



Student & Academic Relations Committee

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT CHAPTER/DIVISION NOMINATION FORM

(Please complete as much as possible.) Nomination forms deadline: **May 3, 2002.**

DATE: April 27, 2002

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Web page: <http://www.sla.org/chapter/cdc/yp/committee.html>

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Chapter/Division Membership: 997 total members in DC Chapter. There is no clear way to determine number of students from SLA's membership directory. There are probably 50 to 60 student members from the two universities.

Number of Student Groups in Chapter/Division:

Two student groups in the Washington, DC, Area: University of Maryland and Catholic University Student Groups.

NOMINATION: (Provide quantitative and qualitative evidence of Chapter/Division Activities that address one or more of the Award Criteria. Enclose documentation of activities as appropriate.) Please limit your nomination to a maximum of 3 pages.

The DC/SLA Chapter formed a new committee this year called the Student/Young Professionals Committee. We are only one of many DC/SLA committees. Our committee incorporated some pre-existing DC Chapter activities such as Career Day and student scholarships as well as developed an active social aspect through the Young Professionals Group to attract students, recent graduates, people new to the area, the young at heart, and non-members. We also encourage involvement in volunteer opportunities planned by other DC/SLA committees and/or available in the DC area. We try to plan monthly activities and promote ALL our programs on the DC/SLA's events calendar, in the newsletter, on our Web page (see attached <http://www.sla.org/chapter/cdc/yp/committee.html>), and on the DC/SLA listserv and two college listservs. We also have the Chair of Membership working with us, attending many of the functions, and organizing some of the events as well. We have received inquiries about our new committee from as far away as Australia and have had positive feedback by many of the attendees.

The structure of our committee is as follows:

Chair, Students/Young Professionals Committee

Karen Huffman 2002-2003

Subcommittees:

Meg McCully, Chair, Career Day 2001-2002

Una Hildebrandt, Chair, Student Scholarships 2002

Marla Schlaffer and Beth Perell, Co-Chairs, Students/Young Professionals Groups 2002-2003

Activities Organized This Year:

Our committee has organized this year programs and have another four in the planning stages. Listed below in ascending date order is a summary of the programs:

- **Young Professionals' Kick-off at the Army and Navy Club, March 1**
Our kick-off event for the Young Professionals Group was a happy hour promoting socializing and networking opportunities. We had a total of **25 attendees** (13 members, 6 students, and 6 non-members). Since this was our first event, we distributed a survey to solicit what other types of activities the group would like to see the Young Professionals organize. Many respondents wanted more social activities like happy hours as well as volunteer opportunities.
- **Career Day, March 2**
Career Day is held annually in the spring. We had **55 in attendance** (including 11 speakers) for Career Day this year. It was organized by Meg McCully, Chair of Career Day, and held at the University of Maryland. Through the generous sponsorship of EBSCO, we were able to offer half-price registration to Career

Day 2002 for students, retired members, and unemployed members. We had speakers representing a mixture of special libraries: academic, law, government/e-reference, association, news, medical/academic, publisher, military, and corporate. The morning's activities consisted of two panel sessions with four to five speakers talking about their library during each hour-long session. Sandra Fykes of InfoCurrent was available to review resumes. Surveys were distributed and most people thought the event was very useful to excellent. Next year, Career Day will be held at Catholic University.

- **Young Professionals' ISLD Dinner, April 18** (photo gallery page attached)
We celebrated International Special Librarians Day with dinner at Buca de Beppo near Dupont Circle in Washington, DC. We had a total of **14 attendees** (7 members and 7 non-members). Buca offered a casual, family style, environment and provided the perfect setting for special librarians throughout the Washington Metropolitan area to meet and greet, exchange ideas, and relax.
- **Young Professionals' MS Walk, April 20** (photo gallery page attached)
The DC/SLA Chapter was represented by an energetic team! We had **12 people** (5 member, 6 non-members, and 1 perspective student) show up for a seven-mile walk for Multiple Sclerosis Saturday, April 20, 2002. The team was well represented. We had walkers from National Public Radio, the Patent Trade Office, and National Geographic. We covered the gamut of special libraries, from government libraries to law libraries, to corporate libraries and non-profits. We marketed ourselves through out bright yellow team T-shirts designed by our group. One woman saw our group T-shirts and knew SLA well since she worked at the Library of Congress. Since we had an extra T-shirt and she walked the entire time with our team, we gave her one of our team shirts. She had me that meeting us and walking with us has swayed her to probably join SLA!
- **Spend the Day with a Special Librarian, Month of April**
This program offers library students, recent graduates, and individuals new to the Washington, DC, area a chance to learn more about our diverse profession by spending a half-day with a special librarian of their choice during the month of April. Twenty-eight special libraries signed up to participate this year in the program and a survey is being distributed to participants for feedback.
- **Two Student Scholarships, deadline end of April / awardees will be notified in May:** DC/SLA Chapter and InfoCurrent are offering two scholarships for graduate study in librarianship/information science leading to a master's or doctoral degree at a recognized school of library /information science.
 1. DC/SLA Chapter's Catherine A. Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund for \$1,500 will be awarded to an individual on the quality of an essay,

expected contribution to the information community, and financial need.

2. The InfoCurrent scholarship for \$2,000 will not require a demonstration of financial need. The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the quality of an essay and expected contribution to the profession.

