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From the Desk of the President

It seems like only yesterday, really, that I accepted the gavel from Julie Sih to assume the responsibility of being Chapter President. The year has fast-forwarded ahead to now when I will turn the gavel over to our new president, Mike Perkins, on May 14. In many ways it's been a quiet year, probably a good thing as we approach our 40th anniversary in 2000 and the heightened activity that the Southwest Regional Conference will bring. But, I'm getting ahead of myself. I would like to reflect on this past year and thank the Executive Board and Advisory Council for their dedication to the Chapter.

We have always prided ourselves on being the best source for providing professional development and educational programs to the San Diego library community at large. ALA doesn't do it. CLA doesn't do it. It's up to us in SLA and this year was no different. So a BIG THANK YOU goes out to the Executive Board members Mike Perkins, Linda Counts, Karen Sharpe, Mary Jane Ning, Scott Fischer and Deborah Kegel who have been our guiding lights this past year in moving our chapter forward.

Behind the Executive Board sits the Advisory Council whose many functions keep our chapter afloat. Without them we would have no chapter! The annual reports that the board members send to me, and I to headquarters, are published (in condensed form) in this Bulletin. Please read them to learn what has been going on, much of it behind the scenes.

Thank you to the board for doing such an excellent job in your volunteer positions.
Gretchen Gabbert

Note from the editor: Gretchen's message, done in haste, gives no hint of the fine influence and leadership she has exerted on our chapter this past year. Not only has she led us locally, she has acted as general chair for the Southwest Regional Conference (April 2000, San Diego). These, in addition to working two jobs. Her service will not be forgotten, and *she* has *our* thanks.

While I have your eye, I wish to bid farewell as your co- and content editor for the last eight Bulletin (fondly referred to as The Bull) issues. Laurie Blasingame continues her capable handling of formatting and mailing, and we await news of who will move us into the next millennium as the new co-editor.

Judy Thompson

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Calendar

May 1999

- 14-19 Medical Library Association Annual Meeting - Chicago, IL
www.mlanet.org/am/
- 24-6 ASIS Mid-Year Meeting - Pasadena Hilton, Pasadena, CA
www.asis.org

June 1999

- 5-10 SLA Annual Conference - Minneapolis, MN - www.sla.org/
- 24- American Library Association Annual Conference - New Orleans, LA
www.ala.org

July 1999

- 15 &16 National Online Training Center for PubMed and Internet Grateful Med classes - San Diego, CA- Contact Mary Van Antwerp, Online Analyst at (800)338-7657 press 2

April 2000

- 5-7 Second Southwest Regional Conference, San Diego, CA – Contact Gretchen Gabbert (619) 563-7487.

SLA Logo

Member News

WE HAVE A WINNER!

Our Chapter awarded its first Student Scholarship of \$600 to Chapter member Paula Simon at the March 19th Spring Seminar. The field of applicants was competitive and Paula was chosen from a select group of candidates by the SJSU's Library School Scholarship Committee. I would like to acknowledge the support and administrative assistance of Dr. Debra Hansen, Assoc. Director of the MLIS program who was instrumental in accomplishing this selection. The criteria for evaluation were: 1) academic standing (GPA); 2) completion of the three core library classes; 3) membership in the San Diego Chapter of SLA; 4) residence in San Diego County; and, 5) a one page written letter to Dr. Debra Hansen. The scholarship was advertised in February with the choice of the recipient completed by March, in time for the award presentation at the Spring Seminar. This award gives Paula some financial reward for her hard work and an additional mark of achievement to enhance her resume. The Chapter is delighted to be able to substantially participate in the development of future librarians.

I wish to say that this presentation caps off a rewarding two years as the Student Liaison Chair, a position which I enthusiastically recommend to any member looking for professional participation in our Chapter.

Pat Knobloch
Student Liaison

AFTER THE WAR IN EL SALVADOR

When President Clinton visited El Salvador March 8-10, seven years after the peace accords were signed which ended a costly 12-year civil conflict, I was watching the activities. All the country turned its attention to President Clinton, grateful for his support for their development in education, business, and trade. After so many years of war, the Salvadoran people have put those divisions behind them, and are working together to build a new El Salvador. They really appreciate the support and good will of the American people.

I was selected as a Fulbright Scholar and am spending January through June working, consulting, and researching in El Salvador. Principally I am based at the private, special library, La Biblioteca "Dr. Manuel Gallardo" in Santa Tecla just outside San Salvador. I am identifying rare or scarce Salvadoran imprints not held in other library collections and therefore unknown to Latin American scholars and students.

