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## **P**resident's Letter

Dear Colleagues,

Fall is here and that means the Michigan Chapter is getting back into the swing of things. The kick off event was the Great Lakes Regional Conference held in Indianapolis, IN September 6-8, 2006. Even though I was not able to attend, due to it coinciding with the first week of classes at UM, I hear that it was a good conference!

October 10-13, 2006 is bringing the Michigan Library Association Conference to Detroit. Since many of our members have dual membership we decided it would be easier for members to devote their time to the conference and forgo an October program. The sessions look interesting and I hope you can attend them.

Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 will be our first official program of the year. Susanna Davidson, Michigan eLibrary Coordinator will update us on MeL. It has been going through

some intensive changes. It'll be an informative evening at University of Michigan, School of Information, Ehrlicher Rm., Ann Arbor, MI 48109. More details will be forthcoming.

Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006 is the Holiday/ Annual Business meeting. We will be in for a treat, tasting different teas from all over the world at the "Spot O' Tea" (Tea room and merchant) 261 Merrill Street, Birmingham, MI. Also that evening will be the UM scholarship award presentation, and the Holiday book drive presentation. Joan Martin has contacted Children's Hospital in Detroit, and they would be delighted to receive book donations for toddler through young adult. Laura Mancini is the current President Elect and will be taking over the lead as President when the new Officers begin their year. They will continue through December 2007. This is due to HQ changing from a fiscal year to a calendar year.

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## Michigan Chapter Members- Is your Email Address Up to Date?

In 2005, the Michigan Chapter decided to distribute its program announcements to its membership by email. This action allowed the chapter to communicate more quickly with its members and helped to reduce increasing program costs. The chapter has had great success with this method and plans to continue to use email as the primary communication tool to its membership.

Every time a program announcement is released, the chapter finds that at least several members' email addresses are no longer current. Attempts to contact these members and obtain their new information prove to be time-intensive. The Michigan Chapter wants to ensure that its members are being informed of all the chapter's upcoming activities.

If you have not received program announcements for this past year and you have an email address on file with SLA, please take a moment and verify that your information is correct.

MI Chapter Members who do not have an email address on record will continue to receive program announcements by postal mail.

Don't miss out on the latest Chapter News! Make the most of your membership and update your email address today. Thank you!

### Instructions for Updating Email Addresses

To update your membership information, go to the "Member Log In" box on the SLA website at <http://www.sla.org/>. Click on the "Help" link if you need assistance with your login. Once you are logged in, click the "Membership" button, then the "Update Your Information" link on the left hand side. If you still need password/PIN assistance, send an email to [membership@sla.org](mailto:membership@sla.org).



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## Welcome to new members

The SLA Michigan Chapter welcomes the following new members.

Daniel Baker  
Vicky E. Bellon  
Jan B. Bissett  
Ed Burns  
Joan J. Deegan  
Danielle Ericks  
Theresa M. Feuka  
Paula Kaczmarek  
Paulina Poplawska  
Melissa Puvogel  
Johanna M. Russ  
Kim Schroeder  
Corey G. Seeman  
Michael Sensiba  
Julia B. Williford-Sosmowsky

# The SLA- Michigan Chapter Needs You!

*by Laura Mancini, Michigan Chapter- President-Elect*

Currently, the SLA-Michigan chapter is in the process of recruiting officers for its next program year starting in January. There are a number of opportunities available for Michigan chapter members who wish to become more involved in their professional association.

## **Program Committee: (3 positions)**

The President-Elect is the chair of this committee. The Michigan Chapter traditionally holds at least six meetings each year from September through May. Chapter-wide programs are held at varying intervals depending on the size and location of the Chapter. Members often base their opinion of SLA in large part on the subject matter, timeliness and quality of these Chapter programs. It is essential, therefore, that programs be selected with great care, based on the needs and suggestions of the membership. It is important to focus on topics of current interest, provide a variety of subjects to interest all types of information professionals and their strategic partners and obtain excellent speakers who are both knowledgeable and entertaining.

### **Primary Duties:**

1. Assist Committee Chair with the planning and execution of six programs per year for the benefit and enrichment of the chapter's membership.
2. Select programs and locations.
3. Supervise detailed plans for each program. Arranges for speakers, panelists, exhibitors, films, etc.
4. Makes an arrangement with local facilities (e.g., hotel, conference center, or library) to host the meeting.
5. Creates a budget for the program, in conjunction with the Treasurer, and works with the Vendor Relations Committee on soliciting sponsorships for the program.

