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President's Message

By Nettie Seaberry, Chapter President

It's hard to believe that we are already three months into the new year 1999, but we have made a conscientious effort to make sure that you have been kept apprised of the activities of your executive and advisory committee. There's been lots of activity during the year and our work isn't over yet.

I had the opportunity to attend the mid-winter conference, held this year in San Francisco. A great deal of work went into the two full days of Chapter Cabinet activities. Here's an overview of the activities in which ninety-six percent of SLA's Divisions and 75% of the Associations' Chapter's gathered.

For the early arrivals, an evening intended for networking, meeting and mingling with colleagues not seen since last year was a good way to break the ice and set the tone for the next few days. Those in attendance enjoyed a combination of receptions, breakfasts, luncheons, dinners, historic building tours coupled with Board watching sessions and plenty of opportunities to meet with SLA board members and staff. An early morning Board Candidates Forum was held and the finale was a dinner and dialogue with Executive Director David Bender.

A Networking Luncheon featured speaker Maurice Harris, SLA Senior Director of Computer Services & Technology. Maurice informed the audience of a newly acquired association management software that will be fully operational by March 1, 1999. One of the most dynamic features would be the access and editing capabilities to individual SLA members who'll have access to his/her own membership record. Unit membership chairs will have access to their unit membership rosters and will have reporting capabilities.

(Excerpts from his presentation appear inside.)

Former Treasurer, Donna Scheeder gave a very lively presentation on the Fiduciary & Financial Responsibilities of SLA Officers.

The San Francisco Bay Region Chapter hosted a wonderful reception held at the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Building. Several courtrooms were open for viewing and tours and the library remained opened to visitors. The courthouse was built in 1905 and survived the great earthquake of 1906, but sustained severe damage in the quake of 1986 and has only just recently reopened.

Bright and early the following morning, an SLA 1999/2000 Board of Directors Candidate Forum was held where the candidates were allotted 5 minutes to present. Eloquent presentations were made by all and for those interested in reading their speeches, visit the following address:
<http://metalab.unc.edu/journalism/slacandidatespeeches.html>. Might I interject at this point that board elections are here. You should have all received by now your official ballot for board elections in the mail from headquarters and I hope you have taken time out to complete your ballots and return them.

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A first time ever Town Meeting was held. Linda Broussard, Senior Director, Leadership and Member Services and newest staff member was the facilitator. Three major topics were discussed with 20 minutes given to each topic.

1. Steven Abrams, *Board Director* began with the first topic that addressed changing the name of SLA.

Some bullet points from this segment: Although there is no proposed name change in the future, our members are encouraged to examine the context of the current name.

- ▲ The word library or librarian should be retained because of the value people associate with librarians
- ▲ The word Special is not necessarily meaningful to the public
- ▲ The current name seems to pose a barrier to others who are information professionals but not necessarily trained librarians

Judy Field, Past President introduced the second topic, which dealt with committee structures, their usefulness/benefits, structure and purpose.

- ▲ Do we need more or fewer members on a committee
- ▲ Committees can provide mentoring opportunities
- ▲ Include a student or new member each year on a committee
- ▲ Opportunities to serve on committees should receive more publicity

Susan DiMattia, President elect, rounded out the meeting by opening up a discussion on Organizational Effectiveness, or how to make the organization more responsive, effective and responsible.

There's an expressed need to see a more speedy decision making-process.

Headquarters should streamline common unit services and coordinate sharing common services.

Suzi Hayes, President, was the speaker for the second Networking Luncheon and made several announcements on the Association's awards and honors program and several names of leadership winners were announced. The rest will be announced at the annual conference.

The session's finale ended with a reception and dinner; the evening's highlight was an informal dialogue with SLA's Executive Director David Bender.

Back from the West Coast, here's what's happening on the home front. Sandra Kitt, President elect put together a wonderfully received program on the Virtual Librarian which was hosted by the New York Genealogical Society,

Joy Rich, Director was gracious in her opening of the library for tours prior to the start of the panel discussion. A spring program is being planned with more information to follow. Career Day is slated for April 17 and the Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for May 12. Our Group chairs have been busy with programming as well. The Midtown Luncheon Group has a luncheon planned for early March and has extended invitations to local area library school students to participate. In April, the Information Technology Group has partnered with METRO offer HTML classes and the Social Sciences and Museums, Arts and Humanities Group have planned an all day outing to West Point and Boscobel.

We hope that many of you had the opportunity to notice that the last issue of the ChapterNews appeared on the SLA NY Chapter web site. It's the first efforts to make this an electronic medium. Since the association is taking more proactive measures toward becoming both virtual and electronic then I believe the New York Chapter is compelled to follow its lead. We have also taken steps to begin the process of moving the SLA Job Hotline to the web. Meetings have taken place between the Employment Co-chairs and Web site managers. We will of course be sensitive to those members that do not have access to these mediums, and hard copies of the newsletter as well as the current Jobline format will remain intact for a time. However my feeling is that we should begin to accept that change is inevitable.

Remember that the ChapterNews is your vehicle to communicate. Please consider submitting articles of interest, accomplishments, career changes, comments, and points of views. Let's hear from you.

Career Day Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to work on Saturday, April 17 for the Ninth Annual SLA-NY Career Day program. The theme this year is "Exercise Your Resources." Volunteers are needed to staff the registration area, compile information packages, help with booths and refreshments, and serve as resource people to those attending.

Events include a panel discussion and booths staffed by library organizations, library schools, information vendors, and representatives of employment agencies.

Career Day opens at noon and closes at 4 p.m. Volunteers will be asked to report at 10:30 a.m. and attendance all afternoon is not required, although the event has always been a fun day with colleagues and potential newcomers to the field. If you would like to participate, or to get more information, please contact Suzanne FEDUNOK (212) 998-2698 or email suzanne.fedunok@nyu.edu

SLA taps Broussard to Head Leadership Development

Washington, D.C.

Linda N. Broussard has been selected to serve as Senior Director for Leadership Development for the Special Libraries Association (SLA). Broussard will be responsible for the education and communication of activities relating to SLA's volunteer leadership, excluding the Board of Directors.

Broussard has a rich background in association management and leadership development. Prior to joining SLA, she directed the funding, development and training for the local units of the American Society of Civil Engineers. She has served in similar capacities for Meeting Professionals International and the Young President's Organization. Broussard began her career in association management with the Texas Hospital Association, rising through the ranks to become vice president of Association governance.

In announcing the appointment, SLA Executive Director David R. Bender, PhD. noted that Broussard's wealth of experience in developing association leaders will be extremely valuable to the membership.

