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## **New for 2004/2005**

### **Bulletin Schedule Change**

Beginning with this issue, the *Bulletin* will be published three times a year instead of four. The schedule for the upcoming year is as follows: September 2004, February 2005, April 2005.

Because most of our members and friends are subscribed to the RGC/SLA e-mail list, programming details and other time-sensitive information will be distributed by e-mail. To check your listing on the e-mail list, go to <http://www.unm.edu/~dcromer/slargc-email.html> . Contact Donna Cromer with questions.

Also, the Rio Grande Chapter website is another source of information about the club. Please check it regularly at <http://www.sla.org/chapter/crio/> .

### **Web Master Hail and Farewell**

Heather O'Daniel of Intel will be taking the helm as web master for the Rio Grande Chapter, as Frances Knudson retires from the role. Heather is a former editor of the *Bulletin* who after a few years off to attend school is back on the Board again. Welcome back Heather!

And a big thanks to Frances Knudson! It was back in 1999 when Frances considered the idea of a web site. And it wasn't long after when she brought the small but mighty Rio Grande Chapter into the world wide web by creating and hosting a site. In early 2003 she transitioned the site to the SLA Headquarters' server where it resides today.

Frances is valued by all those that found it so easy to work with her and is appreciated for her diligence to improve the accessibility of information concerning our Chapter.

After years of service, she has passed on her duties as web master to Heather O'Daniel. So at this time, we would all like to express a big THANK YOU to Frances.

### **Incoming Officers**

All of the new and returning Rio Grande Chapter officers are listed on page 2 of this Bulletin. Welcome to all and thank you for your willingness to serve the chapter!

## Rio Grande Chapter Update

### Member Highlights

Mimi Greenwood

Mimi reports that while "visiting my sister last week [early August], we dropped in to the new SLA offices in Alexandria. John Latham, Director of the Information Center, gave us a tour of the beautiful new offices."

Margie Hlava

Margie's firm Access Innovations has received a patent for its Mai-Chem™ chemical name indexing system. This system is now available by license.

Margie and her daughter Heather Kotula are coordinating the Hubbell Family Historical Society biennial reunion for next year. You may have seen the front page story in the July 5<sup>th</sup> *Albuquerque Journal*.

Margie is quoted throughout the story and Margie's Mom's photo was on the front page. The Hubbell family reunion consists of Hubbells (and Hubbles, Hubbels and Hubbils), from throughout the U.S, including descendents, Native American and Anglo, of the Hubbell family of regional Trading Post fame.

Part of the reunion activity will support restoration of the Hubbell House in the South Valley. For pictures and information go to [www.hubbellhousealliance.org](http://www.hubbellhousealliance.org)

Frances Knudson

Frances writes: "Thank you for the lovely picture frame. I have thoroughly enjoyed being the webmaster for the past 7 years. It is simply time for change." Again, thank YOU Frances!

### Chapter Finances

Treasurer's report:

Balance as of July 31, 2004

Checking account: \$5973.73

Pooled Account: \$5265.16

Total: \$11238.89

We received a pleasant surprise from the New Mexico Library Association. We co-sponsored a pre-conference session at the 2004 NMLA and sent them a check for our portion of the expenses. As it turned out, the registration fees covered the expenses with some left over. They not only returned our check but sent us an additional check as the 50/50 split of the "profits."

Mary Ellen McMurtrie, Treasurer  
Rio Grande Chapter of SLA

## July 16 Board Meeting Minutes

Rio Grande Chapter Board Meeting  
July 16, 2004  
New Mexico State Library

Attendees: Thaddeus Bejnar, President, Carol Hoover, President-elect, Sarah Morley, past-President, Mary Ellen McMurtrie, Treasurer, Gloria Zamora, Secretary, Corinne Machado, Donna Cromer

