



## President's Message

—Submitted By Alice Marksberry

As I begin this message I am chuckling at the title of "PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE." I find it extremely funny (and maybe a little intimidating) to call myself a "President" in light of the nation's currently evolving year 2000 national presidential election situation. As the wrinkles continue to unfold in this vastly interesting civics lesson, I feel confident enough in our country's voting process that by the time you read this column in December, the nation will have a clearly defined president-elect to inaugurate in January of 2001.

And in talking about "presidents," I would like to say I really enjoyed seeing and speaking with several of our own SLAKY Chapter "Past-but not forgotten-Presidents" at the **October 27<sup>th</sup> Fall Conference** held at the American Printing House for the Blind in Louisville, Kentucky. Many thanks and a hearty round of applause go to Wenda Webster Fischer who organized the meeting. Many others are to be thanked for their efforts as well, such as Lillian Mesner and Andrea Peak. We are celebrating the **Chapter's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** and we were thrilled that many of our past fearless leaders joined us for a lovely and informative afternoon. Those past presidents in atten-

dance included:

- Toni Powell - 1985/1986
- Joanne Goode - 1988/1989
- Sharon Bidwell - 1989/1990
- Christie Robinson - 1990/1991
- Meg Shaw - 1992/1993
- Lillian Mesner - 1993/1994
- Debbie Sharp - 1995/1996
- Judy Wulff - 1997/1998
- Joe Miller - 1998/1999
- Linda Minch - 1999/2000

We were also fortunate to have Hope Tillman, SLA President-Elect, in attendance as an afternoon speaker. Hope graciously cut our anniversary cake and then proceeded to update us about the SLA taskforce activities and what this will mean for our international organization during the next few years.

Just as our society is debating the issue of whether the country should vote via the Internet versus the use of all those very strange and old IBM punch cards, we too have recently been debating electronic methods of delivery.

Do not forget that this is the **LAST PRINTED** issue of the SLAKY Chapter Bulletin that the membership (that's you!) will be receiving. On the recommendation of the board and after several years of debate, the chapter voted (August 2000 board meeting) to

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This leads directly to the next reminder. As our society learns to use electronic methods to communicate, our profession must strive to be ahead of “the technology curve” so that we may continue our roles of unbiased information providers. If any member has NOT joined the **SLAKY Listserv, NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD WOMEN AND MEN TO COME TO THE AID OF THEIR CHAPTER!!!!!!**

By the time you read this message, I (hopefully) will have contacted all the non-listserv participants to be sure each person is subscribed properly to the list. If you have recently become a new member, you will be automatically added to the listserv. If I have missed contacting you, please email or call me ASAP at [alice@caer.uky.edu](mailto:alice@caer.uky.edu) or 859-257-0308.

Don't forget that the SLA Winter Meeting and Leadership conference is scheduled for January 25-27, 2001 in Savannah, GA, USA. (Website: <http://www.sla.org/content/Events/meeting/index.cfm>)

This is a terrific opportunity for any member but especially for those that aspire to future leadership roles in the SLAKY Chapter or SLA International organization.

The holidays are just around the corner and with our country's presidential, state and local inaugurations to follow closely behind. I want to wish each of you a blessed and wonderful New Year. I look forward to working with you during the next six months to see what we can accomplish. Take care. ✕

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## 25th Anniversary Fall Conference: So Good I Want to Take It Home With Me

—Submitted by Elizabeth Smigielski

The American Printing House for the Blind's elegant Marie and Eugene Callahan Museum in Louisville was the site for this year's fall conference. This remarkable, historic setting was especially appropriate for this conference was one of many events celebrating the Chapter's remarkable and historic 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Marking the special occasion was the presence of seven of the past chapter presidents, who were honored for their hard work and leadership. We may very well not have made it to this anniversary had it not been for their efforts.

Also joining us in our celebration were two noted guest speakers, Hope Tilman, President-Elect of SLA, and Karthik Iyer, Senior

Director of Corporate Strategy at Intelliseek, a company whose mission is to add intelligence to the Internet. Ms. Tilman spoke on current activities in the works to lead SLA to a strong, prominent future. Most noteworthy was an unveiling of the new SLA website, a two-year project that appears to have been worth the wait. Go see it for yourself; it is a much more useful tool for members. The talk was followed by a lively, frank discussion of the role of SLA, SLA annual meetings, and other concerns. Ms. Tilman also attended our business meeting and offered helpful suggestions and welcomed feedback from members.