Linda Broussard may be reached by calling 1-202-939-3682, or via e-mail at linda@sla.org

IN MEMORIAM

Janice L. Suter, President of Suter Associates, an international executive search firm specializing in the information industry, died January 29, 1999 in Venice, FL.

Suter had been employed in human resource management at the national headquarters of the JC Penney Company from 1974-1984; as Personnel Manager of the law firm, Willkie Farr & Gallagher, from 1971-1974 and as Office Manager of Investors Overseas Services and of American Exports Isbrandtsen Industries. She was awarded the Partner of Education Award for developing a "Best in Class" Junior Achievement Center of over 250 youths in New York City.

She was a member of the Fairfield County and New York Chapters and from 1996 to 1998, served as National Chairperson for the Consultations Services Committee of the SLA Board of Directors

Sandra Kitt, President-Elect

SLA/NYChapter

I am happy to report that the chapter programs for this year have been well attended, and the positive feedback from members speak to the timeliness of the subject matter on Virtual Libraries and the future of information specialists in an increasingly high-tech world.

“VIRTUAL LIBRARIES PART II: KEEPING UP WITH THE FUTURE” was held at the New York Genealogical Society on February 2nd. The approximately 150 chapter members in attendance listened as Carol Ginsburg, Managing Director at Bankers Trust, moderated a panel of three professionals who work in what could be termed virtual or semi-virtual environments: Myron Menewitch from Ernst & Young, Gretchen Reed of Messner Vetere Berger, et al, and Lynn Kasner Morgan of the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine. Each panelist described their facilities, who they serve and the degree to which being virtual plays a role in their information delivery. A Q&A followed. The evening was supported by first time sponsor The Financial Times, and began with a pre-program reception. The sponsors also provided sample copies of the paper, and mugs with the company logo. The Chapter sends a sincere thanks to Alex Magness for working with the chapter on this event.

And if you were not in attendance or have not heard, the annual holiday party on December 3rd was another unqualified success. The celebration was held at CoCo Opera, a popular Italian restaurant near Lincoln Center where the chapter had the entire facility for our use. Attendance was well over 200 people who enjoyed the charming two tiered setting, wonderful food and wine, and each other's company. Once again this lively and always anticipated event was generously sponsored by SECURITIES DATA, THOMSON FINANCIAL, CDA/SPECTRUM AND INVESTMENT GROUP, who also had holiday 'goody bags' for each attendee. Although chapter elections are still a few months away, I want to mention how pleased I am that members have already come forth to volunteer to serve on Chapter committees or to participate in other ways toward programming for next year. This is the kind of enthusiasm that makes the New York Chapter so great to work with and for!

I'm still hoping to put together one more program before the elections, and will be working on a concept used last year by the Business & Finance group. Ann Gibson has been assisting, and I hope to have an announcement soon.

Y2K

By Stephen Rubalcaba

John Bratkovics, Chief Information Officer for Wasserstein Perella & Co., would agree that the Y2K bug is a conspiracy of small clocks. The media has effectively flooded the general public with nightmare scenarios resulting from the Y2K bug. Beyond the hype information professionals do have real reason to be concerned about the impact of this global computer failure.

“All You Need or Want to Know about Coping with Y2K” was the title of the February 18, 1999 presentation to discuss various issues concerning the information professional. Panel members included John Bratkovics, Pam Rollo, vice president Library, Corporate Services for Credit Suisse First Boston and myself.

Speaking first I briefly described the vendor's efforts in dealing with the Y2K bug and providing a service. While vendors have made great effort to meet this challenge their clients can do a lot to protect themselves and demand service before signing extended contracts. I highly recommend that any license agreement or contract be examined by your own legal team before signing. In many cases corporations and other institutions have already adopted very strong language for Y2K compliance. Getting legal counsel involved will increase the amount of time it takes to get an agreement signed but this is a necessary step to protect yourself.

John Bratkovics explained the technical side of Y2K. In the early days of computing when memory was at a premium using two digits to represent the date was an excellent compromise. Later, as memory became more plentiful using two digits was a cost savings. While this problem was identified decades ago many programmers and computer professionals didn't expect those same programs to be still in operation. Now with great effort and great expense everyone is paying for a cost savings decision made so long ago.

Finally, Pam Rollo presented an excellent discussion about her difficulties in getting the library to meet her organizations Y2K compliance program. She put the blame squarely on the shoulders of vendors who don't provide adequate documentation of their Y2K efforts or allow their clients to perform necessary Y2K testing of the service or product. Ms. Rollo went on to state that unlike other industries, the information providers have not aggressively offered assistance or information concerning Y2K.

Y2K has too often been described as an Earth ending event. The consensus among the presenters however, was that Y2K could present a lot of surprises but the

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problems themselves will just be a matter of inconvenience for a short time. Just like in their personal lives, people need to protect themselves in their professional lives. Take inventory of all date reliant computer systems and ask vendors, in writing, about their ability to provide service at the beginning of the millenium.

The event was hosted by Credit Suisse First Boston. Additional sponsorship was provided by Bureau Van Dijk with the mailing sponsored by Lehman Brothers. The Y2K event was a joint presentation of the Business & Finance Group and the Information Technology Group of SLA, New York Chapter.

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The Information Industry from a Global Perspective

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When providing feedback to the staff (whether positive or negative) it is most helpful if you know the name of the staff member(s) with whom you have had contact.

Questions and Answers about INTERNET Resources

By: Rick Reid, Ernst & Young,
Center for Business Knowledge

Question: *These days, it seems like every movie and TV show has its own Internet site. But what if you love live theater? Is there anything on the web that you can recommend to me?*

Answer: Playbill, that long-running magazine of Broadway devotees, offers a web site that should be on every theatergoer's bookmark. While there is a members-only "online club" section, there's still a huge amount of free screens that should gladden the heart of even the most casual fan of live New York City Theater. For example: "Broadway Grosses" so you can easily gauge the likelihood of getting tickets to a hot show — and seating charts for the theaters so you won't have to stand next to the box office staring at the public seating chart trying to decide whether or not you really want to take those tickets. Of course, just like the magazine, there's plenty to read. In the February 16th issue, you could find out about the new musical version of Captains Courageous, get the thoughts of directors Robert Falls and Karel Reisz, and playwright David Ives, read an obituary for scenic designer Ben Fields, and start making plans to be in L.A. for Al Pacino's month-long run of, *Hughie*, in July. Of course, it wouldn't be Playbill without handy information on nearby restaurants and they have the vital data on nearly 100. There's even a screen, "Casting and Jobs," in case you're tired of just being part of the audience. So, to the smell of the greaspaint and the roar of the crowd, perhaps we now need to add, "the click of the mouse" at www.playbill.com.

