



NC/SLA Members on January 2006 SLA Ballot

Barnes McCollough, Robertson seek positions in the national election

We are well into December and everyone is busily preparing for the holidays. But NC/SLA members Dav Robertson and Tamika Barnes McCollough have even more on their plates - campaigning for the national SLA elections being held (electronically) in late January / early February. Robertson is running for president-elect (NC's Rebecca Vargha's current position), and Barnes McCollough is running for an at-large seat on the Board of Directors.

Barnes McCollough won a national 2005 SLA Diversity Leadership Development Award, served as a member of the SLA Executive Director Search Committee in 2003-04, and is on the NC/SLA Board of Directors.

Please spread the word about our dedicated North Carolina candidates (word of mouth is powerful!) - and remember them when you cast your vote. ■

Robertson, an SLA fellow, has received numerous SLA honors and in 2004 received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of North Carolina School of Information and Library Science.

Read more, including candidate profiles at:
<http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/governance/bodsection/bodcandidates/>

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SLA Approves Bylaws Restructuring

In a three-to-one majority, SLA members overwhelmingly approved a bylaws amendment allowing the Association to implement a new structure for membership dues. In SLA's first electronic vote – which concluded October 7, 2005 – members decided to remove the existing 12 percent cap on membership dues increases and approved a new, more flexible dues structure as of January 2006.

A two-thirds majority is required to pass a change to the bylaws; this vote far exceeded the requirement with three-fourths of voters approving the amendment. The new dues structure was initially approved by the SLA Board of Directors, after a request from the SLA Kentucky Chapter sparked the discussion in 2003.

The new dues structure will include tiers based on income level. Members earning \$35,000 or more in salary per year will pay \$160 in annual dues. That is \$35 more per year than the current \$125. Members earning less than \$35,000 in salary per year will pay \$99 in annual dues. That's \$26 less per year than the current \$125. Student and retired members will continue to pay \$35 in annual dues (no change). Virtual members will continue to pay \$65 a year in dues (no change) and organizational

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memberships will pay \$650 in annual dues – \$150 more than the current rate.

According to an SLA press release, SLA President Pam Rollo congratulated and thanked members via email for their involvement in the voting process and suggested the vote was “a referendum on the SLA membership’s trust in its volunteer leadership and its ability to do the right thing for the profession.” Rollo emphasized that “getting 77% of the vote in support of the amendment means far more than the elimination of a dues cap; it also means that most in our community believe that the Board—all of whom are SLA members—takes its responsibility very seriously, and that it will always take member views to heart.” ■

Voting Results

Overview

- 2,794 members voted
- 77 % voted ‘yes’ (2,159)
- 23%voted ‘no’ (635)
- 91% of members voted online (2,549)
- 9% voted with paper ballots (245)



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Virtual Learning Series:

Well-attended copyright seminar features prominent NC/SLA member

The virtual copyright seminar held on Dec. 7, featuring NC/SLA's Laura Gasaway, UNC's Law Library Director and Professor of Law, was a big hit. It was the most popular virtual seminar of the year - both for our chapter with 38 people attending and for the national chapter. The successful event was organized by NC/SLA President-Elect Debbie Balsamo.

Attendees praised the event and found ways to apply what they learned in the workplace. Denise Jones, *News & Observer* researcher, works with copyright issues often, and said she is sure she'll use the Lowry's Reports vs. Legg Mason case (in which a jury in a federal court found that Legg Mason had willfully infringed the copyrights of the newsletter Lowry's Reports, Inc., and awarded Lowry's almost \$20 million) in conversations where she needs "to impress the importance and seriousness of copyright law." She also will be watching for recommendations and actions from the 108 study group. ■



President's Message: December 2005

Dear Members,

"There and back again..." Caught in that funny feeling I get after being away a while, that I'd not left home at all. But I have the proof –



Eliza Robertson

vivid, wonderful memories of a great trip to northern California, of places seen and people met during a fascinating SLA-focused tour.

The first week of December, my husband Dav campaigned for SLA president-elect in the San Francisco-Sacramento area at the invitation of some SLA stalwarts. We met chapter officers and other members, made connections, talked SLA, and talked non-SLA.

I return with clearer insights about how other chapters work, and how SLA is all about – maybe

ONLY about -- the people who unselfishly devote their time and energy to make great chapters.

At all these gatherings, SLA members communicated the clear value that SLA has for them. For some, SLA means networking and support, especially at the local level; for others the value is SLA's education component; still others appreciate SLA's advocacy in the face of challenges like copyright. Funny how they're probably the things WE value most about SLA and NCSLA. Why did I have to go so far away to see them more clearly?

I've got a recommendation to make to y'all, too -- when you travel, check out the possibility of planning a short visit to an SLA colleague's information center. It might be enriching fun for you, and the affirmation it gives to your host will probably be valuable to her or him, too. ■

Travel Notes

If you're interested, here are more details about the SLA-related sites we visited, starting Tuesday at Stanford University, where we were given a tour of the Green Library by SLA member Foster Zhang. That evening Cindy Hill hosted a reception for members of the San Andreas Chapter. It was fun to see Lee Pharis, chapter president; Libby Trudell, who's a candidate for Director of SLA, and Cindy's engaging mom Dottie (some may remember the phone call Cindy made to her mom from the podium when she was installed as SLA president).

