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President's Message

—Submitted By Linda Minch

Since the last newsletter...

Alice Marksberry and Carol Furnish provided both the Kentucky and Cincinnati Chapters with a very practical and timely program focusing on discovering the best places to find facts on people and companies entitled *Internet Sleuth: Locating Information on People & Corporations*. There was a good turnout of around 40 people. A board meeting was also planned prior to that program, but due to other commitments, a quorum could not be established, therefore an 'information' meeting took place in its stead.

At that 'information' meeting, volunteers stepped forward to carry out the responsibilities of the Nominating Committee and the Awards Committee. Much thanks to Laura Wayne and Veronica Walker and the members of their committees for their continuing commitment to the Kentucky Chapter.

With that said...

In my first President's Message I followed the examples of letters written by previous presidents ... We wrote about the annual conference, the upcoming year, goals, the need for volunteers and, of course, those memorable quotes.

I'm going to somewhat continue that tradition with this message ... if I can lull you all into a hypnotic state, the redundancy of this message will assist you in retaining and acting upon the important elements.

You are getting v e r y s l e e e p y ... Your eye lids are getting v e a v y ... When you awake, you will remember everything you read in this message. (**Note:** The underlined items require both memory and action. NO, you will not be asked to dance like a chicken!!)

Get out your calendar. Write down the date and time of the Kentucky Chapter Open Board luncheon meeting. It will be held on March 9, 2000 at the Boone Faculty Club on the UK Campus. Come to see your Board of Directors in action! Immediately following the Board Meeting, will be a fabulous Professional Development program on "Web Graphics." The registration form for this March 9th event is in this newsletter. **Register now for the board meeting and "Web Graphics" session!**

As soon as you receive the information, **register for the Joint Spring Conference from April 12- 14** entitled "*Millennium Madness: Technology Trends for the Year 2000*". It is a great opportunity to network with librarians from all over the state and update your professional knowledge, in a casual atmosphere. And speaking of the Joint Spring Conference ... we are still on track to get the by-law corrections approved and sent to headquarters this term. Please attend this conference and be a

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Bylaws Report

—Submitted By Joe Miller

As you recall, amended bylaws were approved by the membership last year. While we would have liked to start the new millenium with the new bylaws in place, a couple of minor issues came up during a final review before sending them to headquarters. I discovered an overlooked inconsistency that escaped our notice earlier along with one problem with our “amended” language that still needs refinement. The Board discussed the best way to fix these two errors and ultimately accepted that any modification to that document had to go back to the membership. So just like the energizer bunny, this process just keeps going and going! Actually, these minor corrections will be easy to take care of at our spring meeting and we can then file them with SLA headquarters.

First Issue – inconsistency that escaped our attention: From the original bylaws (and unchanged by the approved revisions last year), Article II section 5 states:

*“Section 5 The term of office of president, president-elect, immediate past president, **directors**, and secretary shall be 1 year. The two directors at large and the treasurer shall serve for 2 years. All members of the Executive Board shall serve until their successors are elected and assume their duties. The term of office shall commence at the adjournment of the Association Annual Business Meeting, or, if there is no Annual Business Meeting, on July 1 following the election.”*

The problem is that the first line includes the directors in the group with 1 year terms and the next line

goes on to say they have 2 year terms as does the treasurer. We simply need to eliminate this inconsistency and delete the word “directors” from the first line. Our current practice is to elect a new director at large each year to serve a two-year term; each year the one at the end of their two years steps down and is replaced.

The board proposes that Article II section 5 be amended to read as:

“Section 5 The term of office of president, president-elect, immediate past president, and secretary shall be 1 year. The two directors at large and the treasurer shall serve for 2 years. All members of the Executive Board shall serve until their successors are elected and assume their duties. The term of office shall commence at the adjournment of the Association Annual Business Meeting, or, if there is no Annual Business Meeting, on July 1 following the election.”

