

**Minutes of the New Jersey Chapter  
Special Libraries Association  
Held at IEEE in Piscataway, NJ  
April 19, 2005**

President Jeannine Creazzo called the board meeting to order at 4:50 pm

Those in attendance were: Jeannine Creazzo, Kris Fitzpatrick, Diana Komnesky, Gregg Rempkowski, Carol Feltes, Elizabeth Arnold, Kadri Kallikorm Rhodes, Ruth Wolfish, Janet Weiss, Susan Kantor, Mary K. Joyce.

**President's Report**

**Dine-Arounds:** Miranda Scott hosted the Red Bank Dine-around at Basil-T's. Another dine-around, possibly for Bergen County, was discussed but no solid date yet.

**RUSLA Meeting:** Jeannine attended another RUSLA meeting. Students were impressed with the mentoring program. Issue of holding SLA events on the same night as other groups was discussed, searching for a possible solution to avoid clashing of event times. Community calendar was one suggestion.

**Secretary's Report**

**Approval of minutes**

March meeting minutes not yet compiled but draft for approval will be sent at the end of the month. Liz motioned to approve February 10<sup>th</sup> minutes, Janet seconded.

**Treasurer's Report**

Gregg Rempkowski reported the following.

Balance in checking account:	\$14,220.35
SLA Pooled Fund	\$23,905.74
 TOTAL	 \$38,090.85

Sponsorship for this year was discussed, with the possibility of using PayPal for payment of chapter dues. Other chapters have begun to use this payment method...benefits include straightforward and the pricing for entry-level plan is affordable. Gregg will send information to board members for review of details. Issue with no check as evidence of payment (i.e. How to verify headcount) was raised as a concern (can't identify who is a member, non-member, student, etc. via current setup in Paypal).

**President-Elect Report**

**Leadership Summit:** -Ruth Wolfish reports that 25 people had registered to attend the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Business Meeting at the Rutgers Club. The event will be closed as of today...members may still register at tonight's Alice Rankin Dinner Meeting. Mary Jo Hibbard is the scheduled speaker.

There will be a Joint Chapter reception at the Annual SLA meeting in Toronto on Monday June 6, from 5:30-6:30 at the Fairmont Hotel. Six chapters sponsored it last year, but Ruth is waiting to verify that all will participate again this year. Each chapter will be asked for \$300 for the sponsoring this event. Sponsor ProLibra gave \$1,000.00 for the event.

**September 2005 Meeting:** Ruth wanted to have something that appealed to more than special librarians, so offering the “Hollywood Librarian” (media presentation of profession). Hosting location may be East Brunswick Public Library (Carol and Connie spoke with contact at the library). Jeannine is looking at holding it at St. Peter’s Hospital also. Third location may be the New Brunswick Public Library. Monday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> is scheduled date for St. Peter’s Hospital. AIP may be sponsoring the event (\$1,000.00 total cost of event).

### **Chairperson’s Reports**

**Director of Administration**—Mary K. Joyce reports about the By-Law changes. In the past, all changes to By-laws were voted on in the general business meeting in May. Mary K. asked if we need approval from SLA membership. Liz said no, new SLA rules at HQ leave it up to the local chapter to decide. Liz needs to take the recommended practices to incorporate into our local chapter rules. Carol brought up that we may want to move the annual business meeting from May to December to correspond with the new term periods.

**Director of Communications**—Carol Feltes reports that several new members and others signed up to the listserv. Carol is asking if there is a better way to handle bulletin submissions, perhaps sending as a link instead of an attachment. Kristen pointed out there is already a website that can be used. Jeannine asked Carol to send Kate e-mail regarding procedural changes for bulletin announcements. No set date for next bulletin, but sometime after the Annual Conference. Mary K. said we may want to advertise that Widharto, our sponsored International Librarian, will be attending with help from our sponsorship.