Question: *My daughter for her eighth grade science class has a biweekly assignment to find current articles that illustrate the scientific method. I know I can find complex scientific articles from magazines like Science and Scientific American online, but where on the Internet can I find material more for those in junior high school?*

Answer: One kid-friendly magazine, Science News, has a web site with lots of selected full-text articles from the current five years of the publication. For example, from the February 13th issue, you'll find news about bacteria that live under glaciers, how relief from pain may be achieved by carefully cutting certain nerve cells, and how bladders grown in a laboratory were successfully transplanted into six beagles (Good grief, Snoopy!). Have your daughter check out the site at www.sciencenews.org.

Question: *Because I'm on the road a lot, I eat at a lot of restaurants. The published guidebooks help, but sometimes the information in them is either too out-of-date to be really helpful or not insightful enough to tell me I'll find some of my favorite dishes. Can the Internet help me?*

Answer: It sure can. Most cities have lots of sites that are visitor-friendly and restaurants are well represented on them. In addition, there are sites that specialize not only in finding restaurants but even providing sample menus. Here are two examples. Dinenet/Cuisinenet (www.menuseonline.com) covers Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Kansas City, Long Island, Miami/South Florida, New Orleans, New York City, Philadelphia, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, and Washington D.C./Baltimore. A menu search can be done by restaurant name, cuisine type (there are 32 selections), location within the city, by type of credit card accepted (8 choices), amenities offered, and even by specific dish. In contrast, National Restaurant Register's Menu-Online, gives you many of the same type options: 31 food styles to choose from, price range, and a food item search — but covers all 50 states. Granted, you may not be able to find a Greek restaurant in Wyoming, at least I couldn't the day I tried, but you ought to find something near you. Just log on to www.onlinemenus.com. Bon appetit!

Question: *Some businesses produce web sites that provide a lot of entertainment to visitors whether you buy what they're selling or not. I like to collect these sites. Got any to share that I don't already have bookmarked?*

Answer: One of my favorites in your category has to be the Merriam-Webster site, you know, the dictionary people? They call it their "cool stuff". Perhaps you'll agree. There's a "Word of the Day" with lots of interesting etymology and anecdotes. You can select puzzles from their archive of word games or check out "words from the lighter side." There are "cool words" and "new words". Even the business portions keep up the high spirits. For example, you can buy their book, *Flappers 2 Rappers*, a compilation of the century's coolest slang terms, or you can just chortle at the generous excerpts under such headings as "swing jive," "body parts," and "regurgitation" (Wayne and Garth would call it, "hurling"). If that seems a tad too low-brow, there's always, What's in a Name: Coined By Shakespeare, and no less entertaining. And for the really serious folks out there, you can read, "How a Word Gets in the Dictionary", or take a "Brief Look at the History of English." To visit them, go to: www.m-w.com/home.htm. Spread the word!

Question: *I need to get the latest figures on shoplifting losses incurred by music stores. Can the Internet help me?*

Answer: Since 1991, the National Retail Security Survey, prepared by the University of Florida's Security Research Project of the Dept. of Sociology and The Center for Studies in Criminology & Law, has presented this kind of detailed data for various types of retailers. With the eighth edition in 1998, a four-page executive summary has become the main attraction at the study's recently-created web address: <http://web.soc.ufl.edu/srp>. Presented in PDF version in Adobe Acrobat, the summary not only provides measures of inventory shrinkage but also touches upon sources of these losses, corporate commitment to preventing them and the main strategies employed, employee theft and shoplifting, plus store experiences with conventional crime (from check fraud to vandalism to bomb threats). In your case, music stores have their shrinkage rate noted (2.14%). The site is also designed so you can purchase the survey (\$35 for the first copy and \$10 for each additional copy). And those concerned with the security of purchasing a security survey via credit card on the web, take note: they'll invoice you. (Hmmm, I wonder what their bad check rate is? Well, that's another question for another column).

The Social Sciences Group sponsors Community Forum

The Social Sciences Group sponsored a forum on February 24th on The Internet and the Transformation of Three Communities: Visually Impaired; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered; and Urban, Low-Income. The speakers were: Gregory Rosmaita, from American Foundation for the Blind; Tim Roberts, Callen-Lorde Community Health Center (New York's only health care center primarily serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community); and Elizabeth Cahill, BrookLynX (online community information network and Internet/Web publishing training program).

This program brought to life the actual impact of the Internet in the day-to-day life of certain populations. The Internet has always been touted as a way to connect people of all different backgrounds, but for many of us the Internet has become a tool we use at work in order to get more information. It was a real pleasure to see the significant gains that many populations have made by making use of this truly powerful tool. Thanks to the Social Sciences Group for gathering these groups together.

SLA Headquarters Now Has Direct Inward Dial

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Congress extends duration of copyrights; Comments sought on new exemption

Submitted by Rita Ormsby,
SLA-New York Government Relations
Committee Chair

The duration of copyrights in the United States was lengthened 20 years by the "Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act," Public Law 105-298, 112 Stat. 2827 (1998), which was signed by President Clinton and became effective on Oct. 27, 1998. (The complete text of the Act is available on the Library of Congress's web site: <http://www.lcweb.loc.gov/copyright/penleg.html>.)

The Act does the following:

▲ It extends the term of copyright. The act extended the term of copyright protection from life of the author plus 50 years to life plus 70 years, or, for pre-1978 works, from 75 years to 95 years. In addition, works made for hire are now protected for 95 years from publication or 120 years from creation, rather than 75 years from publication or 100 years from creation, as provided under prior law. The extra 20 years of protection brings the United States copyright law into line with European standards.

▲ The act includes an amendment that exempted some small businesses from paying licensing fees for the rebroadcast of recorded music. The exemption applies to restaurants and bars covering less than 2,000 square feet and other retail businesses covering less than 2,000 square feet.

▲ It creates a new termination of transfer right, and increases the number of people who have such rights

▲ It states the "sense of the Congress" that those who own copyrights in audiovisual works whose copyrights have been extended (for example, movie studios and television production companies) should "negotiate in good faith" with screenwriters, directors and performers to reach a "voluntary agreement" for dividing "remuneration" earned by such audiovisual works during the last 20 years of their newly extended terms."

▲ It gives a limited new exemption for certain libraries and archives in section 108 of the copyright law. Under new section 108(h), during the last 20 years of any term of copyright protection of a published work, a library or archives (including a nonprofit educational institution functioning as such), may reproduce, distribute, display or perform in facsimile or digital form a copy or phonorecord, of such a work, or portions thereof, for purposes

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(1), the work is not subject to normal commercial exploitation, and (2) a copy or phonorecord of the work cannot be obtained at a reasonable price. Also, the library or archives may not take advantage of the new exemption if the copyright owner or its agent has provided notice either (1) that the work is subject to normal commercial exploitation; or (2) that the copy or phonorecord of the work can be obtained at a reasonable price. Such notices are to be filed with the Copyright Office.

