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President's Message Gabriel McAuliffe

Colleagues:

- 1 The end of the 2001–2002 board year for our Chapter
4 is upon us. The current board's term in office has
been quite fruitful, for we have provided our Chapter
and the larger library community with many
6 opportunities to network and learn new facets of
7 librarianship. I am grateful for the hard work that our
board members have done this past year (more about
8 this fine group we have later). However, as I reflect
9 upon the end of my term in office as President, I have
9 noticed that we have some challenges ahead.
- 10 First and foremost, we have to make a call for
10 volunteers, particularly for leadership positions in our
Chapter. In spite of the diligent and hard work that
11 our nominating committee did this year, we still have
11 positions left open, primarily the offices of President-
Elect and Treasurer. I strongly urge those of you who
13 have served on the board in the past to consider the
opportunities that await you in either of these two
leadership positions. I was quite hesitant at first to
even consider serving as President-elect, since it is
part of a three-year term, leading to the office of
President of the Chapter and then as Past President.
It only requires probably ten hours a month for the
first year, and then steadily decreases. I can tell you
that my term in office has been most rewarding,
because I have met the most wonderful people, and
have learned a lot about facilitating the gifts and
abilities of our Chapter's best assets, our members.
Please contact me at (916) 444-6666 or
gmcauliffe@sierraresearch.com or
gabemac@earthlink.net. Or contact Carol LaRussa,
our President-Elect at (530) 752-0519 or
cjarussa@ucdavis.edu. Please do consider this
valuable opportunity!

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Second, I find that our Chapter's membership has held steady at about 90–95 members. My major interest is to take part in aiding our future board leaders to increase our membership and their involvement in the Sierra Nevada Region. Even though it seems to be a national trend for associations to lose members over the past few years, and the Special Libraries Association has been affected by this trend, I think it imperative to our mission to get our new members involved in local governance to show that they have gifts from which we all can benefit. I believe that once a new member feels that he or she has something to offer, others will be encouraged by their enthusiasm. I remember that it was Catherine Hanson-Tracy who first called me up to serve on the board as Network Chair during her term in office as President and I haven't regretted accepting her offer. I believe that my work and involvement encouraged others to consider joining our Chapter and getting involved. I hope that my future activity may involve membership recruitment as long as I am involved in the Association.

Third on my list isn't so much a challenge as it is an opportunity for the membership to offer nominees for the Member of the Year award. I have some great people that I am thinking of and I hope that you may as well. Please contact me as soon as you have a person in mind.

Fourth and finally, I would like to extend my thanks to the present board for the privilege of serving with me. I have learned a great deal from all of you. I would especially like to thank Carol LaRussa for her dedication to the Chapter by serving as our President-Elect and getting some fabulous dinner meetings together, the last of which will be on May 20 (take a look in the *Gazette* for further details). I couldn't begin to praise highly enough Ava Goldman for her wise counsel as Past-President and her double-duty as Fundraiser for the Chapter. I heartily appreciate the great sense of humor and good bookkeeping of Karen Andrews, our Treasurer. And where would we be in the mode of continuing education for our members and local communities without the diligent hard work of Deanna Johnson and Judy Chalmers, our Education Chairs of California and Nevada, respectively. Mary

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The Buzz About Bylaws: Who Cares? We All Should!

Lee Weinberger
Chair-Elect

The Bylaws Task Force, formed by the Board of Directors of SLA, has recommended that major revisions be made to the Association's bylaws. These changes were released in January and discussed at length during the Midwinter meetings in Chicago. Subsequently, they have been a topic of discussion in chapters, divisions and at the SLA website. This article is an effort to promote discourse about the proposed changes and to highlight some of the issues and concerns that have been raised. My intent is not to influence, but to inform division members as they consider whether to support or oppose the changes.

The Board will meet again in late March to further review and revise the proposed bylaw changes. The bylaw amendments fall into a number of categories, major and minor. The Board is also proposing guidelines that would implement the changes, and in some cases, replace the bylaws altogether. Some of the changes seek to make the bylaws compliant with New York law (SLA is incorporated in the state of New York); I will not dwell on these technical or other minor language changes. (Division members can review the current bylaws and proposed changes at www.sla.org/content/SLA/Structure/recbylaws/httpwww6596.cfm).

