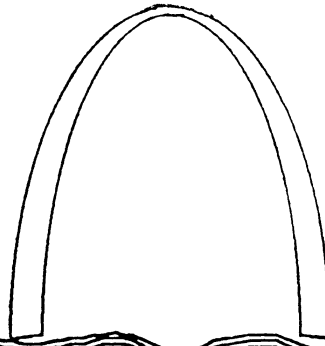

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

It hasn't been so long since we met at our Holiday Party, but it certainly feels like much has happened since early December. Thanks to all of you who helped to make it a wonderful evening. Special thanks for Ann Lauenstein for hosting us at Anheuser Busch – every year it's different and every year it's wonderful! I hope that all of you are healthy and content and making your way through winter. And I hope all you diehard Rams fans have recovered and are looking forward bravely to next season.



Photograph courtesy of Joel Patrick Berger

I was able to attend the recent Winter Meeting in Chicago, but unfortunately had to leave early. It was great to see old friends at Winter Meeting and to meet many of the candidates for National offices. If you'd like additional information or our impressions about the candidates, please feel free to contact Stephanie, Bryan or me and ask away. Bryan has done an excellent job of summarizing some of the things we were able to learn at Winter Meeting in his article.

The biggest takeaway from Winter Meeting for me was the sense that big changes are being considered for the Association. The Association staff has changed and I believe will be more efficient and effective in running the organization. I'd like to direct your attention to the SLA Website at www.sla.org, where the proposed changes in our bylaws are documented. Discussion is underway between the Board of Directors and members to gain a sense of what these changes entail and how they may affect us. Please take time to view the posted documents, join the discussion and ask questions. We are fortunate to have Stephanie Tolson here to help us grapple with the details and implications, and she has suggested that we meet for discussion so we are ready to make an informed decision when the proposals come to a vote. We are arranging an impromptu meeting to do this very thing and will soon invite you via email to join us.

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CHAPTER HAPPY HOUR

You're invited to a Chapter happy hour at the St. Louis Brewery and Tap Room on Thursday, March 7 from 5:00 to ?. The first round of french fries is on me (Maribeth)!

Lots is going on in SLA at the Association level - Stephanie Tolson will be with us to share her perspective on the proposed By-laws changes, candidates for National office and changes in Association leadership. It's always easier to understand this stuff with good beer in hand! (MY opinion, NOT endorsed by the Special Libraries Association...! Mb)

Please call Bryan Young at 314-694-4767 or send email to BRYAN.S.

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YOUNG@monsanto.com if you will be able to attend. We want to be sure we have enough space! Contact Bryan if you have any questions.

The St. Louis Brewery and Tap Room is located at 21st and Locust in downtown St. Louis. For a map, see <http://www.schlafly.com/newmaps.shtml> and for more about the Tap Room, see <http://www.schlafly.com/schlaflyhome.shtml>.

Maribeth Slebodnik



Special Libraries Association

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I am continuing to read and think about the proposed changes, and want to share with you that the intention is to make SLA more responsive and better able to serve us as their members. The task before us is to decide whether we think that the bylaws changes will help achieve these goals, and if not, what will. The shape and feel and functioning of SLA will be affected for many years to come by the results of our discussion and voting, so please inform yourself and weigh in!

But it's not all about politics (thankfully, for us non-political animals!) Bryan has been hard at work to plan great meetings for us to enjoy this spring. He will give you much more detail in his message, but I want you to look forward with me to the visit of one of the library world's bon vivants in early April, and to our business meeting in May, which will feature a local CI expert and take place at one of my favorite libraries in St. Louis!

In the meantime, we can look forward to the joint meeting of the Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIN) and the Visual Resources Association (VRA) taking place in St. Louis from March 21-26. This conference has great workshops and seminar topics that apply to those of us in different settings. Conference information and an invitation to volunteer at the meeting for reduced tuition can be found via a link on our Chapter website at <http://www.sla.org/chapter/cstl/>. Chapter member Marianne Cavanaugh is heavily involved in planning this conference.

The ARLIN-VRA meeting includes a NINCH (National Initiative for a Networked Cultural Heritage) Copyright Town Hall Meeting being held on Saturday March 23, 2002 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Union Station, free of

charge and open to the public. The topic is "The Changing Research and Collections Environment: The Information Commons Today". For more, including a list of speakers, please see: <http://www.ninch.org/copyright/townmeetings02/stlouis.html>.

It's time to decide who will be your new President-elect starting this June! Please contact me if you are interested in serving on the Nominating committee, not just for the President's position but for other positions as well. This committee will be forming soon and will meet once or twice to determine a slate of candidates for election at the May business meeting.

