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**May 13, 2005 – Rio Grande Chapter Annual Meeting, Bishop’s Lodge, Santa Fe**  
**Enjoy your summer! The next Bulletin will be published in September.**

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## President-Elect's Perspective

It has been another eventful year for the chapter. Last year's success hosting the Leadership Summit was a tough act to follow, but that success enabled us this year to provide a series of programs by speakers prominent in their fields. Program highlights included speakers from the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC), the Electronic Frontier Foundation and the Dialog Quantum 2 program. These speakers were well received and appreciated by chapter members. The chapter was also very proud to present the first Rio Grande Chapter Distinguished Service Award to long-time member Sandy Spurlock. Sandy has said farewell to the library profession, but will continue as a member of the chapter.

Since our acting Webmaster will be our President-Elect for next year, I will be searching for volunteers to fill the Webmaster position. We are also in need of a volunteer for the Public Relations/Advertising Chair.

I keep hearing that people are just waiting to be asked to help. Well, consider yourselves asked.

If you have questions or any interest in either of these positions please let me know. As a small chapter in a big state we can use all the support we can get.

Our last activity of the year will be the annual business meeting May 13 at Bishop's Lodge in Santa Fe. I will be presenting the President's proposed agenda for the coming year. Next year's agenda will focus on membership and mentoring, development of a Practices Manual, liaisons with other information related groups, expanded support for attendance at the annual conference and lastly a new t-shirt design. Be sure to attend the annual business meeting if you are interested in hearing more. This meeting will also feature committee reports, a speaker, elections for the next set of officers. Your voice does count so please plan to join us!

**Carol**

## Rio Grande Chapter Update

### Member News

#### Margie Hlava

Kudos to Margie's company Access Innovations. Margie is pleased and excited to announce that Access Innovations was named to KM World's 2005 Top 100 list – "100 Companies that Matter in Knowledge Management". See the story at <http://www.kmworld.com/100.cfm>

#### Abe Lederman

Abe's company Deep Web Technologies developed the software behind Science.gov's new Alert Service, announced on February 16<sup>th</sup> of this year. Science.gov provides research results from the U.S. Department of energy and 11 other federal science agencies. The alerting service is available to the public; for more information see

<http://www.science.gov/alerts/alertmain.shtml>

On April 12<sup>th</sup> Abe presented a talk on "The State of the Art of Federated Searching" for the Rio Grande Chapter.

#### Heather O'Daniel

Congratulations to Heather O'Daniel, who recently took a new position at LRRRI.

*As many of you know the Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute (LRRRI) bid a sad goodbye to Sandy Spurlock as she left the position of Library Services Manager to start a new profession. However, to cover the duties left by her gap it was decided to expand the role into what is known as a Knowledge Manager (KM).*

*Heather O'Daniel, after 14 years serving the population of the Intel Corporation within the Intel Library, accepted that new position. This article describes Heather's experience through that transition.*

I want to share some of my observations while changing from a "librarian" to a "knowledge manager". Please note: these

are my personal opinions and not necessarily endorsed by those involved.

It became apparent to me the past few years with the Intel Library that those being hired at higher grades and salaries were not librarians, but network administrators, programmers, and trainers. We had too many librarians in our group, so I realized if I were to find opportunity for growth, it was time to leave.

The LRRRI vacancy was originally posted as Library Services Manager. But after investigation the CIO of the Information Services (IS) department, to whom the library reports, decided Knowledge Manager was more in the direction of his strategy. Selling my skills as something beyond a librarian was not easy, but the process taught me something important. What it taught me was that librarians are a critical component to every organization. There is something in Library Science we know and bring that others do not.

In my interview with the CEO he asked what I was going to do for his organization. I thought I was very clever in most of my answers touting information lifecycles, database integration and the like. But he continually responded that the IS staff could do those things. I was getting very frustrated with what I saw as defending librarianship. Finally I stated clearly and emphatically that I facilitate cognition. I provide meaning to those accessing information. I guess that was the magic concept, because he stopped probing and I was hired.

Now after my first week, defining and most importantly positioning the role of KM in the organization is a challenge. The IS folks are not sure what impact I will have on them as a group. I speak their language and ask interesting questions, so they seem confused with no clear delineation of my expertise compared to theirs. However they are very excited at the prospect of learning through collaboration. Some of the scientists

doing research feel they've lost their "librarian" and are surprised to hear they can, though occasionally hesitant to, ask for bibliographic searches. And lastly, executive management is watching closely to see what will be produced by this weird hybrid.

