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Calendar Corner

October 24 – National Radio Astronomy lab & VLA tour and dinner, Socorro
November 3 – DEADLINE for submitting news for the Nov/Dec RGC Bulletin
 November 10 – Reception at the Law Library with Indigenous Librarians, Santa Fe
 November 17 – “How to Poison Your Boss” (poison forensics); joint program with law Librarians, Albuquerque
 January 22-24 – SLA 2004 Leadership Summit, Albuquerque

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President's Perspective

Summer is over. Yes, I know the official date for the beginning of fall isn't until September 23 but the Bernalillo Wine Festival is past, school has started, the State Fair is winding down, and the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is just around the corner. Summer is over and it is time to kick start a new year for the Rio Grande Chapter.

President-Elect Thaddeus Bejnar has some terrific programs planned and we hope to see many of you at the upcoming events. Planning activities to cover a wide range of interests takes thought and energy so please support Thaddeus' efforts by attending as many meetings as possible. And remember, our programs are not limited to members only. We welcome new faces so invite a friend, your boss, or significant other to join us.

This year a major activity for the Chapter will be hosting the SLA Annual Winter Meeting. This leadership summit gathers together Chapter and Division officers, Association leaders plus headquarter staff for an intensive three-day retreat to work on Association business. The meeting, to be held January 22-24, 2004 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Albuquerque, will require active Chapter participant. Look for a report by Heather Hlava Kotula in this issue to see how you can assist. There will be many opportunities to welcome the Association's leaders to New Mexico so contact Heather or a member of her committee and help us show others why the Rio Grande Chapter is so great!

My sincere thanks to Nora Stoecker, Newsletter Editor, for her patience and perseverance in putting together this issue of the Bulletin. Working with a procrastinator can be a trying experience yet she is doing a fabulous job in spite of me! You don't have to wait for the deadline. Send your news and announcements to Nora throughout the year so she has material for the next issues.

Looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming meetings.

Best,

Sarah

Rio Grande Chapter Update

Tentative Programs Schedule

- Oct. 24, with Kathy Robinson
National Radio Astronomy Lab. and VLA,
Socorro

A graduate student will provide a tour;
NM Tech telescope viewing in the evening,
dinner at El Sombrero

- Nov. 10, Reception in Santa Fe,
at the Law Library,

Meeting with Indigenous Librarians who are
having their 3d International Forum in Santa
Fe.

- Nov. 17, Joint program with Law
Librarians in ABQ
"How to Poison Your Boss" dealing with
poison forensics. Lunch followed by two
speakers.
- Dec., Evening or Saturday Potluck at
member's house; speaker on MAGIC;
maps/GIS
- Jan., SLA Winter Meeting/Leadership
Summit, Albuquerque
- Mar., Human Genome, Santa Fe

Storage and Archiving of Genome Tracings
Natl. Center for Genome Resources or at
LANL

- Apr., NMLA Joint Preconference in Las
Cruces,

"Outcome Based Measures & Performance
Results" Speaker would be Claudia Horn

Member Highlights

Heather Gallegos-Rex

Heather Gallegos-Rex is NMLA Vice
President this year and is planning the 2004
NMLA Annual Conference in Las Cruces,
April 21-23, 2004.

The theme will be, "Libraries: the WOW!
Factor." The two main supporting tenets of
This theme are Communicating Value and
Best Practices.

Jesus Lau

Jesus writes that "Veracruz, a tropical
paradise with lushy vegetation and sunny
beaches and lots of coconuts, will be my
home from now on, well at least for the next
two or three years! My family and I decided
to stay in this Southern part of Mexico after
spending my sabbatical year here. The
state university, Universidad Veracruzana,
offered me and my wife, who is also a
librarian, an academic position to both of
us.

I am directing the regional university library,
with a brand new building of steel and glass
with architecture that has some
resemblance to the George
Pompidou building in Paris. In addition, I
was appointed to coordinate the university
virtual library. The library itself is about half
a mile away from the sea. The third floor
offers a narrow but beautiful aqua blue
view. Now, SLA Rio Grande Chapter has a
member/representative about 1,500
kilometers down Albuquerque. If you
happen to be touring this part of Mexico,
please let me know to guide you through
some of the best spots of Veracruz.
Saludos a todos!"

Minutes – August Executive Committee

August 20, 2003 11:00 AM

In attendance: Sarah Morley; Gloria Zamora, Stephanie Gerding, Thaddeus Benjar

Agenda:

Yearly programs planning
Treasurer's report
Winter 2004 report
Web/newsletter
Joint Preconference at NMLA
Dates for Board Meetings

Next board meeting is tentatively set for the third week in Sept., possibly Friday

Board Members:

- President: Sarah Knox Morley
- President-Elect: Thaddeus P Benjar
- Past President: Gloria Zamora
- Secretary: Stephanie Gerding
- Treasurer: Mary Ellen McMurtrie
- Archivist: Judith Bernstein
- Employment Chair--should we have someone? Perhaps try attracting a new member; perhaps have board members contact 3 people
- Government Relations Chair and Strategic Planning: Heather Gallegos-Rex
- Bulletin Editor: Nora K. Stoecker
- Professional Development Chair: Sandy Spurlock; wants to work more with Pres. elect for programming
- Public Relations Chair: Carol Hoover
- Web Development: Frances Knudson
- Heather Kotula Winter Meeting 2004 Committee Chair