I am cataloging these and adding them to the Salvadoran National Bibliography which will eventually be published.

I am enjoying being able to use the education and skills I acquired while an undergraduate and graduate student at UNC-Chapel Hill and SDSU. I majored in Spanish, earned an M.S. L.S., and received a second M.A. in Latin American Studies from SDSU. In my daily work for SDSU Library, I select all the new books in Spanish and Latin American literature as well as catalog them. The Fulbright Scholarship allows me to immerse myself in the life, language, and culture of a Central American country, while sharing knowledge and expertise with Salvadoran colleagues. It is a challenge to live and work outside one's comfortable academic setting, but it's very rewarding. I hope this will benefit SDSU as I reinforce my ability to communicate in Spanish, seek out new sources for library acquisitions, and meet local authors, artists, researchers, and educators.

While in El Salvador, I have assisted two U.S. scholars with their research on El Salvador. I've found unpublished material on Claudia Lars, El Salvador's most famous female author, for use by a scholar of Central American women's literature. At the American Embassy, where I have mail and computer privileges, I have assisted the education director of USAID with his forthcoming book on San Salvador depicted in postcards. He was surprised to learn I have written about using postcards as valuable visual resources for social history. He asked me to contribute a descriptive blurb for the dustjacket of his book. I also have been offered a contract by Scarecrow Press to revise and update the Historical Dictionary of El Salvador, first published in 1972 by my SDSU professor of Central American history, Dr. Philip Flemion. It is just such interesting professional opportunities that the Fulbright allows.

Several professional library associations have invited me to give presentations and workshops. At one I used the Spanish translation of SLA's Competencies for Special Librarians in the 21st Century to begin a lively discussion at a meeting of health sciences librarians. I am enjoying the interchange with my Salvadoran colleagues and am impressed with their dedication and high degree of professionalism. When I visited here ten years ago during the height of the war, my colleagues continued to provide library services to their students and patrons even when bombings would cut their electricity and cause untold difficulties. They persevered, and now are advancing rapidly in our changing technological environment. I am very pleased to contribute a small part to their development.

Martha McPhail

Features

A NEW SEARCH ENGINE: NORTHERN LIGHT

At the Spring Seminar, in an unprecedented show of modesty, Northern Light's rep, Jack Past, declined to speak about this new engine. As usual, when I want to know something (whether *you* do or not), I get someone to write about it. So I asked Jack, and he asked one of their marketing people, Michelle Montgomery, to give us a description. I had a thunderbolt of insight one day when I realized that "Northern Light" is the North Star, which guides the wayward navigator. *Ed.*

Northern Light Technology LLC (<http://www.nlsearch.com>) combines an online research library of over 5,400 full-text sources with the largest indexed Web database available (over 130 million pages) to deliver comprehensive results in one search. Northern Light's Special Collection, our research library, covers a wide range of subjects from arts to technology and contains full-text of such sources as *Investext*, *FIND/SVP*, *Advertising Age*, and the *Journal of the Association for Computing Machinery*. Northern Light supports a variety of search syntax including full Boolean (nested Boolean, truncation and wildcard searching), Natural Language and Fielded searching.

There are a variety of ways in which you can access data at Northern Light. Probably the most familiar is the home page www.nlsearch.com. You will see tabs at the top labeled Power, Industry, News, Investext, WEFA and Publication. Each of these tabs provides a view into the data available at Northern Light. For example, the Power (Search) form offers a simple way to do advanced searching with many prompts - ideal if you work with novices. The Industry Search form searches a subset of Northern Light's main database focusing on 26 industries and disciplines including healthcare, energy & petroleum, and telecommunications. Combining auto-classification with editorial review of Web and Special Collection titles, Industry Search provides a powerful resource for business users and researchers. For something completely different, News provides free access to a separate database of real-time, full-text indexed news feeds from a wide variety of sources including *Business Wire*, *Africa News Daily*, and *AP Online*. Stories are updated every 90 seconds and can be searched by the last two hours, last day's or last two weeks of news. After two weeks a story is archived in the main database.

Northern Light has also created forms for searching

specific data within the Special Collection. The most recent addition is the Investext form, which allows you to search solely the Investext database. Besides Northern Light's basic search functions you can search by company name, ticker symbol, research firm or product name. A browse function is incorporated in the Investext form in which you can select a given industry and view all of the report abstracts for that industry.

Northern Light has entered both the world of the Web search engine and that of the online information provider, which has created some confusion as to how one can access Northern Light and the cost involved. To clarify, ALL searching, Web data and Special Collection abstracts are free at Northern Light. You pay only for the full-text Special Collection documents you choose to read.