President Thaddeus Bejnar called the meeting to order

1. Report from awards committee chair Donna Berg. The Awards committee will be looking for input for nominees for Association awards. A number of people will work with Donna. There was discussion about members vs non-members serving on Chapter committees. Carol Hoover will discuss the membership status issue with several members.
2. Friends discussion. Donna Cromer reported that she has not been charging a fee to Friends since the newsletter went electronic. She believed Friends dues covered primarily the cost of the mailing of the newsletter. There has been discussion for some time at SLA headquarters about the non-official members loosely tied to chapters. This discussion has also included discussion of the association list-serves and whether they should be available to non-members. Both of these issues have financial implications for the association and the chapter. The Board discussed ways to encourage the Friends to join the Association. The board agrees that we should demonstrate what value the Friends would receive as members of the Association. The Friends category will be disbanded and those in this category will receive a letter notifying them of this and encouraging them to join and participate as full members of the Association. As an aside to this discussion, the Board agreed to investigate unaffiliated members. There was sentiment expressed that some SLA members from New Mexico do not affiliate with the Rio Grande Chapter because our name does not reflect a geographic boundary.
3. Carol Hoover reviewed the programs proposed for the 2004-05 year. The Board approved the program plan along with association costs and fees. Topics include:
  - a. SLA President Ethel Salonen - On the future of SLA and the Professional Development Program
  - b. SPARC – Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition On the crisis in scholarly communication
  - c. Herbert Van De Sompel – Los Alamos National Laboratory Research Library - On open URL and linking
  - d. Wendy Seltzer – Electronic Frontier Foundation - On the frontlines in copyright and intellectual property issues
  - e. Heidi Porth – Dialog, Quantum2 Program – On Achieving results through relationships: The power of influence. or Defining the impact of information: cost justify the information center
  - f. Janice LaChance, Executive Director, SLA
4. Treasurer's report and tasks
  - a. Total chapter assets as of 5/31/04: \$12,988.62

- b. Invoices for payment by the Treasurer should be submitted for payment within two weeks of the expenditure
  - c. Calendar for Treasurer reporting: The Executive Board Meeting in the summer and the Annual business meeting. But the Treasurer should have balance and expenditure figures available for any meeting of the Board.
  - d. All expenses for the Chapter need to be approved by the Board prior to expenditure and members seeking reimbursement should document expenses including content of the purchase and cost.
  - e. How long does the Treasurer need to retain financial records? We will get a definitive answer on this from headquarters.
  - f. The Board approved a motion to leave the \$2500 that was withdrawn from the pooled account, in the active checking account. The discussion was that the programming for this year is very ambitious and we are making a push for increased membership, therefore we may need those funds readily available.
  - g. The Treasurer will write up guidelines for the treasurer's responsibilities.
- 5. Thaddeus reported on his health. He felt that he was well enough to continue as President, but asked that the Board make that decision. The Board agreed to support him as the President of the Rio Grande Chapter. He will not attend the January meeting in Tampa. The Board agreed that Carol would select someone to attend the winter meeting so two individuals represent the chapter.
  - 6. There are currently two committee chairs unfilled, the PR chair and the Webmaster. Donna Cromer agreed to ask Heather O'Daniel if she is interested in being the webmaster.
  - 7. Newsletter: Nora Stoecker has agreed to be the editor once again. The Board agreed to be more helpful this year by being pro-active in soliciting articles and in writing articles. The Board also agreed to a publication schedule; the Bulletin will be published in September, January/February and April. This cuts the number of issues by one.
  - 8. The Board tentatively set Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> for the next meeting. It will take place at the State Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45.

Respectfully submitted  
 Gloria Zamora  
 Secretary, Rio Grande Chapter  
 July 22, 2004

### **Program Plans 2004-2005**

By Carol Hoover, President-Elect SLA-RGC

We have an exciting season of programming planned for the upcoming year. This is a great line-up of people highly capable of providing rich and informative content on a variety of important topics. More information on program schedules will be provided through the chapter listserv, website and through mailings. See the following list for a preview.

Ethel Salonen, President, SLA  
**Topic:** The future of SLA and the new  
SLA Professional Development Program  
Date: TBD  
Related info:  
<http://www.sla.org/content/learn/index.cfm>

Herbert Van de Sompel, Los Alamos  
National Laboratory  
**Topic:** OpenURL and linking.  
Date: October 2004  
Related info:  
<http://lib-www.lanl.gov/lww/openurl.htm>

Julia Blixrud, Assistant Director/Public  
Programs, SPARC  
**Topic:** The crisis in scholarly  
communication  
Date: November 2004  
Related info:  
<http://www.arl.org/sparc/home/index.asp?page=0>

Wendy Seltzer, Staff Attorney, Electronic  
Frontier Foundation  
**Topic:** The frontlines in copyright and  
intellectual property issues  
Date: February 4, 2005  
Related info: <http://www.eff.org/>

Heidi Porth, Quantum2 Program, Dialog  
**Topic:** Achieving Results Through  
Relationships: The Power of Influence  
**Topic:** Defining the Impact of Information:  
Cost Justify the Information Center  
Dialog training classes  
Date: March 2005  
Related info:  
<http://quantum.dialog.com/training/workshops>

Janice LaChance, Executive Director, SLA  
**Topic:** Bring your boss to lunch with SLA  
Date: TBD

## Members & Friends, News for You

By Donna Cromer

Hello everyone,

Plus ca change, c'est la meme chose! As  
Judith Bernstein and I went through the  
entire Chapter Archives a while ago, we  
noticed some of the same things coming up  
over and over. One was the name of the  
organization(heard that one lately? :- ) ) and  
who is eligible to be a member of SLA,  
and one was the maverick attitude of the  
RGC in allowing a category of 'Friends'.  
New Mexico has always been and still is a  
poor state, with not very many people  
spread out over a large area. This has  
fostered an unusual degree of cooperation  
among different types of libraries and  
librarians across the state.