Thaddeus: Programming for 2003/2004

- Oct.. 26th Kathy Robinson National Radio Astronomy Lab. and VLA, a graduate student provide a tour; NM Tech telescope viewing in the evening, dinner at El Sombrero
- Nov. 17 Joint program with law librarians in ABQ *How to Poison Your Boss* includes poison forensics

- Dec. Potluck at member's house; speaker on MAGIC; maps/GIS
- Jan Midwinter Meeting
- March Santa Fe Human Genome; *Storage and Archiving of Genome Tracings* Ntl. Center for Genome Resources or at LANL
- April NMLA Joint Preconference in Las Cruces

Heather Gallegos-Rex spoke to the board about co-sponsoring a joint pre-conference at the NMLA Annual Conference. This would be a chance for the chapter to have a meeting in southern NM, in the past there was a successful co-sponsored event on SOLO librarianship. The topic would be Outcome Based Measures & Performance Results. The speaker would be Claudia Horn who is on contract with IMLS to do training across the country. The cost would include travel and an honorarium. Attendance fee could be \$50 per person for members, \$60 for non member, this includes a \$20 per person charge for a manual of handouts. This would need to be publicized heavily. The focus would be on planning more than evaluation. The date would be April 21, 2004. Gloria moves that we support the joint meeting in Las Cruces in April 2004. Seconded by Sarah.

- May, 2004: Joint meeting with AZ; could be in AZ--Window Rock? Perhaps during Cinco de Mayo; which is a Wed.; Could be the annual business meeting?

Financial budget items to be brought to the next meeting in Sept. Thaddeus estimates \$1000 net drain on budget.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Ellen was not present; Sent nformation on budget. The Wells Fargo Bank balance is \$9, 021.28 as of 7/31/03.

For the winter 2004 meeting, there is \$11,000 outstanding from vendors. \$4,000 has been received. Access Innovations promised \$1,000 and Lexis Nexus promised 2,500. Factiva offered \$5,000, but has asked to not to pay until Jan. All vendors have been invoiced for June 1, 2003. Mary Ellen

has followed up. Heather send at report listing the budget as 12,022.58. All funds need to be approved by the Exec. Board before spent. The President must sign all contracts. Heather Kotula needs to send a budget and updates on vendors. The board approved a Nov. 1st deadline for an approved budget for the Winter 2004 meeting; involving all vendor donations except Factiva. If funds have not been received, budget will need to be adjusted according. The website for the meeting is ready at <http://www.sla.org/chapter/crio/Winter2004/Winter2004main.htm>. Thank you to Carol Hoover. There needs to be a welcome message from the President or the Fiesta Committee, or both.

Thaddeus needs to be added to the checking account. Sarah and Mary Ellen are currently on checking account.

Sarah had an email from Donna Cramer regarding the online directory. There have been some complaints; would like it to be password protected.

Contracts should be reviewed by an attorney--Gloria will look into having SLA's legal approval.

An email needs to be sent to notify members of the newsletter deadlines and also afterwards to notify of publication. The timing of the issue has not been working. Proposed new issue dates, flexible and based on the needs of the Pres. Elect, are: July newsletter after the Annual meeting; then a programming newsletter in the fall, perhaps mid Sept.; sent and published the following week; include volunteer requests for Winter meeting in Sept. newsletter; another issue after the winter meeting--mid Feb.; and finally an end of the year issue in early April. Each year the Exec. board will decide the newsletter schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30.

2004 Winter Meeting – Albuquerque

by Heather Kotula

We're drawing ever closer to the Rio Grande Chapter's big chance to shine for everyone in SLA!

There's good news, and then there is great news. The good news is that we have exceeded our goal for fundraising. The great news is that we can do everything we want to, and maybe even more! We have a spectacular dinner buffet planned for our guests, transportation to and from the Hyatt downtown, and some entertainment with a local flavor.

We have a fantastic website already posted: <http://www.sla.org/chapter/crio/Winter2004/Winter2004main.htm>
Many thanks to Carol Hoover for putting that together.

Of course, there is one thing that all the money in the world can't buy - and that is time. In the next newsletter, and probably in some emails before and after, the Fiesta on the Rio Grande committee members Heather O'Daniel, and Dell Johnson will be asking you to volunteer for a few hours here and there to help with staffing the registration desk at the meeting and a local information table, help with various tasks during the Welcome Reception, and to be a dutch treat, dine-around dinner leader. I hope you'll be able to spare a couple of hours here and there, and show our colleagues what makes the Rio Grande Chapter ROCK!

Treasurer's Report

As of August 31, 2003 our Checking Balance is \$9,021.48. As of August 31, 2003 our Pooled Fund Account is \$5,058.87
Total: \$14,080.35

Around the Region

State Librarian

Richard Akeroyd has been appointed State Librarian by Department of Cultural Affairs Secretary Ruben Smith and Governor Bill Richardson. Mr. Akeroyd began Monday, July 28, 2003. He comes to the State Library from the Bill & Melinda Gates Library Foundation where he was director of library programs.

In that capacity, he became acquainted with public libraries in New Mexico when the Foundation's program generously placed computers, software, related hardware, Internet connections, technical support, cash grants, and training into the state's 74 public libraries.

Before that Richard Akeroyd was Connecticut State Librarian for eleven years.

Reminder

The deadline for submitting news and information for the November/December 2003 *Bulletin* is Monday November 3rd.

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