Second Issue – problem with the language of our approved revision of Article VII section 2: The other minor issue I noticed had to do with the change we approved last year in Article VIII section 2. We approved the change to the nominating procedure to reflect the fact that we didn’t have to have a candidate for treasurer and TWO directors each year; in fact we only needed someone for treasurer every other year and ONE director per year. What I noticed was that in the document I submitted for approval last year, I had unintentionally left off the “at least” language that was in the original bylaws relative to presenting candidates. It wasn’t our intent to limit the slate to ONLY ONE candidate for

an office, but that’s how it now reads.

Before our changes last year, the original, Article VIII section 2 had read:

Each year the Nominating Committee shall present at least one candidate for president-elect, two directors at large, secretary, and treasurer.

Last year the membership approved changing this section to read: *“Each year the nominating committee shall present one candidate for president-elect, secretary, and one director at large. A candidate for treasurer shall be included in alternate years.”*

So in trying to fix one problem, we created another! We really didn’t mean to imply that there **couldn’t** be more than one candidate on the ballot but just wanted to correct the problem with the alternate year issue. Since it was not our intent to change the “at least one” language from our original bylaws, the board proposes we amend the above section to read:

*“Each year the nominating committee shall present **at least one** candidate for president-elect, secretary, and one director at large. **Candidate(s)** for treasurer shall be included in alternate years.”*

The board will present a motion to the membership that these two changes be made to our bylaws at the business meeting during our spring meeting at Jenny Wiley.



2000-2001 Slate of Officers

—Submitted by the Nominating Committee

The SLA-KY Chapter Nominating Committee, which consisted of Glenda Neely, Dee Wood and Laura Whayne, has the following slate of officers to present for 2000-2001:

President-Elect: Gary Austin, Morehead State University

Secretary/Archivist: Andrea Rudd Peak, American Printing House for the Blind

Director-at-Large: James E. Manasco, University of Kentucky, Shaver Engineering Library

Additional names may be placed in nomination if filed with the Nominating Committee at least ten (10) days before the annual business meeting. A letter indicating a willingness to serve from the nominee must accompany additional nominations. The final report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented for a vote at the annual business meeting (April 12-14, 2000).

Thank you.

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part of this important vote, as well as the vote for next years' Kentucky Chapter officers.

And if you thought your calendar was full, well ... guess again! Alice has made arrangements for a spring picnic for the Kentucky Chapter at Frankfort City Park. It will be great to see everyone get together for just an 'all fun no work' event. So, **RSVP immediately to Alice Marksberry to attend the SLA KY Chapter picnic on May 20, 2000.** (See the "Picnic in the Park" article in this newsletter for details.)

On the subject of volunteers ...

I would like to extend a special thanks to Veronica Walker, who, in spite of already wearing numerous hats for the Special Libraries Association Kentucky Chapter, has graciously volunteered to continue to chair the Affirmative Action Committee. That filled all of the chair positions for the Chapter. What is needed at this point are more people to work on the committees with the fabulous chairs. **Contact a committee chair or the president to volunteer for committee work!!** Volunteering is both rewarding and educational. Take me for example, I didn't know until now I could be a hypnotist!

Before you come out of your deep sleep, ask yourself if you are a member of the SLA Kentucky Chapter listserv. If not, do yourself a favor ... **Refer to "Listserv Information" on the first page of this newsletter or Contact Mary Vass at (606) 257-1351 or e-mail maryvass@pop.uky.edu and**



Please Join!

—A plea submitted by Alice Marksberry

subscribe. It is the best way to keep informed of what is happening in the chapter between newsletters and meetings. (Such as social activities, member news and other important issues.) It's invaluable, without cluttering up your mailbox! (In addition, please read Alice Marksberry's article on this subject in this newsletter.)

You will slowly awaken and have committed to memory this entire message! Be certain to make note of the following tasks you performed while under hypnosis:

1. Registered for the March 9th Board of Director's meeting and web graphics program.
2. Registered for the April 12th Joint Spring Conference at Jenny Wiley State Park.
3. Volunteered to assist on a committee.
4. Subscribed to the SLA KY listserv.
5. RSVP'd Alice to attend SLA KY Chapter picnic on May 20th in Frankfort.

