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President's Message

By Nettie Seaberry, Chapter President

It really began at this past SLA's annual conference in Indianapolis. Several people, on different occasions, asked me what my platform would be as the new President of SLA's largest chapter. The reality of the fact that I was actually going to be President, and the responsibilities it carried began to creep in, and then the task that lay ahead became frightfully real. As I went about the conference, taking in all the general sessions, workshops, and social events I found myself asking others who'd held this position what they had done and, based on those responses, I thought I could determine what I might want to set out to accomplish. What I wound up with was a case of anxiety as I'd begun to hear so many stories from numerous people about what they did; didn't do; saw someone else do; thought they should have done, etc. And finally I just said...enough already!

As I began to give thought to what I'd like to attempt, or at least begin to set in motion, there are a few conceptual areas that hold a particular interest to me as relates to a direction for this chapter. And if you will indulge me for a moment I'd like to share just three areas.

1. New Blood Infusions

The New York Chapter has approximately five (5) library schools that we interact with in some form or another. Except for the Affirmative Action Scholarship winner, selected from one of these schools on a rotating basis, and the annual invitation sent to them to attend the N.Y. Chapter Career Fair, it seems to me that we are under utilizing a wealth of potential talent this profession needs.

We have a volunteer among our ranks who has stepped forward to be the Library School Liaison. We have a volunteer who has taken on the task of working as the Membership Chair. It would seem to me that there are forces in place that if harnessed together can create some exceptional opportunities. What this says to me is that we have an opportunity to install a "swinging door." I've seen past requests for mentors appear in this medium, but somehow I don't think we've responded to the call. And why is that? Is it because we're too busy just trying to stay afloat in our own sea of work? Did we not once have a need to ask someone in this profession for his or her opinions, or advice? Wasn't there a time when we were first stepping into this realm of work (and I'm sure that if we tried, we can all remember that time)? Then why aren't we more receptive to wanting to give back some of that time? I have already heard from many about how they'd consider helping, but the overriding question that constantly rears it's head is "HOW MUCH TIME WILL IT INVOLVE?" I know how hard it is to give up "some" measure of time, especially when many of us have more than eight hour days. But I can only think that one way to feel as though we're making some type of contribu-

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tion to our successors is to allow them to learn from us. As the door swings in, we are letting in the new talents, the breadth of innovative ideas, and the energy that comes with this package. As the door swings out, we are sharing a wealth of knowledge, enjoying the feeling of giving and, maybe, become the motivating factor that introduces a new colleague to the fold.

2. Networking

Volunteers are motivated by personal benefits that include the chance to learn or pursue personal interests as well as career advancement and more importantly — recognition.

Networking includes the relationships that develop from professional contacts, social and personal relationships and information exchanges in shared interest groups or at professional conferences. This becomes very obvious to me as I think back to the annual conferences attended over the years, as well as the number of arenas where I've met people outside the work environment. As a matter of fact, we all have used these opportunities to our advantage in a number of situations — but perhaps we didn't know what it was "formally" called. Networking with our peers provides the means to achieve "added value" — investing personal time to develop relationships that permit informative discussions about business strategies, organizational effectiveness, and even personal goals that can produce a desired outcome.

Leaders and planners use collaborative processes to create advance shared visions of the future. It's through the process of collaboration that we meet new people: listening and learning from others' opinions, learning the group's dynamics and what's important to the group. The New York Chapter, because of its size, wealth of talent, and variety of disciplines, has the opportunity to form strong partnerships with other organizations in and around the metropolitan area; to be a viable leader in this field and to effect decisions and change in and to our profession.

So what is the price of networking? Fundamentally it requires a willingness to meet with others, to share both successes and failures. In my view—networking is a critical skill, something they don't teach in Library School and something we should be doing more of. Particularly as it relates to our potential wealth of talent, in the "swinging door" scenario and the strategic partnerships on the horizon. I say let's never underestimate the power of networking.

3. Innovations...the coming of the Electronic Age for the Chapter?

Although face-to-face meetings undoubtedly have irreplaceable value for some purposes, the Internet and e-mail open up possibilities for fully documented interaction that can occur at times and places convenient to individuals. I've used this last train of thought on networking to segue into my last area of interest. Having been an observer for the past year, I've taken note of the surveys asking our membership for feedback on an electronic vs. paper mode communication. And although the responses were lower than expected, the majority of respondents said they preferred the printed format. That response generated two feelings. The good thing is that people still like to read; to hold a tangible document in hand for leisure reading. But on the other hand, when we examine the cost of printing, the time involved to find willing participants to produce the printed word, the effort involved at getting the membership to contribute in a timely fashion the items needed to fill the pages; or better yet, to ask for and then have to wait for questionnaires to be completed and returned for the inclusion in the directories we are responsible for publishing, Taking all this into consideration, it then appears to me that this whole issue needs to be revisited again.

