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THE CHAPTER'S STRATEGIC PLAN – AN UPDATE

By Susan Mims Yancey, Director-at-Large

In 1996, the Chapter forged a strategic plan ("the Plan") which was to see us through the year 2001. As the five years draw to a close, it is time to evaluate our successes and address areas which may need attention in the Plan. Let's see where we stand as we foray into the year 2001.

Vision

The 1996-2001 strategic plan ("the Plan") begins with the vision statement:

OUR VISION IS TO BE AN ORGANIZATION OF PROFESSIONAL STRATEGIC MANAGERS OF INFORMATION.

Has that statement stood the test of time? Should we revise it for post 2001?

Mission

The mission of our chapter is fourfold:

1. To take a leadership role in effecting communication between SLA and Texas Chapter members
2. To provide opportunities for members to develop their professional roles
3. To partner with state library schools
4. To communicate and promote the role of Special Librarians

How are we doing as a chapter? Has the chapter effected better communication between Texans and headquarters? Has the chapter provided opportunities for you to develop professionally? Has the chapter partnered with Texas' fine library schools? Do you think the chapter has communicated and promoted the role of special librarians? These are

questions which, if not answered in hearty affirmation, must be discussed by the membership and addressed by our leadership. The Plan outlined six goals for the membership.

Goal #1: Improve delivery of information

- Promote the Internet as a communication channel
- Explore other communication channels
- Expand the scope of the Lone Star Librarian

Goal #1 has been the responsibility of the *Lone Star Librarian* editor and the Communications Committee. Over the past five years they have maintained links to the SLA web page; established a job opportunities section on the Chapter web page; published articles, regular columns and other topics of interest; accepted Board and Advisory Council reports in e-mail form only; established a Texas Chapter discussion list; and expanded the scope of the newsletter. These were all "tactics" to achieve the goal as prescribed in the drafting of the Plan. Overall, do you believe that this team has met the goal and improved the delivery of information? (I do, but don't let me influence your opinion.)

Goal #2: Provide personal and professional devel-

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opment forums.

Goal #2 is the responsibility of our Programming Committee; the area programming chairs in DFW, Austin, Houston and San Antonio; and the Communications Committee. The tactics they agreed to use included arranging a one day state meeting, establishing stronger program coordination among the local planning groups, announcing state and local events, participating in trade shows and meetings, identifying continuing education opportunities and investigating demand for CE courses at state meetings, and coordinating course offerings with the state library schools. Should Goal #2 remain one of our goals for the future? Can you think of ways to facilitate professional and personal development? Could/should local planning groups share programming ideas and speakers?

Goal #3: Promote the role of Special Librarians

Goal #3 is the responsibility of our External Relations Committee. Their tactics include targeting organizations and people outside the information profession, obtaining proclamations for International Special Librarians Day, submitting articles and announcements to local and state media, participating in career days, adding PR material to our homepage, benchmarking how other professions promote the value of their members and establishing vendor links to our web page.

Goal #4: Maintain active ties with the Texas library schools.

Goal #4 is the responsibility of the Programming Committee – Student Liaisons and Area Programming Chairs. Surely nothing is as rewarding as supporting the education of our future colleagues. The Chapter provides SLA membership to student chapter faculty sponsors and establishes channels of communication with deans, faculty and students. They work to ensure that the deans and full-time faculty receive regular notices of our meetings and seminars. One action item that was on the list for 1999-2000 included conducting regional data gathering surveys. Is there still time to do this? Should we do this? How are we doing overall with our relationships at the library schools? What can we do in San Antonio this June to enhance our students' experiences at the conference?

Goal #5: Reengineer Texas Chapter SLA organization structure.

Goal #5 involves the Operations Committee, the Strategic Planning Chair, the Chapter Board and the standing committee chairs. The objective is to involve more members and publicize the opportunities for involvement. At the same time the group should review the purpose and function of the standing committees and realign resources to support changing Texas Chapter priorities. The concept of teaming on committees is a tactic to reach this goal. The Communications Committee is a great example of teaming.

Are there other areas of responsibility better served by greater numbers of members on the committee? Is our current Board structure nimble enough to get our work done?