One of the unexpected privileges of being an SLA officer is the random appearance of other Chapter newsletters in the mail. Recently I received an issue of the Southern California Chapter's Newsletter, and enjoyed their "Meet the Advisory Board" section, where I learned more about their Fundraising Chair, Bruce Liebman. I'm cribbing the format to tell you a little more about me (!) and invite the Chapter officers and members to contribute their own version of this for the next SLATE.

MEET THE PRESIDENT!

Organization: Donald Danforth Plant Science Center

Education: Indiana University, R.N., B.S., 1980 and M.L.S., 1992

Years in librarianship: Ten this year

Why I became a librarian: I was a neonatal intensive care nurse for twelve years and I knew I had to find something as rewarding but less stressful and exhausting. Flashback to undergrad work study in an academic library and the light bulb came on!

If I weren't a librarian, I'd be a veterinarian or a horticulturist. If you've been to my house, you know why...

Before I die, I want a house with an at-

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tached greenhouse, a pond and a big patch of red raspberries.

I've always wanted to know why people pay so much money for luxury cars that don't come with turn signals.

Favorite bumper sticker: Visualize Using Your Turn Signal (I'm a little obsessed about this...)

Pet(s): Two Welsh Corgis, two lap cats. Any vacuum cleaner recommendations?

Favorite tourist attraction: Tasmania. The whole island.

Favorite movie: *Tender Mercies, Persuasion, Tank Girl*

People would be surprised to know that my first major (of four...) in college was Latin. Didn't last very long.

My best to all as we look forward to spring,

Maribeth

St. Louis Metropolitan Chapter
 Special Libraries Association
 Chapter Board Meeting
 October 20, 2001
 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 Richmond Heights Community Center

Present

Karen Chapman	Strategic Planning
Ellen Eliceiri	Treasurer
Katharine Hayes	Public Relations
Leah Holler	Business Manager
Erin Lanham	Hospitality
Linda Recklein	Employment
Maribeth Slebodnik	President
Marcia Stoklosa	Secretary
Bryan Young	President-elect/Programs

Agenda

1. Approve minutes of last Board meeting, August 25, 2001
2. Committee reports: treasurer's report, membership report

3. Networking with other information groups – liaisons & organization list
4. Virtualization – exercise and discussion – results
5. Electronic SLATE – feedback from membership and next steps
6. Strategic plan documents – how to use these ideas for current year
7. Meeting planning – holiday meeting
8. Other business
9. Next leadership meeting, next SLATE deadline, Winter Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Maribeth Slebodnik (Chapter President).

The minutes of the Board meeting on August 25, 2001 at the residence of Chapter President Slebodnik, were approved as corrected.

Membership report (submitted by Ann Lauenstein, reported by Maribeth Slebodnik)

The directory has been mailed out to everyone; and the changes have been given to Joel Shedlofsky for the next Slate. It's all on disk, so anytime Patrick Hendershot wants to attempt it on our web site, he can. However, there is no security. Since the directory contains personal information, this is an issue. Bryan Young (President-elect/Programs) suggested a meeting of the Technical Team to focus on the issues of the electronic format and using it as was suggested in the Brain Blurts meeting. The

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A Realist Believes That What Is Done Or Left Undone In The Short Run Determines The Long Run

I was elated when I was elected to serve on the association's Board of Directors. Let me take this opportunity to thank you for your vote. I have always held the association in high esteem. Over the years, I have developed skills and lifelong relationships as a result of learning opportunities, networking and mentoring activities. I did not know how rapidly time would pass until I assumed the role of Chapter Cabinet Chair-elect.

I attended strategic planning and Board meetings where I realized that bylaws revisions were a top priority for the Board. I had weathered bylaw revisions for SLA before and I knew they would be the source of controversy. You may have heard from some of your sources about draft recommendations discussed during Winter 2002 (SLA's meeting in Chicago). Each member will have the opportunity to draw their own conclusions. Information will be provided by Chapter and Division leaders, in addition to information on SLA's web page <http://www.sla.org>.

Why is the Board looking to revise the bylaws? The answer is rooted in simplification. SLA is a large association. It relies on member volunteers to carry on the association's work. Events within the last year have caused us to review priorities and to tighten our belts due to economic downturns. As a Board member, I must be mindful of policies and procedures. When these do not bring about efficiency and effectiveness, the Board has the responsibility to recommend revisions that can lead to improvements. As much as we dislike admitting it, our membership is not growing. Many members have served over and over again. Many Chapters and Divisions are governed by cumbersome bylaws that would not be necessary if changes were made to the association's bylaws. The membership will have the opportunity to vote for change that will bring about simplification.

