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Calendar of Events

November 9 – RGC/SLA Annual Business Meeting

December 1 – Holiday Social Brunch

President's Message

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As we approach the final season of this year, I write my last message in the role of President. This past year has been a delightful opportunity to connect with members in a way I would not have discovered on my own. I found the experience well worth my time and encourage all members to seek the role of President some point in your career.

As President, I was able to see that change, and often profound change, is affecting all of us. Change enables new possibilities and directions to emerge. However, maintaining stability during change is beneficial and often accomplished by having common values and goals. So, I believe the best thing for the Chapter at this time is to define and agree upon a common strategic direction. Based on that belief, I asked the Board to meet and develop a new strategic plan.

The Board's proposed strategic plan is published in this newsletter and will be presented for input and/or approval by the general members at the Annual Business Meeting on Nov. 9th. Announcement of that meeting is posted in this issue.

To develop the plan the Board reviewed SLA Headquarters strategic plan to understand their direction and ensure alignment with the Association. We also reviewed the demographics of our Chapter membership. We categorized the 68 members the bulk of whom are in either government labs or corporate entities. Other statistics include: 9 retired; 9 government; 8 academic; 8 out-of-state; 4 self-employed; 3 unemployed; and 1 student. Based on this information we targeted goals that would apply to the needs of those demographics, as well as the future direction of the profession.

This truly is the most exciting time to be in the field of information science. I will continue to serve the Chapter. Although my desire to serve is often greater than the time I am able to give, I hope to provide Maryhelen the support she needs to accomplish our future goals. In addition, we are seeking volunteers as Chairs and members of committees. So please attend the Annual Business Meeting to help define the Chapter's upcoming needs and to offer your talents.

Harrison Owen, an organizational consultant, in the late '80's defined the concept of "Open Space." He encouraged participants to get out of the formal organizational structure just waiting for something to stimulate (often the next coffee break) and to create their own environment based on their needs and desires.

RGC is an environment which is made up of you, its members. I encourage you to use it as a venue to create what you need in support of your profession.

So enjoy this issue, and remember if you didn't find the topic you desired perhaps you could write about it for the next issue!

Warm Regards,



Rio Grande Chapter Officers, 2007

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Rio Grande Chapter Update



Member News

Elizabeth Luebchow

My husband, Rusty, and I welcomed our first child on April 25, 2007. We named him Kayden Willoughby Luebchow.

Welcome to new SLA Member Polly McCord

Polly McCord is a new SLA member, although some of you may have met her previously when she was an active member of ARLIS. A graduate of Texas Woman's University's library program, with an undergrad in art history from UNM, Polly is the new Librarian for the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (or, OSE Librarian for short). Polly has worked in public libraries, academic libraries and museum libraries, and most recently was the Architecture Librarian at University of Arizona, before moving back to New Mexico in 2004. In ARLIS, Polly served as President of the Texas/Mexico Chapter, Newsletter Editor and Co-Chair of the Mountain West Chapter, and as co-chair of the Research Awards Committee at the Society level. She has been an invited speaker and panelist at Internet Librarian, CARL Users Group, and ARLIS/NA.

Polly is the first professional librarian that the OSE Library has had. She is a solo librarian there and is eager to start a volunteer program. The OSE Library collects materials related to the history, science, law, use and management of New Mexico's water resources and those of surrounding regions. Holdings include materials going back to Territorial times as well modern technical and consultant reports.

Polly is excited about joining SLA and looks forward to meeting other members.

Nora K. Stoecker

In my Sandia Labs life, I have moved out of the Technical Library and am now an information researcher in the Government Relations department. Learning a lot and having a great time!

In my SLA life, I am the incoming Chair of the SLA Chemistry Division, Materials Research and Manufacturing (MRM) section and am also planning the Chemistry Division/MRM "vendor roundtable session" for the SLA conference in Seattle, June 2008.

In my "independent researcher" life, I have started a new blog called TechInfo-notes, "science and technology news for business". Check it out at <http://nksinfoservices.com/blog/>

Treasurer's Report



As of October 31, 2007 we have \$ 3,092.02 in our checking account and \$4,220.72 in our pooled fund account for a total of \$7,312.74.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie H. Wical, SLA RGC Treasurer

RGC 2008 Slate of Officers

The Rio Grande Chapter Nominating Committee would like to submit the following names for the 2008 slate of officers:

President-elect: Diana Daleo

Treasurer: Julianne Hix

Secretary: Stephanie Wical

Current President-Elect, Maryhelen Jones will become President. The election will be held at the annual business meeting November 9 at the New Mexico State Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hoover
Maryhelen Jones
Donna Cromer
Rio Grande Chapter Nominating Committee

Biography of Diana Daleo, President-elect



Diana Daleo has been working in special libraries since 1994. She is presently employed as a solo law librarian for Miller Stratvert P.A., the third largest law firm in New Mexico. Diana has a Bachelors of Science degree from the University of Illinois and a Master of Arts degree in Information Resources and Library Science from the University of Arizon - Tucson. She has been an active member of SLA since 2005. In her admittedly little free time she loves to read, eat out, walk her dog Dewey and spend time with her family.

Biography of Julianne Hix, Treasurer

Julianne Hix earned her MLIS from the University of Illinois. She received her B.A. in Finance, also from the University of Illinois. Julianne's library experience resides in the public arena. She is excited to put her experience and education toward serving as Treasurer for the SLA Rio Grande Chapter. Julianne can be reached at juliannehix@comcast.net.

SLA RIO GRANDE CHAPTER STRATEGIC PLAN 2007-2009

MISSION: As part of SLA, the Rio Grande Chapter promotes and facilitates professional development, networking and advocacy for special librarians at the local and regional levels.