There are no hard and fast answers to this issue. But we need to be realistic in reviewing other's modules that can disseminate information to a chapter this size in the most effective, efficient manner. We will continue to investigate this area in more detail. It may not be resolved during my tenure, but I would like to set the gears in motion. To begin to affect the concept that a time has come for change. If we seek to remain competitive as an association, as a chapter and as a group of dynamic individuals, then we have to understand that change is inevitable, and that's a good thing.

SLA Scholarships

Nettie Seaberry

The SLA Scholarship Committee grants up to \$30,000 each year in scholarships. Scholarships are available for graduate study leading to a master's degree, graduate study leading to a Ph.D., and for post-MLS study. Information about the 1998/99 scholarship program and applications are available by contacting Sherry Wilson, Membership Assistant, at (tel) 202-234-4700, ext. 641, or sherry@sla.org. Application deadline for the SLA Scholarship program is October 31, 1998.



(L-R) Carol Ginsburg LMD Nominating Committee (NY Chapter), Susan Klopper, awardee, Carol Berger, sponsor.

SLA/Library Management Division Announces Management Award Winner

The Library Management Division presented its 1998 Management Leadership Award to Susan M. Klopper, on June 8, 1998 during the Special Libraries Association annual conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. Susan M. Klopper is the manager of the Atlanta information Center at Arther Andersen LLP.

The \$750 award was funded by C. Berger and Company (CBC), Carol Stream, IL, the Midwest's largest library personnel and information management service firm. Carol A. Berger, CBC's president, presented the award instituted in 1988, which recognizes a member's significant contributions to leadership in the profession of information management. "I'm delighted to join her peers in acknowledging Susan Klopper for her creativity and dedication to the profession." said Carol Berger. "She is an energetic and talented role model who is exceptionally qualified for this special prize."

Susan Klopper's accomplishments include establishment of Internet training programs for local Andersen employees. She has also been instrumental in obtaining new technology for the information center and broadening available services.

In addition to Ms. Klopper's achievements within Arthur Andersen, she has been an active participant in SLA at both the chapter and the association levels. A past president of the Georgia chapter, she has chaired the Business & Finance Division, and the Library Management Division. Susan holds both the MLS and MS degrees from Southern Connecticut State University, and a BA from the University of North Carolina.

SLANY-L Update

Steven Johnson, Listserv Coordinator

It's been a quiet summer on SLANY-L, the listserv of the New York City Chapter of the Special Libraries Association. Although low message traffic has characterized SLANY-L since it began operation in June 1996, with a marked absence of casual conversation, message traffic this summer was remarkably low. For those of you who already have enough e-mail to read, this paucity of messages may qualify as a feature, not a failure, of SLANY-L.

At present, SLANY-L has 436 subscribers—455 subscribers disclosed to me by the command “review SLANY-L” less the 19 subscribers whose messages currently bounce back to me whenever a SLANY-L message is distributed.

These messages bounce back to me because the e-mail accounts of these subscribers are no longer active or their mailboxes are not accepting mail. Although I periodically delete these non-functional accounts from the roster, the number of problem subscriptions tends to grow back to about five per cent of the total number of subscribers.

When active mailboxes return mail, it usually means the mailbox owner has exceeded a space quota or there is a systems problem. Some systems, such as AOL, allow mailbox owners to reject messages from senders not on a list of approved senders provided by the mailbox owner. One SLANY-L subscriber recently implemented this AOL feature, but neglected to put SLANY-L on the “approved sender” list. I was unable to query the subscriber by e-mail because I am not on the “approved sender” list either.

My philosophy of list management has been to focus on technical issues and service to subscribers, rather than the stimulation of message traffic. Most often, service consists of finding out why a subscriber could not post a message or unsubscribe from the list.

The explanation is usually that the subscriber's e-mail server changed its name in a subtle way, such as the changes at my organization from mail.wcs.org to mail1.wcs.org and finally to wcs.org. These changes usually do not interfere with the delivery of mail, but the listproc program is unforgiving when a subscriber with a changed domain name attempts to post a message or send a command to the listproc program.

From time to time, listproc rejects a message which it determines has a checksum identical to a message previously distributed to the list. This feature of listproc was implemented as a way to prevent mail loops, but it sometimes rejects messages which seem non-identical to me. The fix I recommend is to change the message in a

minor way, thereby altering the checksum. Inserting a blank line between paragraphs or a dotted line at the end of the message should do the trick.

To review some listserv basics:

- ▲ Messages intended for the list as a whole should be sent to slany-l@metro.org
- ▲ Commands for joining or leaving the list should be sent to listproc@metro.org
- ▲ The command to subscribe is slany-l yourname here.
- ▲ The command to unsubscribe is signoff slany-l.

Because of the limitations of certain e-mail systems, some SLANY-L subscribers have difficulty reading attached files. For that reason I recommend that announcements be included in the body of messages, rather than being sent as attached files. On most e-mail systems, previously prepared text can be inserted or pasted into the body of a message using a clipboard paste command or a file insert command.