Wednesday we went to Berkeley's Public Health Library, where SLA member Debbie Jan showed us around; she and Dav go way back in the ERM Division. That evening the San Francisco Bay Region Chapter meeting / holiday party was held at a snazzy restaurant in Oakland. I talked with members from the usual corporate and law libraries as well as from unusual ones like museums and city clubs; and with chapter pres and pres-elect Christine Orr and Eris Weaver. Dav got to say a few words about his candidacy, and I even won a door prize, a history of chocolate with recipes – quality stuff, and just in time for the holidays! Two SF-area authors,

also SLA members, spoke about their nearly opposite writing and publishing experiences. Barbara Geisler has a pair of historical mysteries set in a 12th century nunnery. *OTHER GODS, Book I of the Averillan Chronicles*, won two awards for first fiction, and she is self-publishing the volumes, which are available on Amazon. Her painstaking research makes for very credible reads, and I recommend them. David Dodd found a standard publisher for *The Complete Annotated Grateful Dead Lyrics*, which grew out of a website on the subject that he's run since 1994. You can get the book on Amazon for a lot less than I paid the author (or for free on the website!), but the copy I'm giving my Deadhead cousin is autographed, which is worth the extra. Right?

Bill Fisher whisked us away to Sacramento Thursday afternoon to the holiday gathering of the Sierra Nevada Chapter at the County Law Library, located in the historic former Court House and Sheriff's Office. Again, the chapter president and others welcomed us warmly and Dav had a chance to have a real discussion with that group and hear their enthusiasm and concerns about SLA.

– *Eliza Robertson*

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Recommended Readings

Knowledge Management Conference

(November 2005):

http://www.ickm2005.org/ickm2005_powerpoint_presentation.htm

The 2005 International Conference for Knowledge Management was held in Charlotte and generated a lot of interesting PowerPoint presentations. These are available online, with topics ranging from case studies to best practices.

The Fading Memory of the State Technology Review (July 2005):

http://www.technologyreview.com/articles/05/07/issue/feature_memory.asp

Discusses the enormous (and mounting) problem of preserving digital government records faced by the National Archives and Records Administration



For more Recommended Readings, visit the NCSLA website: <http://www.sla.org/chapter/cnc/info-share.cfm>

Member News & Updates

Tamika Barnes McCollough is now the head of reference and information literacy at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro. She has been there since mid-September and is enjoying the new responsibilities of being a supervisor. Tamika has accepted this position after working more than 10 years at North Carolina State University in various positions from a library assistant to her final position there as the Engineering Services Librarian. If you have Tamika on any of your distribution lists, make sure you change her e-mail address to tbmccollough@gmail.com or tbmccoll@ncat.edu.

Kimberley Bugg, EPA library intern and December 2005 NC Central SLIS graduate, accepted a position at the New York Public Library. She will be relocating to NYC in early January.

Terry Hill has taken a position as a customer representative for North America for HARRASSOWITZ, a book and serial vendor for the academic and research library community specializing in the distribution of scholarly books, periodicals, e-resources and music scores. He will be covering the Southeast and Southwest.

Jack Hurd is the new manager for Wachovia's Information Resource Center. Hurd assumed his new role in February of this year.

Emily Inge has been promoted to manager of Knowledge Services at Campbell Alliance.

Nancy Kozlowski, Director, Library and Information Services, North Carolina Biotechnology Center, is

moving to South Carolina in January. A farewell luncheon will be held for Nancy at CIIT in January.

Cindy McCracken has been hired permanently as a user experience designer for Motricity, a provider of mobile content solutions and services for the wireless industry.

Rebecca Pappert, EPA library intern and December 2005 UNC-SILS graduate, accepted a position at Smith College's Young Science Library as a Science Reference Librarian. She will be relocating to Massachusetts prior to her mid-January start date.

Emily (Lanning) Reaser, EPA/NIEHS intern and NCSLA member, has been appointed co-president of the student chapter of SLA at NC Central University. EPA/NIEHS intern and NCSLA member She joins a group of EPA/NIEHS interns who are active members of local student chapters. **Rebecca Pappert** is treasurer and **Jillian Tanner** is vice president of the UNC student chapter. Other EPA/NIEHS intern NCSLA members include **Diana Chike**, NIEHS; **Jason Sokoloff**, EPA; **Kimberley Bugg**, EPA; and **Jessica Gibson**, EPA.

David Sullivan, the senior associate for research services at the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise, Kenan-Flagler Business School, UNC-Chapel Hill, just earned his 5 years of state service award.

Rebecca B. Vargha recently was a panelist in a discussion entitled, "Uniting Education and Practice: Preparing Students for Tomorrow's Workforce" at UNC's School of Information and Library Science.

Meet Our Members!

NC/SLA is proud of its diverse and active membership. Each month we get to know a new member of our chapter. Here are the new profiles added this quarter:

Betty Jo Hibberd
Terry B. Hill **David Sullivan**

These are just a few of the intriguing personalities that comprise the NC Special Libraries Association. Archived monthly profiles are also available online at: <http://www.sla.org/chapter/cnc/profile.cfm>

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else to be the subject of our next profile, contact Teresa Leonard at tleonard@nando.com.