Now, don't you feel relaxed, informed and more a part of this vibrant organization? What's that you say? ... You have an urge to dance like a chicken?! OOPS!



Hi. This a plea, a question, an entreaty, a petition, an appeal ... I am making an urgent or earnest request ... I am begging, beseeching, craving, imploring, conjuring, supplicating and/or pleading with you to SUBSCRIBE to the KYSLA LISTSERV!!

After attending the 2000 winter SLA meeting, I see an even greater need for our chapter to become more virtually linked. Much of the future information coming from SLA Headquarters is coming via email. Your chapter officers would really like to share that information with you, but many times it becomes obsolete by the time it can be published in our newsletter. To combat this and also to test out the "virtual idea," the Oregon Chapter has gone TOTALLY virtual with 100% of their members networked via their chapter's listserv. Does that mean we will do this and drop all paper publications — of course not!

Here is another prime example of the need to belong to the KYSLA listserv. An announcement at the winter meeting stated that a leadership listserv is to be set up in late January and be active only through the end of February. This is to continue the conversations started at the SLA Winter Meeting and then it will end. Among its many subjects will be: —a debate about a name change

for SLA and branding and identification strategy;

- SLA's role of becoming a virtual organization;
- discussion of how the SLA web site can be improved and suggestions can be given;
- simplification process of the association;
- how SLA can better partner with current and future prospective organizations;

Task forces will be established from these "conversations."

If you wanted to contribute online to any of these topics or even submit your name to serve on the task forces, it will probably be too late to participate in the listserv discussions by the time you read this newsletter. That is NOT the fault of the bulletin editors (who are wonderful!), content providers or officers ... that's just the way the "cookie crumbles" with the paper type of communication form. There is no way for your officers to communicate topics like this to you in a more timely manner unless you are part of the KYSLA listserv.

An example of this "virtual networking" is happening in our own chapter. As this year's programming chair, I have used the listserv to garner ideas and feedback from members about the programs they want to see. So if



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you want to contribute to the types of programs offered by this chapter, get involved via the listserv ... it's painless! Finally, this May we are planning to host a picnic social in Frankfort. However, you will not get additional information unless you are part of the listserv (or contact me personally) since the next newsletter will not come out until AFTER the June conference.

So why not subscribe today?! Does subscribing mean you will no longer receive the traditional paper announcements or the newsletter? **NO!** I counted the number of members (19 plus one retiree out of 77) that do not list an email address (and we will assume did not have access to email) in the spring revised 1999 membership directory. It is NOT a busy discussion list (one to three messages a month); messages are NOT long; NO advertising is allowed; your name will NOT be used on any junk mail list; it is EASY to subscribe! Just look on the front page, left hand bottom corner of this newsletter for the directions. Easy and fun and a great way to keep up with the activities we are planning for your benefit ✕

What's Special on the Web

—Submitted by Beth Kraemer

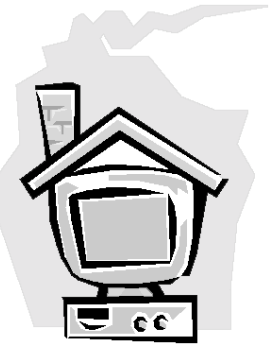
The Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual Library (KCVL) went live on the web during 1999. From the "virtual groundbreaking" in May through the unveiling of the last of the 32 databases in December, KCVL continues to evolve as a useful and popular online resource in the state.

KCVL (<http://www.kcvl.org/>) is a statewide library project designed to support students taking courses through the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual University (KCVU) and to support life-long learning of all Kentuckians.