But all in all, it has been an extremely positive exciting experience, no matter what you call me. I understand the principles of my profession and rest confident in them.

## **Other Chapter News**

### **2005-2006 RGC Board Slate Announced**

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the 2005-2006 slate of officers:

Heather O'Daniel, President-Elect  
Stephanie Wical, Treasurer  
Gloria Zamora, Secretary

Voting will take place at the annual business meeting May 13, 2005.

Submitted by  
Sarah Knox Morley  
Linda Morgan Davis  
Judy C. Neff

### **Annual Meeting Scheduled – May 13th**

The 2005 Rio Grande Chapter Annual Business Meeting will be held May 13.

The venue will be dinner at Bishop's Lodge Resort & Spa in Santa Fe. The evening will begin with reception at 6:00pm and dinner at 6:30pm. We have the beautiful Alcove and Terrace areas reserved for the meeting.

Those of you who have been there know the experience and first timers are in for quite a treat. Details on speaker coming soon. Members, future members, friends and their guests are welcome to attend the meeting.

The Annual Business Meeting is a wrap-up of the business year. Officers and committee chairs will be reporting on the year's activities and achievements. The President's agenda for the coming year will be announced. A stimulating speaker will present information valuable to our membership. And a meal and camaraderie will be shared in an exceptional setting.

For further information, contact Contact Carol Hoover at [hoover@lanl.gov](mailto:hoover@lanl.gov) or via phone at 505/667-3061.

### **Last Bulletin for the Summer**

Thanks to all who contributed to the Chapter Bulletin this year. See you in September!

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

### **Job Openings – Albuquerque**

Submitted by Elizabeth Luebchow

The Air Force Research Laboratory at Kirtland Air Force Base recently announced openings for a Library Director and a Technical Services Librarian. More information is available at [http://www.infontl.com/iia\\_recruiting/by\\_category.asp](http://www.infontl.com/iia_recruiting/by_category.asp)

### **CSEL Rises From the Flood**

By Donna E Cromer  
Centennial Science and Engineering Library  
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As you may have heard, UNM's Centennial Science and Engineering Library (CSEL) suffered a semi-major disaster on December 24, 2004.

Due to an unfortunate sequence of events (it was the coldest day of the year, the power went out on campus and around, and the new campus generators didn't come on as planned, among other things), a pipe burst and water poured out of the utility room behind the circulation desk through the floor directly to the room below, sideways into a number of offices, and then down the stairs, till it filled the lower level 3 inches deep.

Luckily, relatively few books were damaged, but the danger for mold growth after the water was pumped out was extreme. In an emergency operation, the entire contents of the lowest level were packed out and moved to storage.

Water damaged items (primarily maps) were sent to special freezers, or discarded. In addition, in the course of the cleanup, more mold damage from long-term leakage was discovered in other areas of the building. Then the remediation began!

Thankfully the library was able to hire the right kinds of companies to repair and fix all the damage. This involved ripping out all the flooring on both levels, removing the bottom four feet of the drywall from the lowest level and a number of rooms and offices on the first level down. The new flooring in the lowest level is water and mold resistant tile and there is new carpet in the rest of the building, as well as new paint. The hardest work for library personnel concerned the moving back and reshelving of the books. Bringing order out of the chaos took a lot of work!

It's been 3 ½ months now, and things are just now getting back to normal. There is still a lot of work to do, primarily in fixing the long-term problems, but the end is in sight and we can finally feel like we might have a working building again someday soon. After all, it could have been so much worse in terms of actual materials losses, and I figure it's the only way I ever would have cleaned out my office.

### **External Advisory Board calls LANL Research Library the "best in world"**

Submitted by Carol Hoover, Los Alamos National Labs

The Los Alamos National Laboratory Research Library was recently named "the best science research digital library in the world" following a review by the library's [External Advisory Board](#), a group of high-profile information experts. The purpose of the group's visit was to provide an independent external assessment of the Library's technical and operational capabilities and to help provide recommendations for future developmental directions.

"The Research Library is globally recognized as a leader in information science and information management, especially regarding developments of digital libraries, [an arena in which it] is pre-eminent. The Research Library is world-class and the leader of digital library product and services," said Mike Keller, of Stanford University, chair of the library's external advisory board, which visited the Lab earlier this month.

"We believe a world-class library is an essential part of the enabling infrastructure required to support world-class science. The goal for over a decade has been to achieve a world-class level to improve the competitive position of our Laboratory scientists," said STB-RL Director Rick Luce.

