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President's Message

Gabriel McAuliffe

Well, a number of things have been happening lately in the association that are worth mentioning. There has been a lot of fuss over the proposed changes of the bylaws as put forth by the Board of Directors at the Winter Meeting. Your President-Elect Carol La Russa and I have had quite an experience at an association-wide congress of division and chapter chairs where very strong concerns were raised over how we elect our leadership and how members are to be charged for annual fees. The board suggested that members would vote for a group of directors from which the board itself would select who would fill the various positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer, et al., (it sounded a little like the Roman Senate to me), and essentially that the board would exclusively set the membership dues. However, my point of view is irrelevant, inasmuch as it is your point of view that must be expressed to our leadership. This is an opportunity for you to share your concerns. I would suggest that our chapter members take a look at the SLA website at the box labeled "Latest issues about the Association." Regardless of how we come to believe our association should be run, I do believe that the board was hoping to provide the association with a better way to meet the very real challenge that many professional associations face: declining membership and active participation by members.

As far as I am concerned, our chapter has at least met that challenge head-on by actively promoting dinner meetings, tours and education workshops for the Sierra Nevada region. Two such activities are currently on schedule for our chapter. Carol La Russa has set up an interesting event on Thursday, March 20, when Barbara Silken, one of our chapter members,

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President's Message, cont'd.

will enlighten us on library design and layout, based on her unique experience as a librarian and architect. Judy Welsh, our Network Chair, has provided us with an opportunity to explore the history of medicine at the Library of Medical History in Sacramento on Monday, March 25. Also, I am assured that Deanna Johnson, our Education Chair for California, is putting together a workshop and that information will be provided to all of you soon. Her counterpart, Judy Chalmers, our Education Chair for Nevada, has one already lined up (tentatively) for Tuesday, May 7, on the "Top Ten Legal Resources for Lay People" by partnering with the Nevada Library Association. I think that, regardless of the challenges that the international association and our profession face, the ongoing activities of our chapter members show that we will meet these difficulties by providing opportunities.

SLA's Strategic Learning and Development Center (SLDC) site

Over time, SLDC hopes you will come to think of its site as your gateway to the learning and development opportunities and resources you need. As an information professional working in the New Economy, you are in an extraordinary position to make a distinctive contribution to your organization. To help you do that, SLDC is at work creating the rich, meaningful and high-impact learning experiences you need.

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Check out the SLDC website at: <http://www.sla.org/content/learn/aboutlearn/index.cfm>.

Annual Membership Meeting a Virtual and Real Success

Jacqueline Siegel

A capacity crowd of 35 people dined on Greek food or pizza and listened to the remarks of Ken Firestein on his experiences in providing real-time electronic reference services during the annual dinner meeting in Davis on January 29, 2002.

The Symposium Greek restaurant was the venue for this timely and relevant topic. Live reference services provided over the Internet are being developed and used by a growing number of libraries worldwide. The UC Davis Health Sciences Library has partnered with the Metropolitan Cooperative Library System in Los Angeles to provide these services from their website. The software, 24/7 Reference, is a customized version of customer relationship management (CRM) Call Center software developed by eGain. L.L.Bean's "Live Help" on their Internet site is an example of a commercial use of this service. The 24/7 Reference project is funded by the US Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), which is administered in California by the State Librarian.

Ken demonstrated how the patron asks a question by signing in, and then how the librarian (called the agent by the system) begins chatting. The agent can then open a collaboration window and push webpages to the patron to assist them with their question. Transcripts of the entire session can be mailed to the patron if she/he has provided an email address.

Ken's presentation can be viewed at:

<http://www.lib.ucdavis.edu/prodev/klf/slarealtime.htm>; the Health Sciences Library web site is located at: <http://www.lib.ucdavis.edu/healthsci>. The link to the live reference can be found in the left navigation area on most pages of their website, titled Ask A Question Now. You are welcome to try it out as a patron. The service is available Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. As a courtesy, please let the librarian agent know that you are a librarian there for a tour.

The Bay Area is also partnering with MCLS in providing the Q&A Café. MCLS has the goal of creating a statewide 24/7 reference network. Additional information about the 24/7 Reference project can be found at: <http://www.247ref.org/>.

After the presentation John Jewell of the California State Library announced that the Witkin State Law Library will be joining the Sacramento County Law Library in implementing the 24/7 Reference software for legal reference.



