



**Rocky Mountain Chapter, SLA
Annual Business Meeting
January – December 2007
Held on January 17, 2008
Hosted by **Denver News Agency****

Meeting was called to order at 6:45pm MT.

Minutes from January 2007 Annual Business Meeting were approved by members.

Treasurer's report

- Main account, reconciled Jan 11/08: Balance \$10,295.54.
- Second half of Rebecca Jackson Scholarships checks have gone out.
- Year-end reports are due to HQ by end of January/08.
- All items related to SLA 2007 Denver Student Event have been received/paid.
- Colleague Connection account, reconciled Jan 11/08: Balance \$5526.46

State of the Chapter address: Scott Brown

2007 SLA Conference: over 5000 attendees.

This was really your event, where you got to shine. All of you who helped with the wiki, who provided advice via the conference listserv, volunteered to staff the Hospitality Booth, or in other ways helped put the conference together. It wouldn't have happened without the efforts of all of you!

I stopped by the Denver Hospitality Booth several times over the course of the conference, and almost every time, the booth volunteers were very busy helping attendees: answering questions, recommending restaurants, giving directions, and selling our awesome denim shirts! (which, by the way, sold out)

And, I heard regular comments: "Thank you!" "What a great conference!" "Great job!" I've heard from several people that we really "raised the bar" for SLA conferences - so congratulations again! (I don't think we'll hear any remarks about tornadoes again after this one ;)

Student Chapter:

Our student chapter, newly formed in 2006, had a phenomenal year in 2007. In addition to continuing to build a strong student population, the student chapter put together and drove a Student Reception (for all student conference attendees) and RMSLA "whew! it's over" party, with the student chapter and RMSLA working closely together. To me, this

was "the" event to attend - where else would you have the opportunity to meet and mingle with Chapter members, students, and luminaries like then SLA President Rebecca Vargha, SLA President-Elect Stephen Abram, and Ginger Maloney, Dean of Education at DU. Included in the event was the opportunity to have most of the new Denver Art Museum building all to ourselves. Great job everyone - this one will definitely last in members' memories.

Current projects include an art project involving 845 old catalog cards from Penrose Library; beginning planning on this year's "Day on the Job", after the success of last year's efforts; and coordinating volunteer work / community service for specific special libraries.

Rebecca Jackson Scholarship fundraiser and recipients

Stories on Stage raised \$250, but other donations, including donations from CLiC, EBSCO, profits from our denim shirt sale and many individual donors brought our scholarship fund to \$2632.11. The Jackson family themselves contributed \$1000 to the fund this year.

Able to award two \$1200 awards to Regina Avila and Gabrielle Wiersma.

Membership meeting and awards

Our membership meeting, generously sponsored by RMSLA Platinum sponsor HIS, featured Christine Hamilton-Pennell and Mary Ellen Bates talking about change and taking charge of your life. We also presented awards to Kathleen Rainwater for her outstanding Local Arrangements work, and to Lori Dubois, who received the Horizon Award for her work with the Student Chapter!

Task forces: Membership and Programming

SLA Director: Past-President Ty Webb. Ty was elected to an SLA Director position for SLA from 2008-2010!

CAL Special Libraries Association

In November, CAL voted to approve a Special Libraries Association within CAL. This is a more formalized body of CAL members with special libraries interest. CAL and RMSLA have been dialoging about the new association before and after its formation.

Beth Wrenn-Estes, current CAL President, had a goal to create this entity within CAL to serve the special librarians/libraries within CAL, and to have all the major library disciplines represented within the association. She wants special librarians to have a voice and a vote within CAL.

Both Beth and I want to emphasize that this association within CAL will not replace Rocky Mountain SLA (RMSLA) by any means. Rather, the two groups will complement each other. The general idea is that having more special librarian "visibility" within CAL would be a good thing both ways: as a way to promote special librarians and their interests within CAL, and as a way to give RMSLA more influence and input into CAL planning and events. Also, there's the opportunity to give visibility to RMSLA events

through CAL.

As an association within CAL, the Special Libraries Association will have a vote on the CAL Board, input on the annual conference, and sponsor a spring workshop of interest to special libraries each spring. This spring workshop is something that could possibly be a joint effort between CAL and RMSLA.

Overall, I think this seems like a good thing and a good opportunity to create and grow partnerships between our two organizations.

RMSLA cannot be formally associated with CAL, due to RMSLA's non-profit status and CAL's PAC activity. However, we are exploring ways to keep open and regular communication between the two groups, including possible assigned liaisons between the two groups (to attend meetings, etc.)

Sponsors:

- IHS
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Recognition of 2007 Officers – Scott Brown

I want to give a big thank you to the following officers:

- Wanda McDavid, who is now your new Chapter President!
- Ty Webb, who now moves out of the Past President role
- Lisa Backman, our departing Secretary
- Heather Whitehead, who continues as Treasurer
- Ander Murane, who has fulfilled his two-year Director term
- Monnie Nilsson, who continues in 2008 as a Director
- Michelle Rainbolt, Academic Relations
- Linda Bourgeois, Archivist
- Char Moss, Awards
- Mar Scully, Hospitality
- Marcy Rodney, List Manager
- Barbara Verble, Membership
- Christy Confetti-Higgins, Blog
- Christine Hamilton-Pennell, Professional Development
- Robyn Hutson, Public Affairs
- Vivianne King, Webmaster

Last but not by far the least, I want to recognize our current Student Chapter Board members; these positions run for the school year, and so started in 2007 and run through the end of the school year in 2008:

Maura McGrath, RMSLA Chapter liaison
Guy Mason, President
Melissa Izzo, President-Elect
Bridget Sullivan Whittenberg, Program Chair
Tina Jayroe, Secretary
Loretta Melhado, Treasurer
Deb Grealy, Student Advisor

2008 Slate of Officers and Chairs

Wanda McDavid, Incoming President
President-Elect: Manuel Santos, Jones University
Secretary: Chris Cook, BCR
Director: Lori Dubois

Please be sure to vote!

Plans for 2008 – Scott Brown and Wanda McDavid

- Facebook group - already started and going - join today!
- Day on the Job: very successful last year, Scott working with Bridget Sullivan Whittenberg to coordinate this year
- Spotlight on your Career partnership. RMSLA and CoALL are jointly sponsoring the February 23, 2008 Spotlight on Your Career: Travel Tips For the Road to Success – Keynote speakers – Kathryn Stroh and Kim Dority
- Colleague Connection. The 2008 Colleague Connection is set for April 2, 2008 at the University of Denver, Driscoll Ballroom. Nina Platt of Nina Platt Consulting is the speaker and the topic is Technology Trends Affecting Libraries: Handling the Challenges Change Creates."

Call for New Business: no new business

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm MT.