



**SLA Toronto Chapter Annual General Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2007 @ 6:30 pm
The Arts & Letters Club of Toronto, 14 Elm St., Toronto ON
<http://www.artsandlettersclub.ca/>**

1. Welcome and Opening Comments

Pam Casey, 2007 SLA Toronto Chapter President, welcomed SLA Toronto Chapter members to the Annual General Meeting and introduced the 2007 Executive Board:

Pam Casey – President
Daniel Lee – President-Elect
Joy Shanfield – Treasurer
Tylene Reaume – Secretary
Heather Ritchie – Director
Sandra Craig – Events Coordinator
Claire Lysnes – Membership Chair

Pam's speech:

"12 months have gone by very quickly since last I spoke to you with eagerness as I waited for my term as President to start. Now I speak to you during my last time as President.

2007 has been a very interesting and yet challenging year for me personally and professionally. But, luckily one thing was constant in my life – SLA. Through my network, which SLA is a big part of; I rose above the adversary and began a new life professionally. I have started my own Information business "Information Now" - <http://www.informationnow.ca/> - what kind of entrepreneur would I be if I did not put in a plug for my new venture.

As far as the chapter is concerned we began the year with a budget in the black financially and a plan in mind. During the year we worked very hard and embraced the various challenges. We had many wonderful successes, some of which I would like to highlight for you:

- ✚ We welcomed a new sponsor to our chapter - McGraw-Hill Ryerson Canada.
- ✚ Registration processes for our events are getting smoother, with the majority registering by webform from the chapter site, paying prior to event by cheque or by Pay Pal.
- ✚ Financially our investments are strong despite the surge in the Canadian dollar, bank fees have been reduced to almost nothing by getting onto a Value Assist Plan and we have ended the year in the black.
- ✚ We are now affiliated with "Toronto Talks" - <http://www.torontotalks.org/> which is series of talks group that offers you the opportunity to hear from Toronto's leading experts in the fields of Internet and E-Commerce, Management, Leadership skills, Personal Development and Business Development skills. Our members can attend their meetings at no charge. In the New Year we will have their meetings posted on our website.



- ✚ We have continued with our succession planning by having three members of our board attend Leadership Summit in January 2008. The third member to go is the potential President-Elect for the chapter and by attending the summit, this person will see how the leadership of our association works and interacts.
- ✚ We eagerly awaited the formal debut of SLA's Association Management System, which will make all of our lives so much simpler in the area of membership and other clerical type activities.

Finally I want to thank a group of very hard working individuals who have made me look good. Without Daniel, Joy, Heather, Claire, Sandra and Tylene I would have not succeeded in my goals and also to our Past- President – Martha Foote who I have leaned on from time to time over the last year. Thanks also to the advisory board who looked after all the behind the scene tasks and to all of you coming to our events and meetings, for putting up with postponements and then coming up in full force for such events like the Knowledge Management Round Table. Without this support, we would not be here, so thanks!"

2. Member of the Year Award

Pam Casey, 2007 SLA Toronto President, presented the Member of the Year Award to Ulla de Stricker, longtime SLA member and President of de Stricker Associates - <http://www.destricker.com/en/ulladestricker.html>

Pam's speech:

"Now it is my privilege and honour to present the Member of the Year to a very worthwhile and deserving member, Ulla de Stricker. Ulla has been a member of the chapter since 1994 and has served in various capacities including President, Employment Chair, the Professional Liaison Project and Strategic Planning. In fact, our current Executive Board is modeled after Ulla's contribution to that project. Most recently she has been on our advisory board as the Career Guidance Chair. Ulla is committed to assisting and mentoring the next generation of librarians. She willingly speaks to library schools whenever she has the chance. She will look over anyone's resume to provide feedback or other guidance in order to ensure success. In this way, she has quietly mentored many individuals into successful careers and does so with pleasure. With a very busy consulting practice she does not need this additional work so one can only presume she does it out of dedication to the profession. It is with pride that I present to you our 2007 member of the year and my friend - Ulla de Stricker."

3. Election of Officers

Martha Foote, SLA Toronto Past-President (2006), serving as Nomination Chair, presented the proposed slate for the 2008 Executive Board:

Daniel Lee – President
Joy Shanfield – President-Elect
Faye Mitchell – Treasurer
Jan Moffatt – Secretary
Britta J. Charbonneau – Director
Claire Lysnes – Membership Chair

Martha called for other nominations from the floor. None were made so Martha asked for a vote from members in attendance and all were in favour of proposed slate. Martha congratulated the elected slate and reminded all members to volunteer for the chapter.



4. Incoming President's Speech

Daniel Lee, 2008 SLA Toronto President, presented outgoing President, Pam Casey, with a thank you gift for her commitment to the chapter commending her 5 years as an executive board member and crediting her with improving member relations. Daniel explained that Pam has been a steadfast global advocate of better membership data, noting that Pam's input regarding membership issues will be even more valuable as she moves into her new role as co-chair of the Leadership & Management Division of SLA. Daniel also thanked Pam for establishing succession planning for the board and strengthening relationships with related organizations such as SCIP, CASLIS and Toronto Talks.

Daniel shared some of his main goals for 2008:

- to partner with non-library groups
- to increase membership in the chapter
- to focus on students and new information professionals

Daniel shared the exciting news that the new Student Sponsorship Fund has already received a commitment of \$500 from past SLA Presidents and this fund will allow library students to attend all events free in 2008.

Daniel listed some of the upcoming events already in the works such as:

- SLA President Stephen Abram's outlook for the year in January
- Partners in Technology Roundtable in February/March providing an insider's view of the R&D side of vendors
- Joint event in the Spring with the Canadian Public Relations Society on media monitoring and management
- Joint social event with other library associations to celebrate International Special Librarians Day in April
- Joint social event in the Summer
- Virtual seminar with cross border shopping or vineyard bus tour in the Fall
- Click U Live University events
- Presentation of The Hollywood Librarian film
- Library tours
- Additional events arranged by the chapter's sub-groups

Daniel reminded the board that 2009 is the 100th anniversary for SLA, so this year we will be gearing up for the big celebration, such as republishing some classic Courier articles from the chapter's Archives collection that go back to the 1940s.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm for members to return to the Annual Holiday Social in The Great Hall, a joint event for SLA Toronto and CASLIS Toronto members.

Happy New Year!!!