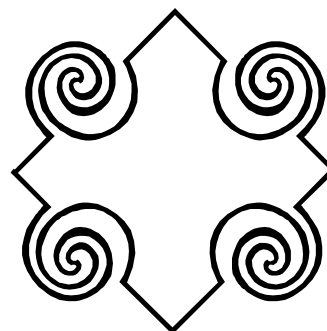
Goal #6: Increase visibility of Texas Chapter Special Libraries Association

The External Relations and Communications Committee are again called upon to ensure Chapter representation at SLA meetings, encourage Chapter member participation at the association level, make members aware of opportunities to volunteer and publicize our Chapter's accomplishments.

Simply reviewing where we have traveled on our Plan becomes part of the strategy: identifying issues which the membership should address in our revision of the Plan for the coming years. Hopefully, this review has given you some areas upon which to thoughtfully reflect. We also have important data from our member survey (LSL June 2000). Communicate your views to the leadership and share your ideas with fellow members.

Let's strategize plan for a successful 2001 and beyond.

Your feedback and comments are heartily encouraged. You can use the special member comments form added to the Texas Chapter website. Go to <http://www.txsla.org> and click on the "Members Only" icon at the top of the page. Select the word "click" and use fiesta2001 for the password. Click on "Comments" and tell us what you think. You can also contact board and council members or post your comments to the Chapter discussion list (see the Chapter website for details on registering and using the discussion list). The Chapter board will collect and appreciate all input. ☺☺☺



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Global 2000 Conference Report

By Olga Wise, Compaq Computers



I was lucky to have the opportunity to teach one of the pre-conference strategic learning workshops at the Global 2000 Worldwide Conference on Special Librarianship held in Brighton, England in October.

First a bit of background on the conference: The Special Libraries Association, in conjunction with several international library groups including IFLA, the Japan SLA, and the Library Association (Great Britain), organized this conference to bring special librarians from all over the world to meet and learn together. All in all, there were over 500 attendees and around 200 vendors at the conference.

SLA also awarded "visiting fellow" scholarships to about 25 special librarians from developing countries. I have to say that the variety of countries, languages, and outlooks represented was most refreshing to me – a veteran of thirty years of SLA conferences. We had three days of sessions as well as social events on most evenings, so there was plenty of opportunity to mingle and meet new colleagues. Most everyone was in the same hotel – the Hilton Metropole, located on the waterfront of the English Channel. When time permitted, strolls along the sea wall - with the sea gulls overhead - were a great break from the indoor environment.

My workshop was called "Learning Together in the Information Centre Environment," a title coined by SLA's head of strategic learning, Jeff de Cagna. What was the intent here? To make special librarians aware of the information they can gain from their users, and the steps necessary for users to become aware of the information they can gain from their special librarian. Certainly these are elementary ideas, but ones that are often lost in the shuffle.

I began by talking about learning theory and practice in general, asking participants to look at their own learning experiences as a key to understanding how they can teach others effectively and at the same time understand how they and their users learn. Then I discussed some current theories on how learning takes place in an organization, placing emphasis on the ideas of John Seely Brown ([The Social Life of Information](#)) and Peter Senge ([The Fifth Discipline](#)).

The last part of the workshop required the participants to work together in a "learning" exercise in which they developed a "learning" event/program/process for a special library and presented their ideas to the rest of the participants. I had one of the most energetic and interested groups of students I have ever taught. The 30 workshop participants came from so many countries: Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Switzerland, Germany, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Indonesia, Hong Kong, China, France, Canada, Holland, Poland, and the USA. They immediately worked well together, although most were strangers at the onset. They exchanged ideas and developed wonderful presentations. I had wondered if there would be language or cultural barriers when people began to work together. Quite the contrary! The sound level in the room was quite high and laughter was all around. What a wonderful way to work on international understanding – sharing professional ideas with colleagues from all over the world.

The hope is that another Global SLA conference will take place in two years. ☺☺☺

FIESTA!

The Chapter Website

2001 - An Information Odyssey

Seizing the Competitive Advantage



92ND SLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SAN ANTONIO, TX, USA, JUNE 9-14, 2001

It's Fiesta time! Well, almost...The Texas Chapter is ahead of the game in all respects for the upcoming SLA Annual Conference to be held in San Antonio, June 9th to 14th, 2001. It will be the 92nd annual conference and the second time that the Special Libraries Association will be meeting in San Antonio. The local chapter established a comprehensive website devoted to the conference and coverage of San Antonio in time for the 91st conference in Philadelphia, since many attendees often look forward to the next conference at the time of the prior one. The Chapter's 2001 conference URL is <http://www.txsla.org/2001/>.