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**Special Libraries Association, Kentucky Chapter  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
Marie and Eugene Callahan Museum of the American Printing House for the Blind  
Louisville, Kentucky, October 27, 2000**

Submitted by Andrea Peak, Secretary

**PRESENT:**

Lillian Mesner  
James Manasco  
Alice Marksberry  
Wenda Webster Fischer  
Veronica Walker  
Christie Robinson  
Cindi Trainor  
Debbie Sharp  
Mykie Howard  
Meg Shaw  
Glenda Neely  
Toni Powell  
Linda Minch  
Susan Brown  
Andrea Peak  
Elizabeth Smigielski  
Judy Wulff  
Joseph Miller  
Glenda Neely  
Sharon Bidwell  
Hope Tillman, guest

President Alice Marksberry called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. A special welcome was made to guest Hope Tillman, president-elect of SLA.

**Minutes**

On motion of Linda Minch, seconded by Cindi Trainor, the minutes of the August 11, 2000 Executive Board meeting were accepted as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Submitted by Veronica Walker.  
Grand total available for expenditures: \$2,630.25  
Operating Budget:  
1,521.12  
Savings Account Balance:

1,109.13

A copy of this report is on file with the recording secretary.

- It was noted that the Chapter's portion of the joint spring conference expenses will be \$470, almost twice as much as last year (\$287).
- KLA has not yet paid their portion of the student pizza party.

*Old Business*

*Kentucky Laws Project*  
Sue Burch has agreed to oversee the Kentucky Laws Project. She found extra copies of the document. The Chapter did not try to sell them at KLA fall conference but will try at the joint spring conference. Linda Minch suggested selling them at the Kentucky Book Fair. Sue should get in touch with Ellen Hellard regarding this.

*New Business*

*Library Directory*  
Alice posted a message to the listserv regarding a directory of special libraries. Jay Bank of KDLA is compiling a directory of Kentucky Special Libraries. A form is available on the KDLA Web site to submit your information ([www.kdla.state.ky.us/](http://www.kdla.state.ky.us/))

*Program Planning*

*Fall Conference*

Today's conference will cost the Chapter approximately \$300 for programming and miscellaneous expenses.

*Butler State Park*

The Joint Spring Conference will be April 4-6, 2001 at Butler State Park. Carol Parris of KLA will call an organizational meeting in November. Chapter members have expressed willingness to do small session presentations.

*Keeneland Outing in April*

Lillian Mesner is coordinating a spring party at Keeneland during the April run. All Kentucky SLA members will be invited, and they are welcomed to invite guests. Lillian will need payment and names by December 15, 2000. No student discounts will be available. Lillian will send one print mailing in the fall with specific dates and prices. After that, she will send reminders via the listserv. The party will be in the clubhouse. There is a dress code, which Lillian will pass along.

**Bulletin/Newsletter**

Hope Tillman suggested that when we change the Bulletin from print medium to an electronic format (except for those members without Internet access), a one-page print mailing be sent to all



members reminding them that the new Bulletin is now available. This will help ease the transition to the new format. This has been a successful approach for other chapters.

### **Announcements from SLA Headquarters**

#### *SLA Winter Meeting*

Winter meeting will be January 25-27 in Savannah, Georgia. Information is available on SLA Web site ([www.sla.org](http://www.sla.org)). Officer candidates will be presenters so attendees will have opportunity to learn more about them. If attending, contact Alice Marksberry to coordinate travel plans.

#### *New Web Site*

SLA's Web site has been redesigned and re-organized. It is now the responsibility of John Latham, Librarian of the Association.

#### *SLA Nominating Committee*

SLA is calling for nominations for 2000-2002 officers. Information is available on the Web site.

