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## **President's Perspective**

As you read this, I will no longer be the President of the Rio Grande Chapter and there may be some other even bigger changes that will affect the Association and our chapter.

The New York conference in June has some of the hottest issues in years, (not counting the recent bylaws actions), including a name change, the fate of the SLA Headquarters building, new chapter and division guidelines, and overall a new branding of our association and most likely the announcement of a new Executive Director. These are enormous issues that carry a great deal of passion.

The Association staff is making every effort to solicit feedback on these issues and they are making a strong effort to allow as many members as possible to vote on the name change. Remember the choices are Information Professionals International, IPI or SLA no longer meaning Special Libraries Association. Much time and effort has been exerted on this issue and I believe it the decision will have a huge impact on the future success of our Association. I hope if you have strong feelings you have made those known and if you are unfamiliar with the topics, I encourage you to go to the SLA website, [www.sla.org](http://www.sla.org) and review the information that is gathered there.

I would also like to take the opportunity one last time to thank those in the chapter who volunteered their time this year as a committee chair or officer. I know everyone is busy with their jobs, their careers, and their families and that is why I feel so lucky to have had such wonderful volunteers who care about the association and more importantly the Rio Grande chapter. I hope that you all will think about volunteering. Don't wait until Sarah Morley, our new chapter president, calls you. If there is something you want to do call her. We will need everyone's help this next year as we plan for the 2004 Winter meeting in Albuquerque. Again let me thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as President of the Rio Grande Chapter it has been an interesting and rewarding experience.

## **New Officers**

The votes have been cast and counted and it is unanimous that the slate presented in April has been elected. The new officers are:

President-elect Thaddeus Bejnar  
Treasurer: Mary Ellen McMurtrie

They will serve with incoming President Sarah Morley and Secretary Stephanie Rawlins Gerding. Please join me in offering them our congratulations and support.

# **Gloria**

## Rio Grande Chapter Update

### Annual Meeting of SLA Rio Grande Chapter - Draft

Friday April 25, 2003

**Called to order** 6:20 p.m.

#### Welcome and Introductions

**Remarks by special guest:** SLA Past President Susan di Mattia

#### Committee Reports

##### Treasurer Report: Judy Neff

Balance as of Executive Board Meeting 3/29/03	\$3,786.38	
Balance of Pooled Fun as of 12/31/2002	\$7,470.59	
Total assets as of 3/29/03:	\$11,256.97	
Income since 3/29/03		
Pooled fund withdrawal	\$2,500.00	
February meeting income		\$15.00
Expenses since 3/29/03		
Winter meeting reimbursement	\$548.80	
Donation to NMSU (memorial to Helen Barber)	\$50.00	
Balance as of 4/25/03	\$5,702.58	
Balance of the Pooled Fund as of 4/25/03	\$4,970.59	
(note the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter statement has not yet been received; some interest is expected in the Pooled Fund total)		
Total assets as of 4/25/03	\$10,673.17	
Commitments from checkbook balance		
Bea Allen Memorial Account	\$642.50	
Basch Subscription sponsorship for Winter Meeting	\$500.00	
Rio Grande Chapter sponsorship for Winter Meeting	\$2500.00	
Total on-hand assets	\$2,060.08	

Invoices sent to other vendors that have committed to donations for Winter meeting.

##### Webmaster report: Frances Knudson

Web page is now hosted at headquarters with an Archive section for offices and programs. Statistics will come from Headquarters on usage.

### **Professional Development Report: Sandy Spurlock**

In the summer of 2002 a list was compiled of CE opportunities offering in a variety of formats by SLA, Medical Library Assn., and ASIST. Most of these offerings were offered in a distance learning mode – either by teleconference or available in the form of a kit with slides and handouts.

It was interesting to note that the New Mexico State Library became very active this year in offering this kind of learning opportunity for librarians in New Mexico. Following the lead taken by Sarah Morley this year, it is suggested that this represents a great opportunity for co-sponsoring programs with the State Library.

Other suggestions follow:

First, it may be time to think seriously about gearing up for a third Southwest Regional Conference, particularly if we offer to host it here in New Mexico. As a veteran of the first two such conferences I am well aware of the work involved, but the benefits in terms of continuing education opportunities are unequaled.