Structuring for Strength Initiative

In October 2001, SLA officially launched its "Structuring for Strength" initiative for headquarters staff. This initiative is aimed at building a staffing structure that will foster streamlined knowledge sharing and collaborative decision making at SLA headquarters. The initial steps involved a leveling out of the literal and mindset hierarchy within the organizational reporting lines; a realignment of certain products and services to new collaborative clusters and expert-facilitated in-house workshops required for all staff.

The first program area to be structured was the Information Resources Center (IRC). As a professional association for information professionals, this unit was the most appropriate starting point as a symbol of our workplace philosophy. The newly configured Knowledge Exchange (KEx) will have as one of its primary foci, the responsibility for creating a knowledge sharing opportunity at SLA. Then, as the other units follow, experience can be captured and capitalized upon. It was viewed as critical that the head of the KEx report directly to the Association's Executive Director. The next unit that will undergo structuring under the initiative will be Technology followed by Public Policy, Membership/Leadership, Publications, Public Relations, Marketing, Strategic Learning and Conferences and Events.

To be a leader in a crowded field of professional associations, SLA must be a "work-wise workplace" which can respond to member needs quickly and provide measurable value to the membership and their organizations. It is apropos that the secondary goal of the "Structuring for Strength" initiative is to have headquarters serve as a role model for members. SLA hopes that aspects of this structure and the processes that evolve from it can be applied in any number of work settings. The "Structuring for Strength" initiative has a transition period of 120 days, which will provide SLA staff with the time needed to learn how to function effectively in a new work environment, as well as explore ways to bring their expertise and experience to the forefront in shaping the 21st century SLA.

To learn more about the transitional SLA staff structure, please go to: <http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/Structure/staff/orgchart.cfm>.

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Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA)

On December 20, 2001, the UCITA Standby Drafting Committee proposed 19 amendments to the National Conference of Commissioners of Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) after hearing arguments in November from all sides regarding over 70 submitted amendments, including the two proposed by ALA, ARL and AALL.

Libraries received a small concession to their concerns in an amendment that would permit the donation or transfer of software to a public library or a public elementary or secondary school as long as the software is donated with the computer. However, the proposed NCCUSL amendments do not respond to the core library concerns, i.e., threat to federal copyright doctrines. The Act should consist of more clear language to avoid the potential collision between state contract law and federal copyright law. NCCUSL provided a lengthy discussion to the library arguments, but their discussion greatly misrepresents the library opinions that have been consistently offered over the last three years.

In addition to library concerns, proposed amendments challenge business/industry concerns as well as consumer protection concerns. The ABA UC ITA Working Group is expected to meet in mid-February to consider its action in light of the proposed amendments. To learn more about this development, please visit ALA's UCITA resources site <http://www.ala.org/washoff/ucita/resources.html>.

Initiative to Recruit a New Generation of Librarians

Addressing the nation's critical shortage of librarians, Laura Bush announced on January 9, 2002 at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library in Kansas a proposed \$10 million initiative for 2003 to recruit a new generation of librarians. The initiative will be managed by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, an independent federal agency that supports the Nation's 122,000 libraries. In announcing this initiative Mrs. Bush said, "In May 2000, *Library Journal* magazine reported forty percent of America's library directors plan to retire in nine years or less. And, according to the July 2000 *Monthly Labor Review*, in 1998 fifty-seven percent of professional librarians were age forty-five or older."

Funds will be used to invest in a variety of recruitment efforts such as scholarships and fellowships for master's programs; support for doctoral students who will train the next generation of librarians; leadership development; distance learning for underserved rural areas; and efforts to recruit librarians to serve increasingly diverse communities with diverse language skills.

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SNC Spring Dinner Meeting Carol LaRussa

Barbara Silken of the California State Library will be our speaker for the Sierra Nevada Chapter's Dinner Meeting. The title of her talk is "Library Space Planning: Fit Everything in the Library into that Space!" Ms. Silken is an expert in the field of library architecture. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20 at the Royal Dragon Chinese Buffet located at 8475 Folsom Boulevard (at Julliard between Watt and Howe). Dinner will be an all-you-can eat buffet of Chinese foods. Nonalcoholic drinks and dessert are included.

Networking will begin at 5:30 with dinner starting at 6:15. Ms. Silken's presentation will begin at approximately 7:15.

The cost will be \$11 for SLA members, \$13 for nonmembers and \$9 for students and retired members. The flyer will be out soon and the information will also be sent on the NCAL listserv. The deadline for registration is March 15. Please make your check payable to Special Libraries Association and return to Carol La Russa, 2421 Overhill Lane, Davis, CA 95616. If you have any questions contact Carol at (530) 752-0510 or at <mailto:cjarussa@ucdavis.edu>.