Requests for assistance with SLANY-L should be sent to me at sjohnson@wcs.org with a copy to sjohnson@westnet.com. If you have an urgent problem, phone 718 220-6874. This office line has voice mail, so messages can be left at any time of day or night.

I look forward to seeing many SLANY-L subscribers at SLANY meetings this year and at the SLA national conference in Minneapolis next June.

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[An earlier version of this report was distributed to SLANY-L subscribers on August 27th.]

SLA, Dialog Corporation Explore Intranets

The Special Libraries Association (SLA) and distance learning program partner, The Dialog Corporation, will offer a new interactive program, **Harnessing Intranet Potential**. The educational session is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 1998, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EDT.

Participants will explore the Intranet phenomenon and will learn exactly what an Intranet is, how companies are using Intranets, roles and opportunities for information professionals, and the future of Intranets. The session includes a live satellite broadcast, workshops before and after the broadcast, the creation of an action plan to use at the office, and informative group discussions.

“Since its beginning in 1996, SLA’s distance learning program has had implicit value to our members,” commented David R. Bender, Ph.D., SLA Executive Director. **This October program recognizes that companies around the world need to formally harness knowledge and share it internally. We want to assist our members in this process.**

Panelists include information professionals from large and small organizations who will discuss how to harness and share knowledge through Intranets. The program is moderated by Anne Caputo, Senior Director, Academic and Professional Market Development, The Dialog Corporation. Presenters include Mary Corcoran, Vice President, Outsell, Inc.; Michael Crandall, Intranet Librarian, Boeing Technical Libraries; and Fran Voci, Intranet Librarian, Dow Chemical Company.

Live broadcasts have been scheduled for the following SLA/Dialog sites: Boston, MA; Chicago, IL; New York, NY; Philadelphia, PA; Silicon Valley, CA; Washington, DC; London, UK; and Toronto, ON. Registrations for these sites must be received by October 2, 1998. In addition to these sites, SLA/Dialog will also make the program available to any location within the United States, Canada, and Europe. Early bird registration deadline to set up a new site is September 15, 1998.

The prices to attend a pre-selected site are: \$69 member; \$89 non-member. Costs associated with establishing a new site are: \$325 member, \$375 non-member—if site is registered before September 15, 1998; and \$375 member, \$400 non-member—for new site registration after September 16, 1998 (prices listed are in US dollars). Registration forms and more information are available on the SLA Web site at <http://www.sla.org/professionals/dlweb.html>.

New Jersey SLA Participates in
Harnessing Intranet Potential.

The New Jersey Chapter of SLA has established an additional local site at Bellcore in Piscataway, NJ, for those interested in participating in the SLA/Dialog interactive program, **Harnessing Intranet Potential**. Complete directions and maps are available on the internet at: http://www.bellcore.com/BC.dynjava?Pya_dirMADGeneralMapsAndDirections. For further information, please contact Linda Kunz, Telephone: (973) 540-2603.

Members on the Move

On Saturday, October 3, 1998, **Phyllis Hodges** (*Director of Prospect Research at the National Urban League*) will be a **guest speaker** on the topic of Librarianship as an Alternative Career at the New York University School of Continuing Education Fall semester. The course, “Non-Teaching Careers in Education,” is designed for students to learn about career options in education that do not involve teaching. Phyllis will speak about her professional development in librarianship, as well as the educational requirements, characteristics and types of job opportunities in the library profession.

Lucy Lettis, Director of Business Information Services at Arthur Andersen LLP, has been invited to join the International Editorial Advisory Board of the Dekker Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science, a new six-volume A-Z reference to be published by Marcel Dekker, Inc.

The Business Information Center of **Arthur Andersen LLP** has added several new staff members in recent months. Shirley Loh, Information Specialist, joined the BIC team last winter. Andre Grgas, Information Specialist, came on board in the Spring. And Tamara Case, Technical Services Librarian, joined the group this summer. They join Lucy Lettis, Director; Andrew Gazzale and Marie Tirados, Information Managers; Pablo Arroyo, Research Assistant; and Carmen Dubuisson, BIC Assistant.

Chapter Home Page is Ready to Serve

Stan Friedman

Looking for the best web sites to help you in your role as an information professional? Wondering what's new on the SLANY events calendar? Need the e-mail address of your committee chairperson? All of this information, and much more, can now be found at the SLA New York Chapter Homepage, <http://www.sla.org/chapter/cny/>.

In addition to a general overview of the SLA and our chapter in particular, there are extensive links to sites of professional interest, New York related sites, a complete list of New York officers and chairs (as well as archived listings of last year's officials) and explanations of all the services and activities sponsored by SLANY. In the coming months new additions will be added to the site and your feedback on what those additions should include is welcome.