The second suggestion is for the continuing education function for our Chapter to merge with the program planning functions performed by the President-Elect. The rationale is that planning for continuing education programs can be viewed as a logical extension of other program planning. A solid advantage is that a Chapter Continuing Education Coordinator could assist the President-Elect in the program planning efforts by handling arrangements and promotion for educational opportunities thus sharing the word load of the President-Elect.

### **Membership Report: Donna Cromer**

We currently have 65 members. In the last year, we gained 6 and lost 6. Steady state is better than losing!

I sent welcome letters to the new members, recruitment packets to two potentially interested members, and e-mails to nine lapsed members, of whom three did reinstate. Asked if chapter listserv will move to SLA HQ? It has been officially recognized by HQ that it exists. Gloria commented that we have a strong chapter and that AZ chapter has had problems recently.

### **Government Relations Report: Heather Gallegos-Rex**

Heather has passed on information from SLA and ALA to the members. Senator Udall supports the Patriot Act opposition. Heather suggests that the name change to Public Policy Committee; last summer about 1/3 of all SLA chapters have changed the name of this committee.

### **Employment Report: Mary Ellen McMurtrie**

She has been posting jobs to the listserv, and recommends rethinking whether this committee should continue to exist or have other responsibilities. Gloria said the board will take it into consideration.

### **Bulletin Report: Nora Stoecker**

Nora was not present. This is the first year the bulletin is electronic with only a few paper copies. It was questioned whether we can have advertising on the website. It seems that now we can.

#### **Awards Report: Donna Berg**

Donna was not present.

#### **Archivist Report: Judith Bernstein**

Job is easier now that everything is in order. She is filing new information; please give her all correspondence and info. on nominations; photos; all committee reports. The archives are at UNM with one area containing the written materials and another area that has the photos and other materials.

#### **Nominating Report: Heather Kotula**

Many thanks to Carmen and Mimi. Slate Thadeus for President-Elect, Mary Ellen for Treasurer; Stephanie Gerding for Secretary. Announcement of slate was sent by email and by physical mail. Members should sign the postcard or it won't be counted as a vote, or votes can be emailed.

#### **Winter Meeting Report: Heather Kotula**

Committee Members for the Fiesta on the Rio Grande are: Heather Kotula, Chair; Sandy Spurlock; Heather O'Daniel, Carol Hoover, Dell Johnson; and Margie Hlava.

Will special thanks to Carol Hoover, we have pledges for [90%] of our fundraising goal. Fake money was given to Carol Hoover for all her help.

*Gold Level*

Elsevier Science Publishers  
Rio Grande Chapter

*Silver Level*

Access Innovations, Inc.  
The Dialog Corporation  
Wiley

*Bronze Level*

Basch Subscriptions/The Reference Shelf  
Springer-Verlag

We are working to get at least one more Gold Sponsor so we can upgrade the dinner buffet to include fajitas. Please remember to thank our sponsors when you have an opportunity.

#### **Restaurant List/Menu book**

Sandy Spurlock ([sspurloc@lrri.org](mailto:sspurloc@lrri.org)) is compiling a menu book and list of restaurants within walking distance of the Hyatt Regency Downtown. The list will (probably) be circulated in advance of the meeting, along with meeting or registration information sent from Headquarters, and the menu book will be available for reusing at our local chapter hospitality table during the Winter meeting.

#### **Wednesday night Dine-Arounds – Dinner buddies**

Heather O'Daniel ([heather.b.odaniel@intel.com](mailto:heather.b.odaniel@intel.com)) is the coordinator for no-host dinner buddy group leaders. Anticipated participation, according to headquarters staff is 40-50. Please contact Heather O'Daniel if you are interested in being a dinner buddy group leader on January 21, 2004.

#### Thursday night Welcome Reception

The committee has chosen the Indian Pueblo Cultural center, at 2401 12<sup>th</sup> Street NW, for our Thursday night Welcome Reception. We will have a southwestern dinner buffet and hosted bar, and will provide transportation to and from the Hyatt. Entertainment will include a Native American flute player, a bon fire in the courtyard, and possibly a Native American dance group. The reception will be free to all registered meeting attendees, and non-attendees and spouses, etc. can be invited and sold a ticket. The tickets will be sold on a cost-recovery basis, and the actual amount will be decided closer to the meeting time. Anticipated participation, according to headquarters staff, is 200 plus chapter members.

