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SLA'S NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROPOSES NEW NAME FOR ORGANIZATION

Last year, SLA launched an Alignment Project to align the activities of information professionals with the goals of the organizations they serve in order to boost the value of their roles. After much deliberation, the group has, as its first initiative, proposed a new name for the organization:

Association for Strategic Knowledge Professionals, or ASKPro.

All SLA members will be given the opportunity to vote on the proposed name in a special referendum running from November 16th to December 9th. Results of the vote will be announced on December 10th.

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SEMINAR



On September 25th, the RTP campus of the Environmental Protection Agency hosted a seminar on Government Information. Approximately 40 people attended the event which featured the following presentations:

The World of Patent Information – Resources for Librarians, by Jean Porter, Reference Librarian, Meredith College: Tips for starting patent searches and getting results within your budget.

Geographic Information Systems – Resources and Applications, by Amanda Henley (pictured above), GIS Librarian, UNC-CH: An introduction to geographic information systems, geospatial data and online mapping resources.

Finding Government Scientific and Technical Information, Susan Forbes – Assistant Director, US EPA-RTP Library (UNC): An overview on navigating government resources for scientific, technical and environmental information.

To view the presentations, visit the new NCSLA Wiki at <http://sites.google.com/site/ncslawiki/>

JAMAL CROMITY WINS REMCO ROADBUILDERS' AWARD IN SPECIAL LIBRARIES

At this year's [58th Biennial NCLA conference](#), during the REMCO's Author Luncheon on October 8th in Greenville, N.C., our very own President – Elect, Jamal Cromity accepted an award by the North Carolina Library Round Table of Ethnic Minority Concerns. The award recognizes ethnic minority librarians and scholars in library education, academic librarianship, special librarianship and public librarianship, who have served as pioneers in librarianship and who also represent a positive role model in the field. Further, recipients are recognized as ethnic minority librarians who exemplify courage, integrity, perseverance and who have contributed to the field of librarianship for their specific category. Congratulations Jamal!

PREPARATIONS BEGIN FOR 2009 AWARDS CEREMONY

Nominations were recently sought for several chapter awards (see details below). The annual banquet will be held on December 3rd at Biaggi's in Cary at 7:00 p.m. Banquet planners are currently seeking sponsors for the event. Sponsor benefits include premium advertising space on the NCSLA website, a table at the entrance to the event and an opportunity for a brief introduction/promotion to be included in the program. This year's banquet will feature the inauguration of the 2010 board leaders as well as the presentation of the following awards:

The Meritorious Achievement Award: Presented to the Chapter colleague who has made outstanding or notable contributions to the Chapter and to the profession

Horizon Award: This award is given to a Chapter colleague who, through work and professional activities, has shown a promise of becoming an outstanding member of the profession.

Information Management Award: This award recognizes an organization, served by a North Carolina special library, for its outstanding or notable support of library and information science.

NEXT STOP, NEW ORLEANS – SLA ISSUES CALL FOR PAPERS FOR 2010 CONFERENCE

SLA is now accepting proposals for papers to be presented at its 2010 Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, with the theme "**Entering SLA's Next Century: Let the Good Times Roll!**". A panel of SLA members in a blind review will evaluate proposals, and the best entries will be selected for development into full papers, which are due 7 May 2010.

Paper topics should be related to library science, information management, research or other issues pertinent to customer service, technology, or administration in special libraries. Proposals will be judged on their relevance to the conference theme, "Let the Good Times Roll", as well on the strength of the idea, quality of the writing, and potential member interest.

For full guidelines, including formatting instructions, visit www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2008/Conference/callforpapers/guidelines.cfm.

SLA FRIENDS HONOR THE CAREER OF BARBARA SEMONCHE



On Sunday afternoon, October 18, 2009 many SLA friends gathered to honor Barbara Semonche's contributions to the North Carolina Chapter and her

recent retirement from the University of North Carolina. The event was held at the home of Martha and Joel Haswell and was hosted by Martha & Joel Haswell, Rebecca Vargha and Larry Wright. The group toasted Barbara's 32 years as a member of SLA, her expert knowledge as a newspaper librarian and numerous mentoring activities with students and practicing librarians. Barbara was presented with a raku pottery vase created by North Carolina potter, Shirley Cadmus. The pottery was commissioned specifically for this wonderful occasion and inscribed with Barbara's name and the date. Barbara Semonche is an inspiration and role model for all of us. Farewell, dear friend and may you have a long and happy retirement from UNC!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NCSLA Web Integration Webex: Virtual workshop, to be held on November 13th at 1:00 pm EST, covering topics such as: how to integrate RSS feeds into your website or Share Point, embedding photos and upgrading your twitter background image.

Early registration is encouraged as spaces are limited. Only 23 spots are available via Webex. Those in remote locations in North Carolina are eligible for early registration between October 13th and October 28th. For those living in the RTP area please begin registering after the 28th.

To register, go to <http://ncslanews.blogspot.com/2009/10/ncsla-web-integration-webex.html>

2009 NCSLA Awards Banquet: The annual banquet will be held on December 3rd at Biaggi's in Cary at 7:00 p.m. Please see article above for more details about the event and awards.

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