**Archivist**-Elisabeth Eliason had nothing to report.

**Business Manager**—Henry Gozdz  
Nothing to report.

**Career Guidance**—Susan Kantor

Susan reports that no one was contacted after information was sent out. Jeannine will have student work in St. Peter’s to explore interest in medical librarianship as a career option. Jeannine checked and saw several volunteers for mentors were NOT SLA members. Concern about non-members representing the organization in this capacity. Jeannine suggested that instead of asking the volunteers to mentor students, that they would volunteer their time to a resume writing service. Carol suggested that she could be a contact for coaching or interviewing. Kadri suggested RUSLA can help with the idea of a “resume writing day”.

**Consultant**—Janet Weiss

Janet reports no activity on the professional consultation service. Star-Ledger contact (Kristine Baird) had not yet returned her call.

**Employment**—Miranda Scott reports: “I’ve been posting job openings to the list and asking Kate to post to our web site. The number of openings is down, but hopefully that is temporary.”

**Finance**—Kathy Bradshaw had nothing to report.

**Government Relations**—Kadri Kallikorm Rhodes had nothing to report.

**Membership**—Sheila Fitzgibbon: The latest membership report states that we have 334 members. We have 3 more regular members than last counted in December.

**Professional Development**—Barbara Burton reports: “The Profession Development session held last Tuesday the 12 was attended by about 50 people  
Barbara stated that both NJSLA and RUSLA members were in attendance, but probably more students than others, not sure about that. I am also not sure how many classes participated. Kadri might know more. “

Student members reported that students were appreciative of the seminars.

**Public Relations**—Marie Mueller had nothing to report.

**Nominating/Awards** - Liz asked if board members will stay till December. All but Henry have responded and agreed to extend their term. Liz is bringing slate of nominees to the new December board/Holiday meeting.

**Strategic Planning**—Liz Arnold had nothing to report.

**Webmaster**--.Kate Creegan had nothing to report.

**RUSLA Update**- Kadri said student chapter satisfied with seminar and would probably be interested in doing more activities.

### **New Business**

Barbara was not in attendance, but sent the following: “My thought about the dine-arounds is that we might be overdoing it by adding them to the fall schedule. They work in the summer and winter but perhaps something else could be added when regular programs aren’t available. Has the chapter ever tried a book club format?

Perhaps someone (like the President ☺) could select a book for the whole chapter to read, say during the month of October. Then people who wanted to could sign up for small discussion groups at coffee shops in their local area on a specific night. We would just need some local host(esses) to find a coffee shop and take rsvps...probably no more than 6 people in a group. Lots of towns have Starbucks that openly want people to meet there. Coffee shops are often seeking customers in the evenings. Just a thought...something different and another way to get people engaged”

Ruth tried it and said it worked with a book every 2 months and meeting at a locale like a major bookstore.

NJ/SLA website: Jeannine said president of NJLA has a website for posting local events (SLA meetings were already listed...she suggests the programming committee use it for planning future events to prevent clashing of event times with other groups. Jeannine will e-mail link to the board members.

Jeannine received e-mail from recently passed away past-president NJSLA archivist’s partner regarding a recent find of SLA papers and photos. Liz suggests contacting current archivist (Elizabeth) and have her take them to our current storage location.

Jeannine suggests using colorful labels (‘starbursts’) to our tags to identify board and committee members to our membership. Favorable responses from board members.

Ruth said that we approved red carnations for the May meeting coordinators to help identify them to others. The coordinators were Mary Jane Miller, Pat Corcoran and Elizabeth Moscara. Tulip bouquet was purchased for the main speaker, Carol Tenopir, as these were her favorite flowers.

Kristen suggested we do some local hosting of Widharto when he comes to the U.S.

### **Old Business:**

Jeannine asked if we need to pay the chapter dues for Widharto in addition to the \$1200 stipend awarded to him for the SLA Toronto meeting. Liz motioned if we should pay for 2005/2006 membership dues,

Janet seconded it. Board voted and majority agreed. Question on how to send him the money (wire transfer, check, etc). Gregg will look into how to accomplish this.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ruth Wolfish..  
Seconded by Liz Arnold and approved unanimously.  
The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Komanesky, NJSLA Chapter Secretary