#### Local Information Website

Carol Hoover ([hoover@lanl.gov](mailto:hoover@lanl.gov)) is developing a website on the Rio Grande Chapter site that will be linked to the SLA Winter Meeting web page (and vice versa) and will provide city orientation and local area information.

#### Volunteers

Dell Johnson ([jajohn@sandia.gov](mailto:jajohn@sandia.gov)) will be coordinating volunteers to staff our local chapter's hospitality table during the meeting, assist headquarters staff with registration during the meeting, perform various necessary functions during the Welcome Reception, and "other duties as assigned." Watch for her communications and your opportunity to help the Rio Grande Chapter!

#### **President-Elect Report: Sarah Knox Morley**

Kick off for the Rio Grande Chapter year was held at the Georgia O'Keefe Museum in Santa Fe on Thursday October 3, 2002. We had 14 people joining us for lunch at the museum café before we began our 1:15 tour of the research library and museum. The research library is only open to the public twice a year so we were very fortunate to be allowed to tour the facility. Fascinating to see the chalks and paints in order by color – wonder if Ms. O'Keefe was a librarian in a previous life! Special thanks to RGC friend Eumie Imm-Stroukoff of the museum research center for organizing this opportunity.

In November, the Chapter sponsored a daylong workshop entitled, "Translating Research into Practice." Jonathan Eldredge, UNM Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center, spoke to eight members about the steps involved in making informed decisions based on applied research. Jon took the group through a process known as evidence-based leadership. This meeting was held at the State Library in Santa Fe.

Two programs were held in December. The first was "Safeguarding Our Patron's Privacy: What Every Librarian Needs to Know About the USA Patriot Act & Related Anti-Terrorism Measures." This teleconference, co-sponsored by SLA and the American Association of Law Libraries, American Library Association, the Medical Library Association, and the Association of Research Libraries, was held at the Los Alamos National Laboratories. A second site was at the UNM Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center in Albuquerque. There was no charge for either program courtesy of the New Mexico State Library and UNM Health Sciences Center.

Our second December program was the ever popular Holiday potluck. This year Treasurer Judy Neff hosted the party for about 15 members who brought fabulous food for the brunch as well as 22 children's books that were donated to the All Faiths Receiving Home.

The most dynamic program this year was held at the Special Collections branch of the Albuquerque Public Library. Scholar and Author John M. Taylor gave a riveting talk covering the Civil War battles of Glorieta Pass and Valverde. Mr. Taylor brought these New Mexico battles to life through stories, music, and military objects. The program was attended by 14 members, most of whom got together afterwards for dinner at the Artichoke Café.

International Special Librarians' Day was celebrated April 10, 2003 at a Persian/Mediterranean restaurant in Albuquerque. The nine attendees enjoyed a variety of appetizers and were entertained by belly dancers.

This year we had a table in the exhibit hall at the New Mexico Library Association Annual conference. The meeting was held in Albuquerque, April 24-25, 2003. We were fortunate to have two NMLA speakers join us on April 25 for our annual business meeting and dinner. Susan DiMattia, Past President of SLA, was our invited guest and Judith Siess, Publisher and Editor of *The One-Person Library*, was our speaker.

Sarah also thanked everyone for all their help this year.

### **President Report: Gloria Zamora**

Gloria thanked all Committee heads and officers and brought flower bouquets for each. RGC T-shirts were given to guests. The annual meeting will be in NYC; branding and name change are the two big topics. Research shows that members are interested in this area. Susan clarified that you will only vote if you are in NYC. The first vote will be whether to change the name yes or no and then on the names: SLA and Information Professional International. And then taglines will be added. Gloria reported that the SLA headquarters building may be sold or leased. They are looking in the DC area including Virginia. The building is beautiful but not functional for staff. The Board must approve the sale.

### **Announcements**

A raffle was held for all present.

Linda reported that at a biomedical consortia meeting she found out Frankie Ewing has retired; this was not known by the chapter; so a card will be sent.

Sandy thanked Gloria for her year of service and gave her flowers and a gift. This was also a congratulation for being elected Treasurer of the SLA National Organization.

Gloria said it has been a privilege. No one said no when asked for anything, everyone was always helpful. She said the open meetings for the board gave lots of input to all members.