Resources available through KCVL include:

- Databases – 32 databases that include 5,000 full-text journal and newspaper titles
- Catalogs – from 11 libraries in the state, with more to come
- Kentuckiana digital library materials, including digitized material from Special Collections and Archives around the state (due in summer of 2000)
- Government information
- Virtual Reference Desk, including telephone or email support and online resources
- Research tutorial to strengthen information literacy in the state
- Document delivery, including internet faxing of journal

articles via the Ariel system and ground courier service (due in 2000).



All citizens within the state of Kentucky have access to these resources. Most resources are free to people around the world, but those that are restricted to Kentucky (such as the databases) can be used freely at any library in the state or by obtaining a password for access from home. Passwords can be distributed to library card-holding users at academic, public and school libraries. Additional information on resources and access is available at the KCVL web site.

KCVL is unique in the country. It is a virtual library that is being created hand-in-hand with a virtual university. The statewide access to databases also makes KCVL unique. As part of the database access, KCVL has created a Z39.50 gateway server to provide "common look and feel" to the databases and the library catalogs. All are available from a single point of entry and via a common interface using the OCLC WebZ software. Databases can also be combined to

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SLA Kentucky Chapter Spring 2000 Program Schedule

—Submitted by Alice Marksberry

March 9, 2000 in Lexington, Kentucky
Open Board Meeting & “Web Graphics” Professional Development Session

April 12-14, 2000 in Jenny Wiley State Park, Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Joint SLA/KLA Spring Conference
“Millennium Madness: Technology Trends for the Year 2000”

May 20, 2000 in Frankfort, Kentucky
KYSLA Networking Picnic to be held at Frankfort City Park

June 10-15, 2000 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
SLA 91st Annual Conference
“Independence to Interdependence: The Next Phase in the Information Revolution”

Open Board Meeting & Web Graphics Presentation

Come join the SLA KY Chapter in its first Board Meeting held in the year 2000. In light of the fact that the world did not end with Y2K, there are many subjects to discuss and review. The luncheon meeting will be held at the Boone Faculty Club on the University of Kentucky campus. The board meeting will be followed by a Web Graphics presentation held in Young Library by Lori Thomas Porter, Agripedia Coordinator at the University of Kentucky’s College of Agriculture. (Please see <http://frost.ca.uky.edu/agripedia/index.htm>)

The session will cover an overview of web graphics including rules of thumb for graphic web design, “how tos” and other helpful hints for creating and editing graphics and photos for the web. The registration form can be found in this newsletter. It will be the **ONLY** registration form sent, so be sure to sign up soon. Registration deadline is March 1, 2000.

SLA/KLA Joint Spring Conference at Jenny Wiley State Park

“Millennium Madness: Technology Trends for the Year 2000” is an appropriate theme for a conference to be held in the new millennium (or for

you purists, the new century or at the very least a new year with three zeroes in it!). Registration packets will be mailed out February 15th and the registration deadline is March 12, 2000. Be sure to schedule your cabin or lodge rooms early... rooms book out early at Jenny Wiley State Park.

AHEC will be hosting pre-conference sessions on Wednesday, April 12th. Our Thursday speaker will be Stephen Eggleston, a technology consultant, trainer and public speaker with the Eggleston Group. I heard him speak at a web conference and found him to be quite technically informative and very entertaining. His general theme will be technology trends and he is quite excited to be talking to us as a group (we are his “first librarian” group). His clients are varied and his web site has the following to say (<http://www.uniqueitems.com/index.html>):

“Eggleston has developed innovative and elegant solutions to many of the complex problems facing the typical computerist and would-be computer user. He has a firm commitment to the sanity of the end user. This commitment, coupled with an uncommon understanding of the complexities of everyday technology has lead to his reputation as advocate,

teacher, mentor and problem solver. This is also the basis for his motto: “*Technology Should Set You Free, Not Make You Crazy*”. Acknowledged as a national authority on presentations, the Internet, business computer graphics and end user computing, he helps return the human element to an often intimidating and mechanistic endeavor.”

The conference winds up with several top-notch mini-sessions held on Friday. The KLA web site will also have a great deal of conference information (<http://www.kylibasn.org/fallconference.htm>). This will be a great conference and we hope to see you there!

