in Albuquerque. I realize a two-page article does not substitute for actually being there, but I wanted to give you some highlights of the sessions and meetings I attended. If anyone is interested in more details or other sessions I went to, please let me know. Also, a blog of the week was created. If anyone is interested in viewing it to get another perspective complete with text and pictures the link is: [http://www.infotodayblog.com/archives/2004\\_06\\_06\\_archive.shtml](http://www.infotodayblog.com/archives/2004_06_06_archive.shtml). I am looking forward to serving the chapter as your President in the coming year. Have a great summer and I'm looking forward to seeing you in the fall! \_

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## The Central Ohio Special Libraries Association Scholarship

### **Purpose of Scholarship:**

The CO-SLA Scholarship in Special Librarianship is presented to a student enrolled in an ALA-accredited Master's program in library and information science who expresses an interest in Special Librarianship. To apply, one must either be an Ohio resident or enrolled in an Ohio-based library and information science program. The recipient receives a cash award of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and a letter of congratulations from the President at the Association's Spring Meeting.

### **Application:**

Copies of the application (see attached) will be available at college offices and on the CO-SLA web site (in downloadable format).

Applications shall be sent to the Chair of the Award and Scholarship Committee.

The attached application must be completed and received by **February 1, 2005**.

### **Supporting documentation:**

In addition to the application, the applicant must furnish a brief statement (200 words or less) as to their interest in Special Librarianship and why s/he would be a good candidate to receive the CO-SLA Scholarship. Applications must include the signature of the student's academic advisor certifying that s/he is a student in good standing.

### **Criteria for selection:**

The Scholarship will be awarded to the applicant who most effectively demonstrates through the application their interest in and potential for Special Librarianship.

### **Stipulations:**

The award must be used in the current or following academic year (deadline of June 30, 2006). The scholarship funds will be dispersed following receipt of proof of educational expense (i.e. tuition, books, lab fees, meeting attendance, professional dues, etc.).

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**Central Ohio Special Libraries Association**  
2004-05 Scholarship Application Form

**Name: (First, M.I., Last):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current University:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Anticipated Graduation Date/Degree:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of University:** \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby certify that the above named applicant is a student in good standing at the present time in the degree program and university named above.*

**Signature of Academic Advisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email and Telephone Number of Academic Advisor:**  
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Please attach a brief (200 words or less) statement describing what makes you a good candidate for the CO-SLA Scholarship and how you propose to use the scholarship.

Applications should include this completed application form and the brief statement.

Funds will be dispersed following receipt of proof of educational expense (i.e. tuition, course materials, lab fees, meeting attendance, professional dues, etc.).

**Please send scholarship applications to the following address:**

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## New Bulletin Editor Found!

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It is with great pleasure for me to announce that we have found a new CO-SLA bulletin editor. Terry Fogle has graciously volunteered to be the bulletin editor starting with the Fall 2004 issue. Since graduating with a degree in Library Science from Ohio Dominican University, Terry has worked in three special libraries--The American Society for Nondestructive Testing, The American Ceramic Society and she is currently at Ashland Chemical where she has worked for 2 years.

Terry has been a member of CO-SLA since she was a library science student in 1988 and was a candidate for treasurer of the Science-Technology Division of SLA in 1999. Although her involvement with CO-SLA has been limited, she is looking forward to serving as the CO-SLA bulletin editor and participating in other activities as well. Welcome aboard Terry! \_

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## Welcome New CO-SLA Members

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## Calendar of Events

**August 1-3:** 2004 OLSSI Conference.

**Location:** Ohio Northern University,  
Ada, Ohio.

**Deadline for registration is July 6.**

**Cost:** 225.00

The cost includes: overnight accommodations, meals and sessions. For more information regarding this conference go to the OLSSI website at: [www.olssi.lib.oh.us](http://www.olssi.lib.oh.us)

**August 11:** Meeting of the CO-SLA Board.

**Location:** State Library of Ohio.

**Time:** 4-5 p.m.

**Central Ohio Special Libraries Association Meeting**  
**May 12, 2004**  
**Ann & Tony's Restaurant**  
**West Jefferson, Ohio**

The business meeting followed dinner at Ann & Tony's.

President Larry Olszewski opened the meeting and asked each person to introduce themselves.

Kathleen Whitt moved to accept the minutes of the December 17, 2003 and April 30, 2004 Business Meetings. Jim Griffin seconded. The minutes were accepted.

President Larry Olszewski read the treasurer's report from Chris Grierson. There is currently \$10,877 in three accounts. The chapter spent more than it took in and \$200.00 is earned in interest annually. The financial statement is to be submitted to SLA headquarters by June 30, 2004.

The 2004-2005 Slate of Nominees for Board of Directors of Central Ohio SLA is as follows:

President-Elect: Joyce Klayman

Secretary: Carol Knoblauch

Director: Deb Peoples

Treasurer: Sandy McIntyre

President Larry Olszewski opened the floor for other nominations.

There were no further nominations. Priscilla Ratliff moved to accept the recommended slate. Kem Meiners seconded. The slate was approved.

President-Elect Mary Lynn Banish distributed the results of the Membership Survey.

Discussion followed on how best to attract current students, retirees, and the unemployed.

Options to attract students include (1) giving all students a coupon for one free meeting per year or (2) planning one special event per year that is student oriented. Sandy McIntyre will investigate the interests of the Columbus Student Chapter at Kent State University.

Announcements about upcoming CO-SLA meetings should be placed on the KSU listserv.

Past-President Connie Ostrove distributed a draft of the Scholarship Application Form.

The form will be amended to (1) include a statement that the application must include a signature from the student's academic advisor certifying that the student is in good standing (2) the need for transcripts is to be deleted (3) the amount of the scholarship should read \$200.00 instead of \$100.00 and (3) the essay is to include an explanation of the student's interest in special librarianship and why the student is a good candidate for the scholarship. The Application Form was approved as amended.

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The Student-Relations Chair will chair the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship will be awarded in May of each year.

President-Elect Mary Lynn Banish requested volunteers to for a committee regarding the Recommended Practices for Chapters. Kem Meiners and Karen Jensen volunteered. Deborah Witte will chair the committee and Mary Lynn Banish will be a committee member.

Mary Conroy distributed material regarding OHIONET Workshops and OCLC Seminars.

Jo Yo is in the hospital and will be in rehab for one month following her discharge from the hospital.

Four CO-SLA members will be attending the SLA National Conference in Nashville, TN.

A new Bulletin Editor is needed after July 2004. If interested contact Mary Lynn. Terry Fogle and Jim Griffin will consider it.

The Cleveland, Ohio SLA chapter is considering changing their name to Northern Ohio SLA.

June 19, 2004 is the deadline to submit material for the Newsletter.

Jim Griffin moved to adjourn the meeting. Sharon Roney seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Klayman, Secretary

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