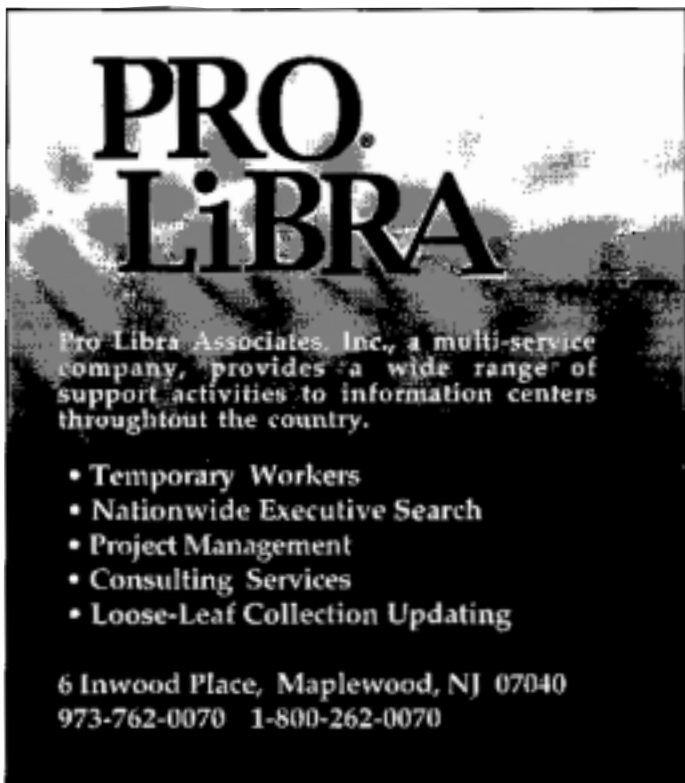
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Chapter Calendar

Sandra Kitt, *President-Elect*

We're baaaa-aack! This is not a how-I-spent-my-summer-vacation lead in, but rather a welcome back to the chapter members after what I hope was a cool, productive and fun summer for you all. Now it's time to get down to business again, and the Chapter Executive Board and Advisory Council are already rushing ahead with plans for this coming term. I get to do the fun stuff! Planning the chapter programs...and the annual holiday party.

The first program of the season is already set and will take place on October 13th. Our special guest speaker will be SLA's Executive Director David Bender. Mr. Bender will talk about librarians and the association, and how together we can prepare for the millennium and the future as "Virtual Librarians." This may be part one of a two-part program on the subject. Mr. Bender has been warned to expect an exciting and active Q&A with Chapter members, so come prepared with your questions and concerns. Flyers with full details will be mailed in September.

Also, well into the implementation stage are the arrangements for the always-anticipated holiday party. We've had a change of venue this year, from our usual space at the McGraw-Hill building. Due to extensive renovations, the 50th floor banquet room will not be available. This year's Arrangement Chair Louise Masarof, the Ways & Means Chair, Barbara Hirsh, and I have combed the countryside, so to speak, in our efforts to find a suitable and fun new location. I think you will be pleased and surprised at what we're pulling together. Details in the near future.

In the meantime, welcome back from summer! I hope as many of you as possible will join your Chapter Board and Advisory Council members for the upcoming events. I also hope that you won't hesitate to contact me or any of the Board members if you have suggestions or concerns.

New York Chapter/SLA 1998-99 Calendar

October 7

Executive Board Meeting

October 8

SLA On-line Event

October 13

1st NYChapter Program

Guest: David Bender, Executive Director, SLA

Location: Chase Manhattan Bank

270 Park Avenue @ 48th Street

Contact: Sandra Kitt

Tel: (212) 769-5215

October 15

Advertising/Marketing Meeting

Contact: Jude Hayes

October 21

Downtown Luncheon

Location: Bull Run

52 Williams Street

Contact: Jennifer Federmann

Tel: (212) 325-4803

October 27

Midtown Luncheon

Location: Cellini

65 East 54th Street

Guest: Barbara Semanche, Candidate for SLA President

Contact: Eileen Daly

Tel: (718) 439-1676

Lianna Kelly

Tel: (212) 713-8043

November 11

Advisory Council Meeting

November 17

Insurance & Employee Benefits Group

Contact: Catherine Porta

Tel: (201) 521-4252

November 18

Social Science Program

Location: Rockefeller Foundation

Contact: Kamla Motihar

Tel: (212) 838-8400

December 3

Holiday Party

Location: Coco Opera

58 West 65 Street

Contact: Sandra Kitt

Tel: (212) 769-5215

December 9

Executive Board Meeting

January 6

Midtown Luncheon

Contact: Eileen Daly

Tel: (718) 439-1676

Lianna Kelly

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January 8

Advisory Council Meeting

January 12, 14, 19

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Advanced Training in Web Site Design

Contact: Dana Gordon

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January 21-23

SLA Winter Meeting

February 10

Executive Board Meeting

February 16

Insurance & Employee Benefits Group

Contact: Catherine Porta

Tel: (201) 521-4252

March 3

Midtown Luncheon

March 10

Advisory Council Meeting

April 14

Executive Board Meeting

May 12

Annual Business Meeting/Elections

May 20

Midtown and Downtown Luncheon

May 25

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SLA New York Chapter Bylaws

ARTICLE I. NAME AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be New York Chapter, Special Libraries Association.