In case you're one of these early planners, there is plenty of information to help you get a start on where to stay, where to eat and what to visit while you're in San Antonio this coming summer. You will find information on restaurants, housing, attractions, transportation, shopping, history, weather, and numerous other areas of interest.

The "Lodging" section features the five conference hotels with links to each one. It also includes alternative housing, in case you'd like something different (such as a bed & breakfast). Please note that you cannot make reservations via the local chapter site, but you can gather plenty of information to help you make your decision on where to stay.

The "Transportation" section has information from the San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) about the airport and other modes of city transport. There are also a couple of links to the BestReadGuide for reservations and About.com's site on "Getting Around in San Antonio."

In the "Restaurants" section are links to several directories with hundreds of great restaurants. Most offer ratings, reviews, contact information and maps, as well as links to the restaurants. You can select restaurants by price, style of dining, or popular cuisines; you can look at sample menus; and you can peruse specialized lists of restaurants that serve Sunday brunch, offer a buffet, or have entertainment.

Closer to the conference, you might want to check out the "Weather" section to aid you in packing the appropriate clothing and the "Shopping" section to help you decide where to shop in case you didn't pack the right attire!

One of my favorite sections is "Miscellaneous," where items like the local public library, Texas online magazines and newspapers, city

maps, and sundry other links that didn't fit into the other sections reside. There's a link to the San Antonio Symphony, as well as sites with area parks, places of worship, and local universities. If you'd like to send an electronic postcard during the conference, there are convenient links to San Antonio postcards. But my favorite is the link to the Texas Wine Trails site.

Other content on the site include reprints of the San Antonio articles which have been featured in SLA's *Information Outlook* magazine, in case you missed them in the print editions. These are in the "What's New" area which is prominently displayed on the opening page for the Fiesta site. We will also be periodically adding links to the site and listing them in the "What's New" area. If you have suggestions for additions, please forward them to the chapter Webmaster at webmaster@argiope.com. These suggestions are most welcome. Please be sure to include the exact URL.

Last, but not least, are the "Attractions" and the "History" sections. The San Antonio area is a favorite vacation spot, as well as having a prominent position in Texas and U.S. history. The "Attractions" section includes general city guides and links to specific zoos, parks, museums, cruises, botanic gardens, area golfing, and theaters, as well as popular attractions, such as SeaWorld, Six Flags, and Splashtown. In the "History" section is information with links to sites on the Alamo, the King William Historic District, historical museums, and the missions. There is even a site with a live Alamo cam that lets you view the Alamo minute-by-minute!

So, there's no excuse, you'll have lots of time and information at your fingertips to plan your trip to San Antonio, using the Fiesta portion of the Texas Chapter's website. See you there—maybe on the wine trail.

Marie Bloechle is a Research Specialist at Verizon Communications in Irving, Texas. She has lived in Texas over 15 years and considers herself almost a native. She has served as the chapter's Webmaster for 2 ½ years now and is the Chair of the Electronic Communications Committee.

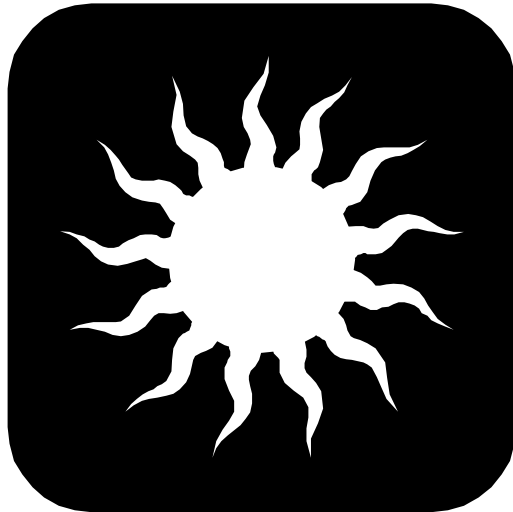


Winter 2001 Board and Advisory Meeting

Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs are urged to attend the **Board and Advisory Council Meeting** planned for 6:30 pm on **Thursday, February 1 at the Wyndham**. More details are posted at <http://www.txsla.org/statewide.htm>.

