

Kentucky Chapter



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Message from the President

By Susan Brown

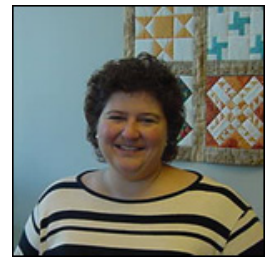
It is hotter than blazes in Kentucky but here at this small academic library we are gearing up for another fall and another academic year.

As the temperature cools through the coming fall, Kentucky chapter will remember this August as we heat up our efforts to prepare for Leadership Conference in January.

James Manasco, Constance Ard and many others will

lead our team. We are a capable, talented Chapter and we will get to show that to the whole organization in January. The party at the Slugger Museum promises to be a grand slam home run with food, fun and Kentucky hospitality.

If you have not volunteered to be a part of the planning activities I encourage you to join in the fun and get to know your colleagues better.



I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our fall events. Jan, Jo and Alex work hard to plan interesting meetings. They are always great sources of professional development.

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Your KY SLA Chapter Board

- President: Susan Brown
- President Elect: Jan Berry
- Past President: Mary Krautter
- Secretary: Valerie Perry
- Treasurer: Leoma Dunn
- Directors at-Large: Alex Grigg & Jo Staggs-Neel

Leadership Summit 2008 Update

Preparations for the upcoming Leadership Summit are continuing apace! I want to thank everyone for their efforts thus far and know that I'll be asking even more of you in the coming months! First off, here is an update on our committees and the folks who have volunteered to lead:

- Fund-Raising and Welcoming Reception Coordination-Constance Ard, Chair
 - o Kentucky Corporate Sponsor Coordination-Glenda Neely, Chair
 Volunteer to assist: Constance and Glenda: Debbie Sharp
- Exhibiter Liaison-Susan Smith, Chair

Volunteer to assist: Jan Carver
- Local Information-Jill Sherman, Chair

Volunteer to assist: Janna Norton

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Message From the President

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Remember that your customers benefit when you know more people and have more experience. If you have ideas for what you would like to see the chapter do or ways that you'd like the chapter to grow please let someone on the executive committee know or come to the meetings and share your ideas.

I'm excited about the coming Fall and Winter and I look forward to working and playing with you all.

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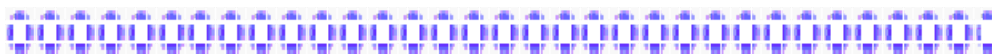
In May, we had a wonderful wine and food experience (really, how could an event involving wine and food be anything but wonderful??).

At the suggestion of members, we scheduled a get-together at the Smith-Berry Winery, in New Castle, for networking and socializing. The setting was charming, the wine delicious, and the company more than cordial. After much tasting and visiting, most of us retired to the Old Stone Inn in Simpsonville for supper.



Good food, good wine, good conversations -- A good time was had by all!

— Submitted by Jan Berry



Proposed 2008 Slate of Officers

The Nominating Committee, composed of Constance Ard, Linda Minch and Christie Robinson (chair) have finished their work and are presenting the following slate of names for consideration when the membership votes at the Fall meeting in October:

- Mykie Howard (Serials Librarian, Morehead State University) - President - Elect
- Katy Roe (Director, Medical Library/EKHSIN, St. Claire Regional Medical Center, Morehead) - Secretary
- Abby Thorne (Agricultural Information Center, University of Kentucky)- Director At Large

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SLA Kentucky Chapter Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Leoma Dunn, Treasurer

Account Balances as of August 16, 2007

Grand Total	<u>\$3,823.05</u>
Operating Budget (Ledger)*	\$2,714.88
Savings Account Balance	\$1,108.17

*Includes Student sub-account of \$332.00

2008 Leadership Summit (Cont'd. from p.1)

- Registration Booth-Mykie Howard, Chair

Volunteer to assist: Katy Roe

- Hospitality-Dinner Buddies-Abby Thorne, Chair

Volunteers to assist: **OPEN**

- Virtual Presence-Stacey Greenwell, Chair

Volunteers to assist: Virginia Smith

Let me reiterate that every chapter member will be needed for this coming Summit. We are going to need folks to help with Registration, the Local Information table, the Dinner Buddies on Wednesday evening, Sorting First Years into their Houses, Coordinating Portkey deliveries, etc. If you are interested in helping in a particular area, please tell me, or the person in charge of that committee, of your interest.