A complete explanation of the requirements for the Notice of Normal Commercial Exploitation or Availability at Reasonable Price may be found in the Copyright's Office's interim regulations. (<http://lcweb.loc.gov/copyright/fedreg/nlatxt.html>) The interim regulations were published in the Federal Register on Dec. 30, 1998, Vol 63, No. 250, pages 71785-71788.

The deadline for submitting comments was Feb. 15, 1999. The Special Libraries Association planned to comment on the interim regulations. (Due to publication deadlines, I will try to have information on the comments for the next issue of Chapter News. Information about SLA's Government Relations work may be found at <http://www.sla.org/govt/index.html>.) The interim regulations listed seven questions for public comment.

These are summarized as:

1. For how long should a Notice to Libraries and Archives be effective? Should a copyright owner be required to refile the Notice to Libraries and Archives periodically? If so, what is the preferable time period?
2. Should copyright owners be permitted to file the Notice to Libraries and Archives prior to the commencement of the final 20 years of copyright term? If so, how long before?
3. Should the final regulations require that new Notices to Libraries and Archives be filed upon adoption of the final regulations, or should Notices filed pursuant to the interim regulations remain valid?
4. Besides the information set forth in Sec. 201.39(c) of the interim regulations, should a copyright owner provide any additional information in a Notice to Libraries and Archives?
5. Under the final regulations, what information should a copyright owner provide with respect to a work's normal commercial exploitation and/or availability at a reasonable price?

6. If, after filing a Notice to Libraries and Archives, the copyright owner transfers or assigns a work, or transfers and assigns rights in a work, should the new copyright owner or its agent be required to submit a new or amended notice?
7. Are there types of works (e.g. individual contributions to a periodical or other collective work that may not have been separately registered) which will present particular issues or problems that must be specifically addressed in the regulations? What are those problems and how should they be addressed.

Members on the Move

Maureen Mason, Editor of *ChapterNews* has returned to LEXIS-NEXIS as a Knowledge Management Consultant.

Susan Gormley has joined the Business Information Center at McGraw-Hill.

Donna Abbaticchio, membership chair, is now at the Donnell library in midtown Manhattan.

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SLA's New Association Management System

1999 Winter Meeting
San Francisco, Ca

Presentation is intended

- ▲ to Understand the capabilities of this new system
- ▲ Communicate the capabilities to your constituents

Background of Current AMS System

- ▲ Acquired in 1991
- ▲ Based on the needs of the Association in 1990
- ▲ Integrated, yet flexible system, but couldn't meet the growing needs of the Association

Reasons for Acquiring a New System:

- ▲ Ability to support the strategic goals of the Association.
- ▲ Provide members with the capability to access membership information, purchase products, register for events, and pay dues via the web.
- ▲ Provide better support to membership.
- ▲ Provide units with the capability to run unit reports via the web.
- ▲ Ability to integrate AMS data with the Association's web site.
- ▲ Provide better report generation capabilities.
- ▲ Integration with the Association's suite of applications.

The New AMS System. Membership system:

- ▲ The Association Software System (TASS) by The Association Software Company (TASC) Accounting System:
- ▲ Dynamics by Great Plains.
- ▲ Integrated and flexible system to meet the growing needs of the Association.
- ▲ Developed with Microsoft Visual tools
- ▲ Live Date: March 1, 1999

System Capabilities Delivered on March 1, 1999

- ▲ Supports standard AMS components: Membership, Dues, Subscriptions, Committee (VIP) Professional Development, Trade Show Management, Fund-Raising, and Sales Order entry
- ▲ Verify addresses by integrating with Mailers +4 Class Certification software
- ▲ Members Only web site authentication Update/View membership information via the web
- ▲ Who's Who online
- ▲ Virtual Bookstore Integration—member authentication, product availability, purchasing information
- ▲ Run unit reports via the web Statistics, Standard Roster, Notification, Deactivation
- ▲ Integration of database with the Association's web site.

- ▲ Integrates with the Association's Word Processing, Email, and Fax systems
- ▲ Edit/View Conference Program Planners checklist via the web (scheduled for September 1999)
- ▲ Dues & Contribution payments via the web (4th quarter of 1999)

AMS Overview

1. A new flexible system that will further extend the capabilities of the Virtual Association
2. Will address ninety percent of the Association's needs when released March 1, 1999
3. Additional functionality will be added by the end of the year

Maurice A. Harris, Jr.

SLA, Senior Director, Computer Services & technology

Too Much Data???

Data tidbits

Here's more information:

- 18,300,000 Increase in the number of fax machines in the United States since 1987.
- 7,349,000 Projected increase in the number of URLs between 1997 and 2002.
- 2,809,000 Increase in tons in the amount of paper used in offices from 1984-1998.
- 15,652 Number of Web sites discussing information.
- 3,062 Number of U.S. newspapers and magazine articles published in the past two years that talk about information overload.
- 2,892 Number of titles in the Library of Congress in which the word stress appears.
- 80% Percentage of information that is filed but never used.
- 71% Percentage of workers who say their main job is tracking down information.
- 50% Percentage of U.S. professionals who repeatedly receive messages that say the same thing.
- 45% Percentage of U.S. households that watch TV and use computers simultaneously.
- 44% Percentage of managers who believe the cost of collecting information exceeds its value to their business.
- 40% Percentage of workers who say their duties are interrupted more than six times an hour by intrusive communications.

Inc. Magazine, January 1999

Expanding the library's role on the corporate team

By Heather Martin

The 1990s is an era of mergers, restructuring, and re-engineering. Economic conditions have once again become tighter and less forgiving, with many organizations experiencing slow growth or no growth. In such a climate, for-profit organizations have become leaner, with internal divisions needing to prove value to parent organizations by demonstrating the ability to adapt to a rapidly changing marketplace to grow new business opportunities quickly. The corporate information center is no exception and is often under pressure to become a profit center and to contribute financially to the company as a whole. As information professionals we need to be familiar with management techniques which can position a company or department for dealing with the new economic reality. During my tenure as librarian in my current position I have found the following techniques to be quite useful.

Make plans. We need to define future library processes and create awareness and a desire for its products and services. Ultimately, what our plan should do written or unwritten is to help the library "climb the value chain." This means changing the way the information center is perceived and moving along the continuum from storing books to managing knowledge.