Heather K. and Gloria will be representing the chapter at the Annual meeting.

There are 3 members on the National Board Margie, Jesus, and Gloria.

**Motion to be adjourn** made by Judy Neff, Sarah Morley seconded.

### **Member Highlights**

Linda Morgan Davis

Linda Morgan Davis has published a paper in the *Journal of Hospital Librarianship*, 2003, 3(1):7-14 entitled "Addressing Senior Needs in the Accessibility of Internet Health-Related Information."

Lisa Wishard

Lisa, Digital Project Librarian in the Sandia National Laboratories Technical Library, was selected recently to serve as a member of the editorial board of *The Journal of Map & Geography Libraries*. This new journal — which begins with Volume One, Issue One to be published in January 2004 — covers the advances in geospatial information, collections, and archives, and is published by the Haworth Information Press.

## **2004 Winter Meeting – Albuquerque**

Fiesta on the Rio Grande Committee

Members of the FORTG Committee met on May 18.

To date, we have collected \$4,500 of the pledged sponsorship funds. There was an error in my report at the Annual Business Meeting - we have pledges for 90% of our funding goal, not 100% as reported. However, I have no doubt that we will be successful in securing the remainder.

The Rio Grande Chapter will have a table in the registration area during the SLA Annual Conference in New York. The Albuquerque Convention and Visitor's Bureau is sending an Albuquerque tabletop promo booth and 1,000 Albuquerque Visitor's Guides. We will have 1,000 brochures from the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. The IPCC is offering our guests a gift shop discount during the Welcome Reception on January 22, and we are requesting some printed coupons to hand out during the Annual Conference. It was decided to print some additional Rio Grande Chapter brochures, and some small flyers thanking our sponsors. We will also have a sign, approximately 20"x30", thanking our sponsors. It was suggested that we include on that sign a graphic (like a thermometer) indicating our progress on fundraising so that it is clear to potential sponsors that we still need their help.

In order to finalize a contract with the IPCC, it was necessary to indicate our food and entertainment choices. We've asked the IPCC to draft the contract with the Fajitas buffet, and to have the option of changing to the Pueblo Feast Buffet with the Fajitas add-on if our fundraising efforts are extra successful. We've selected the Native American flute player performance and a bonfire for entertainment, and are investigating the possibility of a guitar performance.

Carol Hoover has made excellent progress on a local information website. We gathered some comments on the first draft of the page. Once those are implemented, we will send the link to the chapter for additional comments and suggestions. The link from the main SLA page will not be active until after the SLA Board Meeting in the fall.

Please contact Heather Kotula at 828-9577 or [hlavaheather@yahoo.com](mailto:hlavaheather@yahoo.com) if you have questions, comments or suggestions.

## **Thanks From NMSU**

The chapter received a very nice thank you from Elizabeth A. Titus, Dean of the New Mexico State University Library. Dr. Titus thanked the chapter for our contribution in memory of Helen Barber. She stated the following about Helen Barber: "Her commitment to children's literature is an inspiration to us at the Library as we continue the important work of developing our

collections.” She goes on to state, “I am sure you realize the tremendous value of the right book in the hands of a young child. Thank you for helping us put those books in those hands.”

### **Membership Committee Report**

Submitted by Donna Cromer, Membership Chair  
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Hi Folks,

Once again, I have done my best to produce an accurate Membership Directory. Once again, I am sure I have made some mistakes. Forgive me please. :-) Also, at the end of the Friends list, I have listed three people who should be in the RGC, but aren't yet. This way at least, they should get notices of ongoing events.

8/18/03 – membership directory removed from electronic version of newsbulletin  
- fk

## **Around the region**

Nothing to report this time!

## **SLA News**

### **SLA Educational Supplement: Virtual Seminar/Virtual Association Series**

June 9, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM ET, “XML in a Nutshell” by Roy Tennant.

<http://www.sla.org/content/Events/distance/virtsem2003/june9virtsem.cfm>

June 10, 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM ET, “The Value of the Information Professional”, Amy Affelt, Nancy Carlson, and Jill Konieczko.

<http://www.sla.org/content/Events/distance/virtsem2003/june10virtsem.cfm>

July 23, 2:00 – 3:30 PM Et, “Taxonomies for Indexing - Advanced Seminar”, Jay Van Eman

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