Luce said some of the board comments that are likely to be in the upcoming report include the recognition that the Research Library greatly benefits from having an organizational position closely aligned with the Laboratory's science and would be unable to function as well if placed in a human resources or information technology division. However, the group believes that the library also is positioned too low on the organizational chart and they suggest a better situation would be one where Library management reported to the Laboratory's chief science officer, or a potentially revived deputy director for science position.

He said the software development work the library does to maximize commercially available library information technology products fulfills a chronic market failure and gives Laboratory scientists a continuous edge in research. Without the high level of customer focus and technical software development from the Research Library, and without continued investments by the Laboratory in the rapid-paced information world, Laboratory scientists would experience significant loss in research capability within two years.

The library continues to offer traditional library services and collections, but Luce added the Research Library is much more efficient and effective than other research libraries in large research universities. The External Advisory Board, he said, concluded that the Research Library has no peer among the other national laboratories, so far as the members of external review team could ascertain. (Reprinted from *LANL Daily Newsbulletin*, Feb 23, 2005 issue)

### **“What’s Next? Academic Libraries in a Google Environment” – Google Print Beta**

By Twila Firmature, UNM

Notes from An ACRL Conference presentation on April 10, 2005

Do this: go to Google and type in the following search string, “books about computing” (without quotation marks). One of your top results will read “Book results for computing” and have a books icon adjacent to the text. This is a result for Google Print Beta. If you click on one of the titles, you can see an example of a Google Print Beta record. Next click on the “About this Book” link and see what comes to your mind.

One of the last presentations at the Association of College and Research Libraries was given by Adam Smith of Google and John Price Wilkin from the University of Michigan. They spoke about the Google Print Beta project and the Google Scholar Beta project ([scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com)).

The talk combined an explanation of how Google is structuring the two Beta projects and how the University of Michigan perceives the partnership for Google Print.

Adam Smith made the following points:

- Google Print collaborates with publishers and libraries
- Google Print results are being included with other Google search results
- Google is looking for more libraries to partner with (the size of the collection does not matter) for Google Print
- In-print books from publishers are scanned using a destructive process, but out-of-print books held by libraries are scanned in a non-destructive manner
- The aim of Google Scholar is to give a user one place to look for scholarly papers
- The results are based on relevance and not availability (thus a result from a commercial publisher could be close to the top, even though it may not be easily accessible)
- Google is trying to partner with link resolver vendors to tackle the authentication issue for users
- Google Scholar aims to be comprehensive, so it does include more than just peer-reviewed works
- Google will not accept fees from publishers to rank their results higher

John Price Wilkin shared the following:

- Michigan has partnered with Google because they want to continue to be a leader in digitization projects
- Michigan views the project as a way to connect more users with materials
- The images are not perfect, but they are as least as good as other Michigan digitization projects
- The project has started with the 2.5 million volumes that are housed in a UM storage facility
- The partnership has been gratifying for Michigan

At the end of the presentation, microphones were opened for questions and comments. The tone of the questions ranged from fear and skepticism to admiration and gratitude. These two Beta projects have caused many research libraries to re-examine their purpose and mission in this Millennium.

## **ALA - One Million Signatures Needed for Campaign for Reader Privacy!!**

From ALA, submitted by Heather Gallegos-Rex

The USA PATRIOT Act threatens your privacy in bookstores and libraries. It gives the FBI the power to apply to a secret court for an order compelling the surrender of records of the books you purchase or borrow.

Section 215 is scheduled to expire on December 21, 2005, but many in Congress want to make it permanent. The book community opposes re-authorizing Section 215 unless it includes safeguards that protect the privacy of our reading records.

Sign the petition today and spread the word for others to sign at  
<http://www.readerprivacy.org/petition.jsp>

## **SLA Updates**

### **SLA Bylaws Vote Update**

By Gloria Zamora, SLA Treasurer

Bylaws vote update:

The SLA Board of Directors has been discussing a number of issues that will require changes to our current bylaws. Among these are to allow electronic voting, to change the governance year to the calendar year and to remove the cap on dues percentage increase. SLA's lawyers have been working with the staff and the bylaws committee to detail the changes that need to be made.