New this year, we decided that applicants did not have to be a member of SLA to apply but must join SLA and the DC/SLA Chapter for one year if granted one of the two scholarships. This would open the scholarships up to a wider student community and would be a great way to experience the many benefits that SLA offers!

Additional Activities either planned or in the planning stage:

- Young Professionals' Happy Hour, May 23
- Young Professionals' Summer Solstice Celebration, June 22 – Kayak/Canoe excursion and lunch in Georgetown
- Young Professionals' Movie on the Mall, July
- Young Professionals' DC Duck Tour, September



Karen Huffman, Chair

The DC Chapter of SLA's (DC/SLA) Students/Young Professionals Committee is dedicated to offering resources to students such as the yearly career day and student scholarships as well as social events and volunteer opportunities for students and young professionals that are not necessarily handled through other Committees within DC/SLA. Note: We have a very broad definition of young. It can mean many things: young in age, young at heart, young to the profession, new to the DC area, etc.

Career Day 2002 Subcommittee

**Meg McCully,
2001-2002 Chair**

Career Day is organized at one of the two library schools in the area. This year **Career Day 2002** took place at Maryland, and it was a great success! Nearly 50 students, members, and non-members attended.

Next year, it will be organized at Catholic.

Career links:

- **SLA's Career Services Online** [for members only].
- **Job information** compiled by the University of Maryland's SLA Student Group.

Temporary agencies:

- **InfoCurrent** places librarians and records managers as well as paraprofessionals in organizations. Contact **Sandra Fykes** for more information.

Student Scholarship Subcommittee

Una Hildebrandt, Chair

DC/SLA promotes two student scholarships each year in the spring -- one by DC/SLA for \$1,500 and one by InfoCurrent for \$2,000. Don't delay, send in your application form today! Click **here** for more details and application forms.

In addition to the above two scholarships offered by the DC/SLA, there are other divisions within SLA and associations / organizations that offer scholarships, stipends, and monetary awards. See for example,

- **SLA's Scholarship Program**
- **SLA Divisions** (Note: Information is outdated on SARC's site, but use as a guide to locating which divisions offer assistance.)
- Your library school's alumni association.
- **American Library**

Young Professionals Group Subcommittee

Marla Schaffer & Beth Perell, Co-Chairs

Recently formed in 2002, the Young Professionals Group sponsors social and volunteer activities that range from happy hours and dinners to volunteer opportunities such as the MS Walk in April and hiking and kayaking trips during the warmer seasons. We would love to hear your ideas on activities for this group! If you have suggestions, please e-mail either Marla and Beth, Co-Chairs of this group!

See our photo gallery of some previous events:

- **International Special Librarians Day 2002**
- **MS Walk 2002**

Join the us for one of our next events:

- **May 23: Happy Hour at the Toledo Lounge** - Click **here** for details.
- **June 22:** Come

- **Stanley Associates Association.** contracts with federal government libraries. Contact **Stephanie Besch** for more information.

celebrate the Summer Solstice with a kayaking/canoeing excursion and lunch in Georgetown. *More details to come....*

We are also working with **Alphonse Vinh**, Chair of the Membership Committee, for additional ideas for our group such as karaoke night and movies at the monument.

All events are posted to **DC/SLA's calendar**, **DC/SLA's listserv**, and the two student groups' listservs.

Comments, Suggestions, and Getting Involved

Comments & Suggestions: The Students/Young Professionals Committee is here to fill a niche, and we need your to help us stay in touch with what you want! Please contact **Karen Huffman** with comments and suggestions on what you would like to see more of from this committee.

Get involved by volunteering!

- **DC/SLA's Community Outreach Project**
Kenlee Ray, DC/SLA's Public Relations/Community Fundraiser, is organizing a **Community Outreach Project** with two D.C. area schools. There will be many opportunities to participate. Subscribe to **DC/SLA's discussion list** to stay informed on the details.
- **Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc.**
635 James Street
Syracuse, NY 13203-2214
Phone: 315-472-0001 / Catalogs only: 1-800-LVA-8812 / Fax: 315-472-0002
- **National Institute for Literacy**
1775 I Street NW, Suite 730
Washington, DC 20006-2401
Phone: 202-233-2025 / Fax: 202-233-2050
- **The READ Center**
1605 Monument Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23220
Phone: 804-353-1587 / Fax: 804-355-7127 / Email: readcnt@aol.com
- **Teach for America**

1328 Florida Avenue NW, Suite 110
Washington, DC 20009
Phone: 202-463-6122 / Fax: 202-293-7273

- **Washington Literacy Council**
1918 - 18th Street NW, Suite B2
Washington, DC 20009
Phone: 202-387-9029 / Fax: 202-387-0271
Contact Robin Diener, Executive Director

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- **Library schools' SLA student groups:**
 - **Catholic University, School of Library and Information Science - SLA Student Group**
 - **University of Maryland, College of Information Studies - SLA Student Group**
- **SLA's Student & Academic Relations Committee (SARC)**
(Note: Content has not been updated since 2001.)

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Celebrating International Special Librarians Day



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Marla Schlaffer & Beth Perell,
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Left to right: Posing for our group picture includes Judy, Ryan, David, Nici, Diane, Eileen, Marla, Tanya, and Karen. (Not present: Rachel and her friend and Marian.)

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