## **Membership Chair:**

The Membership & Recruitment Committee is responsible for encouraging the growth of membership in SLA. The Chair serves as a member of the Chapter Advisory Board.

### **Primary Duties:**

1. Maintains up-to-date membership records as received from the Association office
2. Writes welcome communications to new members, inviting them to an upcoming Chapter or Association activities, and lists their names in the Chapter bulletin.
3. Supplies items for the bulletin encouraging recruitment of new members.
4. Plans recruitment activities or campaigns to attract new members to the Association.

## **Nominating Committee: (2-3 positions)**

The Nominating Committee Consider candidates for SLA Chapter Advisory Board and draw up a tentative slate. Committee members should be experienced in Chapter operation and well acquainted with the interests and capabilities of Chapter members.

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*President's Letter (continued)*

The Western Michigan and Upper Peninsula and Michigan Chapter merge is underway. Board members from both Chapters met at the Annual Conference in June. Due to membership dropping in both Chapters and technological advancements we discussed what it would mean for the Chapters to merge and how the geographically distant members could benefit from a merge. The executive board "met" via teleconference to discuss the possibility. We agreed that this is a win-win situation for both Chapters and decided to investigate further how the merge would take place. On 9/11/06 Anne Caputo, the Chapter Chair, discussed via teleconference specifics on the next steps that need to happen. The board is meeting in October to finalize merge agreements between the two Chapters. For specific information look in the Chapter Recommended Practices, Section E. Merger of Chapters on the SLA website. So, this is a time consuming process but it looks like it is pretty straight forward.

All in all, this is a busy end of the year agenda. I hope we all learn a lot and have fun!

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Stachnik,  
President, Michigan Chapter

## Job postings on SLA Michigan Chapter Web site

The following jobs are currently posted on the SLA Michigan Chapter Web site.

⇒ **Librarian I and Librarian II** at the Detroit Public Library  
(posting expires November 13, 2006)

⇒ **Assistant Director for Branch Services** at the Detroit Public Library  
(posting expires November 13, 2006)

⇒ **Librarian** at Honigman, Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP  
(posting expires October 24, 2006)

⇒ **Information and Instructional Services Librarian** at Macomb Community College  
(posting expires October 16, 2006)

Please visit the SLA Michigan Chapter Web site for specifics on each of these positions.

### Upcoming events of interest for SLA - Michigan Chapter

October 10-13	Michigan Library Conference	Detroit
November 9	SLA Michigan Chapter Meeting	Ann Arbor
December 7	Holiday/Annual Business Meeting	Birmingham

Visit SLA Michigan Chapter Web site for details.

## ***The SLA-Michigan Chapter Needs You*** *(continued)*

### **Primary Duties:**

1. Contacts each potential candidate by phone or other means of communications to determine his/her willingness to serve.
2. Issues follow-up communication to each candidate, confirming the Committee's invitation to become a candidate, requests a biographical profile and a recent photograph.
3. Presents the slate of nominees to the membership

### **Public Relations Chair:**

Develop and coordinate public relations activities for the chapter.

### **Primary Duties:**

1. Chair serves as a member of the Chapter Advisory Board
2. Distributes news releases and publicity for activities of the Chapter, such as meetings, elections, special projects and awards
3. Maintains a distribution list for press releases that includes the library schools and chapters of other library and information associations in Michigan

### **Diversity Leadership Development Liaison:**

The liaison will work with the Association Diversity Leadership Development Program Committee, acting as a representative who will aid the recruitment and development of diverse members at the Chapter level and enhance their awareness of careers in special libraries.

### **Volunteer Opportunities Available**

The good news is that there are many opportunities available this year for Michigan Chapter members that want to play a greater role in their organization! Everyone has a crazy schedule these days with job and family commitments. However, the more people that volunteer to serve in chapter positions, the less work there is for everyone. Most of these positions really only require a 1-2 hour time commitment per month. Most chapter work is done these days by email and telephone, so business/committee meetings can be scheduled far less frequently than done in the past.

The Michigan Chapter is a volunteer organization and is run by its members. If you have not been in active member in the past and would like to take on a greater role, any of these positions would be a wonderful opportunity to contribute your time and talents. You will be able to increase your networking opportunities, market yourself and your organization, learn about today's issues in special librarianship and most of all- have fun!!

The Michigan Chapter can only be good as its membership. We are fortunate to have so many special librarians in Michigan and the chapter has a reputation for excellence in its programs and services to its members. In order to continue in that fashion, the chapter needs you!!

If you are interested in any of these positions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [mancinil@oakgov.com](mailto:mancinil@oakgov.com) or (248) 858-0380.

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