### **Other New Business**

#### *Officers/Teams*

Linda Minch stated that the Oregon Chapter has changed its bylaws so that teams rather than individual officers do Chapter work. She pointed out that there is a great deal of pressure on officers, particularly the president

and president-elect, and that this could help to spread some responsibilities among more members. Hope Tillman said that one of the Task Forces is looking at suggestions for and successes of different governing strategies. She pointed out that this is our Chapter and we may do whatever is needed to make it run well. Linda will contact the Oregon Chapter for more information on their process.

### **Committee Reports**

#### *Professional Development*

No report

#### *Web Committee – Cindi*

*Trainor for Beth Kraemer*  
Several changes and updates have been made to the Chapter Web site: minutes are now posted; text-only version has been dropped; latest Bulletin is available; new officer bios are available. Monthly server statistics have been requested from SLA. Alice would like to see committee information posted on the Web site. Written report is on file with the recording secretary.

#### *Student Activities – Mykie*

*Howard:* Pizza party was a success. Mykie is now aware of a few potential SLA student members. The group toured the UK

Engineering and Law libraries September 29<sup>th</sup>. A tour at the Lexington Herald-Leader is being planned.

#### *Public Relations /Affirmative Action – Elizabeth*

*Smigielski:* Elizabeth has contacted the committee and is working on the transition from previous chair to herself.

#### *Membership – Alice*

*Marksberry for Gracie Hale*  
Working with PR committee to develop brochure for recruitment. The committee met in September to discuss activities. Topics included compiling a list of library and information service-related associations and contacts as a possible recruitment aid; investigating activities of other chapters in the area of membership recruitment; different types of recruiting mailings for individuals and institutions or groups. Written report is on file with the recording secretary.

#### *Bulletin – Cindi Trainor*

Deadline for October newsletter has passed. It will be extended. James will contact members for content and a new deadline will be established.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion of Cindi Trainor, seconded by James Manasco.



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Mr. Iyer gave a thoroughly entertaining and informative discussion on intelligent agent strategies for the Internet. This involved strategies to place terms in context to aid in retrieval and to minimize false drops. He also spoke on techniques in development to allow access to the "Invisible Internet," that is, information housed in subpages or databases stemming off the front pages of web sites. There is a vast amount of information on these subpages that is not typically indexed by search engines and retrieval mechanisms. Beware.

If you think it couldn't get any better, keep in mind that all of this was against the backdrop of the American Printing House for the Blind's exhibit on student art, and the history of reading and writing for the visually impaired. We owe our sincere appreciation to Andrea Rudd Peak, librarian at the Printing House, for hosting us. Finally, many thanks for this informative, productive, and pleasurable meeting go to Wenda Webster Fischer who worked especially hard to make this a fulfilling, festive event. Hats off especially for the excellent food. The leftovers even made it home in a doggie bag! ✕

## SLA, Kentucky Chapter Treasurer's Report 10/27/00

—Submitted by Veronica Walker

### GRAND TOTAL (available for expenditures) \$2,630.25

Operating Budget	\$1,521.12
Savings Account Balance	\$1,109.13

### Deposits and Expenses made since last Treasurer's Report

#### Deposits

Procter & Gamble (student pizza party)	\$ 65.00
Services Systems Associates (refund for 8/11 Board Meeting Expenses)	\$ 18.36
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 83.36</b>

#### Expenses

Papa John's Pizza (student pizza party)	\$ 195.00
Kinko's (Newsletters)	\$ 123.03
Pat Wilson (reimbursement for fall meeting brochure)	\$ 22.22
City of Louisville (rooms for 8/11 board meeting @ Louisville Zoo)	\$ 135.45
The Patron (deposit for 10/27 meeting)	\$ 100.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 575.70</b>

## 25th Anniversary Celebrations Continue

—Submitted by Lillian Mesner

The second anniversary celebration will take place next spring at the Keeneland Racetrack. We'll have an outing during the April Running at Keeneland for any KYSLA member and their guests.

In November, all members should have received a mailing from Lillian Mesner with instructions on making reservations and information about the party itself.

That will be the only mail-out for the party and everything else is going to be handled on the KYSLA listserv, so if someone is not on the discussion list, they had better sign on if they want more information.

A beautiful spring day at Keeneland with everything in bloom will be the perfect way to celebrate the start of spring as well as our 25th year, so y'all come! ✕

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