Michelle Montgomery
Northern Light Technology

LIBRARY OF CALIFORNIA UPDATE

The recently passed legislation for the Library of California calls for a system of regional networks to link more than 8,000 public and private libraries throughout the state. On March 30, more than forty local librarians met in Temecula to begin the planning process for Region V, covers five counties (San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino, Imperial, and Inyo).

The meeting had two primary purposes: to create a regional planning group, and to select delegates for the State Library's Grant Planning Meeting, held in April. Both groups will have representatives from academic, public, school and special libraries and as even a geographic representation as practical from such a large region.

There was extensive discussion regarding equitable representation. Each person came with their own perspective, whether geographic or library-type, and each person naturally was concerned that their own special needs would be adequately represented. Academic librarians pointed out that they are both large and small, public and private, rural and urban. The two library cooperative systems wanted equitable representation from their geographic areas. Special libraries have the largest variety -- corporate, medical, law, prison, military, government, etc.-- and were concerned about adequate representation for their own specialized areas.

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By the end of the discussions, however, everyone knew that, in spite of our differences, we are all united in our objective of providing the best library services possible to our collective constituencies.

Composition of the Region V Planning Council is still under discussion, pending additional clarification from the State Library. At this time, the Council consists of the following representatives:

- two each from academic, public, school and special libraries
- one each from internal organizations, such as the Inland Library System, Serra Cooperative Library System, Inland Empire Medical Group, SIRCULS, SLA (MLGSCA, SANDALL, etc. still under discussion)
- one from each of the area's Statewide Resource Libraries (UCSD, UC Riverside, and San Diego Public)
- one each from the "Underserved - geographically isolated" and "Underserved - limited English speaking"
- Representatives for special libraries on the region's planning council will be Jean Willis (San Diego County Public Law Library) and Anita Peterson (R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility). There is some question as to whether organizations will have their own representation. If so, I will represent the area's SLA chapter.

Eight people from our region attended the Grant Planning Meeting in April. I was the representative for special libraries, having served on the Networking Task Force and the Coalition Council during the legislative process for the Library of California.

On July 16 the Planning Council will present their plans for the region and solicit your input, tentatively at the Escondido Library. Mark your calendars and plan on coming.

BUSINESS JOURNAL ARTICLE – ABOUT US

Watch for the *SD Business Journal* Careers Issue, May 24: Our PR chair, Donna (Gehres) Dutton has arranged for SLA-SD to have a write-up, featuring interviews with several of our very own, and a picture of the zoo library. More later!

Ty Webb

Program News

THE SPRING SEMINAR: DOCUMENT DELIVERY

Directors Scott Fischer and Deborah Kegel organized a successful and stimulating Spring Seminar this year. Here's Scott's report:

"Document Delivery: What's Now, What's Next?" was the theme at the 1999 Spring Seminar. Based on comments and evaluations the enthusiastic response seemed to be "Lots and lots". More than 70 participants and vendor representatives were led through the maze of developments in the document delivery world from traditional interlibrary loans to the latest Web-based databases offered by serials and journal publishers and electronic information vendors.

Tammy Dearie of the UCSD PLUS Information Service opened the morning at La Jolla's Radisson Hotel conference center on Friday March 19th. Ms. Dearie gave us an introductory look at document delivery at the beginning of the next millennium (without the specter of Y2K comments, but oops, I just did it!). Lynne Karle and Sharon Cline McKay from Dawson/Faxon provided a team presentation on how to manage the various resources, and Scott Ahlberg of Infotrieve echoed some of the earlier comments from the perspective of a commercial information broker.

Dick Cotton of the American Council on Exercise then explained to the coffee-quaffing, soda-sipping group that we need not feel anguish at not feeling "the burn". Dick explained that a little exercise is better than none and does not require treadmills, step masters or other tortuous activities. I was bolstered by the realization that we can be fit and fat. We then broke for lunch (relatively guilt-free).

A post-lunch presentation by Dave Davis of the Copyright Clearance Center gave us a humorous historical perspective and then a look at implications of copyright law on electronic and Web-based materials. Probing questions followed and some spirited comments from the audience on the always-elusive issues of copyright law.

A final Q&A session was directed at the spokespersons representing Academic Press, Advanced Information

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Consultants, Copyright Clearance Center, Dawson/Faxon, Information Express, Infotrieve, Northern Light, PLUS Information Service and STN Chemical Abstracts.

