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President's Message

By Nettie Seaberry, Chapter President

In a recent issue of Information Outlook, David Bender referred to a popular business expression called "Intellectual Capital." He stated that we, collectively, are part of SLA's Intellectual Capital. The numerous SLA committees would be hard pressed to function efficiently and effectively without the resources individuals (*volunteers*) bring to the table. The different skill sets, unique to each individual, as well as experiences help to move SLA's strategic plan in a direction that advances the leadership role of SLA members in putting knowledge to work for the benefit of decision-makers in our knowledge-based society.

Think of the structure of SLA. It is configured with various committees, divisions, and chapters in such a way that one can test his or her leadership abilities at a lower level. The more these areas are supported by the parent group and members, the more they can be used as a breeding ground for developing leaders. Needless to say the New York Chapter works on the same premise. Through the various committees, division groups and ad-hoc or sub committees, individuals can use these venues to hone their skills. And don't think of it merely in terms of what you can give to the chapter, but rather what you can come away with and apply to your personal and professional self. As much as you put in is as much as you'll gain in return.

These past few months have been quite a learning experience. I began with a great deal of trepidation. The fear that perhaps I didn't know enough people to fill the needed positions was unnerving, but I soon discovered a willingness from many to step forward and work together as a team. And together, we have begun to take some progressive steps to moving this chapter toward the 21st century. Being in a leadership position doesn't mean you work in a vacuum, the key word is always "team" effort. We've had some drop offs early in the year. For reasons that came unexpectedly, we have had to say early good-byes to a few of our volunteers, but I believe having to fill a void left behind by good people gives one the opportunity to add to the richness and diversity of the group. And so the challenge is ever present to find talents among us.

In sending out a call for volunteers earlier in the year it was brought to my attention that perhaps some of you felt that the word "Chair" implied that we needed people with tons of experience. NOT! We are always in search of people who just want to pitch in where there's a need. There is no experience necessary to volunteer. Just a willingness to be part of a forward thinking group of dynamic spirits, who have a need to see this chapter thrive in the ever expanding and continuously changing world of technological and knowledge based factors that impact the information age we live in.

We are seeking to grow future leaders for this chapter and the association. By the time you receive this we will have had our first Professional/Student Mix which was held at the Puck Building on a Saturday afternoon in November.

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Sandra Kitt, President-Elect

We are now in the midst of the holiday season, which began with our annual holiday party. This year the event was held at a new venue, owing to the renovations under way at our usual place, the McGraw-Hill building in midtown. However, the setting at CoCo Opera, a popular and lively restaurant near Lincoln Center, was a wonderful substitute!

We were fortunate to have the support of sponsors, SECURITIES DATA, THOMSON FINANCIAL SERVICES, and CDA/SPECTRUM...all part of the same family...who were responsible for the invitations, and the goody-bags at the end of the evening. Our most sincere thanks to them for their generous participation.

The New York Chapter also put together a last minute program on Saturday, November 21st, directed toward undergraduate and graduate students in information sciences, which allowed them to interact on a more or less one to one basis with our chapter members. We were approached by a student at Pratt who indicated that being able to meet and talk with professionals in an informal setting, was the one thing most students don't have an opportunity to do. The response from chapter members volunteering to be available on the 21st was gratifying, and presented a great opportunity for all. Out of this also came a willingness of some of our members to open up their facilities to very small numbers of students, who might wish to "tour" a functioning special library in any number of disciplines, such as business and finance, museums, or the social sciences.

We consider this event successful enough to consider incorporating it as an annual event for students in the metropolitan area graduate schools.

Finally, plans are well under way for Part II of our program on The Virtual Library/Librarian. Part I, which took place on October 13th with David Bender as keynote speaker, was a great success. We had a gratifying turnout of members, and hope to see the same interest and support for the concluding program. Part II is set for Tuesday, February 2nd, and will be a panel of three professionals who can discuss the issue from a number of concerns and perspectives. Questions will be presented and fielded by a moderator. Please mark your calendars for that date. It will be held at the New York Genealogical Society on East 58th Street in Manhattan. There may be a possible third program this year, in late March. Ideas and details to follow.

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Insurance & Employee Benefits Group

By Catherine Porta, Chair

The Insurance and Employee Benefits Group held their Fall meeting on November 17. The event was generously sponsored by BNA. Vendors were on hand to demonstrate their various electronic offerings. Representatives from BNA covered the following products: Human Resource Library on the Web, Year 2000 Law Report, Product Safety and Liability Reporter, Workers' Compensation Reporter, and Managed Care Reporter. Information on free 30-day trials can be found at <http://www.bna.com>. AlignMark (*formally RLA*) was on hand to demonstrate their Advisor on the Web product. A free trial of AlignMark's daily newsletter can be subscribed to at <http://www.hrwire.com>.