- **GOAL 1. Encourage professional learning.**
 - Objective 1. Provide timely educational programming that reaches the diverse needs of the membership.
 - Objective 2. Survey members' programming needs every two years.
 - Objective 3. Organize programs with other professional organizations whenever possible.
- **GOAL 2. Provide networking opportunities.**
 - Objective 1. Offer programs that promote social interaction.
 - Objective 2. Use list-serv as a benefit of membership to provide useful information and promote virtual sharing.
 - Objective 3. Contact targeted groups of librarians and other information professionals annually to scan the environment as current awareness while seeking opportunities for connection to fulfill mutual needs.
- **GOAL 3. Advocate the importance of librarianship in today's information environment.**
 - Objective 1. Promote the Rio Grande Chapter and the work of its members at appropriate events such as professional association meetings, institutional programs and career fairs in the region.
 - Objective 2. Make appearances individually or collectively representing the profession as philanthropic outreach.



RGC/SLA Annual Business Meeting 2007 with a presentation by Susan Oberlander, NM State Librarian

The Rio Grande Chapter of SLA will hold their annual business meeting addressing various agenda items that includes review of the new strategic plan and the election of 2008 officers.

Following the meeting Susan Oberlander will speak on the future direction of the NM State Library. The event will conclude with an opportunity for networking at a local "happy hour" event nearby in Santa Fe.

Location: **NM State Library located at 1209 Camino Carlos Rey in Santa Fe** [view map at Mapquest](#)

Date and Time: **November 9th, 2007 at 1pm.**

Attendance: **The meeting is open to all members and the general public with an interest in information science.**

If you have agenda items or questions please contact Heather ODaniel, 505 348-9414 hodaniel@lrri.org

Susan Oberlander will present an overview of the State Library mission, services, and statewide resource-sharing priorities.

Susan Oberlander, the new NM State Librarian, has a background in library science as well as telecommunications policy. For the past 15 years, she has worked in the field of telecommunications policy in Washington, DC and New Mexico.

She received her PhD from UC Berkeley in 2000. Previous to her work in telecommunications policy, she was the Director of Libraries and the Library Technology Degree program at Northern New Mexico Community College. She participated in several statewide projects during her tenure at Northern:

- working to create the New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries
- developing for passage a funding formula for academic libraries in the NM Legislature
- facilitating passage of the Library Privacy Act
- teaching intellectual freedom workshops for all NM public libraries
- making the MLS program from University of Arizona available in New Mexico for one year.

She was awarded the NMLA Librarian of the Year award in 1989.

Please join us to share your perspectives, learn about what's new, and to just have a really fun time. See you then!



Save the date

SLA Rio Grande Chapter members & friends

Holiday Social Brunch
Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007

“A SANTA PAWS CELEBRATION”

Donations will go to New Mexico shelter animals and their organizational homes.

**at President Heather O’Daniel’s home
in Rio Rancho**

.....Stay Tuned and Stay Warm.....

**More Information to come at the
the Annual Business Meeting, November 9
and on the SLA RGC Listserv.**

Around the region and other news

Thank you from the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Associations’ Local Arrangements Committee

Although I'm no longer a member I'd like to thank all the SLA Rio Grande Chapter members who answered the call for volunteers at the 2007 annual meeting of the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association. Anyone who has been part of program planning or local arrangements for a conference knows that the manpower needed to successfully pull off a meeting is huge - particularly when the membership is small as it is here in Albuquerque. The assistance we received for (wo)manning the registration/hospitality desk as well as way-finders who guided attendees to the Albuquerque Museum for the opening reception was incredibly helpful. Does SLA/RGC know that Heather O'Daniel is a member of a band? Cumulonimbus provided the music for our Premier Night at the Albuquerque Museum and they were fabulous!

On behalf of the Local Arrangements Committee and me personally, thank you SLA members - you are the best.

Sarah Knox Morley, M.L.S.
Clinical Services Librarian, UNM HSLIC

Item from the Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute Archive

This item was found in the archive at the Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute (LRRRI). It is of note due to the observation, in 1959, concerning users and their behaviors around computing technology. The same could very well be said today. – Heather ODaniel

“A major reason for slow utilization of revolutionary improvements in data handling in the life sciences has been lack of personnel familiar with the use of such equipment and with what type of processing is appropriate once the computer stage is reached. The use of machine record cards for recording medical data for examinations or on patients represents a radical departure from the handwritten medical record which has long been traditional in the medical profession. For many years there have been innumerable complaints about handwritten records. Three of the more serious shortcomings of this method of recording are: It is much too time consuming; the records are often at least partially indecipherable; and the retrieval of information is both laborious and time consuming to the point that much needed clinical research is impractical. In all probability, there is no panacea to this problem. It is recognized, moreover, that individuals cling tenaciously to the traditional methods that have been taught them. This is partly because a good deal of effort is expended, at least temporarily, in making changes. Yet it is clear that sooner or later something will have to be done to systematize medical records.” p. 1325

Published in: H. Schwichtenberg, D. D. Flickinger, and W. R. Lovelace II, "Development and Use of Medical Machine Record Cards in Astronaut Selection," U.S. Armed Forces Med. J., vol. 10, no. 11, Nov. 1959, p. 1324-1351.

The New Mexico Tech Skeen Library Hosts “Wii-kend”

The New Mexico Tech Skeen Library put on its first "Wii-kend" to appeal to New Mexico Tech's pizza-eating gamers. George Tavarez organized the evening of games, bringing many of his favorites. Feedback was very positive, as students and library staff members had a good time.



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