Scott Fischer, Co-Director

AN EVENING FOR LIBRARIANS

A quite wonderful hour of wit, puns, wordplay, amusing stories, and a gratifying pat on the back for librari-

NOTICE!
Internet Librarian '99
San Diego Concourse
November 7-11, 1999
www.infotoday.com/il99/il99.htm

Association News

ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MINNEAPOLIS

SLA's annual conference will be held June 5-10 in Minneapolis. Your chapter is helping to fund the attendance of the President (Gretchen Gabbert), President-Elect (Mike Perkins), and President Elect-Elect (Judy Thompson). Some time ago a task force had drawn up guidelines for how the chapter should fund officers' attendance at the annual and winter conferences.

Preceding the conference will be the Knowledge Executive Institute (June 3-5), sponsored by Dialog and Teltech Resource Network Corporations, which will provide knowledge management competencies for executive-level information professionals.

The erstwhile Middle Management Institute has been renamed the Management Competencies Institute, and this will be held June 5-6, coincident with Continuing Ed courses. These require registration fees additional to the conference proper.

SLA PRESIDENT ELECTED

Donna W. Scheeder is the newly elected president-elect of SLA. Donna is deputy assistant director of the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. She will be installed at the 90th Annual Conference in Minneapolis when Susan S. DiMattia, editor for Cahners Publishing Company, will be sworn in as president of SLA.

A couple of SLA board members are associated with us here in San Diego: Doris Helfer, science librarian at CSU Northridge will be Division Cabinet chair-elect. Doris is our SW Regional Conference vendor relations chair. Sandy Spurlock (Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute in Albuquerque), will be Chapter Cabinet Chair.

SLA'S AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM

When I started out as the 1998/1999 Affirmative Action Committee Chair for the chapter, I really had no idea what SLA Headquarters (AAC) was doing to help the Affirmative Action movement. Well, I spoke with some of the other Affirmative Action Liaisons and found out what they were doing on behalf of minorities in the organization. I got to thinking and decided to share what I found out with the rest of the Chapter so that everyone would know and maybe want

to help move things along.

There are four things that the AAC is chartered to do:

- 1) Plan, direct and monitor an affirmative action plan for the association in accordance with its policy statement for an Affirmative Action Program
- 2) Initiate, develop and encourage association-wide plans related to the recruitment, development and advancement of minority librarians and information professionals
- 3) Communicate minority concerns through the association newsletter
- 4) Assist the SLA Scholarship Committee with requests related to Affirmative Action Scholarships.

Interested individuals for the Affirmative Action Scholarship of \$6,000 are encouraged to apply. Applications are available through headquarters. Also available through headquarters are two brochures that will help any minorities in their career choice of Special Librarianship.

The Diversity Leadership Development Program is designed to help further develop interested minority SLA members in assuming leadership roles within the association. Applications are available through headquarters. This mentoring program has given 15 awards since 1996. This year's Diversity Leadership Awards are for three candidates to attend the national meeting and take CE courses. The three winners are Jacquelyn Bryant Knuckle, Scott Library-Thomas Jefferson University, Veronica Walker, W.T. Young Library-Univ. of Kentucky, and Annie Wang, National PTA. EBSCO donated the \$5,000 for this year's awards.

There will be several programs from the AAC at the Annual Conference. Saturday, June 5, 4:30 - 6:00pm is the Diversity Leadership Development Reception. Sunday, June 6, 4:30 - 6:30pm is the Affirmative Action Liaison Roundtable focus meeting. Monday, June 7, 7:30 - 8:45am is the AAC Roundtable Breakfast Meeting. Tuesday, June 8, 3:00-4:30pm is the Diverse Issues Cau-

Annual Reports

We like to summarize the advisory board members' annual reports to SLA headquarters, so you in the general membership can see what's going on during the year.

PRESIDENT

The President assures me that her report is too voluminous to publish. You, member, may be assured that President Gretchen Gabbert did a great job for the local chapter, as well as being General Chair for the Southwest Regional Conference, coming up next year.

PAST-PRESIDENT

(Note: Linda Counts graciously agreed to act as past-president, for a second time, when for personal and family reasons Julie Sih could not continue in the position.) As Past President I was responsible for chairing the nominating committee. Our duties included finding candidates for the positions of director, president-elect, and secretary. These nominees have been selected and will be confirmed at the May 1999 meeting barring any nominations from the floor.

In addition, I chaired a task force that examined the inordinate number of auxiliary board positions. We met on two occasions and formulated a plan to reduce the number of positions. The plan was presented to the Board and will be implemented at the discretion of the upcoming President.