IEB's Winter meeting will be held February 16, 1999. That meeting will focus on Intranet development. If anyone is interested in showcasing their company's achievement in this area, please contact Cathy Porta, PricewaterhouseCoopers, 101 Hudson Street, Jersey City, NJ (catherine.porta@us.pwcglobal.com).

Information Technology Group

By Stephen Rubalcaba, Chair

The ITG of New York is hoping to put a program together in January discussing Year 2000 issues. As we come to the beginning of the 21st Century many computer systems could fail because of the Millennium Bug. Most computer systems and software were only built to recognize two digit date fields. As we reach the year 2000 these systems will mistake the 00 for the year 1900.

In the ever increasing technological environment of the modern library and business information center what can be done to prepare for this event? These are some of the topics which we hope to cover in this program. While we are still gathering panel members for this discussion I can say that the vendor perspective will be presented by myself, a new employee of IAC who has had to help clients deal with Y2K.

When the particular date and time of the event become settled information will be broadcast through the NY SLA listserv and home page.

In January ITG will work with METRO to offer several beginning and advanced HTML courses. This is an excellent opportunity for those librarians who are just beginning to take advantage of corporate intranets and the general World Wide Web to learn how to create their own web pages. As corporations start making intranets available to their employees more and more libraries are taking advantage of the new open environment to promote themselves and offer services. Learn how to take advantage of the Web in one of three classes on January 12, 14 or 19. ITG will send out further information and registration forms as we approach January. So look for one of our mailings or at the New York SLA web site. If you have any questions or comments about these events please call me at (212) 806-8010 or by E-mail at stephen_rubalcaba@iacnet.com

Arthur Andersen NY Business Information Center (BIC) Celebrates Opening of New Facility

On Tuesday evening, October 27, the Arthur Andersen NY Business information Center held a Grand Opening celebration to mark the occasion of their relocation to an expanded, improved information facility.

Lexis-Nexis provided substantial sponsorship for the event, which was an elegant and lavish cocktail party, and also assisted in its planning. After welcoming remarks from BIC Director Lucy Lettis, Lexis-Nexis National Account Manager Bill Sisson spoke to attendees about the strong partnering relationship between the AA BIC and Lexis-Nexis. He characterized the BIC as being, in his experience, "the flagship of information centers."

Following Sisson's comments, Arthur Andersen Office Managing Partner Lou Salvatore spoke at length about the importance of leveraging the BIC's high-end research services in developing new business and in satisfying the needs of current AA clients. Salvatore spoke of the BIC as a "leading edge practice" within Arthur Andersen, and talked about how the department is contributing to growth of the firm's bottom line. He and Lettis then together performed the ceremonial ribbon-cutting to open the new facility.

Attendees included numerous Andersen partners, principals, senior managers, and other personnel who enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres while touring the new BIC and learning about its resources and value-added services. The evening concluded with a raffle drawing, courtesy of Lexis-Nexis, for dinner for two at one of NYC's finest restaurants.

National SLA Candidates Attend Midtown Luncheons

*January 6 Luncheon to be held at Christer's
By Eileen Daly, Midtown Luncheon Co-Chair*

With forty members in attendance, the first Midtown Luncheon of the season was a great success. It took place on October 27 at the charming Cellini Restaurant, where the food was excellent. Barbara Semonche, national SLA candidate for president-elect was in New York for the October date, and the chapter was pleased to welcome her as our guest. After a few words of introduction, Ms. Semonche joined our members for lunch. It was a welcome chance to meet a candidate in a relaxed and casual atmosphere.

Donna Scheeder of the Library of Congress, the opposing candidate for president-elect, has graciously accepted our invitation to the January 6, 1999 luncheon. The venue for the January 6 luncheon is Christer's, centrally located at 145 West 55 Street, between 6th and 7th Avenue. Owner Christer Larsson, formerly executive chef of the well known Aquavit, opened this warm and enchanting Scandinavian restaurant five years ago to rave reviews for food, service and ambiance. A flyer with full details will be sent out soon, so make sure you are on the mailing list.

The midtown and downtown luncheons are strictly social events that offer an opportunity to visit with fellow professionals and enjoy a pleasant meal. There is no agenda, no speaker and no sponsor. The luncheon chairs are well aware of the time constraints we all work with, and every effort is made to stay within a reasonable "lunch" time frame.

Mark your calendar for January 6 to experience Christer's, meet Donna Scheeder, and make plans with your friends for SLA Midwinter (January 21-23).

Make up for all those lunch hours you work through!