Section 2. The objectives of this Chapter shall be those of the Special Libraries Association: to provide an association of individuals and organizations having a professional, scientific or technical interest in library and information science, especially as these are applied in the recording, retrieval and dissemination of knowledge and information in areas such as the physical, biological, technical and social sciences and the humanities; and to promote and improve the communication, dissemination and use of such information and knowledge for the benefit of libraries or other educational organizations.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership of the Chapter shall be those members of the Association who reside or work within the geographical boundaries of the Chapter, defined as the City of New York, or who elect to affiliate with the Chapter.

Section 2. Members, Associate Members and Retired Members of the Association who are members of the Chapter shall have the right to vote and to hold any elective or appointive office in the Chapter.

Section 3. Student Members of the Association who are members of the Chapter shall have the right to vote and to hold any appointive, but not elective, office in the Chapter.

Section 4. The right and benefits of Sustaining Members and Honorary Members shall be determined by the Association Board of Directors.

Section 5. The right to receive the Chapter official bulletin free is given to each member.

ARTICLE III. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Board that shall have the power and authority to manage the Chapter's property and to regulate and govern its affairs. The Executive Board shall determine policies and changes therein within the limits of the Bylaws of the Association and of the Chapter and shall take such actions as it considers necessary to carry out the objectives of the Chapter and shall perform such other functions as the membership may direct.

Section 2. The Board shall consist of eight members elected by the membership: the president, the president-elect, the secretary, the treasurer, three directors and the immediate past president.

Section 3. The Board shall hold at least three meetings annually and may hold additional meetings upon call of the president or upon written request of any three members of the Board. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. A vacancy in the membership of the Executive Board, except in the office of the president, shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining members of the Board, this Board-elected member to serve until the next annual meeting.

Section 5. The term of office of president, president-elect and secretary shall be one year. The terms of treasurer, and directors shall be two years. All members of the Executive Board shall serve until their successors are elected and assume their duties. The term of office shall commence at the adjournment of the Association Annual Business Meeting, of if there is no Annual Business Meeting, on July 1 following the Chapter election.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. The president shall be the chief executive officer of the Chapter and, subject to the Executive Board, shall have general supervision and control over its affairs. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter and of the Executive Board. The president shall recommend to the Board such measures as he or she considers desirable to further the objectives and broaden the effectiveness of the Chapter. The president and the secretary shall sign all contracts and other legal documents (except checks), subject to the Guidelines for Association Property. Unless determined otherwise by the Executive Board, the president and the treasurer shall sign all checks drawn upon Chapter funds. The president shall be a member ex-officio without vote of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The president and the president-elect shall represent the Chapter at meetings of the Association Chapter Cabinet held during the Association Year in which they are president and president-elect; or, if either is unable to attend, the president shall designate a Member, Associate Member or Retired Member of the Chapter to serve as alternate representative. The president shall prepare such reports as may be required by the Chapter Cabinet officers and shall be responsible for supervising the preparation of such reports as may be required of other Chapter officers by the Chapter Cabinet officers.

Section 2. The president-elect shall assist the president in the performance of the president's duties and with the president, shall represent the Chapter at meetings of the Chapter Cabinet during the Association Year in which the office is held. In the event of absence or withdrawal of the president, all the president's duties and obligations shall be assumed by the president-elect.

Section 3. The secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Chapter and of the Executive Board. The secretary and the president shall sign all contracts and other legal documents (except checks). The secretary shall also perform such other duties as the president may assign.

Section 4. The treasurer shall have custody of the Chapter funds. The treasurer and the president shall sign all checks drawn upon Chapter funds, unless determined otherwise by the Executive Board. The treasurer shall furnish such financial statements as may be required by the president, Executive Board, the Finance Committee, and the Association Chapter Cabinet officers.

Section 5. The immediate past president and the directors shall carry out the duties of office as described in their guidelines.

ARTICLE V. ADVISORY COUNCIL

Section 1. There shall be an Advisory Council, which meets with the Executive Board not less than twice annually for consultation on Chapter activities.

Section 2. The Advisory Council shall consist of both Standing and Special Committee Chairmen and Chairman of the various Groups, organized in accordance with the Chapter Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

Section 1. At least three Chapter meetings shall be held each year from June through May. The meeting immediately prior to the Association Annual Conference shall be the Chapter annual business meeting.

Section 2. Special meetings may be held upon call of the Executive Board or upon written petition of 25 members. Notice of special meetings shall be sent to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of such meetings. Notice of a special meeting shall specify the business to be transacted and no business other than that stated in the notice shall be considered.