Picnic in the Park — Frolicking, Eating, Networking and Socializing

Let’s try something different this year. Since we no longer will be able to have a joint May meeting with C/EKOUG (it has been disbanded), it has been decided to try a social event to kick off attendance to a new KYSLA year and to the June conference. It will be held in a Frankfort City Park, either at Lakeview or East Frankfort Park on **Saturday, May 20th**. Both are easily accessible, located approximately four to five miles from I-64, US

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60 exit. A covered picnic area will be reserved with facilities nearby plus a grill area, a volleyball court and/or bocca ball area. The picnic will be potluck with the chapter providing paper and/or grilled meat products. Final details will be provided at the March 9th board meeting.

This will be the **ONLY** paper announcement sent. Updates will be sent to the KYSLA listserv and/or emailed to individuals as requested. If you would like to attend, **YOU MUST RSVP** to Alice Marksberry (alice@caer.uky.edu or 606-257-0308). I will provide driving directions (which I don't have at press time) and what you should bring to the potluck.

Be sure to put this on YOUR CALENDAR NOW!! We are having the picnic in Frankfort to make it an easier drive for our Louisville and other statewide members. We strongly encourage and welcome **STUDENTSTO ATTEND**. It should be a fun day and a great way to meet and network with the KY Chapter members. Please remember to contact Alice for additional questions.

SLA 91st Annual Conference - June 10-15, 2000

Philadelphia is the setting for this year's annual conference and it promises to be an exciting and informative meeting. Organizers state that room reservations should be made early especially if you wish to be housed near the conference center. The Kentucky Chapter always has excellent turnout at this meeting and assuredly this year will be no exception. Conference attendees should watch the message board under "KY" for details of our normal Tuesday

evening meal/entertainment. Preliminary brochures were sent in late 1999 and state that you should fill out the form for additional information to be sent to you. The preliminary conference booklet will be published and is scheduled to be mailed in March 2000. Also a great deal of information can be found on the SLA web site including a virtual exhibit hall: <http://www.sla.org/conf/2000conf/index.html>



Winter Meeting 2000 Report

—Submitted by Alice Marksberry

St. Louis is considered the great "gateway" to the West and I consider this year's SLA Winter Conference a "gateway" to a better understanding of our professional organization. Quite frankly I was and still am very excited and enthusiastic about this year's Leadership Development Institute (LDI) training (formerly known as DACOLT).

If interested, please read my synopsis of the leadership training workshops I attended on the KYSLA web site in the *Chapter Info* section intitled "Winter 2000 LDI - Great Leadership Tidbits". Hopefully by the time you read this newsletter most of those presentations will be available on the SLA web site and I will provide links (from the KY web site) as appropriate. I also hope to include a listing of the

many ideas that we heard-many that we could adopt and modify for use in our own chapter.

The leadership content and training was a welcome improvement from last year's conference and I was impressed with the candidates' involvement in this year's event. I very much encourage all members (especially those considering future leadership positions) to attend next year's LDI in Savannah, Georgia. I want to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to the Kentucky Chapter for its monetary support as I attended this meeting as Chair-Elect. I can assure you that it was well spent as ideas literally "zapped" into my head during presentations and especially during networking opportunities with other chapter leaders. THANKS!

The 2000/01 Candidates for SLA Office

This year's slate is simply outstanding to state it plainly. I strongly encourage you to vote once you receive your ballot (mine arrived 1/26).