While bylaws do not generally make for exciting reading, it is important to realize that the primary purpose is to establish checks and balances within SLA. The bylaws delineate decision-making authority and outline the framework we use to govern ourselves. The areas of the bylaws that have generated the most discussion are:

1. Board of Directors

The new bylaws would reduce the size of the Board from 14 members to a minimum of 6; from this group the board would elect officers – a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The president would then appoint liaisons to the Chapter and Division Cabinets. The bylaws would give the Board the authority to determine the composition, election term and qualifications of the board members and set the frequency of board meetings. The last (January 2002) draft of the Guidelines calls for

Directors' terms to be three years, and the Board to meet a minimum of two times per year. Currently, the Board meets four times a year. Stated plans are for 12 Directors, but this is not spelled out in the Guidelines.

These changes remove direct election of officers from the membership, and replace Chapter and Division cabinet chairs and chair-elects with liaisons. There seems to be a strong sentiment in SLA for direct election of the officers by the membership. Chapter and Division leaders also voiced a belief that the Chair and Chair-elect positions give the Chapters and Divisions a stronger voice at the board level. Arguments in favor of the change say that it allows the Board to best use the skills and talents of the board members and allows for greater flexibility. Chapter and Division cabinets would also elect their own chairs.

2. Membership

The new bylaws remove the membership categories and place them in the Guidelines. The membership requirements and categories would be determined by the Board. The draft version of the Guidelines identifies the following categories: member, student member, sustaining member, honorary member and virtual member.

Virtual membership would be limited to people outside North America and would include electronic access to publications and the "members only" area of the SLA website. Virtual members do not affiliate with Chapters or Divisions and cannot hold office.

There are some concerns that this new membership category would discourage international members from being regular members of SLA. This would, in turn, dilute the diversity of SLA and the Divisions. Does Division membership add value for international members? If the virtual member category is a valued option, why is it not offered to North American members? The primary argument in favor of the virtual member option is that it creates a new membership category that would be more affordable to international members. The cost of virtual membership relative to dues paid by regular members is not spelled out in the draft Guidelines.

Other membership changes include the extension of student membership to seven years, elimination of the associate member category, and the merger of the retired and 45-year member categories. The new

bylaws also create a provision to suspend or terminate a member.

3. Dues

Under the new bylaws, the Board will have the authority to set membership dues. This is the current practice in most professional organizations. Currently, the SLA dues (\$125/year) are at the low end compared to other information and business professional organizations. Dues in ARMA, AALL, MLA, ASTD and APS range from \$135 to \$168 annually. The draft Guidelines do not include any provisions for membership input into dues decisions, nor do they specify a dues structure for the various membership groups.

4. Quorums and Majorities

Several provisions in the new bylaws make changes to what constitutes a quorum or a majority. The membership quorum would change from a minimum of 100 voting members to ten percent of the voting members. Voting members could be represented in person or by proxy.

Action by ballot would be changed from the current standard of two-thirds of the voting membership to a simple majority. Currently, New York law requires a mail ballot, but the new bylaws would allow for voting by any means that conform to the statute. This change may allow for electronic voting in the future.

The bylaws could also be amended, altered or repealed by a majority of voting members.

5. Proxies

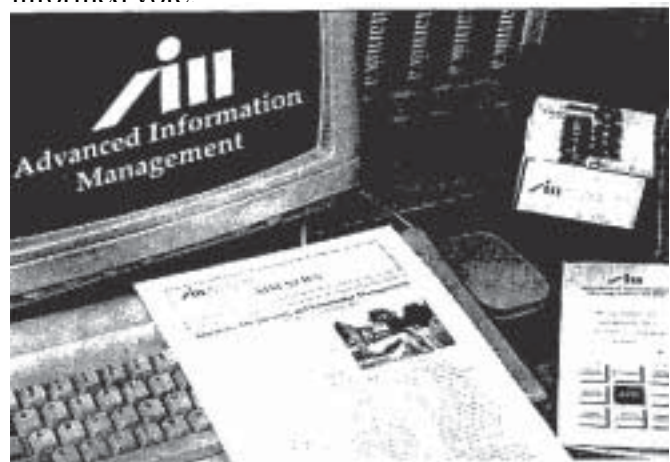
Members would be permitted to vote by proxy under the new bylaws. These proxies would be executed in writing or assigned to a duly authorized representative. The purpose of proxy voting is to give members who don't attend annual conferences a voice in SLA governance. Proxy votes would count as part of a quorum and that may make the ten percent quorum provision seem unreasonably small. Another concern is that proxy-voting procedures are not spelled out in bylaws or Guidelines.