Linda Counts

SECRETARY

At each of the following Board/Council meetings, I recorded the minutes; worked with the Chapter President to distribute a draft copy to Board/Council members; completed revisions; and disseminated the final versions, for June 25, 1998, September 24, 1998, November 19, 1998, February 11, 1999, and April 8, 1999. Minutes were also recorded at the annual business meeting in May. For each meeting, all supplemental materials (e.g. Treasurer's Report, task force reports, etc.) were attached to the minutes and to each archival set forwarded to the Chapter Archivist.

Karen Sharpe

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

I looked upon my new job as a way to pay back the San Diego Chapter for all that they had taught me in

the previous year and as a way to get more minorities interested in being

a part of the San Diego Chapter.

I started out by contacting several universities, colleges and businesses to recruit new minority members to our chapter. None of the businesses that I contacted wanted anything to do with Affirmative Action. My eagerness to do something fantastic for the chapter dropped like a bomb when the colleges and universities wanted nothing to do with Affirmative Action.

I was so desperate that I contacted another Affirmative Action person in Arizona and begged her for help. She stated that she was happy that I was trying to do so much, but that my job could be met with just reporting news of the SLA Affirmative Action Committee and its accomplishments. I have reported to the Board Meeting what my new friend in Arizona told me, but was still upset about not achieving what I set out to do. I have to say that I am really disappointed in those people that I contacted. I thought that everyone would realize that it is extremely important to be culturally diversified in every aspect of our lives. Even though I did not meet my goals, I am extremely pleased to have participated in a new level in the San Diego Chapter of SLA.

Cindy Brown

BULLETIN CO-EDITORS

Laurie Blasingame During this fiscal year I prepared 3 quarterly bulletins with the 4th to be produced in May. I was responsible for the formatting of content and preparation of the printed newsletter for mailing. Advertisements were provided by the Business Manager and I was responsible for their insertion. In order to fulfill this position of Bulletin Co-editor I had to purchase the software MS Publisher '98 and just recently completed a training class at CompUSA.

Judith Thompson I am responsible for soliciting or writing content and editing the quarterly Bulletin.

Features were "How They Do It", an article from the librarian at the law firm of Latham & Watkins, and one from one of the seven librarians at the telecommunications company Qualcomm (Aug 98); the chapter archivist's "A Flash of the Past" and "A Tale of Two Vendors" - short reports from two international library soft-

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ware vendors located in San Diego (both Nov 98). I published two editorials: "Information Avoiding Behavior", on why San Diego R&D companies do not have corporate librarians (Nov 98); and one on the proposed association name change (Feb 99).

BUSINESS MANAGER

Following is a brief recap of the ad revenue received from advertisers for the San Diego SLA Bulletin from June 1998 and projected until end of May 1999. 1) There were 10 paying advertisers during this past year in the SD SLA Bulletin; 2) Total PAID revenue was: \$593.00; 3) Total currently outstanding: \$235 (I am using my best bill collecting techniques to collect!). We have yet to cover publications costs which seem to gradually creep upwards every year. Of the ten advertisers this past year at least 8 are long term San Diego supporters (5 years of more).

Scott Fischer

CALENDAR CHAIR

The Calendar Chair position continues to serve as a clearinghouse for library-related event information. I worked with SLA-SD President-Elect to distribute electronic flyers of upcoming Chapter events via email. I also worked with Chris Chatfield to keep the SLA-SD Website of dates and meetings up-to-date. The current site of this listing is: <http://www.sla.org/chapter.csnd/meetings9899.html>.

In addition to local events, I monitored the Websites and listservs of SLA, ALA, LACASIS, SCOUG, Arizona Area Health Education Centers Electronic Calendar, Dialog, and STN. I also submitted a listing of events to Judy Thompson on a quarterly basis for inclusion in the SLA-SD Bulletin.

Christina Keil

CATALOGING CHAIR

I serve as the Chapter Liaison to the SLA Cataloging Committee, and am subscribed to their listserv. We are beginning to discuss Metadata and the cataloging of electronic resources. I was appointed by the President to serve on the Chapter's Nominating Committee, chaired by Past-President, Linda Counts. We consulted extensively via email on potential candidates, and I contacted several soliciting their service.

I also serve as International Relations Chair for the Division of Museums, Arts, and Humanities. In this capacity, I wrote three brief articles appearing quarterly in the MAHD Bulletin.

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I served on the organizing committee of FORO, the IX Transborder Library Forum. In this capacity, I invited SLA to serve as a co-sponsor as they have for several past FOROS, and this the association did. SLA Director of Public Relations, John Crosby, personally represented SLA. I also arranged for SLA members to make presentations at

Foro on management and international business resources on the Internet.