Section 3. Notice of meetings in writing or printed in the official Chapter bulletin shall be sent to each member at least two weeks before the meeting.

Section 4. A quorum for the transaction of business shall be 50 Chapter members.

Section 5. When not in conflict with these Bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order Revised (latest edition) shall govern all deliberations.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing and special committees shall be established by the Executive Board. These committees shall be responsible to the Executive Board which will delegate such powers and functions to them, as the Board finds desirable for the conduct of its business and for carrying out the objectives of the Association.

Section 2. The president shall appoint the chairmen of all committees except the Nominating Committee and those chairmen appointed by the president-elect. The president shall have approval of all designated members of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 3. Each committee shall submit to the Executive Committee Board a written report of its activities throughout the year, together with any recommendations considered necessary or advisable. Additional reports may be submitted by a committee or requested by the Board of the president.

Section 4. Funds for committee expenses shall be authorized by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII. GROUPS

Section 1. The Executive Board may authorize the establishment of Groups upon written request of 25 members. Groups shall receive needed operating funds from the Chapter and shall submit an annual report including a financial statement. The Executive Board may, at its discretion, recommend the discontinuance of a Group when, in its opinion, the usefulness of the Group has ceased, and it shall be dissolved if such action is approved by a majority vote of the members present and voting at a regular meeting of the Chapter. Should such dissolution of a Group occur, Group assets shall revert to the Chapter. Formation or dissolution of a Group shall be reported to the Chapter Cabinet officers.

Section 2. Sub-groups relating to definite areas of interest within a group may be authorized by the Executive Board upon written request of ten members, with prior consent of the sponsoring group. The sponsoring group shall include information on its sub-group in its annual report and in its financial statements.

ARTICLE IX. FUNDS, CONTRACTS AND PROPERTY

Section 1. Funds for the Chapter expenses shall be derived from the Association as an allotted share of the annual dues paid by Chapter members. Eligibility for this allotment is based on the submission to the Chapter Cabinet officers of the Chapter financial statement for the previous year and on its acceptance by those officers. Requests for additional funds or loans may be submitted to the Chapter Cabinet officers for presentation to the Association Board of Directors for its consideration. All funds received by Chapter shall be used for purposes incident to the fulfillment of the Chapter's objectives. Should dissolution of the Chapter occur, its assets shall revert to the Association.

Section 2. Any agreement or contract entered into by the Chapter shall have advance approval of the Executive Board. If liability exceeds the Chapter's available or budgeted funds, prior notification shall be made to the Chapter Cabinet officers for the purpose of obtaining the required advance approval of the Association Board of Directors. All affiliate and contractual relationships shall be directed toward the best interest of the Chapter and the Association and shall protect the property and identity of the Chapter and the Association.

Section 3. Purchase of property by the Chapter shall have the written approval of the Executive Board. If the cost is over \$1000, it shall have the advance approval of the Chapter members. If it exceeds the Chapter's available or budgeted funds, or exceeds \$1000, prior notification shall be made to the Chapter Cabinet officers for the purpose of obtaining the required advance approval of the Association Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. A Nominating Committee for each election of members to the Executive Board shall be appointed by the Board in December preceding the election. The Committee is composed of a Chairman and four additional members, no one of whom shall be a member of the current Executive Board.

Section 2. Each year the Nominating Committee shall present one candidate each for the office of president-elect and secretary. For a term of office beginning with the odd-numbered years (i.e. 1979/80), the Nominating Committee shall present nominations for the treasurer and director whose primary function is publications. For a term of office beginning with even-numbered years (i.e. 1980/81), the Nominating Committee shall present nominations for the director whose primary function is awards and for the director whose primary function is finance. The office of treasurer and all directors are two year terms. Prior to the submission of its report, the Nominating Committee shall obtain the written acceptance of each nominee as indicated in the Committee's guidelines.

Section 3. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be read at the Chapter meeting preceding the Chapter annual business meeting. Additional names may be placed in nomination at that time provided acceptance of the nominee is assured. The final report of the Nominating Committee shall be included in the notice of the Chapter annual business meeting.

Section 4. If the slate includes more than one candidate of any office, election shall be by written ballot mailed to each Chapter member three weeks before the Chapter annual business meeting. The candidate who receives the largest number of votes for any office shall be elected. In the event of a tie, election shall be by majority vote of the members present and voting at the Chapter annual business meeting.

ARTICLE XI. PUBLICATIONS

Section 1. Control of all publications of the Chapter for its members shall be vested in the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Chapter shall not be responsible for statements or opinions advanced in its publications or at meetings or the Chapter, or for statements by any of its members except those authorized by the Chapter Executive Board or those reflecting duly established policies of the Chapter or Association.

ARTICLE XII. CHAPTER REPRESENTATION AND AFFILIATION

Section 1. Chapter representatives to joint committees and meetings of other societies shall be appointed by the president. Such representatives shall submit at least one written report to the Executive Board during the year.