6. Bylaw Guidelines

Some concerns have been raised about the proposed Guidelines document. The document seems to be more of a work in progress than a complete procedures manual. The bylaw revisions also remove nine Articles from the bylaws and place them in the Guidelines. These sections include: *Nominations and Elections; Chapter Cabinet; Division Cabinet; Chapters; Divisions; Caucuses; Committees; Association Office; Association Affiliation and Representation*. A tenth Article, *Publications*, is removed from the bylaws, but is not added to the Guidelines.

The Guidelines leave many of the details up to the discretion of the Board and do not spell out any provisions for how issues such as dues or publications will be handled. A procedure to revise the Guidelines is also absent; after the Guidelines are initially adopted, any future changes will be decided by with the Board.

The stated purpose of the new bylaws and Guidelines is to shift SLA from a constituency-based Board to a vision-based Board, and to make SLA more nimble and responsive to the needs of members. To accomplish these goals, the new bylaws hand over much of the decision-making authority to the Board. It is up to each member of SLA to decide if these changes will indeed accomplish the stated objectives. I encourage all IEBD members to review the proposed changes, talk to colleagues, and to cast an informed vote.

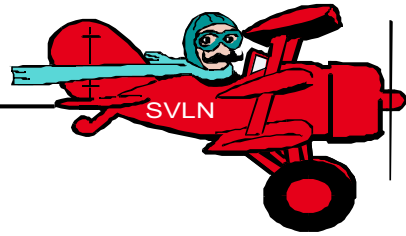


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WHAT: A two-part workshop presented by the California Preservation Task Force and co-sponsored by the Sierra Valley Library Network with support from LSTA, California State Library and the Library of California.

WHO: Public, academic, special & school libraries, historical societies & archives. Library administrators/directors and those having responsibility for emergency preparedness, response, and decision-making.

COST: \$35 covers both sessions, including materials and food. *(No charge to staff from Sierra Valley Library Network members.)*

Part 1: Planning & Response

WHEN: Tuesday, May 7, 2002
 9:30 am-10:00 am Registration
 10:00 am-4:00 pm Program
lunch buffet provided

WHERE: Sacramento Public Library
 (west meeting room)
 828 "I" Street
 Sacramento, CA

Part 2: Recovery & Training

Summer/Fall 2002
(date/location to be determined)

For additional information on these workshops and their content, please see:

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<http://cpc.stanford.edu> and click on *Emergency Preparedness Workshops.*

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- Who needs to be involved?
- How can you avoid damaging materials while you rescue them?
- How do you help staff cope with the trauma?
- Can you prevent a disaster from happening in the first place?

The two workshops are held 8-12 weeks apart in order for the participants to spend the time between reviewing their emergency preparedness planning in their libraries. Part 2 will include a review and sharing of progress by the participants and assist with ideas to address any "stumbling blocks" encountered.

In this series of two workshops, you will learn to:

- ⇒ Write or update your library emergency plan.
- ⇒ Use practical decision-making skills during an emergency.
- ⇒ Conduct an assessment of your building
- ⇒ Set post-disaster action priorities for your library.
- ⇒ Pack and air dry wet books, and deal with AV and computer media.
- ⇒ Use a fire extinguisher.



Please register me for the "Protecting Library Collections" workshop on Tuesday, May 7, 2002.

Name: _____

Library/Organization: _____

Fax Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Lunch buffet will be provided.

Registration deadline: April 26, 2002

Registration is limited to 25.

To register, please complete the information, and fax to (209) 937-8292. If your library is not a member of SVLN please mail with your check (payable to **Sierra Valley Library Network**) for \$35.00 to:

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For further information call (209) 937-8649.

Government Relations Chizuko Kawamoto

According to Doug Newcomb, director of SLA public policy, Government Relations Chairs serve three vital functions in SLA's Public Policy Department. First, the Public Policy staff depends on the chairs to call attention to issues of concern in their geographic region or area of interest. Second, they assist in grassroots efforts when necessary. Third, they provide input on national and global issues. Our Chapter's procedures manual states that the Chair's function is to keep Chapter members informed of legislation and/or government policies which affect special librarians at the federal, state and local levels. I have mildly served one or two of these functions by gathering information on the Internet and publishing the summary in our newsletter, and posting more time-sensitive messages on our listserv. If you are not an ncal-lib subscriber, please subscribe now and get connected to your fellow members.