Martha McPhail

EMPLOYMENT CHAIR

Employment opportunities, identified by searches in the online editions of the San Diego Union Tribune and The Chronicle of Higher Education, by email messages and phone calls from local employers, and from the San Jose State University Job listserv, were posted weekly on the SLA-SD listserv.

From July 13 to March 22, 1999, a total of 139 positions were advertised on the SLA-SD listserv: 54 were for special libraries; 47 for academic libraries; 35 for public libraries; 3 for school libraries. Of these, 57 were full-time professional; 22 part-time professional; 38 full-time technical; 22 part-time technical.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER SLA EMPLOYMENT GUIDE (4th Edition). A vote of the Board authorized the supply of the Guide free of charge since it is a little out of date (last updated in 1996).

CAREER GUIDANCE LIBRARY: 3 Chapter members used the library; the 1998 Salary Survey was purchased; a list of titles was advertised on the listserv, along with solicitations for purchase suggestions.

I have received many comments thanking the chapter for providing this service. It is a rewarding position to serve. I hope these services can be improved by using the local chapter Website more extensively.

Janine Free

HOSPITALITY

As Hospitality Chairperson I did the following: Received checks for upcoming meetings; Kept a list of attending members/non-members/speakers, and updated the program chair on numbers of attendees; Provided name labels for meeting attendees and speakers/vendors; Arrived at meetings early to set up welcoming table; Greeted all members with the assis-

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tance of the Membership Chair; Talled and sent checks to the Treasurer for bank deposit.

I had excellent assistance from both Teresa Linayao of Cubic Defense Systems, and Marjo Gray (Membership Chair), of USD.

Kathy Cook

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

In the Fall, 1998, I recommended and expedited the sponsoring by our chapter of SLA membership for two Baja California librarians. In Spring, 1999 I recommended that the Chapter sponsor the FORO, the IX Transborder Library Forum (held in Mexicali in March), and supplied information to the Chapter president about this meeting.

Katalin Harkanyi

MEMBERSHIP

Since April 1998 chapter membership has increased by 12 members for a total membership of 150, and I've sent out 27 packets welcoming new members. The packets included a \$5 discount coupon to be used toward any future chapter program. The numbers signify that we've lost 15 members, but who they are will be a mystery until the complete roster arrives from SLA headquarters in Washington, DC. Beginning with January 1999, a new member's expiration date will be one year later than the month he/she joined. It remains to be seen how this will affect our chapter's ability to prepare an accurate directory.

The chapter directory release date was changed this year to make use of the semi-annual roster sent from SLA headquarters in April and to allow for the inclusion of new chapter officers and board members. An updated insert was prepared in January 1999 and distributed to members.

Marjo Gray

STUDENT LIAISON

For the second year I organized outreach to new students in the SJSU's School of Library and Information Science at Fullerton. A group of SLA San Diego members spoke to one of their classes in October at the new Pacific Beach Public Library. I gave brief background of SLA and what the local chapter has accomplished. Jenny Reiswig (UCSD Biomed Library), Cindy Brown (Amway's Nutrilite Division), Cynthia Shamel (Shamel Information Services), and Judy

Thompson (Molecular Biosystems) discussed why they joined SLA and described their experiences as librarians. This activity has always produced a few new members.

I initiated the "Libraries on Parade" is a program that allows students to meet with librarians in different library settings. Chapter members are asked to make their library available for visits. This program led to one student finding an internship at UCSD this year.

I also initiated a student scholarship of \$600, to be awarded to a library student in the SJSU program who is evaluated on several criteria, one of which was that the student had to be a Chapter member. Dr. Debra Hansen, Assoc. Dir. of the MLIS and her scholarship committee collected the criteria on candidates and made the choice of the recipient in time for the award presentation at the Chapter Spring Seminar.

Pat Knobloch

NETWORKING

I served as Networking Chair and Interim Government Relations Chair, and represented the members of the San Diego Chapter during the planning phase for the Library of California by serving on both the State Library's Networking Task Force, and the legislative Coalition Council. Recently I was selected as the delegate to the local five-county Regional Planning Group for all types of specialized libraries in the area, and will continue to represent the Chapter on the local Core Council. I engaged in the following activities during the year:

- letter-writing campaigns through postings to California's SLA chapter lists, and direct mailings to corporate libraries in collaboration with the State Library participation in drafting regulations for the new legislation
- an interview by the Sacramento Bee for a story that was later picked up by Associated Press
- updates to local chapter members via the chapter list, and correspondence with representatives of other specialized library groups (medical, legal) in the area
- writing an application for planning-grant money in collaboration with representatives from public, academic and school libraries
- planning a session for SLA's annual conference in June, 2000 on the Library of California to be sponsored by the Virtual Section of SLA's ITE Division