**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 or contact Eileen Daly at daly88@idt.net.*

Members on the Move

Rita Ormsby, former editor of ChapterNews and currently Government Relations Chair of the New York Chapter, has been appointed librarian/instructor at the William and Anita Newman Library at Baruch College.

Susan Gormley, New York Chapter Public Relations Chair, has joined Santander Investment Securities as the company's Library Manager.

Agnes Mattis, Treasurer and Executive Board member of the New York Chapter, has been named Head, Corporate Library, at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom.

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Creating a Metropolitan Information Alliance: SLA-NY Takes the Lead

By Lois Weinstein

A Metropolitan New York Library Council (METRO) Special Interest Group (SIG) was created in November 1998 and funded by our chapter for one year. Its members will be composed of Presidents or Chairs, or their designates, of the various library and information groups in the New York metropolitan area. Please note that the designate must be a member of the organization's Executive Committee. The purpose of this group is to serve as a unifying body to address issues of common concern to librarians and information or knowledge management professionals. These issues might include, but are not limited to, areas of local or state legislation, funding, image, censorship, and other business issues.

Preliminary breakfast meetings were held in 1998 to identify interest and possible issues for action. Members of the following organizations attended: SLA New York Chapter (SLA-NY), Law Librarians of Greater New York (LLAGNY), local New York Library Association (NYLA) members, local members of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), local members of the American Libraries Association (ALA), local member of the NY/NJ Chapter of Medical Library Association (MLA) and other library and information professional organizations.

This SIG will more easily enable groups to work collaboratively; to identify issues, select one or more for unified action, agree on a course of action, and mobilize members in support of the selected issue(s). Due to the large number of libraries, information centers and information professionals located in the New York metropolitan area, a united effort for a specific cause should have a particularly powerful effect and influence. This SIG is not meant to handle program planning or professional development, but to work on issues such as those expressed above.

The group will use electronic methods to disseminate information about its actions and if you belong to the SLANY-I listserv (and why wouldn't you?) you will be kept informed.

Who knows? Ten years from now we may all look back on this and wonder why it took so long for "New York" to "get it together"!

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Social Sciences Division Spring Trip

By Monica Berger

SAVE THE DATE! The Social Sciences Division of SLANY is pleased to announce our Spring Trip to West Point and Boscobel Restoration, Saturday April 17th! The group will meet outside New York Public Library, the Center for the Humanities (42nd & 5th Ave.) We will be chartering a bus which will leave at 9 a.m. The morning will be spent at West Point visiting the library and touring the Academy. We will have lunch at the Officer's Club at the Academy from 12:30-1:45, and then go across the Hudson to nearby Boscobel. Boscobel Restoration features a lovely Federal-style mansion and is housed on beautiful grounds that overlook the Hudson.

Attention antiques lovers: Boscobel is noted for its outstanding collection of early 19th century furniture by cabinetmakers such as Duncan Phyfe and Michael Allison. We will be at Boscobel from 2-4 and will head back at 4:15 for New York.

International Libraries- Bibliography

By Ann Gibson, International Relations Chair

Some recent articles on International Libraries
(this is not a comprehensive list!)

In Chronological Order:

Traveling with the Freedom Forum, Barbara Semonche,
Information Outlook, June 1997, p.49 (Bucharest/Warsaw)

Zimbabwe Book Fair Celebrates Libraries, Carol Erikson,
American Libraries, October 1997, p. 30 (Zimbabwe)

Three Tales of Global Reach, Peter Brush, American
Libraries, October 1997, p. 44 (New Zealand, South
Africa, Laos)

Changing the World Through Books, Christine Watkins,
American Libraries, October 1997, p. 52, (Africa)(on
book donation programs)

In Times of Troubles: Library Progress in Northern Ireland, Ron
Chepesiuk, American Libraries, October 1997, p. 56
(Ireland)

Olympic Library Goes for Gold, Donald Maxwell, Informa-
tion Outlook, March 1998, p. 38 (Switzerland)

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Countries*, Charles O. Omekwu, Information Outlook,
April 1998, p. 33 (Nigeria)

*Project Management Seminar at the University of Trent —
Carrying the Message of Project Management Techniques to
Northern Italy*, Anna Merlo and Filippa Manello Anza-
lone, Information Outlook, June 1998, p. 8 (Italy)

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Information Outlook, July 1998, p. 8 (Ghana)

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tion Outlook, August 1998, p. 8, (Czech Republic)

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tion Outlook, September 1998, p. 9 (Germany)

Internet Impressions from Argentina, Jan Davis Tudor,
Information Outlook, November 1998, p. 10 (Argentina)

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****The full text of these articles can be found on the
internet at: Northern Light (www.nlsearch.com)