In preparation for this meeting, officers and chairpersons are asked to submit their quarterly activity reports via email to the Board and Council by **Monday, January 29**. This facilitates discussion on various issues and makes the reports readily available for inclusion in the minutes of the meeting.

If any officer or committee chair has business items they wish to have included on the agenda, or for additional information, please contact Dell Johnson, dell.johnson@tivoli.com. ☼☼☼



Credit Card Usage: A FAQ

By Carolyn Ernst, F1 Services

Many of you have asked why the Texas Chapter does not accept credit cards for payment. It would certainly be more convenient, not only for us, but for our vendor partners also. I have inquired about the costs involved for the chapter to establish a merchant account. The merchant account would give us the capability to accept payment only – no charging things!

There would be some one-time costs just to get setup: an application fee, \$50; software for processing the charges, \$100 (The other option is to buy special equipment for \$600.); and a DISCOVER card membership fee, \$25. This would total \$175.

In addition, the chapter would be responsible for the following recurring costs: a \$30 monthly minimum fee; a \$5 monthly statement fee; 2.3% of the total charge of each transaction, except American Express which is 3.75%; \$0.20 charge for each transaction; \$20 NSF/returned item fee; \$20 chargeback fee; \$20 DDA charges. The total cost for these fees would be \$420/year plus transactional fees.

When would we use the capability? We have state meetings a couple of times per year. Area Planning Groups (APGs) occasionally have members pay local meeting expenses directly to the chapter treasurer, although it is not common. Dallas/Fort Worth has done this for the past four years on a limited basis since the chapter treasurer has been from the DFW APG and it is convenient. Vendors make contributions to the chapter or purchase ads. These are usually associated with a state meeting, annual conference, or advertisements in the Lone Star Librarian.

There is other pertinent information that must be considered. In the past 12 months, the chapter has had no income in the months of October, January, June, July, August, or the first half of September. Therefore we would definitely not have used the merchant account, but we would have continued to pay the fixed monthly costs during those months.

The Board will be discussing whether or not we will pursue the merchant account capability. If you have strong feelings one way or the other, please let me know. I will also be happy to answer any questions you may have. Just give me a call at 800-838-2990 or email carolyn.ernst@f1servicesinc.com. ☼☼☼

Next Generations Technology: Winter Meeting's Focus

By Carolyn Grimes, Tivoli Systems

The 2000 Texas Chapter membership survey was foremost in the minds of the Program Committee as we created this year's Winter Meeting. Survey results were scrutinized to see exactly what members wanted, and we worked to develop a program that reflected member preferences. A full-day Friday meeting – including lunch -- was requested, so we searched for a Friday availability date. "New Technologies" was the most requested topic, so we made that the focus of the first program. Finally, members like to see trends, instruction, and case studies, so we're including all three!

Mark your calendars for Friday, February 2, and plan to attend Texas Chapter's winter program on Next Generation Information Technologies. This one-day program offers insight into the new technologies that are shaping the business world in general and the information profession in particular. Business and technology industry analysts will address the latest technology trends. Information professionals will identify new tools to collect and manage information. Case studies will focus on ways to implement new information technologies and on how to sell them to management. Vendors will be on hand to demonstrate products and promote services.

The beautiful Wyndham Arlington will host this event. The hotel is conveniently located in the center of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex area directly across I-30 from Six Flags Over Texas, the Ballpark in Arlington, and the Arlington Convention Center. The hotel is within 15 minutes of downtown Dallas or downtown Fort Worth. Special conference room rates are available at \$109 for singles and \$119 for doubles. Call 800-442-7275 for reservations, and identify your group as Special Libraries Association. Courtesy pickup from and delivery to DFW airport is available by contacting the hotel at 817-261-8200.

For those planning to spend the weekend in the DFW area, two "must sees" include Dallas' new Women's Museum and Fort Worth's Kimbell Art Museum's exhibit "From Renoir to Picasso: Masterpieces From the Musee de L'Orangerie in Paris."

Detailed program and registration information has been mailed to members and is available at the Texas Chapter website at <http://www.txsla.org/statewide.htm>

For additional information, please contact Carolyn Grimes at 512-436-1325 or 800-284-8654 extension 61325. ★★☆☆

Next Generation Information Technologies SLA Texas Chapter Winter Program February 2, 2001

Registration Form:

Name:

Organization:

Address:

City, State, ZIP:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Cost:

\$95 if registered by Friday, January 27, 2001

\$125 for registrations after that date

\$40 for students

Breakfast and lunch included.