Ty Webb

PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR

This past year, my efforts were directed at trying to get an article about librarians in print in a local paper and/or magazine. Leonard Ash, Assistant Editor with the

Board Minutes

Summary of Minutes: Board/Council Meeting

February 11, 1999

National University, Conference Room 202

Present: Gretchen Gabbert, Marjo Gray, Kathleen Cook, Katalin Harkanyi, Cindy Brown, Michael Perkins, Laurie Blasingame, Judy Thompson, Deborah Kegel, Linda Counts, Scott Fischer, Ty Webb, Pat Knobloch, Christine Keil, Lyn Olsson, Karen Sharpe

Officer Reports: *Secretary:* Karen Sharpe reported that the Board voted to send the \$800 deposit for the Spring Seminar to the Radisson Hotel, La Jolla. The Board also voted to forward a \$100 sponsorship to the Transborder Library Forum which will be held March, 1999. For our sponsorship, our chapter can submit a quarter page ad to be included in the program.

Treasurer: Gretchen Gabbert (for Mary Jane Ning) distributed copies of our chapter's year-end report (12/31/98). Income totaling \$13,404.00 and expenses of \$14,310.47. This report was submitted to SLA.

President: Gretchen Gabbert reported on DACOLT (Division and Chapter Officer Leadership Training). SLA's new management system for operating procedures will be going online beginning 3/1/99. For the first time at DACOLT, a 'town meeting' session was held. Attendees were asked to bring up pressing issues. Three main issues arose: SLA's name change, the role of committees, and organizational effectiveness (evaluation of SLA's organizational structure).

President-Elect: Michael Perkins reported on the next two chapter programs. On February 26th, Judy Weedman (San Jose State University) will talk about the Fullerton (San Jose) Library Science program. On Thursday, April 22nd, at San Diego State University, our chapter and the Friends of the SDSU Library will co-host a talk by Richard Lederer, host of the PBS radio show, "A Way With Words". Mr. Lederer will speak on "An Evening of Language, Laughter and Libraries."

Directors: Scott Fischer and Deborah Kegel handed out an information sheet outlining the Spring Seminar: speakers, schedule and registration costs.

Unfinished Business: Southwest Regional Conference: Gretchen Gabbert, Michael Perkins and Judy Thompson all attended the planning meeting at the SLA conference (April 5-7, 2000). The Arizona and Rocky Mountain Chapters are planning the publicity; Rocky Mountain Chapter is Treasurer; San Diego Chapter is responsible for local arrangements; Oklahoma Chapter is chairing Continuing Education; Southern California Chapter is chairing Vendor Relations;

and New Mexico and Texas Chapters are responsible for the program. The theme of the conference is "Ahead of the Curve". There will be three keynote speakers and nine to twelve smaller sessions.

Proposed New Board/Advisory Council Position: Linda Counts, Michael Perkins and Cindy Brown met and reviewed all of the positions in our chapter. Mike presented transparencies showing a possible new structure, which would cluster council positions. Five "function" clusters of positions were presented:

- 1) Student Liaison/Membership/Hospitality/Network/Affirmative Action.
- 2) Professional Development/Professional Standards/Career Guidance/Cataloging/Employment.
- 3) Public Relations/Government Relations/International Relations.
- 4) Archives/Bulletin Editor/Calendar/Business Manager.
- 5) Electronic Services/Webmaster.

Reorganization will be worked on and eased into over the next year or so.

New Business: Who will follow you? Council positions: Each Board and Council member is asked to consider possible chapter members who might be willing to fulfill their positions.

Annual reports: Each Board/Council member is to submit an annual report to Gretchen Gabbert by April 30, 1999. The annual report (or a condensed edition) will be published in the bulletin.

Committee Chair Reports: *Public Relations:* Gretchen Gabbert reported for Donna Dutton. Donna would like a volunteer to write an article for the *San Diego Business Journal* (May will be the career issue). She is finalizing the brochure about our chapter.

Affirmative Action: Cindy Brown mentioned that EBSCO is offering \$5000 for diversity scholarships. She is having difficulty obtaining reservations for participation in career days at the universities.

Student Liaison: Pat Knobloch is working with Dr. Debra Hansen, San Jose-Fullerton Library Science Program faculty member, to administer this year's scholarship. Our chapter will present the recipient with the \$600 check at our Spring Seminar.