SLA Board of Directors Appoints Oxbrow

The Special Libraries Association (SLA) announced on February 4, 2002 that Nigel Oxbrow has been appointed to the SLA Board of Directors. Oxbrow will fill the vacancy of director Karen Kreizman-Reczek, who will now serve as Division Chair-elect following the resignation of Karen Bleakley.

The SLA Board of Directors appointed Oxbrow during the SLA Winter Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. He will make his first official appearance at the SLA Annual Conference in Los Angeles, California, June 8-13, 2002. His term as director will run through 2003.

Oxbrow is founder and Chief Executive of TFPL, the international information and knowledge management research, consultancy and recruitment company. He has been an active member of SLA since 1983, serving in a multitude of functions at the chapter and division levels. He served as President of the European Chapter (1992-1994); Director of the Business and Finance Division (1997-1998); Membership Chair of the European Chapter (1992-2000); and as a member of the Professional Development Committee (1998-2001). During the 2001 SLA Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas, Oxbrow was named an SLA Fellow.

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SLA President Hope N. Tillman remarked, "On behalf of the SLA Board of Directors, I would like to welcome Nigel Oxbrow to the board. Nigel was made an SLA Fellow this past June with the expectation of future service to the association. We are pleased to be able to turn to him now to make use of his global experience and expertise in knowledge management and the information profession."

For more information on Nigel Oxbrow or SLA's Board members, visit Virtual SLA at the following website:
<http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/Structure/board-index/0102board/index.cfm>.

Sierra Valley Library Network (SVLN) Mary Ann Parker

Our NOCALL (Northern California Association of Law Librarians) President Sue Welsh asked me to succeed her as chair of the Networking Task Force Committee formed many years ago when Gary Strong, the former State Librarian, initiated the development of multitype library cooperation. This culminated in the passage of legislation forming the Library of California. See Sue's report on the NOCALL website at <http://www.nocall.org/comnetworkrep2001.htm> for the current status of the Library of California. I am writing to tell you what belonging to the Sierra Valley Library Network and serving on the Board of Directors is like. The geographical territory covered by SVLN corresponds to the area covered by two public library systems: Mountain-Valley Library System headquartered in Sacramento and 49/99 Library System headquartered in Stockton. MVLS ranges from Yolo County west to Mono County on the eastern side of the mountains, and the north-of-Sacramento counties of Sutter and Yuba. 49/99 includes San Joaquin and Merced Counties and counties east of them roughly along the two state highways of 99 and 49. (To see the map of the seven regions of the Library of California, go to: <http://www.library.ca.gov/loc/buffer/maps.html>.)

The Board of Directors includes two members of each type of library: public, academic, school and special. Shirley David and I represent the special libraries on the Board. The directors of the two library systems serve as the Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer respectively and the current Chair is Janet Larson of the Sacramento Public Library. We meet monthly. So far our task has been to form SVLN in accordance with the Library of California Act and its supporting regulations. SVLN has hired consultants, formed committees and received grants for database searches for its participant libraries.



What has SVLN done for me? I have a subscription to OCLC FirstSearch with up to 500 free searches through June 1, 2002. I was recently informed that the number of searches could be increased if I used up my supply. Access to WorldCat has been a real help for cataloging and ILL. I also have used the World Almanac and BIP databases in FirstSearch. Members of SVLN have gotten a free two year subscription to backfiles of the *Sacramento Bee*, *San Francisco Chronicle* and *San Jose Mercury* from 1985 to the present from Newsbank. Access to these databases has been a worthwhile benefit for my law library and for me as a librarian. It reminds me of how it felt to get a Westlaw password after years of using Lexis only and then to get a Lexis password again after many years of Westlaw only. It's also been useful for me to observe and participate in the discussions relating to SVLN governance and duties. I have been glad to have the opportunity.

Report on the SLA Winter Conference

Carol La Russa

SLA held its 2002 Winter Conference in Chicago on January 23-24. Chapter President Gabriel McAuliffe and I arrived the night before and checked out Chicago's deep dish pizza (very good). Early the next morning we arrived at the conference site for our badges, papers and Lexus-Nexus tee shirts. The Leadership Development Institute began with a game to help us get to know other participants. After introductions of SLA leadership and staff the real institute began. Jeffrey Tenenbaum, SLA's legal counsel and an expert in association law spoke and answered questions. To the surprise of many who had not had time to read all the documents relating to the meeting, we learned that SLA is proposing to replace its current bylaws with a more streamlined set to allow the Association to move more quickly and also to bring it into compliance with New York State incorporation laws. Simplified bylaws would be supplemented by a set of board-approved guidelines. I heard several concerns related to the changes. One was that board members would no longer be elected to specific offices. Instead the board would consist of members elected at-large who would then decide which of them would hold particular offices. Also that the number of members on the board could be as few as three (depending on the board-approved guidelines) and that the board could raise dues an uncapped amount without membership approval. Mr. Tenenbaum also answered questions relating to the difference between advertisers and sponsors.