Be a team player. After you've formed an alliance with key departments, and after management becomes aware that selecting, organizing, and managing information is crucial to the survival of business in a global environment it's time to start networking and studying the priorities and needs of these departments. Librarians tend to be focused on managing the information, not realizing that we must also manage the perceptions of managers and associates in other departments. We have to make sure that they not only recognize our information expertise (since individuals may bypass the library as a result of the Internet and other networking technologies) but see us as viable team players with the knowledge and the ability to develop industry foresight necessary to productively shape and attain goals which will enable the organization to succeed.

Build goodwill. How can we do this? By showing users that you can increase their "information edge" by providing information when they need it. Also, give your clients more than they expect, go the extra mile (if it's a phone number, make sure the number works, get a contact person, etc.). Personalize the information service with a fol-



low-up call or a personal hand-written note on research materials. Find out if their needs were met. Clients need to feel that they can call at any time for assistance and are not seen as a nuisance.

The success of today's global corporations will depend on their ability to access and process information such as competitive intelligence, new product information market trends and so on. Corporate libraries and librarians because of the "edge" we have in organizing and evaluating information resources, can make significant contributions if we position ourselves as facilitators and not gatekeepers.

Source

Lemon, Nancy "Climbing the value chain: a case study in rethinking the corporate library function." *Online*, Nov.-Dec 1996

Bryne, Dale "Is this the way to run an airline?" *Feb. 1998 Chain Store Age*

Hal Lancaster "Managing your career" *1998 WSJ*

Midtown Luncheon Group Welcomes SLA Student Representatives

By Eileen Daly

In keeping with Chapter President Nettie Seaberry's platform to "grow future leaders for this chapter and the association", graduate students from local library schools were invited as the Chapter's guests to the March 3 Midtown Luncheon. The Midtown Luncheon Committee in cooperation with Library School Liaison Lillith Newby invited SLA Student Representatives in the interest of bridging the gap from school to professional association. As an added bonus, Lany McDonald, Director of The Research Center at Time, Inc. graciously invited the students, as well as luncheon attendees, to a tour of their information center. Tours of the Research Center were followed by lunch in the SouthSide Dining Room in the Time & Life Building.

Here's a brief profile of our SLA Student Representatives Please help welcome them to the Chapter.

Denise Burton attends St. John's University and plans to graduate in June 2000. With an undergraduate degree in accounting, she took a temporary job at Salomon Brothers. She began assisting with periodicals and was soon trained to be an assistant researcher. After 9 years, she moved to her present position in research at Sumitomo Trust & Banking in the Research Facility. While working full time and attending classes towards her MLS at St. John's, Denise finds time to volunteer as a literacy tutor with Queens Borough Public Library. She says this is her way of giving back to the community because she feels strongly about helping people further their education. In this regard, Denise does not rule out a specialty in school media in the future, although right now she greatly enjoys her work in financial research. One of the reasons Denise decided to pursue her MLS is because "it's not limiting, there are so many ways you can apply your degree".

Karen Krugman is the SLA Representative at Queens College. She is currently affiliated with Morgan Stanley in the Equity Research Department. She earned her BA from Boston University with majors in the Classics and French. Karen decided to pursue her Masters in Library Science because "it seemed right — I'm always hyper-organizing things". She loves research and prefers reference work to technical services. Currently working toward a summer fellowship at the Library of Congress, Karen is open to joining any special library in the future. She will be graduating in May of this year.

Linda Brown is a full time student at Rutgers SCILS with a concentration in Information Retrieval. After earning her BA in English from the University of Maryland in 1991, she worked for HW Wilson. She went on to be an account executive in an insurance brokerage where she was responsible for a 4.5 million book of business. Linda's professional interests are widely varied — from brokerage firms to libraries specializing in ethnobotany and environmental issues. Linda will complete her MLIS in December, and she is looking for a venue for an internship this summer.

Mary Tao has a BS in Industrial Management from Carnegie Mellon. She worked in a science library while studying for her BS, which later led her to a position at the UN/International Documents Collection at NYU. Mary says that as a child she attended international schools for several years, where her interest in the United Nations was piqued. She has been attending Long Island University's Palmer School of Library & Information Science since Fall of 1997 and plans to graduate this summer. In her current position Mary works with materials from the United Nations and international agencies, such as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. For the future, she is considering an academic environment with an emphasis on business librarianship.

Susan Berger is the SLA Student Representative for Pratt Institute's School of Information and Library Science. Susan is a graduate of Simmons College with a degree in Management and Government. She will receive her Masters in Library & Information Science from Pratt this Spring. Presently, Susan has undertaken an internship at Booz, Allen and Hamilton. She plans to use her experience as an Account Executive in the telecommunications and manufacturing industries in a business library.

The final event of the year will be a dinner held jointly with the Midtown and Downtown Luncheon Groups. The date is May 20 so mark your calendar for what should be a great way to close out the season. The details will be posted to the listserv.

For information or to be added to the mailing list contact L. Kelly c/o The College Board, 45 Columbus Avenue, NYC 10023 or Eileen Daly at daly88@idt.net

Diversity Leadership Development Program

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 deadline for receipt of applications for the year 2000. 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 year 2000 Annual Conference in Philadelphia; 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, Asian/Pacific Island, Black, 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 (202) 939-3671 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.

Mark it on your Calendar

Global 2000

The Information Age: Challenges and Opportunities.

What: Worldwide Conference on Special Librarianship.

When: October 16-19, 2000 in Brighton, England.

Eighth

All New York Reception at SLA Annual

Where: Minneapolis, MN

When: June 7, 1999

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Why: To Meet & Mingle with Colleagues and Friends
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Ninth Annual Career Day

Date: Saturday, April 17, 1999

Time: 12:00 Noon to 4:00 pm

Place: Chase Manhattan Bank
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For Further Information: Kindly email Suzanne Fedunok at her email address: suzanne.fedunok@nyu.edu

The Importance of New Employee Orientation

by The Ad/Marketing Division of the New York Chapter of SLA

When: Monday, April 19th
5:30 - 7:00 pm

Where: Ketchum, 292 Madison Ave.
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Karyn Lewis, Vice President, Director Ketchum Knowledge Center, and **Graham Hueber**, Vice President, Associate Director of Research & Measurement at Ketchum will jointly discuss the importance of the orientation process. The Ketchum orientation process informs new staff of not only what the two departments have to offer, but how they can use the information to enrich their particular practice area.

