



**Pittsburgh Chapter, SLA International
Annual Business Meeting
December 9th, 2006**

The 2006 Annual Business Meeting of the Special Libraries Association – Pittsburgh Chapter was held at Mitchell's Fish Market prior to the Awards Ceremony at the Holiday Party.

1. Call to Order –

Earl Mounts brought the meeting to order at 12:26 pm.

2. Treasurer's Report (Sallie Smith) –

Sallie Smith reported that the Chapter is in good financial shape. There is approximately \$4,697.10 in the pooled savings account and \$3,835.92 in the checking/operating fund, totaling the Chapter accounts to \$8533.02.

3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of December 8, 2005 (Amy Watson) -

Copies of the minutes of last year's Annual Business Meeting were distributed to attendees. The minutes were approved without changes.

4. Committee Chair Reports -

Director (Rachel Callison for Esther Nathanson) -

Earlier this year, Esther Nathanson investigated the use of the Chapter PO Box. It was thought that a PO Box was a necessity in order to create the Chapter Website. This is no longer a requirement; therefore the PO Box was eliminated, saving the Chapter \$60 a renewal period.

Archives (Judith Jablonski and Rebecca Altes for Sheila Rosenthal) -

Rebecca Altes has been working with Pitt Student Group advisor Judith Jablonski on a field placement in the Chapter archives. What originally started as an indexing project has grown much larger, to include a complete inventory prior to indexing. Judith also mentioned the need for other field placements for students, specifically in corporate libraries.

Bulletin (Amy Watson) -

Amy Watson reported that the next issue of the Confluence would be published on Monday the 11th, after a report of the Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony activities had been written. Three issues of the newsletter were published in 2006.

Consultations (Denise Callihan) -

Denise Callihan reported that there have been two email/phone call requests filled this year, not including the larger Animal Friends project. Denise then gave a detailed timeline of the Animal Friends project, starting with planning in May of 2005, through the current volunteer project.

Membership (Earl Mounts) -

Earl Mounts reported that the Chapter membership has stayed consistent with approximately 130 members throughout the year.



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Programs (Rachel Callison) -

Rachel Callison reported that this year's meetings, on average had 24 attendees, with the largest number of people attending (31) the October meeting, and the least (17) in March. The October meeting was the tour of the library in the Carnegie Museum, the March meeting was on patent searching. Rachel also reported that two members had near perfect attendance – Bob Sullivan and Donna Beck.

Student Liaison (Donna Beck) -

Donna Beck reported that there were two events specific to the students this year, and that next year she would like to re-implement the "Take a Student to Lunch" concept.

Website (Rachel Callison) -

Rachel Callison reminded the group that she was not the permanent webmaster; rather that she managed the recent website remodel. Rachel stated that a full report on the website remodel would be found in the winter issue of the Confluence.

Nominations Committee (Denise Callihan) -

With the reports of the standing committees complete, Denise Callihan read the slate of nominees for office for 2007. There were no additional nominations for President-Elect, Secretary or Director. An oral vote was taken, with members accepting the slate stating "Aye." Amy Watson, Marge Rhodes and Denise Callihan were elected to the offices of President-Elect, Secretary and Director, respectively.

5. Old Business -

There was no old business to report.

6. New Business –

There was no new business to report.

7. Announcements –

Denise Callihan reported that Margarete Bower has been asked to step in as the secretary of the Chemistry Division, due to the resignation of the elected secretary.

Nancy Carlson announced that there would be a joint networking meeting of a variety of local professional organizations on January 16th at Church Brew Works, including the Chapter, and PRKMC (Nancy is currently the PRKMC president).

8. Adjournment –

The official business meeting was adjourned at 12:50.

Earl Mounts delivered his President's message prior to the Awards Ceremony. Ange Pollis, the Awards Chair, delivered the awards section of the luncheon. After the awards were complete, Rachel Callison delivered her incoming address.

Respectfully Submitted – Amy Watson