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## resident's Letter

Michigan Chapter  
2006 Conference Remarks  
President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

The 2006 Annual Conference was held in Baltimore, Maryland.

For me, it began Sunday at 7:30 am with the SLA Leadership Development Institute. Rebecca Varga, the incoming SLA President was introduced and gave a report of her goals. She has two main goals for the upcoming year: 1) Meet as many people as possible and grow the membership, 2) SLA's 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary will be coming up and she wants ideas, themes for a celebration. One of her ideas was to have 100 stories of how librarians have contributed over the years. – If you have any ideas please let me know and I will forward them to Rebecca.

Highlights of the discussion topics were:

- ◆Successful programming – Program, Promote, Materials.
- ◆Use Pay Pal for collecting meeting revenues
- ◆Recording Conference sessions
- ◆How SLA is beginning/learning how to pilot/experiment so that 18 months from now it'll be seamless. (The change over from fiscal year to calendar year.)
- ◆The task forces that were established last year were reviewed by Pam Rollo, the outgoing SLA President.

The opening general session began with the awards ceremony and continued with the featured speaker, Gwen Ifil. Ms. Ifil was a lot of fun and a great speaker. She explained much of the goings on behind the scene for the media productions along with many of her insights as to why things turn out the way they do – both positives and negatives.

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## But what if I couldn't attend SLA 2006...

Take advantage of these resources to catch up on the latest trends in special libraries!

### SLA 2006 Conference Blog

If you could not attend SLA 2006 in Baltimore check out the Conference Blog at [http://slablogger.typepad.com/sla\\_2006\\_conference\\_blog/](http://slablogger.typepad.com/sla_2006_conference_blog/).

The Conference Blog is a great way to catch up on the great sessions and events held at the conference, as well as find links to additional information. For example, a posting on June 28 listed division websites that have already posted presentations and blogs with additional commentary.

### Photos on Flickr

A quick trip to Flickr at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/tags/sla2006/> will provide you with an image of SLA 2006. Photos range from pictures of the exhibits to shots of Baltimore and fellow information professionals. Flickr is a fun way to see SLA 2006.

### SLA.org

Keep an eye on your favorite division's website. Presentations are already posted with more to come.

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## Job Postings Available Online

Library jobs are posted on the Michigan Chapter SLA Web site. Most job descriptions are posted first to the discussion list before being added to the Web site. The following job is posted at <http://units.sla.org/chapter/cmi/jobs.html>.

### Librarian

Pepper Hamilton LLP in Detroit Michigan is looking for a librarian to maintain the daily operation of the office library and be an active member of the national team serving the library and information needs of the attorneys and staff firm-wide.

### Job Description

- ◆ One full-time librarian responsible for developing, organizing, and centralizing information resources within the office
- ◆ Provide reference and research assistance to support practice areas and all marketing efforts as needed
- ◆ Offer current awareness service from both legal and nonlegal publications
- ◆ Provide assistance in the use of the Library collection and information resources and offer assistance with research techniques
- ◆ Coordinate and supervise training and use of Lexis and Westlaw
- ◆ Disseminate information as appropriate and provide training and documentation as requested
- ◆ Monitor usage and online bills
- ◆ Promote use of the Internet
- ◆ Participate in the enhancement and promotion of the Library Services Home page available through PepperNet
- ◆ Develop and monitor the collection according to the practice areas

### Job Requirements

- ◆ Two to four years full time law firm library experience as an assistant librarian or librarian with a smaller organization.
- ◆ Bachelor of Arts/Science degree required.
- ◆ Two to four years law firm library experience with emphasis on manual and electronic legal and non-legal research tools such as LixisNexis, WestLaw, Dialog, and others.
- ◆ Master of Science in Library Science preferred

Email Larry Halicki at [halickil@pepperlaw.com](mailto:halickil@pepperlaw.com) with resume and cover letter.

Check back often to see what new jobs have been posted. Employers can find information about posting a job opening on the Michigan Chapter SLA. Web site.

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The Annual Business Meeting was held Tuesday morning. Chapter Cabinet was held in the afternoon. These were mostly recaps with more detail of the early Sunday session. The Chapter session did review the Task Force on Chapter Modeling in more detail. Laura Mancini and I garnered new ideas that we will be able to consider for the upcoming year.

For a little bit of fun, I attended the awards reception aboard the U.S.S. Constellation. It was a celebration honoring SLA's award winners; our Judy Field was in attendance upon receiving the John Cotton Dana award. Attendees were allowed to go below deck, and since I hadn't been aboard that old of a vessel before I took the opportunity to investigate. It was very interesting; especially the fact that people lived sometimes for years in such an enclosed space.

Wednesday morning the closing general session speaker, Walter Mossberg spoke. His main talking point was "we may want to think about the internet". The internet as we know it will be very different in ten years. We should put thought into what that may be.

All in all it was a good conference! Many new ideas were put forward to think about and I touched base with old friends I see only at the annual conference.

To the South, our colleagues at the Indiana Chapter will be hosting the Great Lakes Regional Conference in Indianapolis, IN from September 6-8, 2006. To the North, our colleagues will be hosting the NWRC, a one and half day conference "Content Management – Converging Information, People and Technology" October 6 & 7, 2006 in Vancouver, BC, Canada.

On June 13, 2006, several Michigan Chapter Board members met with Michigan Western/Upper Peninsula Chapter Board members to discuss the W/UP Chapter merging back with the Michigan Chapter. Due to declining membership in both Chapters and, with technological advances to be able to reach members that are a great distance away, we were/are considering combining the Chapters back into one. The Michigan Board members have had an email discussion and it seems everyone is in agreement to make this happen. There are a few concerns that we would need to negotiate but nothing major. Any comments? Please reply to myself, sta@umich.edu, or any other board member.

Just as a reminder, the 2005/2006 board members will remain in office until December 2006. January 2007, new officers will begin their year, they will continue through December 2007. This way the Michigan Chapter will be in sync with Headquarters' changes.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Stachnik,  
President, Michigan Chapter

## Indiana Chapter SLA hosts 6th Great Lakes Regional Conference

The 6th Great Lakes Regional Conference, "The Crossroads for Information Professionals," is being held September 6-8, 2006 at the University Place Conference Center & Hotel on the Indiana University - Purdue University campus in Indianapolis, Indiana. The conference offers educational and networking opportunities for attendees and vendors. Programs address technical and practical issues of interest to corporate, academic, government, and other special librarians.

There will be two evening receptions for networking in a more relaxed atmosphere. Tours of Indianapolis special libraries will be offered during the afternoon of September 8, 2006.

Our keynote speaker for Thursday, September 7th will be Jeffrey Cufaude of Idea Architects. Mr. Cufaude has spoken to many different groups around the United States and comes to the Great Lakes Regional Conference very highly recommended. A former association executive and university student affairs staff member, Jeffrey Cufaude writes, speaks, and consults on a variety of leadership and organizational development issues for associations and the stakeholders they serve.

The official conference Web site is <http://www.in-sla.org/GLRC/index.htm>. Early bird registration ends on July 29; register now to save on the cost of the conference. Please join us in Indy in September! For more information, please contact: Lisa Greer Douglass, Indiana SLA State Chapter President 317.917.6318 or [ldouglass@ncaa.org](mailto:ldouglass@ncaa.org).



### Judy Field Receives John Cotton Dana Award.

Judy Field was honored at the May meeting of the Michigan Chapter SLA for receiving the 2006 SLA John Cotton Dana. This is a prestigious and highly coveted award which is given to an individual in recognition of his or her outstanding commitment to the special library profession. Judy received the award at the SLA 2006 Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. Congratulations, Judy.