But some things really do change. A year  
ago we switched from a paper quarterly  
Bulletin to an electronic only Bulletin, which  
anyone can access.

I personally began to question the category  
of Paying Friends once we made this  
change. And guess what? Headquarters is  
once again looking askance at us. But for a  
good reason this time, having to do with our  
nonprofit status.

So, no more official Friends of the Rio  
Grande Chapter. But?..

In the spirit of the historic cooperation  
among librarians in this state, the Rio  
Grande Chapter electronic discussion list  
(SLARGC-L) will be open to anyone who  
wants to join.

Most of our Friends are already subscribed  
to this list and no change will be necessary.  
We will do a bit of advertising, perhaps, to  
announce the opening of the list.

I believe this is a good thing, a fair  
compromise that will still allow non-SLA  
members to keep up to date with what our  
Chapter is doing, because, after all, the  
Mighty Rio Grande Chapter is always up to  
grand things!

One last important thing- please consider  
joining as a full member of the Rio Grande  
Chapter of SLA. That is the best way to gain  
the many benefits of being a member of  
SLA, in particular (in my opinion), the  
subject-oriented Divisions and the Annual  
Conference, as well as less expensive

member prices for local learning/workshop opportunities. Next year the Annual Conference will be in Toronto, Canada.

SLA is changing too, working hard to serve all information professionals. One big initiative is to become the premier provider of professional continuing education. As change comes faster and faster, SLA will be the organization to go to for learning everything needed to cope.

The URL for joining is:

<http://www.sla.org/content/membership/joinsla/index.cfm>

In related news, SLA has great new brochures. I would love to send them to prospective members -- send me the names of anybody you think might be interested and I'll send them a letter and a brochure. Contact me at 505/277-4753 or [dcromer@unm.edu](mailto:dcromer@unm.edu)

## **Around the Region & Other News**

### **Ernie Pyle Exhibit: Special Collections Library**

By Joe Sabatini

Albuquerque's Special Collections Library presents an exhibition of images, documents and memorabilia about the life and career of Ernie Pyle.

This exhibit was created by the Albuquerque Museum this winter to accompany "Capture the Moment," a traveling exhibition of Pulitzer Prize photographs. Pyle won the 1944 Pulitzer Prize for Journalism for his war correspondent columns.

After his death, Pyle's heirs donated his house to the City of Albuquerque, which used it to create the City's first branch library in 1948. Over the years, thousands of people have traveled to Albuquerque to visit the library and memorial.

In addition to the original Museum display, the exhibit will show materials from the Library's archives about Pyle's time in Albuquerque, the establishment of the Ernie Pyle Memorial Library and the popular response to the memorial. A vignette of the Pyle home living room will feature a bookcase with his writings, his wife's piano, family photographs and scrapbooks of his columns donated by admiring visitors.

The show will open on August 3, 2004, the 104th anniversary of Pyle's birth. It will close on April 30, 2005.

Lectures and other public programs are being planned, including one during the 2005 New Mexico Library Association conference.

Special Collections Library, 423 Central Ave. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102 (Corner of Edith and Central) 505-848-1376, Library hours are 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, Tuesday-Saturday.

### **Sandia National Labs Technical Library Adds to Staff**

By Susan Stinchcomb

The Technical Library at Sandia National Laboratories welcomes two new librarians.

Donald Guy joined Sandia in June and came to Sandia from Motorola in Illinois; he is our collection management librarian. Donald is returning to the southwest, having spent some years with Motorola in Phoenix.

Cynthia Thomes also joined Sandia in June and is a new reference librarian who graduated from library school at the University of North Carolina this spring.

We're glad to have both of these librarians to fill some critical areas in our library staff.

## **Job Opening – UNM Health Sciences Library**

The University of New Mexico Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center seeks a resourceful, articulate Distance Service Librarian who can effectively use 21st Century library and information technology to provide training and services for off-campus users.

Details at:

<http://hsc.unm.edu/facultyjobs/singleposting.cfm?PID=320&ID=1> .

**Deadline: September 15, 2004** for best consideration.

The University of New Mexico is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and Educator.