International Special Libraries in the Spotlight: Indian National Scientific Documentation Centre (INSDOC)

by Vandy Ranjan, Brooklyn Public Library and Ann Gibson, Warburg Pincus

The Indian National Scientific Documentation Centre was established in 1952 as India's national library of science. It is part of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and has three regional centers in Bangalore, Calcutta and Madras, with its main library in New Delhi. Typical users to the library include scientists, academics, engineers and software developers. The library is open to the public, but by appointment only due to the specialized nature of the collection. The director of the Centre, Professor T. Vishwanathan, is a scientist who pursued his professional studies in the US. INSDOC serves as a general repository for all of India's scientific information and attempts to procure all major scientific and technological books and periodicals produced in the country. The collection includes 138,000 volumes and 8,000 current periodicals. The Centre is part of a computerized communication network called SIRNET that has been set up to link the majority of research and development facilities in India. The Centre has many national and international online and CD-ROM databases available reflecting the scope of INSDOC's research interests: Indian Serials Contents on Multi-media (ISCOMM), Polymer Science Literature, Metallurgy Database, Database on Indian Patents (INPAT), Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Database (MAPA), the Database on Indian Experts, etc.

Beyond standard library and reference services, INSDOC has a translation division and a publishing division which produces Indian Science Abstracts, Annals of Library Science and documentation, and CSIR Research Output. They also publish a web based newsletter called Technology Flash, describing newly developed scientific methods and technologies from India. (Unfortunately, this hasn't been updated since 1997.) The Centre recently started a reprographic service called CAPS (Contents, Abstracts and Photocopies Service) to accommodate a sharp reduction in the availability of foreign periodicals. This service can provide copies of over 5000 foreign titles. The Centre provides a number of services to the Indian Library community. They assist in developing library programs from ground zero as well as modernizing those already in existence. A number of short term

courses are provided on timely issues of concern such as bibliometrics, developing computer applications for library and information activities and UNIX. INSDOC also offers an advanced two-year post graduate course resulting in an Associateship in Information Science. In the next few years INSDOC hopes to strengthen its information resource base by expanding its online services, gaining more expertise in the latest trends in library and information automation and broadening the research material available to India's R&D community through its SIRNET network. The Centre will also increasingly transfer its archival collection to electronic format. Website address:

<http://sunsite.sut.ac.jp/asia/india/jitnet/flash/insdoc.html>

This article was put together as part of the activities of the International Relations Committee. If you would like to find out more about the committee, please contact Ann Gibson or Jamie Russell.

Special Libraries Association South Atlantic Regional Conference

Sponsored by the Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia Chapters of the Special Libraries Association

March 11-13, 1999, Lightsey Conference Center – College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina
The SLA South Atlantic Regional Conference is in the planning stages, and the fundraising committee wishes to inform the New York Chapter/divisions regarding possible activities.

The conference, which will be held in the charming city of Charleston, South Carolina, from March 11th through 13th, 1999, is jointly sponsored by the Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia chapters of the Special Libraries Association. The event is expected to draw significant attendance from all five chapters, including many members of other chapters and numerous individuals who do not have the opportunity to attend the SLA Annual Conference. This will be the first regional meeting ever held in the Southeast, and we want you to be part of our success. The theme for the conference is "Networking 2000," and the focus will be on networking technology as well as professional networking opportunities. Speakers will include current SLA President Hayes, and Past-President, Judy Field.

Feel free to check out the web site at
<http://www.angelfire.com/sc/slaconf/sla.html>

Attention SLA Members

The Special Libraries Association's Research Committee is soliciting proposals for research projects in special librarianship and information management. Projects will be funded by the Steven I. Goldspiel Memorial Research Fund. Up to \$20,000 will be available in 1999. Applications are evaluated based on the purpose and objectives of the proposed project, the significance of the topic to the profession, the project's methodology, qualifications of staff, and the appropriateness of the project's budget and timetable.

According to SLA's Research Agenda, the following topics are of particular interest:

- Futures
- User Issues
- Measures of Productivity and Value
- Client/User Satisfaction Measures
- Staffing

The postmark deadline for submission of proposals is February 28, 1999. International applications accepted. The award will be announced by SLA's Board of Directors in June 1999. For further information, utilize SLA's Fax on Demand Service (1-888-411-2856, items #1401-1406) or website (www.sla.org/research/index.html) or contact Director, Research Ruth M. Arnold, Ph.D. at: 1-202-234-4700, ext. 615; fax: 1-202-265-9317; e-mail ruth@sla.org.

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SLA Executive Director Urges Members to Steal!

