

President's Letter

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Hello Oregon Chapter,

Whew! We've been busy!! Fellow members, officers, team leaders and teams have been working hard on big projects and exciting events for the 2002-2003 year.

Our biggest project of the year is underway! Oregon members **Bonnie McCallum** and **Julie Nakao** are volunteering their time and professional services to redesign the chapter's website. The project will evaluate the current site's content and architecture and make changes to improve both areas. If you have any comments or suggestions about our site, feel free to contact me (r.berrington@attbi.com).

McMenamin's Edgefield will be THE place to be on the evening of **Saturday, May 24th**. Save the date, since this will be a memorable evening for our chapter. ORSLA is celebrating our 30th Anniversary and we've invited some special friends to join us. "On Your Feet" is a world-renowned improvisational theater group based in Portland, and we are lucky to have them perform. More details will be shared via our mailing list and on the chapter's website. We hope you can join us!

If you haven't attended any of SLA's Virtual Conferences, you should give one a try. The timing is "almost lunch hour" and we've been lucky to partner with PORTALS for these events. The January conference on "Taxonomies for Indexing" drew a crowd of 28 attendees. Many thanks go to **Ann Payne**, of PORTALS, for hosting these events. Virtual Conferences are the next-best-thing to being at a national conference presentation, with a great speaker, highly-relevant topics, but without the travel. "Crisis Communication" is scheduled for February 26th 11:00 - 12:30 and "Organic Approach to Project Management" will be on April 23rd. Both events will be at Portland State University.

If you can't be there, we have purchased the presentation materials and audio tapes of all the conferences we've offered. Please contact Chapter Secretary **Samara Wilson** (samaraw@wagged.com) if you'd like to borrow one of these programs for yourself or your library.

You've probably heard a bit about SLA's rebranding efforts. Some major changes are underway for our association, and the SLA Winter Meeting in New Orleans last month was a hotbed of new ideas and plans for change. **Cindy Romaine**, who is on the Rebranding Committee, will be speaking to our chapter about national issues for the SLA. Stay tuned for details.

Speaking of changes, it's already time to start thinking about our chapter's leadership for next year. Our nominating committee will be looking for a few good men and women to fill various leadership positions. If you're interested in becoming more involved, please contact **Judy Anderson** (andersonj@pdx.edu), nominating committee chair.

--Rachel