Up Coming Events

Internet Training for SLA Members

An event co-sponsored by METRO and the Information Technology Group of SLA. SLA members can learn basic HTML in the course, "Creating Your Library Homepage" on Wednesday April 14. For those wanting more HTML training, the course "Refining Your Library Homepage" should provide the additional HTML techniques they want. This class will be held on two dates, Wednesday, April 21 or Wednesday, April 28.

The class time for each of these courses is 10 am - 1 pm and will be held at the METRO training facility at 57 E. 11th Street, 4th Floor. The special fee for current SLA members is \$55.

For questions or to enroll, please call Robert Schmidt, (212) 228-2320, ext. 14.

A Spring trip to West Point Academy and Boscobel Restoration

When: Saturday, April 17, 1999

Who: Sponsored by the SLA NY Chapter, Social Sciences and Museum, Arts & Humanities.

Depart: 9:00 am sharp from Corner of 40th Street and Fifth Ave. by the New York Public, Main branch (a.k.a. Center for the Humanities)

Return: 6:00 pm

Cost: \$45 per person (including lunch)
(Payable by check made out to SLA/NY)

SLA's 90th Annual Conference

*Knowledge Leaders for the New Millenium:
Creators of the Information Future*

Come celebrate your new role as a leader of the information industry while investing in your future and engaging in global networking!

When: June 5-10, 1999

Where: Minneapolis, Minnesota

SLA's 1999 Annual Conference will have four general tracts:

- Leadership—Who we are?
- Evolving Roles—Where are we going?
- Knowledge Management—What we do.
- Practitioner's Toolkit—the nuts and bolts.

For your convenience, exhibits, program registration, and most activities will be centrally located in the Minneapolis Convention Center! Checkout our website at www.sla.org for a sneak preview of general program and housing information. The preliminary conference program will be available on the web in Spring 1999.

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Thanks to All Who Have Participated in the Queens College SLA Shadowing Program

by Karen Krugman, President, Queens College SLA Student Chapter

As President of the Queens College chapter of the Special Libraries Association, which just started last year, I would like to thank members of the New York chapter for their help in making our chapter a success. Our chapter has striven to help students with all aspects of their careers in special librarianship, and we try to do so via training and mentoring. This year, we have had professionals give lectures at Queens College, had database trainings on campus, and have an ongoing Shadowing Program that allows students to see a "Day in the Life" of a Special Librarian. I'd like to highlight this program in particular.

We started the program this past fall at the suggestion of one of our colleagues, Jennifer Quirk. Jen presented the group with a great proposal: survey students to find out their interest within special librarianship, then find a professional within that area who would be willing, briefly, to show that student the ropes of special librarianship. The Shadowing Program provides the MLS student with the opportunity to observe, or shadow, a special librarian and learn about some of the librarian's practical work responsibilities during the course of a normal work day; each visit is scheduled for three hours.

So far, we have matched 17 students with librarians. Luckily, we have received only extremely positive feedback from both students and librarians about the program. I'd like to highlight some student reports:

Bill Shuluk, regarding his visit with Steve Johnson of the Wildlife Conservation Society Library, wrote "I chose to have my 'experience' at the Wildlife Conservation Library, which is located at the Bronx Zoo. Quite honestly, I did not know such a library institution existed but I was sure it would be interesting and allow me to see a part of librarianship outside my normal frame of reference—I would encourage students to take advantage of the Shadowing Program. It gave me this wonderful opportunity to see a world within library land, which I knew little about."

Susan Campbell Beachy, of her visit with Mitch Kweit of Fox News: "When I visited the Fox News Channel library, I felt as if I were seeing the future—not only of librarianship, but also of my career—I left with a renewed sense of excitement about special librarianship,

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particularly in the area of media. I liked the pace and the nature of the work, and feel I would be well suited for a career with a news organization, television network, or magazine. Visiting Fox News Channel showed me that great jobs do exist in this field, and I look forward to joining it."

Jim Kemp had a nice report on his visit with Jackie Richardson of Worth Magazine: "Ms. Richardson—a graduate of the QC GSLIS program, by the way—was able to give me a really good idea of how she works and how her services fit into the overall structure of the magazine's enterprise. Ms. Richardson couldn't have been more gracious. I especially appreciated her openness and her encouragement of me as a potential fellow colleague."

Once again, thanks to all who have volunteered in the program so far. As you can see, our students appreciate the time and dedication that you have all shown in helping us bridge the gap from student to professional.

If you are interested in volunteering in the Shadowing Program, simply e-mail me at krugmank@ms.com or call me at 212-761-6375.

Volunteering in the Shadowing Program

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Chapter Meetings

Below you will find the minutes from the Executive Board Meetings of October 7 and December 9, 1998 and the minutes from the Advisory Council Meeting of November 12, 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.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING October 7, 1998

Call to order at 5:45 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:45 p.m.

Roll Call:

Nettie Seaberry, President; Sandra Kitt, Pres.-elect, Lois Weinstein, Past President; Louise Stoops, Secretary; Agnes Mattis, Treasurer.

Absent:

Alison Fraser, Director, Awards, Leslie Slocum, Director, Publications.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of September 9, 1998 Executive Board were approved.

President:

There was a brief discussion about the breakfast meeting held jointly with the West Groups’ new Director of Library Relations. The main topic revolved around the problems most special libraries are encountering in the New York metropolitan area regarding downsizing, space consolidation management questions about the libraries role within the organization.

There will be a Professional/Student Mix on Saturday November 21 from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Pratt Institute. It is hoped that this forum will provide an excellent opportunity for students and practitioners to interact on an informal basis. Librarians and Information Specialists from the Advertising, Business, Information Technology, Media, Medical, Museums and Humanities, Law and Social Sciences groups are expected to attend. The event will be sponsored by the NY Chapter of SLA and Ebsco.

Nettie Seaberry was contacted by Marsha Biederman, a reporter from the New York Times, who is interested in writing an article about special libraries in the five boroughs. Ms. Biederman is interested in interviewing contacts and visiting “out of the ordinary” types of libraries for this piece due in two weeks.

President-Elect:

The President-Elect briefly updated the board about the following events: The October 13th event with David Bender will be sponsored by Information Access. The New Jersey Chapter has been invited to attend. Thompson Financial will sponsor the Holiday party being held in December.

There was a brief discussion about the event entitled “Virtual Library, which projected to be held in two parts. Part I: Philosophy of the Virtual Library. Part II: Librarians working in a Virtual Library. *Financial Times* is slated to sponsor Part II.

New Business:

Cecelia Scotti, editor of the SLA NY Director, made a brief presentation about the NY Chapter Special Libraries Directory of Greater New York. Ms. Scotti stressed the following points:

- Streamline the publication
- Communicate with all members regarding the directory
- Make the Directory as effective as possible

Several questions were raised on how to proceed in terms of accomplishing the aforementioned tasks: Maintain the status quo—continue to produce a print publication?