For the most part, I am in favor of the bylaw revisions. They are intended to aid the association. You, the members need to make the final decision. You should spend time to educate yourself on the recommended changes. Take a hard look at where we are today, then voice your opinion and vote on the future. "An idealist," wrote American journalist Sydney J. Harris, "believes the short run doesn't count. A cynic believes the long run doesn't matter. A realist believes that what is done or left undone in the short run determines the long run."

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie D. Tolson, Chapter Cabinet Chair-elect

Report from Chicago SLA Midwinter Meeting

Bryan S. Young, Chapter President-Elect

On February 9th, SLA President Hope Tillman forwarded an email message to the Chapter/Division Leadership via the sla-leadership email list. Titled, "It's Time to Voice Your Comments on Proposed Bylaws Changes"; the message couldn't have been better timed to coincide with our SLATE deadline and my report from the recent Chicago Winter meeting. In her email, Hope states: "At the Winter Meeting we heard from the leadership in attendance that they had not had enough time to consider the proposals under discussion. The Board's vote in Chicago reflected our listening to the membership that they wanted more time for input."

As this issue of SLATE is being published, a real-time online "chat" (facilitated by Eugenie Prime, SLA member and Manager of the Hewlett Packard Corporate Libraries) is scheduled for February 13 to discuss the proposed changes in the SLA bylaws and various documents have been placed on the SLA WWW site for your review and comments. Clearly, the Association's bylaws are due for a revision. Final acceptance of these changes will be yours to decide at the upcoming Annual Meeting in Los Angeles in June.

While the discussion of the bylaws changes was a major topic during the Winter Meeting, it was not the only item on the agenda. For me, the daylong meetings on Thursday and Friday (January 24 and 25) provided a foundation for my upcoming responsibilities as St. Louis Metropolitan Chapter President. A series of formal presentations and informal roundtable discussions on topics ranging from "Cross Generational Team Work" (that's right: the data suggests that SLA is indeed an "aging" Association) to the redesign of the SLA WWW site kept Maribeth Slebodnik and I hopping (Stephanie Tolson, who attended the Winter meeting in her capacity as Chapter Cabinet Chair- Elect, was racing circles around us!) In between these sessions, there was plenty of time for talking with colleagues and friends about Chapter and Division projects, successes and "other experiences".

This is where I always get the most value from attending SLA meetings and conferences: sharing wisdom gained from experience in informal conversations is really what keeps me a member of SLA!

Specifically, here are some points from the Winter Meeting's Leadership Development Institute that I'd to share with you:

- ◆ "Non-profit" or "not-for-profit" doesn't mean "no profit". As a Chapter, we are encouraged to generate revenues from our meetings, publications and other programs. Care needs to be taken, however, to insure that our primary revenue comes from membership dues forwarded to our Chapter from the Association and not from publishing or other revenue generating devices (from Scott Smiley, SLA Director of Finance)
- ◆ When inviting sponsors to help cover meeting expenses, or Chapter needs to be clear about the differences between "corporate sponsorship" and "advertising". "Advertising" revenue is taxable; revenues from "corporate sponsorships" are (usually) not. This is most important when a sponsor wants to provide pieces of "identity" (literature, take-

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away gifts, etc.) at a Chapter meeting or event. (From Jeffery Tenenbaum, Esq.– SLA Legal Counsel)

- ◆ Even if the proposed bylaws changes do not pass the upcoming vote, our Chapter is invited to revisit our Chapter’s bylaws and revise them to meet the needs our local membership. Some pieces of language currently in our bylaws could appropriately be placed into “guidelines”. (from Jeffery Tenenbaum, Esq.– SLA Legal Counsel)
- ◆ There are some real changes/enhancements coming to the Association’s WWW page. Brian Weisman (Director, SLA Technology Services) gave an encouraging presentation on new features and capabilities proposed for the Associations homepage.
- ◆ Jane Dysart (Dysart and Jones) shared the results of a study of the Hudson Valley Chapter suggesting that “location” and “topic” are the principle drivers for successful Chapter meetings. “Virtual” meetings, however, did not provide a way to build new relationships and were not a substitute for “real” meetings.
- ◆ There is no snow in Chicago in January. You can walk down Michigan Avenue in a lightweight jacket. (All right, this was a freak meteorological event that will never happen again in my lifetime!)

I will be sharing some detail from the Winter Meeting via our email list during the next few weeks. I’ll be curious about your comments.

Oh, and here’s where to find Steve Abram’s presentation on “Cross Generational Teamwork”...fascinating stuff to an old Boomer like myself.