A Report by Andrew Berner, The University Club

Well, that should have gotten your attention. The date of October 13, the occasion was the first meeting of the Chapter for the 1998-99 program season, the venue was the auditorium of Chase Bank on Park Avenue, the subject was "SLA and the Virtual Librarian: Keeping Up With the Future," and the speaker was Dr. David Bender, Executive Director of the Special Libraries Association. To be fair, Dr. Bender wasn't suggesting that we all go out and help ourselves to the contents of our local supermarkets or department stores. When he said, "We're going to have to become better thieves," Bender was suggesting that we should be willing to steal good things that are happening around us, and good ideas from other professions and apply them to our own situations. So put down that phone. There's no need to call the police.

As you probably know, SLA has been moving in the direction of becoming a virtual association, that is, an association which is able to provide services and information to its members on a 24/7/365 basis. So far that effort has been most successful, with the Association's web-site-functioning well, as well as online publications, distance learning, and a series of continuing education courses which will be available only in online form (including one on "Time Management in Libraries and Information Services" by yours truly).

As far as individual members and their organizations are concerned, the prognosis for virtuality is more difficult to discern. With a vast array of special libraries represented amongst the membership, it is not surprising that there is a broad spectrum of "virtuality" represented among SLA's membership. In all cases, though, Bender indicated that the move to virtuality cannot simply be imposed on users, but have to include them in the planning process. "We, as professionals, have to consider how our users want to receive information," Bender remarked, "and then provide it accordingly." For the Association, the process is not much different, with the Association responding to the expressed needs of its members, particularly when it comes to virtuality.

Following his brief presentation, the floor was opened for questions and discussion. Bender noted that as we move toward the future, whether or not the environment in which we work is a virtual one, all information professionals are going to have to examine what our roles will be, and how we can best serve our users (and thereby insure our continued existence as a profession).

One attendee noted that content management would become of paramount importance, with professionals acting as filters and synthesizers to manipulate information and make it more useful to our users. Others felt that there was a danger that just as the public was becoming overwhelmed by the need to filter the vast array of information available on the web, information professionals, too, would become overwhelmed by this task. Were specific answers provided? No. It's the nature of our profession at this important crossroads that there simply aren't specific answers. But as professionals we must all insure that we are at least aware of the possibilities that exist, in order to allow us to make informed decisions, decisions which will, perhaps, determine the future viability of our positions, and of our profession.

Note: Dr. Bender's presentation was the first of a two-part program on the virtual librarian. The second part, which is scheduled for later this season, will involve a panel of practitioners in different stages of virtuality discussing the process, the desired results, the pros and the cons of being a virtual librarian. - The October 13 program was sponsored by TKTKTK, whose support of the chapter is greatly appreciated.

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Editor's Note

By Maureen Mason

Well I am happy to say that my first issue of ChapterNews has arrived at your doorstep, perhaps a little later than I had hoped, but you know what they say about the best laid plans. I want to thank everyone who has jumped to the plate to make this job a pleasant, fun experience. I am especially grateful to everyone who so kindly contributed to this issue.

You might wonder how I got to be the editor of Chapter News. Well I could tell you about my wealth of editing experience, but I don't have any. I could tell you about my long years of membership in SLA, but the truth is I have been a member for about three years (2 of those as a student member). I hope you are beginning to see a trend. I got to be the editor of ChapterNews because I walked into a reference meeting one morning and my colleague, Alison Fraser, asked if I had any interest in editing ChapterNews. I said sure. A little side note here – never be the last person to walk into a meeting – you just don't realize that everyone else already said no!

But truly, I have greatly enjoyed the process of putting together the newsletter. I could tell you that it was hard work, time consuming and have everyone admire my willingness to jump into the battle at the final hour, but again that would not be true. And since I believe that I must be honest about this (I believe it is written in the editor's oath I had to take), the truth is it didn't take a lot of time and it was fun!!

I hope this inspires others to take the plunge and get involved. I have been guilty of thinking about getting more involved in SLA, but being hesitant to volunteer because I did not think I knew enough about whatever the job entailed. I have since learned that the New York Chapter is filled with people with a variety of backgrounds and a host of different experiences, much like the librarian profession itself. As for the time factor, there is no getting around the fact that yes, being involved will take more time than not being involved and I am fully aware that time is a precious commodity. However, what I have learned and the people I have met so far have made the time contribution well worth it. And trust me (remember the honesty oath), it is not a lot of time.

I look forward to hearing from ALL New York Chapter members with news and article ideas. You can reach me via e-mail at maureen.mason@atkearney.com or by phone at 212-705-1595.

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Welcome New Members

By Donna Abbaticchio, Membership Chair

The following new members joined SLA between August and September. Look for the distinctive name tags worn by new members at chapter meetings. Introduce yourself, introduce them to your friends, make them feel welcome!