The ballot is DUE no later than March 3rd. I can truly say it will be difficult to make just one choice for each office (two for director) as I really am convinced that each candidate would bring unique and outstanding skills to her/his role. I can say this with confidence as I not only heard each candidate's "platform" but was also able to see her/him in action during the conference. Candidates were responsible for presenting at most of the LDI training sessions. What a great idea! I truly was impressed with each presentation, especially as I walked away with many practical tips and not so much "theory." I hope that next year's LDI follows this

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Treasurer's Report, 1/31/00

—Submitted by Veronica Walker

GRAND TOTAL (available for expenditures)	\$2,347.68
<i>Operating Budget</i>	\$1,133.30
<i>Savings Account Balance</i>	\$1,082.38
Student Sub-account Balance	\$ 132.00
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<i>Checking Account Balance (12/31/99)</i>	\$1,265.30

Deposits and Expenses made since last Treasurer's Report (11/04/99):

Deposits

\$0.00 Total deposits

Expenses

\$150.00 SLA-Cincinnati Chapter
(KYSLA's portion of Joint Fall Meeting expenses)

\$ 52.31 Alice Marksberry
(Reimbursement for postage and archive project supplies)

\$202.31 Total expenses

same format. If you have not yet received your ballot, go to the SLA web site for all the information (<http://www.sla.org/assoc/board/bioelect99/candid00.htm>).

Town Meeting

This was the second year that a town meeting has been utilized at LDI and I applaud the opportunity for the membership to submit queries directly to the SLA President and to the SLA Membership staff. The following topics had been broached at the Board Meeting session and were discussed throughout the conference. So much was discussed at this meeting that a SLA mail discus-

sion list will be set up to continue these discussions. It would also serve for a further explanation of the role of the variously proposed taskforces formed by the board during the winter meeting. The SLA Board and Association staff will process and review the mail list communications and feedback. At press time, I believe this discussion list address will be as follows: sla-townmeeting@lists.sla.org (Check the SLA web site for this announcement and I will also post it on the KYSLA listserv when the updated information has been received.). The topics or goals can be broken down into four major areas:

1. Virtual Association — SLA chapters to become more virtually networked; SLA to disseminate information and to communicate to its members in a more virtual manner (web site - member only section, discussion lists, email). The main topic discussed in the town meeting was the focus of and problems encountered with the SLA Web Site. Many members expressed strong dissatisfaction with the current site and gave many suggestions for improvement: clean up the navigational interface; improve/replace the current search engine, etc. Many members gave voice to the fact that our profession needs more "information profession" type content in conjunction with the association information currently found on the site. The Board has appointed the Networking Committee to work on these issues and report back to their findings. Additionally, Maurice Harris gave a presentation of what future changes are currently in the works for the site. These changes did address a few of the suggestions. For all the "low-down" check the KYSLA web site for a synopsis of his presentation.

2. Shaping the Future — The current association membership is a little less than 14,000 members. Many members were concerned about losing members from their local chapters and about what areas to investigate for new recruits. The SLA Board has been discussing what SLA's role is and how it is evolving in our quick paced profession.

Membership Questions

- Who are we as an organization and what priorities should we set?
- What services should be offered and

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how can those be customized to best fit the Membership's needs?

—The idea of “virtual membership” has been discussed. Is this feasible, beneficial and how would it be accomplished?

—The Board approved the motion that a taskforce be formed to study these issues and to report back the findings to the board and association membership.

Identity and Branding

—SLA has long debated whether there is a need or not for an association name change. Some members feel that being called librarians is straightforward and to the point. Others feel a name change is needed to reflect the profession's changing focus in today's high-tech world. Needless to say, this issue inflamed the passions on both sides of the debate.

—The SLA web presence and publications need a more defined “brand identity”.

—The Board approved the motion that a taskforce be formed to study these issues and to report back the findings to the board and association membership. Additionally, it approved the use of an outside “branding” agency to determine what, if any, results would appear by the use of a new association name. This agency would provide statistical data and recommendations (such as a new logo incorporating a name change) to the taskforce and to the membership.

3. Simplification of the Association — The Board debated much of these changes during the “board watching session” on Thursday.

Association Policies and Procedures

—The Association staff had been working with a lawyer reviewing the many association policies to both simplify the structure and to also

eliminate any potential liability issues. The board went through this document with a fine-toothed comb but most the changes passed approval.