Have you read Tamara Theiler's article, "Why Should I Get Involved in Public Policy?" in the March issue of *Information Outlook*? In this article I learned that "headquarters staff has spent the past several months revamping the SLA public policy department." That must be the reason why I did not hear from Doug Newcomb till late January about our roles. As a result of their revamping, chairs have begun receiving monthly update of SLA public policy. I'll continue to forward the update to our listserv, but you can always read it at SLA's web site. At SLA's home page, click on Public Policy Central. At the Central site (<http://www.sla.org/content/memberservice/communication/index.cfm>), you will find SLA's public policy platform, SLA issue statements and public policy update.

By the way, have you asked your representative and senators to vote yes on the Bush Administration's proposed \$10 million initiative to recruit a new generation of librarians? If you haven't, you still have time to do so. Tamara Theiler says "The budget is still in the early stages so there is still time for them to write. However, sooner is better because the parties are putting forth their proposals and will be starting negotiations in the near future. I think our members' input is vitally important because the focus seems to be on school librarians." Be sure to send headquarters a copy of your comments. I was involved in hiring process of librarians in the past few years and witnessed aging of our profession and lack

of candidates. As I ponder who is going to replace my colleagues or me during the next few years, this shortage of librarians has become a real issue. I have e-mailed to Congressman Ose, Senator Feinstein and Senator Boxer.

At the local level, this year's Library Legislative Days are held on April 15 and 16. This event is sponsored by the California Library Association, California School Library Association and the Friends and Foundation of California Libraries. It is held for us to learn effective legislative advocacy techniques; to show legislators that all types of libraries are supported by people throughout the state, and make our presence known in Sacramento; to tell legislators how school, public, academic, and special libraries have improved the lives of Californians and why support is imperative during this period of economic improvement; and to thank legislators for their past support of libraries. For more information, visit CLA's website at: <http://www.cla-net.org/html/legday02.html>

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Special Libraries Association Sierra Nevada Chapter and the
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Joint Meeting & Workshop

“The Top 10 Legal Research Websites for Laypeople”

Tuesday, May 7th, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: Ana Hinman, J.D., M.L.S., Reference Librarian
Washoe County Law Library, Reno, Nevada



Washoe County Law Library

Located at the old Courthouse on the Corner of Virginia & Court Streets at 75 Court Street, in Reno, NV. Enter on Court Street. Library is located on the First Floor, Room 101.6:30 p.m. *Legal Research Workshop*

7:30 p.m. *Library Tour Nevada Library Association Meeting*

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The workshop is FREE but REGISTRATION is REQUIRED.

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Library Legislative Days Chizuko Kawamoto

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- to thank legislators for past support of libraries

Where, when, and how much? Find out at: <http://www.cla-net.org/html/legday02.html>

2002-2003 Sierra Nevada Chapter Executive Board Nominees

Ira Bray
Joyce Hall
Catherine Hanson-Tracy

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce next year's slate of officers for the Executive Board. The nominees are:

President-elect: TBD
Secretary: Ellen Halteman
Treasurer: TBD
Education Director, California: Judy Lane
Education Director, Nevada: TBD
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March Dinner Meeting Report Carol LaRussa

The March Dinner Meeting was held on the twentieth at the Royal Dragon Restaurant in Sacramento. Twenty-three attendees heard Barbara Silken of the California State Library give an excellent introduction to library space planning. Barbara emphasized ways to communicate your libraries' needs to architects. In order to do this you must be well prepared. Start with doing a needs assessment and then a plan of service. Once you've done them you are ready to start your building program. For help planning a library there is a computer program available at www.librisdesign.org with training (which you'll need) available from Infopeople (www.infopeople.org). Barbara gave us a list of questions to ask when you are interviewing architects and told us you may need to educate your architect about basic library functioning. You in turn should educate yourself about architectural vocabulary. For those of you who missed the meeting and those who need more information Barbara sent this bibliography:

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Also contributed by Ava Goldman:

Space Planning in the Special Library, 1991, SLA, 150 pp.

Special Libraries and Information Centers: An Introductory Text, 3rd edition, Ellis Mount, SLA, 1995, Part VI, Library Facilities and Equipment.

Special Libraries: A Guide for Management, fourth edition, SLA, 1997, chapter 9, "What Space and Equipment are Needed?"

Small Libraries: Organization and Operation, second edition, Donald J. Sager, Highsmith Press, 1992, chapter 6, "Designing the Efficient and Attractive Library."