Agunlaye, Wande

Bacon, Janet - British Information Services (News)
Bournos, Daniella - Burings Furman Selz (B&F)
Brown, Linda - (ITE)

Calter, Mariellen - (ITE)
Cannestra, Natalie - Forbes Magazine (B&F)
Chamis, William - Mercer Management Consulting (B&F)

Egan, Jennifer - (B&F)
Ellis, Lisa

Gebauer, Marlene - Sidley and Austin (Legal)
Giovanniella, Annmarie - (ITE)

Harman, Elizabeth - Goldman Sachs (B&F)
Harris, Pauline - American Institute of CPA's (B&F)
Hayes, Christopher - RIS Legal Services (Legal)
Hayes, Susan - Lighting Research Ctr (Solo)
Hulser, Richard - IBM Corp. (MAHD)

Im, Suzy - People Magazine (News)
Ingenics, Julia - (B&F)

Johnston, Yvonne - Lexis - Nexis (Legal)

Kearney, Tara - Credit Suisse First Boston (B&F)
Kilmer, Beth - Economist Intelligence Unit

Landau, Annette - Jewish Women's Resource Ctr. (SOC)
London, Joy - Oceana Pubs. (Legal)
Lyons, Bruce - Springer-Verlag (BIO)

Mandel, Meyer - (Ins&EB)
Manning, Jerry - (B&F)
McGuire, Maureen - (B&F)
McKell, Linda - Advanced Info Management (LMD)
McKowen, Michelle - Russell Sage Foundation
Meltzer, Paulette - Domino Sugar Corp. (FAN)
Moon, Peter - Hartford Steam Boiler Inspec. & Insur. Co.(ENG)

Nielsen, Thomas - Hazen & Sawyer (ERM)

Pilson, Stacey - Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy (Legal)
Plante, Melissa - Frontier Insurance Group (Legal)

Rilette, Christy - (A&M)
Rubalcaba, Stephen - Information Access Co. (ITE)

Schechter, Jason - Bozell Worldwide
Sciamanna, Albert - Elsevier Sci (BIO)

Vanezio, Linda - Financial Times Electronic Pubs.

Wheeler, Anne - Financial Times Electronic Pubs.
Williams, David - Pace University School of Law (Legal)
Witt, Kyla - Federal Reserve Bank

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Chapter Meetings

Below you will find the minutes from the Executive Board Meetings of August 12 and September 9, 1998 and the minutes from the Advisory Council Meeting of September 9, 1998. The Advisory Council minutes are paginated as they are in the original, so that an exact replica has been maintained. These minutes provide you with information on recent New York Chapter Activities as well as upcoming plans. As you look through the minutes, spend a moment thinking about the items that you read and, if you think of a suggestion or find an item or event that interests you, by all means contact the person in charge of that activity and ask what you can do to help!

The minutes from these meetings are published so that all New York Chapter members can feel involved and aware of the activities that go on "behind the scenes." The minutes are meant to be read so that all chapter members can feel that they are truly a part of the New York Chapter. As 1998 draws to a close, the new year beckons with a clean slate and new resolutions. Perhaps one resolution this year for all us can be to pay attention to the activities of the members so that we can participate more effectively in the future. The New York Chapter is one of the largest Chapters in SLA and, as such, we should be a shining example of active participation and we should lead the way in innovative programs and events that prepare us all for the coming new year as well as the coming new century.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING August 12, 1998

Call to order: 5:40 p.m.
Adjourned 7:40 p.m.

Roll Call:

Nettie Seaberry, President; Sandra Kitt, Pres.-elect; Agnes Mattis, Treasurer; Louise Stoops, Secretary; Alison Fraser: Director, Awards; Andrew Gazzale, Director, Finance; Leslie Slocum, Director, Publications.

Minutes of Advisory council meeting held May 12, 1998 were approved.

Areas of importance to current President

Tentative calendar schedule set for the rest of year for the Advisory and Executive Board meetings.

Finding a permanent home for the chapter's archives.
Areas to be considered:

- a) cost of storage (currently stored in 13 boxes)
- b) consolidation of material
- c) keeping files on hand for easy reference
(only keep last 2 years of files with Archives chair)

The concept of Global 2000 a worldwide conference on Special Librarianship being held in Brighton, England, October 16-19, 2000 was briefly discussed.

Theme:

The Information Age: Challenges and Opportunities

The Mission:

To support and encourage interaction and networking among all participants to acquire knowledge about information services and to gain insights into other people and places.

Objectives:

- a) To cooperatively seek solutions to common problems;
- b) To expand networking opportunities;
- c) To provide a learning environment that is open and non threatening;
- d) To establish a global alert system among participants that will build and strengthen SLA's international presence.

The president expressed a desire to become more actively involved with the neighboring New Jersey Chapter in sponsoring a foreign library staff member to attend the conference.