- In-house or print product?
- In-house or web only product?
- In-house or web and print product?
- Internet or Intranet?

Before any of these questions can be answered it was stressed that it was imperative that SLA regain the data used for the publication now with Data-Matic Systems.

Several proposals were given to solve the data question:

- Proceed to move into the 21st century with the Chapter publication.
- Give Cecelia Scotti the authority to contact Data Matic Systems for data. Ms. Scotti will be given leeway to spend \$5000 without additional authorization for this matter.
- Proceed with the E-Master list. Put library indicative data on the chapter web site. (only libraries and individuals). We want to know the library exists, so we need library name, address, phone number, etc. Coordinate with SLA headquarters and its web server capabilities.

Scotti will report back to the Executive Board regarding discussions with Data-Matic Systems and SLA headquarters.

Director of Publications: ChapterNews update:

The fall issue is completed, and November 15th is the next deadline. There is no production person yet. There was a proposal that the Director of Publications be authorized to hire a production person for future issues of *ChapterNews*. The proposal was unanimously passed by the Executive Board.

There was also a suggestion that Group Chair would then submit reports of their activities to *ChapterNews* editor for publication within the newsletter.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer relayed that SLA NY should re-establish the Program Committee, which would consist of Group Chairs, Group Chair-Elect, President-Elect, Chapter Arrangement Chair and the Ways and Means chair. If this committee were re-established there would be a collective group program slated for the spring of 1999.

There was also a proposal that the Job Hotline be migrated to the Chapter's web site after discussions with the Employment co-chairs and web site managers.

This proposal was unanimously passed by the Executive Board.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

December 9, 1998

Call to order at 5:58PM

Adjourned: 7:25PM

Roll Call:

Nettie Seaberry, President; Sandra Kitt, Pres.-elect; Agnes Mattis, Treasurer; Alison Fraser, Director, Awards; Maureen Mason, Editor, ChapterNews.

Absent:

Louise Stoops, Secretary; Leslie Slocum, Director, Publications.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of last Executive Board meeting was approved and passed into the records.

President's Report:

A) Ruth Kaplan has agreed to take over as Director of Finance, replacing Andrew Gazzale, for the remainder of the year. Lucy Lettis will be notified so that Ruth's name may be entered on the slate for June elections, should she decide to run for the second year of the two year term. Motion to have Ruth Kaplan approved as Director of Finance. Seconded and passed.

B) Monica Ertel (Strategic Planning) has contacted the Chapter about what we are doing, if anything for Strategic Planning. Nettie mentioned the move to put our Hotline on the web page, and the production changes for Chapter News. Also, she may mention Lois Weinstein's New York Libraries coalition participation.

C) Heather Martin will take over the position of Employment Co-Chair.

D) The New York Times published an article on November 22nd about special libraries and the New York Chapter. A copy has been forwarded to Jennifer Stowe, public relations at headquarters. The article will also be excerpted on the web page.

E) The November 21st Outreach Program at the Puck Building was very successful; over 100 students, and about 25 chapter librarians interacted. LLAGNY also had a number of their members present. Alison Fraser indicated that her company has created an internship position for one of the students she met at the event, and another student will be invited to spend a day on site, seeing how the information center operates.

President Elect's Report:

The holiday party was a huge success. Over 200 people were in attendance at CoCo Opera, the site of this year's party. Securities Data/Thompson Financial sponsored the annual event with \$7,000 plus the creating and mailing of the invitations, and providing a "goody bag" at the end of the evening for all attendees.

More than a dozen comments were received afterward expressing member satisfaction with the new location, and the party details.

Plans for a February 2nd chapter are finalized, with Part II of the Virtual Libraries. The three panelists will be Gretchen Reed, Myron Menewitch, and Libby Allen. Carol Ginsburg has volunteered to act a moderator. The event will be held at the New York Genealogical Society on East 58th Street, and The Financial Times will be giving sponsorship in the amount of \$4,000.

Past President's Report:

There was no report; Lois is still waiting more response to the Library Coalition idea.

Treasurer Report:

A) Agnes gave a report on the income and expenses for the holiday party:

- \$7,000 from Securities Data
- \$4,450 from members
- \$11,450 total

There was a \$1,390 difference between expenses which the Chapter had to cover. However, the vendor also sent 40 of its staff, which we had to pick up in cost. It may be necessary to raise the cost of the event to members next year from \$25.00, which has remained steady for more than five years, to \$30.00. Sandi thought this was not unreasonable to ask, and Nettie felt the members were getting a lot for \$25.00.

B) A professional audit was done last year, and Agnes suggests that the Chapter may want to consider doing it every other year, on the odd year when we switch treasurers. The cost is approximately \$600.

C) A request for group and committee chair budget needs for next year should be in by December 31st. Producing *ChapterNews* will cost more because of the decision to go with a professional production person. We're moving to put the Hot-Line on the web site, so costs for managing that should go down, but not our fees to advertisers. Any profits will go into managing the web site.

Nettie Seaberry would like the Chapter to sponsor a third world librarian to the Global 2000 conference in Brighton, England. We've been asked to share a second sponsorship with the New Jersey Chapter. Headquarters is suggesting that \$1,500 is about what each participant will need for expenses. Lois doesn't feel that will be enough. Agnes indicated that our Project Fund can certainly afford to pay a full sponsorship. There was discussion on possibly sponsoring two librarians, and a half sponsorship with NJ Chapter. Motion (Lois): That the New York Chapter support two people for Global 2000 from a third world country, and we co-sponsor one with the New Jersey Chapter, at no more than a total of \$4,000. 2nd by Alison. The motion was amended by Agnes to say that the funds will come from the Chapter Project Fund.

The motioned was voted on, with amendment, and passed.

Publications Report:

Maureen Mason reported in place of Leslie Slocum. There has been a good response and receipt of articles for the next issue, which is already at production house. It will be 16 pages long. Maureen has agreed to do the next Chapter issue.

Director of Awards:

Alison is still waiting to hear from Headquarters about national awards, but will talk to Lilleth Newby about any affirmative action scholarships. Alison is also looking for a nominee for Distinguish Serve Award.

New Business: None.

Old Business:

The Chapter still needs to make a decision on what to do with archive materials. Off site storage with Iron Mountain could cost about \$40.00 per month. Debbie Martin is till gathering estimates and information. Another alternative is to donate archives to a college or other facility. Sandi suggested that the Chapter may want to consider doing a digital project and put all records on a disk or CD-ROM. She'll talk to special collections at her office about options. Motion (Agnes): That the archives be left at Medical Library Center of New York for 1999 at a cost of \$65 for the year, and any cost for moving will be borne by Chapter. 2nd (Maureen). 1 abstention; motion passed.