The Thursday Night Reception will be held at the Louisville Slugger Museum on Main Street. Thanks to Constance Ard, the place is reserved for our use and we are already working on the menu and trying our darndest to get a bourbon tasting put together for the event. The batting cage and the bat making demonstration will both be available to our attendants, so they should have a really nice experience. We just need to be sure to tell conference attendees that the little souvenir bats CANNOT be taken on the plane as a carry-on. For some reason this freaks out the friendly, neighborhood security screeners at the airport. It can travel in checked luggage, though.

Stacey Greenwell, as our Chair of Virtual Presence is developing plans for a Wiki and other electronic manifestations of the Kentucky Chapter and the Leadership Summit. Be sure to keep your ears and eyes open for more on this coming soon!

By the time you read this, letters will have gone out to possible sponsors to help support our offerings to the assembled leadership. I want to thank everyone for providing contacts and if you have any more, please send those on! We can certainly use all the support we can muster to ensure our visiting dignitaries have a simply magnificent time in the Fall's City and we hope they will want to return to the Commonwealth time and time again!

Friends and Neighbors: you should all be sure to mark your calendar for January 23-26, 2008. You're going to be in Louisville. It's probably a good thing to go ahead and prepare your employers, family, pets and house plants for your absence during this week. Also, you should definitely be doing your liver exercises to prepare yourselves adequately for the late-night networking!

When we meet in August, we'll be working more on the nitty-gritty details. If you have any ideas on things we can do for the Summit, please, please, please drop me a line or give me a call! I want to hear YOUR ideas!!! We want this to be a tremendous success and if we all pull together it can be!

— Submitted by James Manasco

Membership Meeting Minutes

SLA/KY Chapter Membership Meeting April 19, 2007 Joint Spring Conference Florence, KY

Board Members:

Susan Brown, Jan Berry, Mary Vass, Leoma Dunn, Alex Grigg, Jo Staggs-Neel, James Manasco, Susan Smith and Valerie Perry

Other Attendees:

Constance Ard, Terry Buckner, Fannie Cox, Stacey Greenwell, Mykie Howard, Shawn Livingston, Christie Robinson, Katy Roe, Elizabeth Smith, Steve Stone, Abby Thorne, Laura Whayne, Pat Wilson, and Theresa Wiley

Call to Order: President Susan Brown began the meeting at 4:20pm.

Minutes: No corrections were made to the minutes from the Open Board Meeting which took place on February 23, 2007. The minutes were approved unanimously after a motion was made for approval (Mary Vass) and seconded (Laura Whayne).

Welcome special guest Janice Lachance, CEO SLA: Ms. Lachance made remarks and addressed questions raised by chapter members.

Brief Reports/Action Items:

President - Susan Brown
No report was given.

President-Elect - Jan Berry
Report on Spring social meeting in May - details are forthcoming

Past President - Mary Vass
No report was given.

Secretary - Valerie Perry
No report was given.

Membership Meeting Minutes (Cont'd. from p.5)

Treasurer - Leoma Dunn

Treasurer Dunn stated that the Chapter was in good financial shape and she distributed two reports including:

Treasurer's Report

February 23, 2007 Income/Expense

There were no questions from the membership.

Directors-at-Large - Alex Grigg and Jo Staggs-Neel

No report was given.

Archivist/Governing Documents - Susan Brown

New Calendar was distributed and approved unanimously after a motion for approval (James Manasco) and seconded (Shawn Livingston). No discussion was needed.

Awards Committee - Mykie Howard for Jan Carver

Award Description - The Awards Committee will submit a recommendation for revising the award description at a future Open Board Meeting later this year. The revisions will address issues such as multiple years of support versus single year of activities as mentioned in the committee report.

Bulletin Editors - Susan Smith and Jan Berry

Send Spring Conference submissions to Susan Smith.

Discussion List Owner - Mary Vass

Shawn Livingston will take over the Discussion List Owner duties later this spring after Mary Vass leaves the area.

Membership Committee - Susan Brown for Jill Sherman

According to Jill Sherman's written report, we have 68 members and new members include:

Maggie Steptoe

Janna Norton

Jill Martin

Sarah Hiner

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My Step by Step Journey through the SLA 2007 Conference

Editor's Note: KYSLA student member Diane Owens was awarded a travel stipend by the Business & Finance Division of SLA to attend the 2007 Annual Conference in Denver. The following article captures her thoughts, impressions and experiences as a first-timer at our conference. This will also be published by the Business & Finance Division. They have graciously given us permission to publish this in our chapter newsletter as well.