Mail completed form with payment to:

Carolyn Ernst
F1 Services
10290 Monroe, Suite 208
Dallas TX 75229-5718

Checks should be made payable to **Texas Chapter SLA.**

***** Winter Meeting Preliminary Program *******Morning Sessions****“The Business View of New Technologies – What Should We Expect Next?”****Dave Faries**, Triton Communications

As a *Texas Technology* contributing writer, Faries reports on technology trends and has a unique view on the industry and especially on how it relates to Texas business.

“Finding and Managing Web Information”*Speaker Confirmation Pending*

The latest developments in new search engines and guides on how to manage information acquired from the web.

“Web Portals and e-Books”**Cheryl German**, netLibrary

With a background in corporate and academic libraries, German offers an inside look at two hot technologies – electronic books and the creation and utilization of web portals. As Corporate Collections Manager at the e-book publisher netLibrary, German will address e-book trends, digital rights management, and collection development. Previously, she was with Engineering Animation, Inc. (EAI), a high tech firm in Ames, Iowa, where she developed the corporate library and produced custom websites for internal and external clients.

Luncheon Program and Chapter Business Meeting**“The View from HQ”****Linda Broussard**, Special Libraries Association

SLA's Managing Director of Leadership visits the Texas Chapter to share information on membership issues of significant impact to the future of the association.

Afternoon Sessions**“The Library of Texas”***Speaker Confirmation Pending*

The Texas State Library and Archives' new electronic "Library of Texas" project is underway. Get the scoop on what will be included and who will have access.

“Pervasive Technologies”**Bruce Hughes**, Intercil Corporation

Wireless technologies are popping up everywhere – through phones, Personal Digital Assistants, and wireless networks. Sr. Scientist Bruce Hughes (and husband of former Texas Chapter president Susan Hughes) will explain how this technology will continue to expand, its limitations and assets, and how libraries and information professionals should position themselves to take advantage of the inevitable.

“Case Study on Adding New Information Technologies”*Speaker Confirmation Pending*

An information professional will present a case study on how she brought amazing changes and prestige to her corporate information center. Knowing the technology is only the beginning; getting management to sign on takes special skill.

2001 Slate of Nominees

by Damon Camille, Rice University

The Nominations Committee, appointed by the Executive Board and consisting of Damon Camille (chair), Peggy Shaw and Chris Dobson, has prepared a slate of nominees. As required by our by-laws, this slate is being published in the newsletter.

Members may make additional nominations within three weeks of publication of the newsletter. If you are considering making a nomination, please check with the individual to make sure they are willing to run for the position, and ask them to submit information regarding their employment and professional positions/qualifications. All nominations and information should be sent to Damon Camille, Chair, SLA Texas Nominating Committee. Information can be mailed to: Damon Camille, Fondren Library, Rice University, 6100 Main Street – MS240, Houston, TX 77005 or sent via email to dcamille@rice.edu. Please use email if possible.

Ballots containing the names of all nominees will be mailed approximately six weeks after the publication of the newsletter.



SLATE OF NOMINEES

POSITION: 1st Vice President

CANDIDATE: Sasha Gilbert

EMPLOYMENT: 1999 - present -- Business Researcher with the Center for Business Knowledge at Ernst & Young LLP. Previously held positions at NASA Johnson Space Center and American Productivity and Quality Center.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS/QUALIFICATIONS: Greetings fellow Texas SLAers! My name is Sasha Gilbert and I have been a member of the Texas SLA chapter for 3 years. I moved from my life-long home of Oklahoma to Houston in 1996 and began my professional career at NASA Johnson Space Center and then moved on to the American Productivity & Quality Center. Since November 1999, I have been a Business Researcher with the Center for Business Knowledge at Ernst & Young LLP. For the past two years, I have had the pleasure of serving as Houston Student Liaison for Texas SLA. It has been an excellent opportunity to increase my involvement in the Texas Chapter as well as interact with the local student community. I welcome the opportunity of running for the position of 1st Vice-President and look forward to a great year.