Next came a workshop on survival skills for SLA chapter and division leaders. Later Linda Broussard, SLA Director (Leadership/Member Services), gave us an introduction to SLA Board watching after which we observed the Board in action. After lunch came roundtables devoted to particular

topics such as finances, membership, etc. I attended the one on effective organizing. That night the Illinois Chapter held a reception for us at the Chicago Cultural Center, which is housed in the restored, beautifully renovated former Chicago Public Library building.

Friday morning Jane Dysart and Rebecca Jones spoke to us on the topic of “New Traditions: Determining the Best Strategies for the Future.” They stressed the need for greeters who provide introductions for new attendees at chapter events and connectors who invite new people. This was followed by more roundtable discussions. Another thought-provoking talk was provided by Stephen Abram who spoke on how pre-boomer, baby boomer, cusper, buster, and nester generations differ in their workplace characteristics, motivators and communication styles. After lunch we heard speeches by most of the candidates for the SLA Board. Brian Weisman, SLA’s computer guru, then told us about coming improvements to the Association’s computing operations.

After the Institute ended the SLA Chapter Cabinet met. As could be guessed from above the prime topic was the bylaws replacement. Those Chapter Cabinet agreed that the topic should be discussed at a joint meeting with the Division Cabinet that was then convened. A motion to ask the SLA Board to totally reconsider the bylaws changes was introduced but was not approved. What I think will happen next is that the Board will probably make some revisions at a legal, but non-face to meeting, before the new bylaws are presented to the members for a vote later this year.

The formal part of the conference ended after the joint meeting. I learned a lot and met many interesting people. It was good to hear how other chapters operate and I think that Sierra Nevada Chapter is very fortunate in having so many dedicated people involved in running it.

I’ll end with one a comment on the weather in Chicago. It was great! Chicago was having a January heat wave. On Sunday morning before we left I took a walk along Lake Michigan where it was about sixty degrees. People were jogging in tee shirts. On Monday morning back in Davis I woke up and turned on the radio. The announcer said they had reports it was snowing in Davis. I looked out my window and sure enough it was snowing!

Chapter Tour of Museum of Medical History

Judith Welsh

The Sierra Nevada Chapter of the Special Libraries Association would like to invite you to join us for a tour of the Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society’s new Museum of Medical History!

Date: Monday, March 25
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: 5380 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento

A skeleton greets visitors at the entrance to the Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society’s new Museum of Medical History. Its collection includes 16 display cases showcasing medical artifacts collected and donated to the Society over the years. There are cases featuring collections in the fields of Surgery, Clinical Diagnosis, Infectious Disease, Pharmacy, Radiology, Chinese Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology and Medical Quackery. The collection also includes selected journal titles from the 1950s back to the late 1800s along with hundreds of rare texts dating back to the 1700s.

Bill Sandberg, Executive Director of the Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society, will provide our group with a brief introduction prior to our viewing the museum collection.

Additional information about the Museum including maps and step by step directions is located <http://www.ssvms.org/>.

To RSVP, please contact Judith Welsh at <mailto:jawelsh@ucdavis.edu>.

Shaffer to Step Down as Executive Director of SLA

Roberta I. Shaffer, Executive Director of the Special Libraries Association (SLA) has announced that she will leave the Association effective February 22, 2002.

“Roberta has provided the SLA with a new level of enthusiasm and energy in light of the changes in the Association world and the evolving position of information professionals in society,” remarked SLA President Hope N. Tillman. “On behalf of the SLA Board of Directors and staff, we thank her and wish her well in all her future endeavors.”

On her decision to leave SLA, Shaffer commented, “The Special Libraries Association will continue its course as the leading professional association for information professionals. The Board of Directors and I share the same vision for the future of the Association and the profession. However, we are not in sync in terms of the pace of change. I have enjoyed my time working with the Board, staff and members. I am confident that the Association will achieve its goals in the new century and meet the needs of a new generation of information professionals.”

SLA Deputy Executive Director Lynn Smith will serve as acting Executive Director.

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