SLA has been waiting for many years to have electronic voting. Unfortunately we are incorporated in New York State and New York State does not allow electronic voting. Our lawyers have advised us that there are ways to write our bylaws that will allow electronic voting. A communications plan is under development that will explain the issues in time for a vote at the annual business meeting (ABM) in June in Toronto. This will be a vote of the members present

Please use the petition (PDF) at the site to collect signatures at your library or elsewhere, and return signed petitions to:

Office for Intellectual Freedom  
American Library Association  
50 E. Huron St.  
Chicago, IL 60611

We'd like to collect one million signatures by May 31st since Congress will begin discussions of sunset provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act this summer.

The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom and the ALA Washington Office, along with the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression, Association of American Publishers, and PEN American Center, are sponsoring a petition drive to urge our representatives in Congress to support legislation that amends section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act.

at the ABM, not a vote of the entire membership.

The other vote that will take place at the ABM, in June 2005, will be to change the governance year. The Board of Directors voted, in January, to approve a measure that would change the governance year to January to December instead of June to May. The resolution called for this to happen in 2007. Therefore in order to accomplish this changeover by 2007 a vote must be taken at the ABM, of those members present. This will have a positive effect on both the association and the chapters. Financial reports will be better coordinated. Officers will take office in January and the Leadership summit will be the first introduction and training for new officers, rather than waiting well into an officer's term for training.

The Board decided that both of these votes need to be taken in June 05, but we are under a little bit of a time constraint. Most of you know that we are having an additional keynote speaker on Wednesday, during the traditional time for the ABM. That speaker

was to have been President Bill Clinton, but the President had to cancel due to commitments involving his United Nations Tsunami Relief position. SLA worked with Factiva, (who is sponsoring the speaker) to find a substitute. Our speaker is now Gary Hamel.

Mr. Hamel will speak Wednesday morning so our time for the ABM will be reduced. The current plan is to start the ABM on Tuesday afternoon before the Chapter and Division cabinet meetings. The only order of business will be the bylaws votes. Then the meeting will be continued on Wednesday, prior to the keynote speaker, to allow the transition of new officers to take place and Presidential remarks.

The other vote on the dues restructuring will take place later either electronically or at the next ABM in 2006.

### **SLA Dues Restructuring Update**

By Gloria Zamora, SLA Treasurer

The Finance Committee of SLA has been looking at our dues structure for almost two years. The Kentucky Chapter started this debate with a proposal they presented to give dues relief to lower salaried information professionals. Before the Leadership Summit in January, the finance committee presented several proposals for consideration by the chapter and division cabinets. The proposals included dues restructure based on salary bands and the consumer price index. In addition the New York chapter presented another proposal for consideration.

The proposals were debated and it was decided to ask the Finance committee to gather additional information and come up with a variation based on the comments. We solicited additional comments from the membership at large to be used in our deliberations.

There was not overwhelming agreement on salary bands or the CPI. There was general agreement; however, that in any restructuring the chapters and divisions should get an increase equal to or greater than the percentage increase in dues.

Taking all of this input, we put together the following proposal.

Categories:

Retired/student:	\$35.00
Virtual	\$65.00
Less than \$35K:	\$99.00
All others:	\$160.00
Additional affiliation:	\$18.00?

This is an increase of approximately 28% for the general membership but a decrease for those members who make less than \$35,000. We retained the present structure for the "retired/student" member and "virtual" member categories

We are still working on the percentage increase for the units. We suggested an increase of 20%. In addition there will be an increase in the cost to join additional divisions.

This proposal will go to the Board in June for their consideration. If they approve the proposal, a bylaws change will be needed to initiate this change because the proposed increase is greater than 12%. We want to eliminate the percentage cap on the increase.

The AOOO (Association Office Operations Committee), a subset of the Board of Directors, proposed that this bylaws change not be voted on at the annual meeting in June. SLA wants to concentrate on two bylaws changes in June: 1) To allow electronic voting and 2) to change the association governance year to the calendar year. Should electronic voting pass, elimination of the cap will be presented to the membership to be voted on electronically sometime after June.

A communications plan has been developed for the bylaws changes. You should start seeing some e-mail in late April and May. Then John Crosby, SLA's Director of Communications, will work on a communications plan for the dues restructuring that will go out following the June meeting. The final proposal will be available on the SLA website in May.

The Finance committee is also suggesting that the Board of Directors review the dues structure on a more regular basis. Presently, according to our bylaws, dues cannot be raised any more frequently than once every three years. We are not

proposing a change in this wording of the bylaws, but we want to ensure that the Board is fully aware of the implications of the budget on the Association's ability to provide quality programs and services for the members.

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