

**Oregon Chapter SLA  
Communications Team Report**  
to the board at its August 23, 2000 meeting  
Andrea Drury, team leader

**Team members:** Jan Hayden, Mark McGrath, Shannon Marich, Laura Merrell, Lenora Oftedahl, and Bette Stewart.

Team responsibilities this year:

- Lenora Oftedahl is the web manager.
- Bette Stewart is in charge of the Events section of the web site and manages the chapter's discussion list
- Shannon Marich is in charge of the Profession Resources section of the web site and is one of our "news hounds" for the e-bulletin.
- Jan Hayden is in charge of the Members Only section of the web site and prints the e-bulletin for members without email, for the archives, and for SLA HQ.
- Mark McGrath edits and publishes the chapter's e-bulletin.
- Laura Merrell is in charge of the About Oregon SLA section of the web site and is one of our "news hounds" for the e-bulletin.

Team members are all getting up-to-speed following initial training sessions. I'm very proud of them!!

Suggested publication dates for the e-bulletin:

September 5, 2000

October 31, 2000

January 9, 2001

April 10, 2001

Any and all news items for the chapter should be sent to Laura Merrell,  
[laura.merrell@nike.com](mailto:laura.merrell@nike.com).

All news, updates, president's letter, valley profile & news, etc. submitted at least two weeks ahead of the publication date will be included in the e-bulletin.

**Oregon Chapter SLA  
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to the board at its December 2, 2000 meeting  
**Andrea Drury, team leader**

**Team members:** Jan Hayden, Mark McGrath, Shannon Marich, Laura Merrell, Lenora Oftedahl, and Bette Stewart.

Team members have received initial training. Each has taken over his or her responsibilities for the year and doing well:

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We have published the first two e-bulletins. Items for the third, to be published January 9, 2001, are due December 15, 2000.

We have begun planning the virtual/desktop conference, currently on the calendar for January. We are planning on two topics--one technical and one more philosophical.

- Technical topic suggestions: digitizing, XML, ??
- Philosophical topic suggestions: discuss one of the SLA HQ task force topics
- To be decided:
  - topics, moderators, and experts
  - specific dates, times, how many sessions for each topic

**Questions for the Board:**

- What topics do you suggest?
- May we hold the conference in February instead of January?

**Oregon Chapter SLA  
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to the board at its January 11, 2001 meeting  
**Andrea Drury, team leader**

**Team members:** Jan Hayden, Mark McGrath, Shannon Marich, Laura Merrell, Lenora Oftedahl, and Bette Stewart.

1. E-bulletin is being published today or first thing tomorrow.
2. Planning for the 2nd Annual Virtual Conference is coming along fine. We have two topics:

**Topic 1: Using your library skills in non-traditional ways** (Our "Philosophical" Topic)

**Two sessions**--attend one or both!

Thursday, February 8: 11 am - 12 noon and

Thursday, February 8: 7 - 8 pm

**Guest Expert:** Sara Behrman

How we use our library skills, training, etc. in non-traditional ways, both inside and outside corporate environments.

**Topic 2: The Invisible Web** (Our "Technical" Topic)

**Two sessions**--to be scheduled February 6 and/or 7, one during work hours, one in the evening, depending on availability of guest speaker--which we're still looking for..

We'll be posting thought-provoking questions to the discussion list and to the website prior to the conference.

Each chat session will be moderated by a member of the Communications Team.

Practice chat sessions will be held the week prior to the conference. Information and a signup form are on our website at <http://www.sla.org/chapter/cor/events/regform0206.html>

Issues that need to be discussed at the Board meeting are:

- (1) Whether to drop Topic 2, The Invisible Web, if we don't get an expert lined up.
- (2) Your questions?

**Oregon Chapter SLA  
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to the board at its March 15, 2001 meeting  
**Andrea Drury, team leader**

**Team members:** Mark McGrath, Shannon Marich, Laura Merrell, Lenora Oftedahl, and Bette Stewart.

**E-Bulletin**

Due date for items for the next E-bulletin is today. Publication is set for April 10.

**Virtual Conference**

Our [2nd Annual Virtual Conference](#) went very well. About 65 people from all over the country and from Canada registered. About half of them actually attended one or more chat sessions. We had reports from people unable to access the web site and/or the chat room itself.

The first session on The Invisible Web was the best-attended--about 25 people were in the chat room at one time. This was actually better than the sessions with only six people. Not as much "dead" space.

Transcripts, both complete and edited, were posted to the web site soon after each chat session. People really appreciated having these available.

Donna Cohen prepared an evaluation, which I sent out to participants following the conference.

We received about a dozen responses. I will summarize the responses and send a separate report to the Leadership Team.

Each guest speaker was given an honorarium of \$250.

Many thanks to Lenora Oftedahl, Terry Chadwick, Shannon Marich, Jan Hayden, and Bette Stewart for their help in planning and conducting the conference.