Networking: Recently, Ty Webb attended a meeting with several other chapter members to review drafted regulations for the new Library of California. As a member of the Association's Public Relations Committee, Ty reported that SLA's committees are evaluating their structure much as our chapter is currently doing. As Chair-Elect of the Virtual Section of the Information Technology Division, Ty will investigate

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methods and opportunities for SLA to become a Virtual Association.

Bulletin Co-Editors. April 23rd is the deadline for articles for the May issue. Each issue costs about \$400 to create, print and distribute to members.

International Relations: Katalin Harkanyi reported that she worked on sponsoring the SLA membership for two librarians from Baja California and recommended that our chapter sponsor FORO.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Sharpe, Secretary

Summary of Minutes: Board/Council Meeting
April 8, 1999
National University, Conference Room 202

Officer Reports: *Secretary:* Karen Sharpe reported that there was no official action by the Board since the last meeting in February.

Treasurer: Mary Jane Ning distributed the Treasurer's Report dated 4/8/99: total assets for the chapter equal \$12,923.95; the Reserve Account (savings) equals \$2,524.24; the SLA Pooled Funds Account, \$3,525.61; and the Operating Account (checking), \$6,874.10.

President: Gretchen Gabbert reported that earlybird registration for the annual conference has been extended to May 1, 1999. Plans are underway to provide online access (with password protection) to SLA's membership roster. Gretchen asked that annual reports from chapter officers be submitted to her by April 15th. Regretfully, Polly Cipparrone (Mueller) has resigned from our chapter's council. Ty Webb has agreed to complete the term of Government Relations Chair for Polly.

President-Elect: Michael Perkins reported on the next two chapter programs. On April 22nd, Richard Lederer will be speaking on "An Evening of Language, Laughter, and Libraries" at San Diego State University, 7:00 p.m. On May 14th, Judy Weedman (San Jose State University) will talk about the Fullerton (San Jose) Library Science program. The program will also include our annual business meeting and will be held at Commonwealth International University at 2:00 p.m.

Directors: Scott Fischer reported on the Spring Seminar: there were about 60 attendees and 10 vendor presentations. There was discussion about the goals of the seminar and several Board/Council members volunteered to attend a "post mortem" concerning the seminar.

Unfinished Business: *Southwest Regional Conference:* Gretchen reported that there was a meeting at the Shelter Pointe Resort to finalize the venue. Doris Helfer (So. Calif. Chapter), Vendor Relations, has already been receiving commitments from vendors. Our chapter will need a volunteer to keep a database of the registration information and then several volunteers to man registration tables during the conference.

Board/Council Reorganization: Michael Perkins distributed recommendations for the reorganization of our chapter's council. It's been determined that our chapter by-laws do not restrict the establishment/ reorganization of council positions (though Board positions are governed by our chapter by-laws). It is recommended that a "Professional Development Committee" Chair would solicit volunteers for cataloging and professional standards. There was consensus, however, that the Past-President not assist the President-Elect with programs. The Professional Development Chair might provide assistance.

New Business: *President to Minneapolis?* Michael Perkins chaired a discussion during which the Board/Council voted to support Gretchen Gabbert's (our chapter president) attendance at SLA's annual conference in June. Pat Knobloch and Michael Perkins will review the guidelines established by the Travel Reimbursement Task Force.

Brighton Sponsorship: Gretchen reported that the Washington D.C. Chapter has requested that chapters help fund the expenses for librarians in economically poor countries to attend "Global 2000—Information Age: Challenges & Opportunities." The conference will be held in Brighton UK in October, 2000. The Board/Council voted to send \$500 to help support this project.

Committee Chair Reports: *President-Elect,* Michael Perkins, will announce the date of the first meeting of the new Board/Council at the May business meeting.

Networking Chair, Ty Webb, reported that she is continuing to represent SLA at the Library of California.

Public Relations Chair, Donna Dutton, reported that she has spoken with an assistant editor at the San Diego Business Journal concerning an article about special librarians. She and Judy Thompson prepared an outline for a possible article.

Consultation Chair, Libby Robertson, reported that she has received one consultation request. It is being referred to the Southern California Chapter, as the company is located in Santa Ana.

Membership Chair, Marjo Gray, reported that we have 150 chapter members. We have twelve new members this year (a list was distributed).

Student Liaison, Pat Knobloch, reported that a \$600 check was presented to Paula Simon, this year's scholarship recipient, at the Spring Seminar.

Bulletin Co-Editor, Judy Thompson, reported that she

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The bulletin is currently seeking submissions for the next issue!

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Thank you!

Judy & Laurie

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