Very early on a Saturday morning in June I boarded a plane in Lexington, KY to begin my journey to the SLA 2007 Conference in Denver, CO. I admit that I was excited, but a bit nervous as well. I had been to conferences before, but this was my very first "real" library conference. (Thanks to B&F for the generous stipend that funded my trip!) Would I enjoy myself? Would I feel welcomed, being a graduate student and a conference first-timer? Would I walk away from the experience with a better idea of where I would like to take my career? The answer to each of these questions is a resounding Yes! Read on to learn a bit more about my experiences.

I began preparing for the conference during the preceding week as I flipped through the conference program, trying to decide which sessions I would attend. This proved to be a bit more time consuming than I had expected, since so many sessions seemed to grab my attention. I dutifully checked all the points of interest in the online conference planner, simply ignoring the messages that told me I had selected a variety of concurrent activities -- It just couldn't be helped. With no more time to dedicate to preparation, I figured I would just sort it all out when I got to Denver.

Once I arrived in Denver, I headed to the hotel to meet up with my roommate and get a key to our room. I actually had never met this woman before, but had found her via the B&F listserv and we had communicated via e-mail. I decided I wanted to take every opportunity to meet people at the conference. What better way than to share a room with a complete stranger? To some people that might sound weird, but I know that my natural tendency is to be somewhat reserved. Since I didn't know many people attending the conference, I didn't want to fall into a trap of just hanging out by myself all the time. So, I figured that by sharing a room I would meet someone new and also would also be "forced" to attend a variety of evening events, as I wouldn't have a hotel room to myself in which to "hide out."

Having met my roommate (who is lovely, by the way), I headed over to the conference for registration and to attend the CE course that I had signed up to proctor. I was immediately impressed with how well organized everything seemed to be. When things actually "work" as they are supposed to, even a simple registration process, the world is just a better place. I attended the CE course on using government information sources and learned more than I ever imagined. I had dabbled in some of these sources previously, but the instructor showed us so much more. I can't wait until I have occasion to use them again, as I'm sure I will be so much more effective than in the past. These sites are just ripe for the picking.

I finished out my day by attending the Gore keynote, and then headed to dinner with a group of people I had never met. (Are you seeing a pattern?) Determined to meet people and make the most of my experience, I joined up with one of the dinner round-table events. Good conversation and good food proved a wonderful end to my first day at the conference.

The next few days are quite the whirlwind. I was up early each morning, attending 7:00AM breakfasts. I typically don't function much before 8:30, but when deciding which sessions to attend I figured that I'd still be on Eastern Time, so 7:00 in Denver would really feel like 9:00 to me. No problem!

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My Step by Step Journey through the SLA 2007 Conference (cont'd. from p. 5)

That strategy didn't exactly work out, as I hadn't factored in all the evening activities, which pretty much got me onto Denver time from the get-go. Nonetheless, each morning's topic was interesting enough to get me up and going -- a true testament to the high caliber of the conference sessions. The rest of my days were filled with thought-provoking lectures and walks through the sense-tantalizing exhibit floor.

At first I was a little leery to approach the exhibitors, as I didn't want to feel like I was wasting their time. I'm not currently in a position where I have any purchasing power in my organization, so I didn't know how eager they would be to spend time with me. As with the many conference attendees, each of the vendors I spoke with was warm and welcoming. They took time to explain their product to me, even though, in most cases, it was unlikely that a sale would result from their efforts.

Each evening, as I had intended, I headed to a variety of social gatherings. One night I attended another dinner round-table; a second evening, I "party hopped" between vendor and division events. Regardless of what I was doing, I had a good time, met interesting people, and learned a bit more about the variety of careers and experiences possessed by individuals working in the world of special libraries.

So, back to my three questions: Would I enjoy myself? Would I feel welcomed, being a graduate student and a conference first-timer? Would I walk away from the experience with a better idea of where I would like to take my career? As I stated in the beginning, the answer to each of these questions is Yes! I had a great time; I met a variety of people who all seemed genuinely interested in getting to know me and help out in whatever way they could; and my career horizons have been expanded exponentially. (In fact, I have a phone interview this week that is a direct result of the contacts I made at the conference.)

Thank you again, B&F, for funding this opportunity! It has been the boost to take me to the next step on my "climb to new heights."

— Submitted by Diane Owens



KYSLA 2008 Leadership Booth @ SLA Annual Conference — Denver, Colorado

The SLA Annual Conference was a bit different for the Kentucky chapter members attending this year. Many of us took turns working at the 2008 Leadership Summit booth promoting next year's event in Louisville. This was a great opportunity to network with SLA members from all over the world and encourage them to attend. James Manasco

had plenty of hand-outs on attractions in Kentucky and Louisville and we were able to answer a lot of questions. However, since I'm from western New York State, I had to laugh when people would ask *me* how to properly pronounce Louisville!