<http://www.micromedia.on.ca/presentations/generation.pdf>

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Awards Committee is seeking nominations for two Chapter awards: the Elizabeth Owens Award and the St. Louis Metropolitan Area Chapter-Special Libraries Association Leadership Award. The deadline for submitting nominations is March 15, 2002. Awards will be presented at the Chapter's annual business meeting in May.

A form for submitting your nomination is included in this issue of the *Slate*. Feel free to submit extra pages if necessary.

The **Elizabeth Owens Award** recognizes a St. Louis Metropolitan Area Chapter member for distinguished service to the Chapter and the library profession. The criteria for receiving this award are:

1. This award is conferred upon a member once during his/her SLA membership.
2. Award is limited to one member per year.
3. The award is not necessarily presented each year.
4. Nominee must be a dues paying member for at least 5 years.
5. Nominee has maintained membership in SLA for 10 years or more.

The **Leadership Award** recognizes a member whose ability to lead and inspire others has furthered the Chapter's goals and objectives. The criteria for receiving this award are:

1. The award is conferred upon a member once during his/her SLA membership.
2. It is awarded to one member per year.
3. This award is not necessarily presented every year.
4. Nominee must be a dues paying member of the St. Louis Metropolitan Area Chapter.
5. Nominee has maintained membership in SLA for 5 years or more.
6. Nominee must have served as an officer or chairperson of the Chapter's various committees.

Spring 2002 Meetings

Spring St. Louis Metropolitan Area Chapter dinner meetings will include the following dates, speakers and topics. Meetings will be in the late afternoon/early evening. Specifics will be forwarded as soon as confirmed.

April 1, 2002

Joel Berger (C. Berger Group, Inc.)
"The Future of Library Staffing"

May 9, 2002 Regina Klein (Pharmacia Corporation)

"Transitioning from Librarian to Competitive Intelligence Professional."
Location: Danforth Plant Science Center (will include Annual Chapter Business meeting)

Call Bryan Young if you have any questions.

Home: (314) 727-3579

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This form is provided for you to complete and mail in. Feel free to submit extra pages if necessary. Nominations must be submitted by March 15, 2002, but you are encouraged to make your nominations early.

Nominee:

Nominated for:

_____ Elizabeth Owens Award

_____ Leadership Award

Nominee has been a member of the Chapter since: _____

Chapter Achievements:

Office/committee assignments held (include dates):

Special contributions to the Chapter:

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Technical Team would report back to the Board.

Treasurer's Report

Ellen Eliceiri presented the latest balance sheet, as of October 16, 2001. There have been some problems with the changeover of the accounts. Ellen was in the process of correcting the problems. There was a discussion on ways to increase funding for the meetings, including corporate sponsorship, inviting members of related professional organizations (ex. Medical Library Association), and meeting promotions.

There were no other committee reports.

Networking with other information groups

Maribeth shared the list of organizations and volunteer liaisons she has received so far. She would like to have contacts at St. Louis Public Library and St. Louis County Public Library. It was suggested that Jean Taylor (County) and Bob Knotts (City) be contacted.

The discussion continued on how to include/invite more groups without spending large amounts on postage and advertising. The question about whether we should have a different pricing structure for non-member participation was asked. Since one of the Chapter goals is to increase membership, it was agreed we should maintain a different pricing structure for non-members, even though this requires more effort. For the Holiday meeting, it was decided there would not be a member/non-member price since it is primarily a networking meeting. It was suggested that the Holiday meeting be used as a test of posting meeting information on the Chapter Web site and sending the URL to other organizations.

Virtualization – exercise and discussion –

results

Bryan reported on the results of the virtualization exercise (Brain Blurts) done at the October 4 meeting. The top 10 results and the virtualization process were sent to Joel for inclusion in the Slate. The #1 suggestion was to have some listing or description of Chapter members' expertise and capabilities on the Chapter Web site, with some type of password protection. Since many of the suggestions were related to the Web site or electronic format, the Technical Team would look into them. It was noted that several of the suggestions were already in place and others are not feasible due to technical or budget limitations.

Electronic SLATE – feedback from membership and next steps

As a test, the October 2001 issue of the SLATE was sent as an e-mail attachment. Five Board members in attendance did not receive the e-mail. The pros and cons of an all-electronic newsletter were discussed. It was decided that this issue would be added to the Technical Team's agenda.

Strategic plan documents – how to use these ideas for current year

Maribeth asked Karen Chapman (Strategic Planning) to update the plan with accomplishments. The document was accepted and approved as a guide for Chapter activities.