President elect discussed various venue options for the upcoming holiday party. The first chapter meeting was held October 13 with Dr. David Bender as the featured guest speaker. A second program is being planned for February, 1999.

Treasurer's report:

ChapterNews advertising revenues and budget time frames were discussed.

Results of Past Presidents meeting was shared with the Board highlighting several ideas including the resurrection of the Program Committee.

Moving the SLA jobline to the New York Chapter Website.

Director of Awards reported Donna Conti has increased her award from \$1500 to \$3,000 for the annual scholarship award and will be given to two recipients instead of one.

Director of Publications discussed the reprinting of the Chapter's brochure, "Joining the Professionals Connection". The brochure will be available for dissemination through the various chapter programs.

New Business:

The board voted to amend the Advertising Manager's guidelines.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
September 9, 1998

Call to order: 7: 50p.m.
Adjourned 8:20 p.m.

Roll Call:

Nettie Seaberry, President; Sandra Kitt, Pres.-elect; Lois Weinstein, Past President; Leslie Slocum, Director, Publications; Alison Fraser, Director, Awards; Andrew Gazzale, Director, Finance

Minutes of August 12, 1998 Executive Board were approved.

New Business:

Lois Weinstein proposed that the SLA Executive Board review, approve and vote on the creation of a Metropolitan Information Alliance Organization. The purpose: to form a strategic alliance in the New York metropolitan area, consisting of leaders of the library and information association to:

- 1) Identify issues of concern
- 2) Select those for unified action
- 3) Collaborate and authorize a course of action
- 4) Mobilize members in support of the action
- 5) Increase the visibility and prominence of all types of information and knowledge management professionals including librarians, information analysts, media specialists, et.al.

The proposal as follows:

- 1) That SLA-NY take the lead in forming the metropolitan information alliance.
- 2) That SLA-NY contribute and a budget not more than \$1,000 in the 1998-1999 fiscal year to cover startup expenses.
 - a) set up email accounts
 - b) refreshments
 - c) miscellaneous expenses (*postage, faxes, advertisement*)

The Executive board approved the formation of this alliance with the provision that the Past President of the NY Chapter be a member of the alliance board.

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
September 9, 1998

Call to order 5:45 p.m.
Adjourned 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Nettie Seaberry, Sandra Kitt, Lois Weinstein, Louise Stoops, Leslie Slocum, Alison Fraser, Andrew Gazzale, Kate Hennessy (For Jude Hayes), Juana Alers-Quinones, Suzanne Fedunok, Marsha Zipper, Jan Theisen, Ann Gibson, Jamie Russell, Lilleth Newby, Jennifer Federmann, Eileen Daly, Lianna Kelly, Donna Abbaticchio, Susan Gormley, Stan Friedman, Jessica McBride, Catherine Porta, Clayton Kirking and Kamla Motihar.

Excused: Dana Gordon, Phyllis Hodges, Elizabeth Jagroop, Steve Johnson, Lucy Lettis, Debbie Martin, Louise Masarof, Debra Sherline, Ed Vazquez and Agnes Mattis

Absent: Ruth Kaplan, Laura Kapnick, Janice Swiatek, Shauna Bryson, Rita Ormsby, Deirdre Canavan, Nancy Nelson and Barbara Hirsh

Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes of the past Advisory meeting of July 8, 1998 were amended for Jamie Russell, who was marked present instead of absent.
- The minutes were then approved as read.

President:

Thank you's were extended to all present for their anticipated efforts for the new year.

- The President stressed the responsibilities of the group, collectively to make this a productive year – asking all present to make an effort to attend all advisory meetings.
- Those present were encouraged to be pro-active with one another. Each was asked to look within the group to see how joint partnerships could be formed to accomplish the most effective methods of collaboration.
- SLA headquarters is encouraging all chapters to work toward improving membership. Brochures were distributed to the membership chair, career fair coordinator and library school liaisons and group chairs for dissemination.
- A final revision of the guidelines for Advertising Manager were submitted to the Executive Board and were approved as an official document.

President-Elect:

- The President-Elect distributed the calendars and programs for the year.

- The following planned events were also briefly discussed:
 “Virtual Library of the Future”
 (Sometime during 1999)
 Christmas Party
 (December 3, 1998, Coco Opera on West 65 Street)
 David Bender, Program and Reception,
 Tuesday October 13, 1998

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Report of Group Chairs:

Museums, Arts & Humanities: Clayton Kirking

Mr. Kirking mentioned that there will be upcoming programs at the Hispanic Society & Alliance Capital

Advertising & Marketing: Kate Hennessey

Ms. Hennessey mentioned that the division planned to give a program entitled, “Library Orientation: How to give a Library Tour”.