May Dinner Meeting Carol LaRussa

The topic for the May Dinner Meeting is "Contracts for Online Resources." Beverlee French of the California Digital Library of the University of California and formerly of UC Davis will tell us about what's negotiable and what's not using her extensive negotiating experience at CDL. This meeting is also our annual business meeting. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14 from 5:30 to 8:30 at the Sudwerk Restaurant Brewery in Davis. Dinner will be a buffet that will include sauerbraten (marinated beef simmered in sweet and sour German gravy), zucchini Parmesan, garden salad, steamed vegetables, warm German potato salad and coffee. Cost will be \$22 for SLA members, \$25 for nonmembers and \$22 for students and retired members. Sudwerk is located at 2001 Second Street in Davis. The deadline for payment and reservations is May 7. Please send your check payable to Special Libraries Association to Carol La Russa, 2421 Overhill Lane, Davis, CA 95616. For further information contact Carol at 530/752-0519 or cjlarussa@ucdavis.edu.

Branding Taskforce Update

Ava Goldman, Branding Taskforce Member, SNC Past-President and Fundraising Chair

This morning, April 12, 2002, there was a conference call between the branding taskforce members and our image consulting firm, Creative Project Management (CPM). We made substantial progress by narrowing our selection of potential names and taglines to three of each. The next step will be further surveys of members and nonmembers after submitting these ideas to the Board for approval.

A town meeting will be held at the annual conference in Los Angeles to gauge the overall membership reaction to the possibilities. A two-way communications plan to elicit further dialogue will then be launched. I was very encouraged by the following facts: CPM has in a very short time been able to focus our efforts enough to produce results, whereas the prior firm got bogged down in its initial survey process and floundered, producing little in the way of results for the amount of time, cost and effort spent.

CPM's cost will be a small fraction of what was anticipated with the prior firm, which will allow the taskforce to come in well under budget. Best of all, the voice of the membership will be involved throughout this branding initiative. One question that has troubled a few members, that deserves an answer from the Board and branding taskforce, is: Could we have found a way to utilize the talents of SLA members to rename and re-brand the organization, rather than hire an outside firm to do so?

My personal answer (don't take this as a response from the overall taskforce, which it isn't) is yes and no: yes, in that we have been soliciting member input all along, and can't make any major changes without a two-thirds affirmative vote of our membership; and no, the Board and taskforce decided that the most professional approach was to hire an appropriate firm that would not only channel and focus our efforts but add its own creative touch to our process. The difficulty was in finding the right branding firm that not only focused on nonprofits, but was also willing to tackle a relatively small project and to find this firm within a short timeframe.

Source, Inc., whom we hired, was the only one that seemed up to the task, but once hired, the firm could not deliver on its promises. CPM, an image

consultancy, had prior experience with library organizations, came well-recommended and has done an admirable job of listening to our wishes, working with the taskforce and Board and coming up with ideas. The taskforce is now quite excited that we are this far along, and looks forward to addressing questions at the Town Meeting at the annual conference.

I feel the Board and taskforce is making every effort to reach all members and to answer all questions we may have. I welcome your input, Sierra Nevada chapter members, and look forward to a successful conclusion of this interesting and exciting project. Yea, team, whatever we choose to call ourselves in the future!

SNC Chapter Member Is Award Recipient

Karen Andrews

Cory Craig, Chemistry Librarian at the UC Davis Physical Sciences and Engineering Library, has been named the inaugural recipient of the Marion E. Sparks Award for Professional Development, established by the Chemistry Division of SLA. The award is designed to recognize ambitious new members of SLA and assist them with their career growth. An honorary certificate and a check for \$1,000 will be presented to Cory at the Division's annual business meeting at SLA in June.