POSITION: 2nd Vice-President Elect

CANDIDATE: Ernestine Chipman

EMPLOYMENT: I have been a Senior Associate – Business Researcher with Ernst & Young LLP's Center for Business Knowledge in Dallas for 2 ½ years. Previously, I worked in various business and law firm libraries for 18 years as a reference/research librarian.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS/QUALIFICATIONS: I have been a member of SLA since 1991 and have held several positions in the

Texas Chapter—Procedures Chair, 1998-1999; 2nd Vice-President Elect, 1999-2000; and 2nd Vice-President and Communications Director, 2000-2001.

POSITION STATEMENT: Membership and participation in Texas Chapter activities have enabled me to make many valuable connections and further my career. My goals are 1) to enable our widely dispersed membership to make the same valuable connections and further their goals by creating and disseminating an effective, interesting, and informative newsletter; and 2) to help the Executive Board and Advisory Council enable more members to participate in the Chapter.

POSITION: Treasurer

CANDIDATE: Robert Ruliffson

EMPLOYMENT: SEMATECH.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS/QUALIFICATIONS: I completed my MLIS at the University of Texas in 1990. In 1989, I joined International SEMATECH, working in the Competitive Analysis group as a database manager and later as a competitive analyst. Subsequently, I took on the additional responsibility for running International SEMATECH's Critical Materials Council. I joined the Library staff in August of this year. In 1998, I earned my MBA at St. Edward's University in Austin. I have been an SLA member since 1989, and I served previously as the Texas Chapter treasurer from 1/95 - 6/96.

POSITION: Secretary

CANDIDATE: Louis Tong

EMPLOYMENT: Web Technology Specialist, Halliburton Company, 1999-present.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS/QUALIFICATIONS: Knowledge & Information Manager, Brown & Root Services, 1998-9; Research Library Services Specialist, International Facility Management Association; 1993-8; Information Assistant, HAM-Texas Medical Center Library, 1990-3. Statement: I enjoy the networking opportunities in SLA and looking forward to serving our members.

POSITION: Director at Large

CANDIDATE: Erika Mittag

EMPLOYMENT: Supervisor, 3M Library & Information Services, Austin Library

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS/QUALIFICATIONS: I have been an active member of the Texas Chapter since moving to Texas in 1984, having served especially as Government Relations chair for many years. In the early years I was also part of the Austin LPG planning committee and helped to plan a number of successful programs. The position of Director at Large allows our Board to keep moving forward even when personal circumstances require the resignation of a key member. The Director at Large can step in and fulfill the unexpired term of office and maintain continuity. This is a challenging responsibility, since the incumbent can't foresee which, if any, office she might be called upon to take on. With the help of Board and the membership, I believe I can fulfill this role and keep our organization on track to accomplishing our goals whatever circumstances arise.



Call for Volunteers -- Officers and Chairpersons needed for '01

By Dell Johnson, Tivoli Systems

Thanks are due to all of the nominees for volunteering to run for SLA Chapter office next year. Congratulations are due to the Nominations Committee for enlisting such a great slate, and especially to Damon Camille for spearheading the effort. Although the nomination process is not yet officially "closed," I don't think it is premature to say that I look forward to the possibility of working with all the new officers next year.

Nominations are still open. Anyone who wishes to nominate himself or another member to run for any of these offices is encouraged to do so, following the procedure outlined in Damon's message.

In addition to the elected offices, the Chapter has some committee appointments to make to fill vacant chairmanships. An Employment Chair and Dallas - Ft Worth Student Liaison are needed immediately. To volunteer, contact Dell Johnson (dell.johnson@tivoli.com).

In addition, some committees would welcome additional volunteer assistance, particularly area program chairs. If you would like to assist with program(s), contact the area chair. A simple offer to coordinate a single program or one social gathering is usually appreciated, even if you do not wish to make a long-term commitment.

New to the Advisory Council this year are Susan Barker, Librarian at FDIC in Dallas (sbarker@fdic.gov), who has agreed to serve as Membership Chair for the remainder of this year, and David Liserio, Business Researcher at USAA in San Antonio (david.liserio@usaa.com), who is serving as SA Area Program Chair.

Thanks again to these new volunteers, to the officer candidates and to the Nominations Committee for your commitment to your colleagues, to the chapter, and to SLA. You are appreciated!