Call to order 5:40 p.m.
Adjourned 6:55 p.m.

Roll Call:

Nettie Seaberry, Louise Stoops, Leslie Slocum, Agnes Mattis, Alison Fraser, Kate Hennessey, Ed Vazquez, Stephen Rubalcaba, Catherine Porta, Kamla Motihar, Juana Alers-Quinones, Louise Masarof, Elizabeth Jagroop, Maureen Mason, Jan Thiesen, Ann Gibson, Eileen Daly and Stan Friedman.

Excused and Absent:

Lois Weinstein, Clayton Kirking, Debbie Martin; Ruth Kaplan. Phyllis Hodges, Suzanne Fedunok; Laura Kapnick, Masha Zipper, Shauna Bryson; Rita Ormsby; Jamie Russell, Lilleth Newby; Steve Johnson, Deirdre Canavan, Jennifer Federmann, Lianna Kelly, Donna Abbaticchio, Lucy Lettis, Debra Sherline, Susan Gormley, Barbara Hirsh, Jessica McBride, Sandra Kitt

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Advisory meeting of September 9, 1998 were approved with an amendment to the Outreach Committee Report.

President:

Review of Executive Committee meeting agenda of October 7, 1998. Professional/Student Mix held Saturday, November 21, 1998.

The article on Special Libraries is scheduled to appear in the Sunday November 22 issue of New York Times.

The special report by Cecelia Scotti, editor of the SLA publication regarding hardships she's encountered publishing the NY SLA Directory. Ms. Scotti made concrete suggestions on how to produce the directory electronically through the SLA web site. Chronic problem of ChapterNews was partially remedied by giving authorization to the Director of Publications to hire a production person for future issues of ChapterNews.

Motion was made to re-establish the Program Committee and for the Job Hotline to be migrated to the New York Chapter's web site.

President-Elect:

Written report in her absence.

Plans for the holiday party at CoCo Opera have been finalized sponsored by CDA/Spectrum and Securities Data Thomson Financial Services. The date set is December 3rd.

The New York Chapter served as host to Saturday event on November 21 where SLA members interacted with graduate and undergraduate students in information sciences. Some members volunteered to open their facilities to a very small number of students who wished to visit a special library.

We hope that this will become an annual event for students in graduate programs in the metropolitan area. Plans are under way for Part II of the program "The Virtual Library". Part I was held on October 13th with David Bender as speaker and was a great success. Part II is set for Tuesday, February 2 with a panel of three professionals discussing this topic from a number of different perspectives and concerns. Questions will be presented and fielded by a moderator. The event will be held at the New York Genealogical Society.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer distributed the budgets to the Group chairs for review.

Director, Awards

Reported that the deadline for submitting names for nominations is December 4, 1998.

Director, Publications

SLA brochures are in production and will be ready for distribution at SLA functions.

Report of Group Chairs

Advertising & Marketing: Kate Hennessey

First meeting on October 15th, 1998 featured Roberta Picoli of J. Walter Thompson who presented on the subject "Branding Your Information Center" to a group of 35 attendees at SIBL.

Business & Finance: Ed Vazquez

Mr. Vazquez reported the following:

- The fall kickoff party held at Scholastic was a resounding success
- The B&F group plans to present "Virtualizing Library Services" to the Fairfield Chapter on November 17th

- The November B&F meeting was cancelled due to preparation difficulties and may be re-scheduled in mid December
- The B&F group was asked by the Consultation Chair to counsel a start-up library at an architectural firm in the metropolitan area

Information Technology: Stephen Rubalcaba

Stephen Rubalcaba is the new chair of the Information Technology group

The Y2K presentation originally planned with B&F on November 4 was cancelled, and it is hoped that this event can take place in mid-December

Tentative plans were being constructed to have an HTML training session in conjunction with METRO; however, no definite date has been scheduled.

Insurance & Employee Benefits Catherine Porta

The first meeting will be held on November 17th, 1998 sponsored by BNA, and will consist of a vendor product showcase. Sixteen group members hope to attend the event.

Social Sciences: Kamla Motihar

Ms. Motihar stated that the next week's meeting to be held November 18th would focus on "Affirmative Action in Higher Education"

A meeting planned in February will place emphasis on the handicapped groups and special populations, such as deaf, and gay groups.

An all day event consisting of a guided tour at West Point Library and Boscabel is planned for April 17th, and the charge for the event will be \$50.00.

The annual business dinner meeting will be held at Vatan Indian Restaurant, 29th and Third Avenue on May 19th. The price for this event will be \$20.00.

Report of Committee Chairs

Affirmative Action: Juana Alers-Quinones

The selection of the "Affirmative Action Scholarship" winner will be announced on career day at the Affirmative Action breakfast in April.

Arrangements Chair: Louise Masarof

Ms. Masarof reported that she had finalized catering arrangements for the holiday party and the February 2, 1999 meeting.

ChapterNews Editor: Maureen Mason

Maureen Mason has just come aboard as *ChapterNews* editor and was present to observe the Advisory Council meeting.

Consultation Chair: Masha Zipper

There were two calls for consultations from architectural firms within the past month. One firm was interested in starting a corporate library, and Ed Vazquez, Business & Finance Group Chair, will provide a two hour consultation session with them. The other firm is interest in visiting special libraries and has asked for a list of recommended libraries. Ed Vazquez will contact other firms.

International Relations Chair: Ann Gibson

Ms. Gibson reported that an article on the Indian Documentation Center appeared in the most recent edition of the *ChapterNews*.

At the Global 2000 meeting in Brighton, UK next year, New York and New Jersey SLA Chapters will jointly sponsor a librarian from a third world country who will attend the conference.

Midtown Luncheon Chair: Eileen Daly

Ms. Daly reports that the Luncheon on October 27 at Cellini (65 E. 54th St.) had forty members present. Barbara Semonche, who is a candidate for President-elect of SLA, was present as a guest of the NY Chapter. The next luncheon is scheduled for January 6, 1999. Donna Scheeder, who is running for SLA President, will be the chapter's guest at this event. On March 3, 1999, a luncheon is planned featuring several students from local library schools as guests of the chapter. On May 20th a joint midtown/downtown dinner is planned.

Membership Chair: Donna Abbaticchio

Ms. Abbaticchio reported that there are 23 new members and total membership is presently at 1,316.

Web Page Chair: Stan Friedman

Mr. Friedman reported that the *ChapterNews* was delivered electronically for the first time in the November issue.