Section 2. Upon approval by the majority of the Chapter members voting, the Chapter may affiliate or disaffiliate with a local common interest organization provided that:

(1) The objectives of such organization are consistent with those of the Chapter and of the Association, and (2) The activities of such organization are not in conflict with Article 1. Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Association Bylaws: any other affiliation, including that with a national or international organization, shall be approved by the Association Board of Directors. Notices of affiliations and disaffiliations shall be reported to the Chapter Cabinet officers and to the administrator of the Association office.



ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any Chapter meeting provided that written notice containing the text of the proposed amendment has been sent to each member at least 30 days before the meetings at which it is to be considered.

Section 2. Amendments may be proposed by the Executive Board, the Bylaws Committee or 25 members of the Chapter. Proposals originating in the Executive Board or in the Bylaws Committee shall be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board before submission to the members. Proposals originating by petition shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Board and shall be presented to the members with the recommendation of the Board.

Section 3. Any revisions in or amendments to the Chapter Bylaws shall be submitted to the Association Bylaws Committee for review before presentation to the Chapter membership.

Approved at Chapter annual business meeting, May 16, 1978; Article VIII, Section 2, approved by the NYC Chapter Executive Board, May 2, 1979.

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1998 National Awards and Honors

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John Cotton Dana: Conferred upon an individual member(s) in recognition of exceptional service to special librarianship.

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Professional Award: Given to an individual or group, who may or may not hold membership in the Association, in recognition of a specific major achievement in, or a specific contribution to, the field of librarianship or information science, which advances the Association's stated objectives.

Rose L. Vormelker Award: Given to an individual member(s) in recognition of exceptional services to the profession of special librarianship in the area of mentoring students and/or practicing professionals in the field.



Business and Finance Division honors SLA-NY Member. Joan Canning, left, received a Distinguished Service award from the Business and Finance Division of SLA at the annual conference in June. Joan, who retired in December after more than 30 years with the Brooklyn Public Business Library, received the honor from fellow SLA-NY member Agnes Mattis, who chaired the division's awards

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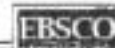
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Recent issues have focused on UK internet sites in the areas of travel and tourism, law, business and accounting and trade association.

Welcome, New Members

Donna Abbaticchio, Membership Chair

The following members joined the New York Chapter between May and July 1998. Many new and interesting organizations are represented. Quite a few new members have joined the recently formed Legal Division. Look for the distinctive name badges for new members at Chapter meetings and introduce yourself .

Abrams, Bruce - Office of New York City Clerk (Legal)

Adler, Tobi - Touro College (MAHD)

Bernstein, Jay - St. John's University (SOC)

Bindelglass, Neil - Lehman Brothers (B&F)

Brandt, J. Eric - Financial Times Electronic Pub.

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Gannon, Michael - A.T. Kearney, Inc.

Gardella, Jeannine - (SOC)

Gilbert, Betsy - Rochester Regional Library Council (ITD)

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Levy, Daphne - Booz Allen & Hamilton, Inc. (Pharm)

Malandra, Patricia - Gaylord Brothers (LMD)

Marangoni, Eugene - Dialog Corp.

Marcus, Sara - (SOLO)

Mitchum, David - Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison

Nadelbach, Sharon - The Foundation Center Library (SOC)

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Midtown Luncheons – Plan to Join Us!

Eileen Daly

The Midtown Luncheon Committee has scheduled the first luncheon of the 1998/99 Season for October 27, 1998. It will be held at an old favorite, Cellini located at 65 East 54 Street between Madison and Park Avenues. Many of you will remember Cellini, described by the 1998 Zagat Survey as a “pretty restored” Tuscan farmhouse, as the location of last year’s September luncheon. Back by popular demand, a choice of entrees from the Northern Italian menu will include Filet of Salmon, Sautéed Veal with white wine, Spring Chicken with Shiitake mushrooms and asparagus, or Penne with Japanese eggplant, tomatoes, basil and mozzarella. Full details will be mailed out shortly, and a notice will be posted to the Listserv.

We are pleased to welcome Barbara Semonche, national candidate for President-Elect of SLA as our guest on October 27. We hope the membership will make a special effort to join us as we begin the season. (*Take the Lexington Avenue 6 train to 51st Street, or the E or F train to 5th Avenue.*)

Plans are also underway for Midtown Luncheons to be held on January 6 and on March 3, 1999. In January we are planning to try something new. For the March gathering we have something special in mind, but it’s too soon to tip our hand. Mark your calendars and watch for further details!

Lastly, the Midtown and Downtown Committees are planning a Joint Luncheon to be held on May 20, 1999. We’re looking for a centrally located restaurant so that as many of our members as possible can attend what promises to be a wonderful way to close out the year.