Social Sciences: Kamla Motihar

The division will mainly concentrate this year on refugee problems throughout the world
 The division will also be holding the following event:

11/18/98

“Diversity in Higher Education: College and beyond ” based on recently released book by President of Mellon Foundation

Business & Finance: Nettie Seaberry

The division will be hosting three upcoming events: 9/17/98
 “Fall Kick Off Party” at Scholastic, Inc.

Tentative Date

11/12/98

“Toward a Virtual Library”

Tentative Topics

March 1999?

“Implications of the Yr. 2000 for Business Librarians”

“Creating Value in Information”

April 1999

“Education of Business Librarians”

– Close out with Intranet Exhibit –

Information Technology:

Several upcoming programs were discussed and approved:

- * “Year 2000 and Special Libraries: What will it Mean For You?”

- * January 1998: “Designing Web Pages for the Special Library”
- * Spring 1998: “Beyond HTML: XML and the next generation of web programming languages”
- * “Cataloging/Integrated Library Systems”
- * “Going Virtual: (SLANY Case Studies)”

Report of Committee Chairs

International Relations: Ann Gibson and Jamie Russell

- * Ms. Gibson reported that the book distribution and Information Outlook started by Peter Edelman will be continued.
- * The New York Chapter in coordination with New Jersey will be sponsoring a participant to attend the Global 2000 conference in the United Kingdom.
- * This committee plans to also submit articles on foreign special libraries to the Chapter News.

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- * Indian National Scientific Documentation Centre with Vandy Ranjan*
- * Sun Capital Partners, Russia*
- * Nokia, Denmark

Nominating Chair:

Lucy Lettis will begin working in late October on nominating members for the following three positions:

- * Director of Publications
- * Treasurer
- * President Elect

Listserv Coordinator: Steve Johnson

Mr. Johnson stated that there are the following subscribers to the SLANY-L listserv:

- * 435 Active Subscribers
- * 55% are SLANY-L subscribers or about 250 members
- * In comparison to chapter membership, only 16% are subscribers

Mr. Johnson concluded that:

- * SLANY is not reaching most members of the chapter – but reaching the most active members of the chapter.
- * The Chapter News should be distributed via the web-site to boost member participation and to sustain overall membership within the chapter.

Arrangement Chair: Louise Masarof

Ms. Masarof reported through e-mail the following:

- * The holiday party is set for Thursday December 3rd at the Coco Opera on 58 West 65th Street. The time for the event is 5:30- 8:30 p.m. Additional information, such as the menu, etc., will be finalized and discussed as the date draws nearer.
- * The first chapter meeting will take place at Chase, 270 Park Avenue (48th Street)
Reception 5:30
Program 6:30
Speaker: David Bender

By-Laws: Phyllis Hodges

Ms. Hodges reported that she had made several grammatical changes to the bylaws of the SLA New York Chapter, and the corrected version will discussed at the next Advisory meeting on November 11th.

Library School Liason: Lilleth Newby

Ms. Newby reported the groups agenda for the year listed below:

- * Inform all Library School Contacts of the SLA Guidelines for Student Groups.
- * Work with Mid-town Chair, Eileen Daly, on the sponsorship of students as luncheon guests.
- * Work with Affirmative Action Chair, Juana Alers Quinones, on the promotion of the profession amongst minorities.

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- * Work with Membership Chair, Donna Abbaticchio, on the public relations projects for new members who are students.
- * Work with Outreach Committee Chair, Debra Sherline, on Speakers' panel to visit campuses and talk with library school groups
- * Work with Student Relations Coordinators at various campuses to plan three career related discussions with seniors and juniors in college.
- * Karen Krugman from Queen College has formed a student chapter and is looking for volunteers to participate in a "Day-In-The -Life " series to provide students with an inside look at a librarians job.

Archives Co-Chair: Lianna Kelly

Search for permanent housing of chapter archives in the works. Six places have been investigated with some places charging \$40 per month. Iron Mountain is a record storage facility and will be looked into with a follow-up report to be given at next Advisory Council meeting.

Guidelines Chair: Jan Thiesen

Proposes to put all guidelines on disk for ease of maintenance. Currently only has hard copies

Mid-town Luncheon Committee: Eileen Daly

10/27 First Luncheon

The Group has invited Barbara Semonche, (a candi date for Association President).

Tentative 1999

January luncheon to invite other candidate, Donna Scheeder.

March Luncheon to include library students.

Final lunch to be joint event with Mid-town and Downtown Group

Website Chair: Stan Friedman

Stan presented a visual of the new and improved chapter website. More graphics have been added for enhancements, but the more important issue is content. An appeal was made to the Advisory council to submit material to be included on the site.

Director of Publications/ChapterNews Editor:

No Chapter News Editor or Productions Manager.

Outreach Committee:

The first meeting will be held 9/28.