Conference Planning

—There is currently an overall effort to revamp the annual conference programming schedule in general and specifically by the divisions. The association and board feel that a move away from so many specialized programs toward a schedule with a more generalized vision of programming is needed. I believe I am correct in stating that a taskforce was also formed to study these issues.

4. Partnerships — It is felt that the association would benefit from reaffirming current partnerships and forging new partnerships with many types of associations in both informational fields and other related fields. No specifics were given at this meeting but a taskforce was formed to study the possibilities and to report back to the board and membership.

Leadership Updates and Membership Reminders

A great way for members to keep current with “what's happening” at SLA HQ is to read the “Leadership Update” newsletter that is sent to chapter and division chairs and chair-elects. It is now available from the SLA web site sorted by publication month: (<http://www.sla.org/assoc/leader/updates.htm>). I encourage you to take time to read this.

The Association staff would like to remind all members to check her/his member record for accuracy at the “Members Only” section of the SLA web site. The association has experienced difficulties during this past year

during the migration of member information from one database system to a new system. In a few instances, information has been “dropped” from the system. Be sure you are not one of these “drops!” This also explains the difficulty that many membership chairs have experienced this year with incomplete and/or missing membership update lists. The staff assured us the system has been fixed/updated and that the membership reports should be coming in on a monthly basis.

Also, remember that specialized reports can be requested from SLA HQ with appropriate lead-time (Example: ask for a report listing the people who have been deactivated from your unit for the past 6-8 months.). Contact the membership staff person, Linda Broussard (Managing Director, Leadership; phone: 202-939-3682x682; email: linda@sla.org).

A membership chair discussion list (as well as other committee-oriented lists) is also available so check the SLA web site for details.

Finally, SLA HQ hopes to simplify the way that units access the unit information over the SLA web site. Currently officers are the only individuals with access permission. The new method would provide a SINGLE ACCESS POINT for each unit. A blanket name and password would be given to each unit; the unit polices who uses it. This migration should be completed in 2000.

Bulletin Editors, Membership Chairs and Program Chairs should remember that any standing orders for mailing labels end each June and start each July and MUST BE RENEWED in order to continue the standing order.

Chapter Cabinet News and Announce-



ments

—The SLA Strategic Plan Draft is available on the SLA web site and members are encouraged to review this plan and send any input to Sandy Moltz, Chair of the Strategic Planning committee.

—The Business and Finance Division sent, at no cost, a copy of a mentoring video to each SLA chapter. The Chapter Cabinet voted to send a thank you note to this division.

—This is the first time ever that the Endowment Fund Grants will be made available to all chapters and divisions. Karen Holloway, chair, announced that over \$16,000 would be available to “support programs developed by SLA Chapters, Divisions or Committees that will further the scientific, literary and educational purpose for the Special Libraries Association is organized and operated. Proposals must have a wide applicability to the entire special libraries community.” Proposals are due by July 1, 2000. Complete guidelines and an application form are available at: <http://www.sla.org/research/endow.html>.

I hope the chapter will discuss some opportunities to utilize this new resource. A good idea might be to write a proposal to continue our diversity project. Also, remember we have a 25th anniversary coming up soon!

—On the same note, David Bender, SLA Executive Director, announced that the association had just received an endowment in the amount of \$390,000 from a previous SLA member. Pretty cool!

—Oregon Chapter has now gone to a “team” organizational approach (vs. the current officer structure) and is now completely electronic. The newsletter

and announcements are disseminated via the chapter discussion list and chapter web site with 100% of the chapter membership “virtually networked.”

—The Pittsburgh Chapter declined its 2000 allotment and gave it to the Global 2000 conference.

Student Group Update

—Submitted by *Dustin Larmore*

The fall semester for the UK SLA Student Group was quite an active time. The semester began with the 9th Annual SLA Pizza Party. Fifteen librarians from Kentucky and Southern Ohio were on hand to answer students’ questions about work in special librarianship. Karen Paxton and Janice Saylor of Proctor and Gamble sponsored the party. It was a great success.