I wish all of you a great New Year.



Area Planning Group News

The **Austin Area Group** held its 2000 Holiday Party on December 7. Twenty members, spouses, and guests (and one very lovable puppy) enjoyed food, conversation, and holiday cheer. Hosts Carolyn Grimes, Bob Loftin, and Dell Johnson shopped, cooked, decorated, and prepped. In lieu of a gift exchange this year, members donated seven large boxes of used books (about 200 in all) to Literacy Austin. Thanks to all the attendees for their book donations, which made our community service project a great success.

Literacy Austin coordinates volunteers who teach free adult literacy and ESL classes throughout Austin. They supplement their United Way funding with the proceeds of a Book Fair each spring, where used books are sold for one dollar each, making owning books affordable for many citizens. Last year's Book Fair at Northcross Mall sold almost 80,000 books, adding substantial funds to Literacy Austin's program efforts.

To read more about Literacy Austin, link to their website at <http://www.io.com/~literacy/>. Volunteers are needed to tutor new readers and/or help with Book Fair Spring 2001.

- Submitted by Dell Johnson, Tivoli Systems

On November 14, the **Dallas/Fort Worth APG** invited its members to attend one of five networking lunches/dinners scheduled across the Metroplex. Turn-out was terrific with 46 local members attending at least one event. Since a good time was had by all, plans are underway to do this again in the Spring.

Also on tap for the new year is a presentation by Dan Block, Senior Human Resources Manager for Microsoft's Product Support and Services group in Las Colinas. Dan will talk on the topic of change management and offer advice that will help library staff and clients alike cope with an ever-changing environment. This meeting will be held at Microsoft in Irving and will feature a tour of the new library. The date has not yet been set but this meeting will likely be in February.

Also scheduled in February is the Texas Chapter Winter meeting. All local members are encouraged to attend this relevant program on new technologies. It will be held at the Wyndham in Arlington on February 2.

Finally, the D/FW group will have a party in April celebrating International Special Libraries Day. Details on this and other programs coming soon.

- Submitted by Ann Barrick, MARC Group



Chapter Member News

Kimberly Morgan, Research Specialist at Verizon Communications, had her baby in mid-August. The baby's name is Molly. Kimberly can be reached at kimberly.morgan@verizon.com.

Marcia Schemper-Carlock was promoted to **group manager** within the **Market Science and Research division at Verizon Communications**. Marcia can be reached at marcia.schemper-carlock@verizon.com.

Val Magno, who was with Motorola in Austin, is still enjoying her time as a full-time Mom. She plans to go back to work part time, after the family settles in from their move to Wisconsin. Her daughter, Claudine, is doing great. Her husband will start a new job as an electrical engineer for Kimberly-Clark. Val can be reached at vdmagno@hotmail.com.

Deborah Hartwell has moved from being an Assistant Librarian at Baker Botts to being the **Librarian at Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich** in Austin. She began her new position in early December. The firm has never had a librarian, so she plans on dazzling them right off the bat! Debbie can be reached at dhartwell@graycary.com.

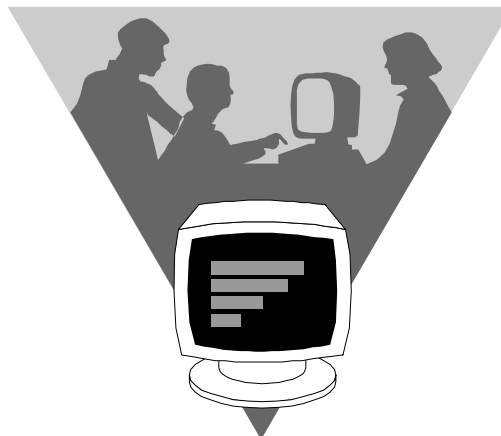
As of December 2000, **The Texas Chapter has approximately 475 members representing about 375 different organizations**. The great majority of organizations (82%) are represented by a single member, although at least one large company has ten Chapter members.



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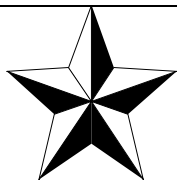
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February 2, 2001 – Texas Chapter Winter Meeting, Arlington – check <http://www.txsla.org/statewide.htm>
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June 10, 2001 -- Texas Chapter Business Meeting, San Antonio – for forthcoming information, keep
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