In addition to the brochures, we gave out Louisville pins, a Louisville Slugger (special drawing), samples of Derby pie, Kentucky Pulled Cream Candy and small net bags of Kentucky bluegrass seed. James' wife Melanie made up hundreds of these little bags. Each one had a label and ribbon. It was an amazing contribution — and much appreciated since they all disappeared. Butler Books donated two books for special drawings: Louisville: Then & Now and The Great Flood of 1937. We had a great response from attendees with many people stopping by multiple times to see if we still had candy or pie.

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Pat Wilson, James Manasco, Leoma Dunn, Jo Staggs-Neel, and Valerie Perry Networking At the 2008 Leadership Summit Booth

Membership Meeting Minutes (Cont'd. from p. 6)

Nominating Committee - Christie Robinson

Nominating Committee needs one more member.

Student Chapter - Susan Brown for Joe Miller

Joe Miller sent a report entitled *Student Chapter Report* which was distributed during the meeting. Just a quick update on the student group since I won't be at the spring meeting:

- We currently have 15 members that I know of. Officers are Diane Owens, ChristinaZavos, and Andrew Prellwitz.
- We had a successful program yesterday. A special librarian panel with Amy Anderson of Proctor and Gamble, Jacqueline Goins of the Asphalt Institute, and Wenda Webster-Fischer, now with Stoll, Keenen, Ogdon in Louisville was presented. This program was recorded and will be available as a podcast from the student group web page.
- The tour of the Lexington Herald Leader hosted by Linda Minch in March was also very successful.
- News: as you know, Diane won a 1,200 SLA Business & Finance Division Student Stipend award for the annual conference. We will be seeking new officers, but this may not happen until the new students come in for fall term.
- Miscellaneous: the group allotment was sent back to SLA to be re-issued in the Chapter name to hold for the student group. Diane and Christina will be completing the required reports by the end of April as per SLA guidelines. About the request from Virginia Smith for contact info for student group leaders on the chapter web page: student group leaders have not been on that page in the past, but if the chapter wants to include them there I can make sure to send updated officer info each semester it changes.

Strategic Planning - Valerie Perry

No report was given.

Webmaster - Susan Brown for Virginia Smith

No report was given.

2008 SLA Leadership Summit - James Manasco & Constance Ard

Report from James - We are currently on track. We need volunteers for the 2008 SLA Leadership Summit welcome table at the 2007 SLA Annual Conference in Denver. Please look for future opportunities advertised via the chapter listserv.

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KYSLA 2008 Leadership Booth @ SLA Annual Conference – Denver, Colorado

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Here are James' thoughts on the experience:

"A tremendous success!!! We had everyone stopping by. It was truly a networking miracle. Not only could we spread the word about the Leadership Summit, we were able to meet a ton of folks we might not otherwise have had the opportunity to know. I'd love for this to become an annual thing for our Chapter – **The Kentucky Nook**. Complete with rocking chairs and the like. Wouldn't that be great! Of course, the cost would be prohibitive...." [Editor's Note: If anyone has any ideas or possible sponsors for the Kentucky Nook, contact James or Jan Berry].



Since we were situated almost midpoint in the convention center, it was a great gathering place for KYSLA members. A lot of networking went on within our own group—booths to check out, places to eat, a place to hook up with friends. Although there was a golf cart for transportation, everyone appreciated having the booth as we could drop off our collected paraphernalia and rest our weary feet.

Liz Smith, James Manasco & Stacey Greenwell "man" the booth



Some Kentucky KYSLA Swag

The Kentucky chapter is special and if you don't believe it, attend an SLA annual conference or the upcoming Leadership Summit in January. I can't tell you how many times people asked if they could be "honorary" Kentucky chapter members or say they knew someone in the chapter. Several times people asked if we were going out for dinner and could they join us? It was evident that wherever Kentucky Chapter might be, that was *the* place to be!

— Submitted by Sue Smith



Janice Lachance, Special Libraries Association, Chief Executive Officer – Keynote Speaker at Spring Conference



On Thursday April 19, Janice Lachance spoke to Kentucky librarians at the annual spring meeting of the SLA Kentucky Chapter and the Academic and Special Sections of Kentucky Library Association.

Kentucky librarians heard her talk about SLA's new technology tools such as WebEx, and wiki software. She discussed her vision of SLA as a "laboratory" for members to try out new technologies, and that SLA was a "risk free environment" for enhancing technology and leadership skills. She also covered the importance of strategic communication with senior management and how important it was to speak their language and know what your values are, to be able to visualize the future, and the importance of conceptual/systems thinking.