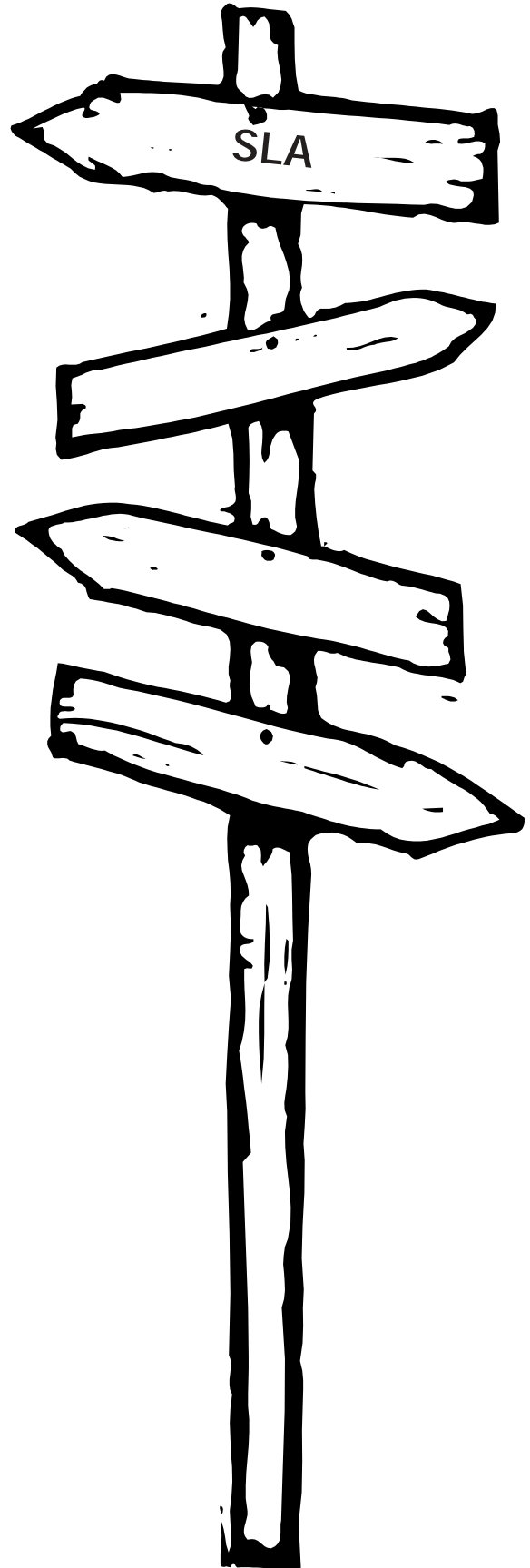
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Wood, our Publicity Director, and Buzz Haughton, our Publications Director and Webmaster, have worked very hard to get out the good word, particularly as we have utilized our internet resources. I would like to thank Ellen Halteman, our Board Secretary, for taking her job so seriously. We are benefited by the tours that Judy Welsh has put on as Network Chair throughout the year. I am greatly impressed by the way in which Jackie Siegel jumped right into the position of Membership Chair and provided us with a great winter holiday party as her house last December. Also, I would like to thank Elisabeth Mikelich for her interest in wrestling with the new ways in which we will have to address our sponsors in the Chapter as Business Manger this year (I would also like to congratulate her on her wedding this month!). I would like to thank the following people on the advisory board for their continued good work throughout the year: Kecia Bailey for her work as Diversity Chair, Chris Berger in the field of Career

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Guidance, Melanie Williams in her work as Consultation Chair, Linda Heatherly by keeping us abreast of new employment opportunities as Employment Chair, Chizuko Kawamoto for informing us of where government affects libraries as Government Relations Chair, and Ken Firestein for keeping us afloat in the sea of emails as Discussion List Coordinator. A few of our board members are moving on, and Virginia Sanchez, our Hospitality Chair with her smile and great attitude, will be moving to Orange County to work as a librarian. And some are retiring. We shall miss Bill Budge as Webmaster for many years. We shall miss the wise counsel, hard work and good sense of humor that Liz Gibson who has served us last as Database manager. I would also like to thank our nominating committee for this term, Catherine Hanson-Tracy, Joyce Hall (our Chapter archivist) and Ira Bray. We all have done our best to serve you, our Chapter members.

Here's to a great 2002–2003!



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Special Libraries Association Sierra Nevada Chapter Calendar

April 2002

- 14-20 National Library Week
- 15-18 Online Sierra Nevada Chapter Board Meeting
- 18 International Special Librarians Day

May 2002

- 1 Sierra Nevada Chapter Board Meeting
- 3 Spring Workshop: Usability Methods for Special Librarians
- 7 Nevada SLA Workshop: The Top 10 Legal Research Websites for Laypeople
- 14 Sierra Nevada Chapter Annual Business Dinner Meeting
- 17-23 Medical Library Association, Dallas, TX
- 27 Memorial Day

June 2002

- 8-13 93rd SLA Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA
- 13-19 American Library Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA
- 19 Sierra Nevada Chapter Transition Board Meeting