Meeting planning – holiday meeting

Bryan reported on the plans for the Holiday meeting scheduled for December 12 at Annheuser-Busch. Many thanks were offered to Ann Lauenstein and Annheuser-Busch for hosting. Other meeting plans include a panel discussion on changes in the profession, a distance learning session and

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the annual business meeting. Bryan had approached Regina Klein at Pharmacia about a program on competitive intelligence. No meeting was scheduled for November 2001. When dates are confirmed, Bryan will send the information to Patrick for the Web site.

Other business

Katharine Hayes (Public Relations) reported on her investigations into a chapter banner. She has initial costs and vendors. It was decided that the banner should include the logo that was used for the 60th anniversary dinner and would be sized to fit on a standard tabletop display. She will send the Board information for final approval.

Bryan reported that Stephanie Tolson has created a description for the Procedures Manual on Diversity Leadership.

Maribeth reminded everyone of the SLA Mid-Winter meeting in Chicago.

Ellen is still researching a Chapter credit card.

Next leadership meeting, next SLATE deadline, Winter Meeting

It was decided that another Board meeting before the Holiday meeting was not necessary. Maribeth reminded everyone to be sure and send any reports or information to Joel for inclusion in the SLATE.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia L. Stoklosa, Chapter Secretary

News from Dialog:

Dialog Company Profiles - In October of 2001, Dialog launched a new product for the company who needs company information, competitive intelligence or additional sales. Dialog Company Profiles is a cost effective and single source for all your needs on over 500,000 private and public companies. Access to global business information, enabling users to efficiently research business case studies, company background and financial data. Schedule a demo and a FREE TRIAL password.

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DataStar – New to DataStar: Financial Times (FTNP) – daily updates for industry trends, competitive activities, market shifts and analysis of important business issues. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR) – Reviews of random and controlled trials generating reliable evidence relevant to the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of particular health problems. Adis Clinical Trails Insight (ACTI) – Adis scientists; acknowledged experts in their fields; evaluate each study using special codes to indicate relevance. ToxFile (TOXC) – collects all toxicology related information published by the National Library of Medicine and related institutes in one file.

St. Louis Metropolitan Chapter
Special Libraries Association
Chapter Meeting
December 12, 2001
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Annheuser-Busch

The annual Holiday Networking Meeting was held at Annheuser-Busch. After a networking social hour and dinner, the business meeting was called to order by Chapter President Maribeth Slebodnik at 7:15 p.m. Maribeth welcomed everyone and gave special thanks to those who contributed to the success of the meeting: Bryan Young (Chapter President-elect/Programs), Ann Lauenstein (Chapter Membership), Ellen Eliceiri (Chapter Treasurer) and Erin Lanham (Chapter Hospitality). In particular, Maribeth thanked Annheuser-Busch for hosting the meeting and Dialog for providing financial support.

Maribeth also welcomed members from other local library organizations in attendance: Mid-America Association of Law Libraries and ARLIS (Art Libraries Society). Information on these organizations, as well as SLA membership information, was available. Maribeth reminded everyone that the SLA Winter meeting was being held in Chicago in January 2002.

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report

Ellen reported that the Chapter's latest financial statement was available on all of the tables. She noted, however, that this was not the final statement for the year.

Membership Report

Ann reported there were 116 members in the Chapter.

Nominating Committee

Maribeth reported that she was in the process of forming a Nominating Committee and would welcome any volunteers.

SLATE

Maribeth (for Joel Shedlofsky, SLATE Editor) reminded everyone of the next SLATE deadline (January 4, 2002) and to send any articles to Joel or herself.

Programs

Bryan announced the list of tentative topics for 2002 Chapter meetings. When speakers and dates are confirmed, the information will be posted on the Chapter Web site. The tentative schedule includes a session on competitive intelligence with Regina Klein of Pharmacia; an SLA distance-learning program in the Spring, possibly held at Washington University; a discussion of outsourcing in our profession with Joel Berger of C. Berger. The Chapter Business Meeting will be scheduled for the end of Spring 2002.

Other Announcements

It was announced that ARLIS was holding a joint conference in St. Louis, March 21-26, 2002. Handouts on the conference were available. Information on volunteering and registration would be placed on the Chapter Web site. Bryan announced that Gail Hoef was now the Manager of Information Services for Monsanto. Patrick Hendershot introduced Maggie Schuman, a new staff member at Mallinckrodt and new Chapter member. Maribeth announced that St. Louis had been selected for the site of the AALL 2006 annual meeting. Also, the St. Louis Medical Librarians expressed their thanks for the invitation to the Holiday Networking Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.
Marcia Stoklosa, Secretary

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