The chapter members in attendance also enjoyed having her at the chapter business meeting where she talked about SLA and the directions it is taking. CEO Lachance gave an overview of what is currently going on with SLA, spoke of her travels for the Association and congratulated the Kentucky Chapter, again, for hosting the *2008 Leadership Summit*. She noted how excited she and the Board were to be coming to Louisville in January. CEO Lachance also was on hand to congratulate the Kentucky Chapter Award Winners, Valerie Perry (Professional Award) and James Manasco (Outstanding Member). The chapter also had the opportunity to ask questions of the executive director.

The conversation continued after the meeting when chapter members and CEO Lachance had an excellent dinner at Brio in Newport on the Levee.

About Janice Lachance - Before becoming Executive Director of SLA, Lachance served in the Clinton administration as Director of the Office of Personnel Management. Prior to coming to the OPM, she served as the Director of Communications and Political Affairs for the American Federation of Government Employees, AFLCIO, where she directed the political, media and public affairs programs for the nation's largest federal employee union. Other experience includes Communications Director for Congressman Tom Daschle (D-SD), Administrative Assistant to Congresswoman Katie Hall (D-IN) and Staff Director and Counsel for the House Small Business Subcommittee on Anti-trust and Restraint of Trade.

— Submitted by Susan Brown, Stacey Greenwell & James Manasco



Membership Meeting Minutes (Cont'd. from p. 9)

Report from Constance - Constance reviewed the pros and cons of each reception site listed on her hand-out. The general consensus of the members and Ms. Lachance was in favor of the Ali Center. Constance will move forward on this decision.

Old Business

Travel Support for Chapter Officers - Susan Brown

We discussed this at the previous Open Board Meeting (2/23/07) but still need a formal vote.

Proposal presented: "SLA Kentucky Chapter will sponsor the President and President-Elect, or their designees, for the amount of the early bird registration for the SLA Annual Conference and the Leadership Summit."

Susan Brown made the motion for approval by bringing this proposal to the membership. The proposal was seconded by Susan Smith. After discussion, the membership approved the proposal unanimously with the added wording of "as funds allow" at the end of the proposal.

Travel Support for Student Chapter Officers - Susan Brown

Susan Brown noted that a volunteer is needed to write up a form and process. James Manasco made a motion that the Chapter President (Susan Brown) and the Student Liaison (Joe Miller) create these forms and procedures. The motion was seconded by Mary Vass followed by unanimous approval by the membership.

New Business

Awards Presentations - Jan Carver

Professional Development Award was presented to Valerie Perry for her leadership roles in multiple divisions, scholarship and mentoring activities of SLA members

Outstanding Chapter Member Award was presented to James Manasco for his ongoing excellent representation of the chapter on a national level including but not limited to his role in the recent dues revisions and continuous support of fellow chapter members.

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About SLA

The Special Libraries Association (SLA) is a nonprofit global organization for innovative information professionals and their strategic partners. SLA serves nearly 12,000 members in 83 countries in the information profession, including corporate, academic, and government information specialists. SLA promotes and strengthens its members through learning, advocacy, and networking initiatives. For more information, visit us www.sla.org <<http://www.sla.org/>>.

The membership of the Kentucky Chapter of SLA is representative of the many information environments in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Founded in 1975, our chapter continues to foster ongoing professional development and professional networking and provide opportunities to maintain current awareness of technology and professional trends.

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Membership Meeting Minutes (Cont'd. from p. 12)

Announcements and Adjournment

Announcements – None

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 4:36pm with a motion (James Manasco), second (Alex Grigg), and unanimous approval. Followed by dinner at the Brio Tuscan Grill on the Newport Levee.

Respectfully Submitted by Valerie Perry, SLA Kentucky Chapter Secretary

Announcements

The Grand Opening of the Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research, located in the Ekstrom Library occurred on April 4, 2007 at the University of Louisville. It was a tremendous success and an excellent celebration of the life of the late Anne Braden, a well-known social activist and writer whose prominence lasted for fifty years. Her work began during the civil rights movement of the 1950's and 1960's and lasted until the time of her death in March of 2006.

– Submitted by Hannelore Rader from an article by K. A. Owens, a U of L Intern in the Braden Institute

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Up-coming Events

- Friday, November 16, 2007 KYSLA Fall Meeting – Place To Be Decided – SAVE THIS DATE!
- January 23-26, 2008 SLA Leadership Summit—Louisville, Kentucky
- The Joint Spring Conference of KLA/ALS, SLS, and KSLA will be held at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park, April 23 - 25, 2008.



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