## **2004 Conference Report**

Submitted by Sarah Morley

The Opryland Hotel in Nashville was quite the place – fountains, bars, restaurants, an indoor river and at least three lobbies all under one roof. The gardens were lush and it was quite easy to lose your way among the maze of pathways, corridors, and meeting rooms.

Overall attendance was somewhat disappointing at 3,839 but the Rio Grande Chapter was well represented.

The Leadership Development Institute, held at the beginning of the conference, is an important event for Chapter and Division leaders. This is the time to be introduced to the SLA leadership as well as to share ideas and concerns with each other.

Ethel Solonen shared her vision of the upcoming presidential year and asked us to give her feedback she could take back to the Board.

A mainstay of the Institutes I have attended are breakout sessions on a variety of topics. This year I was in a small but lively group that discussed public relations and marketing ideas. A group of outgoing chapter presidents and division chairs gave us tips in a session called “If I knew then what I know now”.

If you ever have the opportunity to attend an SLA conference and are interested in a leadership role, make sure to attend one of the Leadership Institutes. They are open to all and very worthwhile. You will get some great ideas to bring back to the Chapter (or work) and meet leaders from throughout SLA.

## **Resource Management System? An Explanation.**

By Twila Firmature

As libraries and information centers acquire more and more electronic resources, a range of issues have to be addressed:

How do we notify customers about electronic access to resources? What kind of access are we allowed according to our licensing agreements? Can our customers use our full-text remotely? Who do we contact when our access goes down? How do we maintain the most current links to our full text journals? Can we link from one of

our licensed databases to full text resources?

These are issues that libraries and information centers have been grappling with for several years now. How have we as librarians and information professionals dealt with this? In order to promote access and use of electronic resources we have done several things:

Some have taken all of our information about our electronic materials and tried to make it fit in the systems we created for print materials. We put it in the catalog, inserted links in the bibliographic record and placed the license agreements in vendor files.

Some have created our own databases to try and track electronic titles and maintain current URLs. It means at least one staff person is dedicated to its data entry, maintenance and troubleshooting.

Others have created A-Z hyperlinked electronic title lists in HTML and put them on our library websites.

These are all worthwhile efforts, but when it comes right down to it, electronic is not print and it does not behave in the same manner. The electronic world is a hyperlinked world, not a linear world. We need to look at the needs of managing electronic materials and address as many of them as we can. We need to track all of our administrative usernames and passwords. We need to have a central repository for all of our licensing information that is available to more than one unit within the library. We need to be able to do real time URL updates in just one place. Our electronic catalogs can do some of this with note fields and URL fields, but how do you differentiate between licensing notes and password notes?

This is where the Electronic Resource Management System (ERMS) enters the picture. An ERMS is a system that is designed with electronic resources as the focal point. Its whole purpose is to look at these resources and provide all of the tools necessary to manage the various components of the resource: the licensing agreement, the administrative passwords, the availability and location of usage statistics, the contact information for the vendor, resource title lists and URLs, etc. It can be a stand alone database or it can be a module of an electronic catalog.

Who designs these systems? Both commercial vendors and libraries now, but in the beginning, it was libraries. Libraries needed them and vendors were not supplying them, so libraries started designing their own.

Currently, many vendors are working on ERMS design. A few have products that are on the market, but most are still programming madly to get them ready to market and offer to libraries and information centers. At this point none of the systems can do everything that we need them to do yet, but they are getting closer. The Digital Library Federation Electronic Resource Management Initiative group makes all of its documents available to vendors and libraries See:

<http://www.library.cornell.edu/cts/elicensestudy/>. This allows database designers to benefit from all of the previous work the DLF group has done. It is a great place for vendors to start information gathering because some of the reports list the desired elements for an ERMS.

At the University of New Mexico University Libraries, two separate databases were designed in-house. One was for staff to help manage licensing agreements and vendor information. The other was for our patrons to help them locate valid URLs for electronic journals (Full Text Finder). This year we decided to migrate from our databases to a vendor's turnkey product: the Colorado Alliance's Gold Rush system (<http://grweb.coalliance.org/>).

On August 9, 2004 the UNM's Gold Rush "went live" replacing our beloved Full Text Finder, which since 1999 had helped patrons locate valid URLs for electronic journal titles. Going live completed Phase I of the implementation project. The project has been a very exciting and interesting adventure shared by members of the Gold Rush Implementation Team: Linda Lewis (chair), Paulita Aguilar, Rebecca Bauerschmidt, Roberta Innan, Susan Magee and myself. We feel part of the team's success is that it involved people from reference, acquisitions, systems and collection development backgrounds. If you have a moment, the team invites you to surf on over to UNM's Gold Rush and check it out.

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