

Oregon Chapter SLA
Professional Development Team Report
supplement to September 15, 1999 board meeting minutes
LaJean Humphries

September 24 kick-off breakfast in Portland

This has been posted to several lists. As of 9/15/99 sixteen (16) people have RSVP'd. There will be a buffet breakfast and social hour. I'll pay for breakfast and give Kristi a receipt to get reimbursed. Most people are paying at the door. I expect we'll break even on this.

Four people have agreed to do brief PowerPoint presentations on intranet development. I've also got a list of intranet sites we can visit on the Internet. Dareth and Cindy have helped get people to give presentations.

October 14 videoconference

I expect to receive the check from Lexis tomorrow. I faxed the payment with my credit card to SLA headquarters today to make sure we got registered at the lower rate. Portland State University is not going to charge us for the room or equipment. However, they do not want us to charge anyone anything to attend. Under the circumstances I agreed with Judy Anderson to make this a "free" event. Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt will donate photocopy services.

Nine people have signed up so far for the videoconference. I'm letting everyone know they have to provide their own refreshments and lunch. That doesn't seem to be a problem. Judy Anderson has been a big help with this project.

November event

I'm having a little trouble coordinating a room and a time and speakers. I figure I'll deal with this one later in the month. I'll probably ask for some help but right now I don't know what I'd even have someone else do.

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Program Report: Effective Negotiating Techniques for Licensing Content

Continuing Education

On October 21, 1999, I represented the Oregon Chapter SLA at the Continuing Education Stakeholders Meeting sponsored by the Oregon Library Association Continuing Education Committee. The purpose of the meeting was to establish consistent dialogue between the OLA Continuing Education Committee and the education provider community regarding the educational needs of library community members throughout the state of Oregon.

I met with about 40 other librarians representing libraries, library organizations, library schools, and the state library at the Salem Public Library. We started by reviewing "*Library Education: Guiding Principles*" by Gary Jensen past president of OLA. The article is available in the Fall 1997 OLA Quarterly. We spent the day actively considering what works in providing library educational opportunities, what are the challenges in providing continuing education, and developing solutions for the OLA CE Committee, education providers, and for libraries.

For the Oregon Library Association's continuing education plan, listing of providers, and current projects, visit the OLA website at <http://www.olaweb.org/con-ed.shtml>. We can add SLA educational activities to the OLA calendar by submitting program title, date, time, location, and contact information to OLA Hotline at ola@olaweb.org.

The OLA CE committee will take the results of our day's work and determine what future action needs to be taken. Watch the OLA website for more details. If there are follow-up meetings, I'll keep you posted. By the way, I was able to promote our November 12 Nonprofit board presentation. The response was very enthusiastic.

LaJean Humphries Professional Development Team Leader

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The Nonprofit Board Officers & Directors -- Rights & Responsibilities was the topic of the latest Professional Development Team's 11/12 luncheon. We had a full house for lunch and viewing the video, "Meeting the Challenge--An orientation to Nonprofit Board Service," moderated by NPR's Ray Suarez.

After the video, attorney Robert G. Simpson, Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, gave the group his "10 Commandments for Board members to Follow to be Effective & Avoid Liability." The primary duty of a board member is loyalty and care.

During the Question and Answer segment, questions from the audience centered primarily on liability and insurance issues. An individual should look at both the corporation's insurance and their own excess liability insurance. We have received a lot of positive feedback from people who attended, including many non-SLA people.

Copies of "Guidebook for Directors of Nonprofit Corporations" are available (while supply lasts) from Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt for \$12.95. Contact LaJean Humphries, lhumphries@schwabe.com or (503) 796-2071 if you would like to purchase a copy. The book can also be purchased from the American Bar Association.

The Professional Development team has presented 3 programs this year: The annual breakfast with a special focus on intranets, the videoconference on negotiating licenses, and the nonprofit luncheon. We are not planning any additional professional development programs this year.

**Oregon Chapter SLA
Professional Development Team Final Report
LaJean Humphries
April, 2000**

The Professional Development Team is Dareth Murray, Cindy Romaine, Judy Anderson, and LaJean Humphries.

September 24, 1999, the Professional Development Team hosted the fall breakfast kick-off meeting in Portland at Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt. Thirty-four members enjoyed a buffet breakfast before focusing on how local librarians are developing and managing intranets. LaJean Humphries from Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt, Laurie Droll from Lane, Powell, Spears, Lubersky, Dana Wilson from Intel, and Bonnie McCallum from Electro Scientific Industries presented information about their company intranets. It was very interesting to hear what other librarians are doing.

On October 14, 1999, we sponsored the SLA videoconference, "Effective Negotiating Techniques for Licensing Content." Lexis-Nexis and Jenny Kanji of the Lexis Librarian Relations Group covered the SLA fees for the program. Portland State University provided the facilities and technical support. Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt provided copies of the participant materials. Twenty-eight people--some from as far away as Redmond, Washington; Klamath Falls, Oregon; and Bend, Oregon--joined the Oregon Chapter for this event.

November 12, 1999, the Professional Development Team presented "The Nonprofit Board Officers & Directions – Rights & Responsibilities." This program was hosted at Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt who also provided lunch. About twenty-five people, including many non-SLA people, saw the video, "Meeting the Challenge – an orientation to nonprofit board service" moderated by Ray Suarez of National Public Radio. Meeting the Challenge highlights four basic principles of nonprofit governance: 1. Determining mission and program. 2. Providing effective oversight. 3. Securing adequate resources. 4. Participating in community outreach. The video features interviews with real board members, chief executives, and experts in the field of board governance who talk about the critical responsibilities of the nonprofit board.

After viewing the video attorney Robert G. Simpson presented "Simpson's 10 Commandments for Board Members to Follow to be Effective and Avoid Liability." We had a lively question and answer period. The team provided an extensive handout for those attending to have as a permanent reference.

LaJean Humphries is representing Oregon SLA at the Oregon Continuing Education Stakeholders, group organized by the State Library and meeting infrequently to plan for continuing library education for librarians throughout the state. LaJean also represents Oregon SLA on the Vision 2010 task force. In 1999, the Oregon Library Association Executive Board charged a new Vision 2010 committee to develop a road map for the next decade, building on the success of Vision 2000. The Vision 2010 committee has decided to develop its plan by meshing the library community's perspective with a vision of what Oregon will be like in 2010. A meaningful strategic plan for Oregon's libraries should be based on a sound and thorough understanding of Oregon's future. The final product will be based on a vision of excellent library service in the year 2010 from the user's perspective.

An area of concern for the chapter is vendor relations. The Oregon Chapter has not had any formal plan or policy for dealing with vendors, requesting support from vendors, or coordinating vendor contacts. Some chapters do have a more structured method for vendor relations. After consultation with National SLA staff, we have decided it would be worthwhile to form a subcommittee to explore the issue further and make a recommendation to the Chapter Board.