Your suggestions or recommendations will be welcome. If you would like to be included on the Midtown Luncheon Mailing List, please contact Lianna Kelly at lkelly@collegeboard.org or write to Lianna at The College Board, 45 Columbus Avenue, New York, NY 10023-6992. You can also contact Eileen Daly at daly88@idt.net.

Diversity Leadership Development Program

Nettie Seaberry

The Diversity Leadership Development Program (DLDP) is designed to accelerate the advancement of members of diverse backgrounds by implementing more leadership opportunities within SLA and to assure that the Association remains vital, relevant, and representative of its diverse membership.

Sponsored by EBSCO and administered by SLA and the Affirmative Action Committee, this program has an October 31, 1998 deadline for receipt of applications for the 1999 award. Five candidates will be selected to participate in the program. Those selected will each receive \$1000 to encourage continuing education or assist in conference expenses; complimentary registration for the 1999 Annual Conference in Minneapolis; and will be teamed with an experienced mentor who will provide

guidance in understanding the mechanics of the Association and the roles of Association leaders. Candidates must have been members of SLA for at least two years; be from one or more of the following categories, Black, Asian/Pacific Island, Hispanic, American Indian/Alaskan Native; and have between 2-5 years of professional library or information experience.

The Affirmative Action Committee urges you to take an active role in identifying potential leaders among SLA's diverse membership; individuals can also nominate themselves. To obtain a nomination form or receive additional information about DLDP, contact Sherry Wilson at SLA headquarters (tel) 202-234-4700 ext. 641 or sherry@sla.org.

The Affirmative Action Committee is also seeking seasoned Association members to serve as mentors. Members of diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to participate in this program. Mentor application forms are also available through Sherry Wilson at SLA headquarters.

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Internet Odds and Ends

Leslie M. Kuizema, CBS News Library

Haven't we all found a tidbit of information that we thought was fascinating, but didn't really know what to do with it? If we throw it away, we will surely need it tomorrow. These sites all attempt to collect and organize those tidbits—perhaps freeing up some of our desk space!

Today's Calendar and Clock Page

<http://www.panix.com/~wllinden/calendar.shtml>

If it happened on this day in history or you need to know what day it is according to any calendar, you will surely find reference to it at this site. This is essentially a collection of links to information on every conceivable calendar, many tied in to the current date or even time. Go down the list and click for links to other sites with information on Today's Jewish Date, the Moslem Prayer Time calculator, the Mayan Calendar, Today's Baha'i Date, and many others. Also useful are the calendar converters, which allow you to calculate dates from one calendar system to the next.

The Archive of Useless Facts and Trivia

<http://trivia.lsd.com/>

The Archive of Useless Facts has entered its 5th year of operation. The goal is to create a central search engine for collecting and finding fringe trivia about everything. Here you can find out anything from the origins of the Super Bowl to the name of John Lennon's first girlfriend. Users submitting facts compile this site. The site states that anything obviously stupid or false is rejected and since July 1998, all facts submitted **MUST** have some sort of source included. While this is not a foolproof method of verification, the site claims that from a few random samples that have been verified, about 98% of the information in this archive is accurate.

My Virtual Reference Desk

<http://www.refdesk.com/>

And finally My Virtual Reference Desk offers a way out of organizing all those web addresses that you've accumulated. The mission statement for My Virtual Reference Desk (MVRD) defines three goals: (1) fast access, (2) intuitive and easy navigation and (3) comprehensive content, rationally indexed. MVRD succeeds at each turn. From grammar help to news services to investing resources, you find it all easily with this site's wonderful organization.

ChapterNews To Print or not to Print...

Leslie Slocum

That IS the question! Several issues past, a survey appeared in ChapterNews asking for members' opinions on the future of ChapterNews. The bad news is that the response was miniscule; the good news is that, even with such a small return, the trends were clear. Chapter members value the newsletter; they want to continue receiving and reading it; they want ALL members to have access to it.

But what of the format for ChapterNews and, most importantly, how will we as a Chapter produce future issues? Elsewhere in this issue of ChapterNews there are articles describing SLANY-L and the Chapter's internet site. Most of us are moving into the electronic work zone at our offices and it is certainly time for us to avail ourselves of the on-line options offered to us by the Chapter. Just as we are harnessing new web sites into our work, so we should be integrating new electronic resources into our professional activities.

The need for greater electronic migration became a more pronounced issue for the Chapter this year, when it became impossible for us to identify any Chapter members willing to volunteer their time to edit and produce a print version of ChapterNews. Unquestionably, volunteers who have worked on ChapterNews in the past have found it to be a demanding job. They have also found it to be challenging, worthwhile and informative. If we are to continue printing issues of ChapterNews, rather than relying solely on electronic methods for distribution of information to members, then individuals willing to work on Chapter News must come forward.

In the next few weeks, the Executive Board will be focusing on the future of ChapterNews. I would urge any members interested in working on this publication to contact Chapter President Nettie Seaberry or Publications Director Leslie Slocum.

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