Anne Abate of Xavier University in Cincinnati spoke with the group in October on opportunities for growth within SLA at the local, state, and national levels. Also, the group toured three libraries in the fall: the James N. Gray Construction Company library, the Kentucky Transportation Center library, and the Central Baptist Hospital library.

In the spring semester, the group is planning an orientation for new students, a discussion about collection development, and several library tours.

Finally, the group has nominated two new officers. Mykie Howard became the new secretary in January due to Kimball Winters’ graduation, and Laura Hall was elected President-Elect. She will assume the office of President in April. ✕

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execute the same search across multiple databases simultaneously.

Usage statistics of the KCVL resources indicate increasing use throughout the state. The database pages received over 580,000 hits in the first two months of availability. The Kentucky Department of Education reported a significant increase in internet activity over their proxy array since the databases went live at the end of 1999. Hits went from 1.8 million per day to 6 million per day just a week after the databases were launched.

KCVL was developed through the SAALCK and KLN initiatives and is funded in part by the Council on Postsecondary Education. Offices for KCVL, including director Miko Pattie, Associate Director Susan Brown, and two full-time reference librarians, are located at CPE in Frankfort.

If you would like additional information on how your library can participate in KCVL, contact Miko Pattie at 502-573-1555. For additional information on the KCVL project explore the “About KCVL” area of the website. ✕



Tech Notes: Tips for Good PC Health

—Submitted by Cindi Trainor

10. Always shut down properly, using the Start menu's Shut Down feature.
9. Know your PC's limitations—don't try to run too many programs at once.
8. When in doubt, reboot by using Start/Shut down/Restart.
7. Be organized—create folders just for your files and data.
6. Use the Add/Remove programs control panel when possible to install or remove software.
5. Weed your files—move old files off your hard drive (be sure to make two copies).
4. Organize and weed your email (including attachments).
3. Defragment your hard drive by using Defrag, at Start/Programs/Accessories/System Tools/Defrag.
2. Clean up your hard drive by using Scandisk, at Start/Accessories/System Tools/Scandisk.
1. Backup, backup, backup! Always make sure there are two instances of all your important files. Use your hard drive as "working" storage and back up to your server, floppies, or other storage such as zip disks ✕

Tech Notes is a new column! Please submit your ideas to Cindi Trainor at cindi@email.uky.edu

SLA Kentucky Chapter

Open Board Meeting & Web Graphics Presentation

Thursday, March 9, 2000

12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Lexington, KY

LOCATION: Lunch and board meeting will be hosted at the Boone Faculty Club on the University of Kentucky campus in Lexington, Kentucky. Web Graphics Presentation will be held in room B110A of the University of Kentucky's William T. Young Library.

SCHEDULE:

12:00 to 12:15pm	Registration
12:15 to 12:45pm	Lunch
12:45 to 1:30pm	Open Board Meeting
2:00 to 4:00pm	Web Graphics Presentation
4:00 to ??	Tour of UK Young Library (Please indicate possible interest ___)

PARKING:

Parking is available in a pay-per-hour parking lot located directly behind the Faculty Club. The time spent at the lunch and board meeting can be validated so be sure to bring your ticket into the Faculty Club to be validated. For those staying for the program, the cost to park is \$1.00 per hour (to start after the validation period).

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS:

From I-64, I-75 Newtown Pike (airport) Exit — Follow Newtown Pike until it deadends onto Main Street and turn left. Follow Main Street through downtown and turn right onto Rose Street. Follow Rose and then turn left at the light onto Columbia Avenue. The faculty club is on the corner. Take the first right into the faculty club parking lot.

—Map of UK campus, specifically of Young Library and the Faculty Club: <http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/Tour/welcome.html#streetmap>

—For general driving instructions: <http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/Tour/directions.html>



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REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

TOUR: ___ I am interested in a tour of Young Library

LUNCH: (pick one)

Chicken Florentine ___ Pasta Primavera ___ (vegetarian selection)

PRICE: \$13.00 (made payable to KY/SLA Chapter)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 1, 2000

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