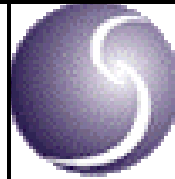


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“Next Generation Information Technologies”

Report on the SLA Texas Chapter Winter Meeting
by Ann Griffith, Second Vice-President Elect

This year’s Winter Meeting event drew approximately seventy attendees and three corporate sponsors: LEXIS-NEXIS, Dialog, and netLibrary. The meeting was a smorgasbord of presentations around new and forthcoming technologies and products, case studies, best practices, and practical hands-on information. The agenda was defined by the results of last year’s membership survey.

Those results indicated that Texas Chapter members want programs offering information on high technology, new products and services, best practices, and case studies. The Winter Meeting organizers did a fine job of creating an event that met these goals and had broad appeal. Meeting attendees included corporate researchers, library school students, vendors, law librarians, and one local public school staff person. From the rapt attention paid the speakers and feedback gathered from some of the attendees, this was one of the best-received Chapter events to be held in recent years.

There were eight speakers, including SLA Headquarters’ Linda Broussard, who gave a luncheon talk titled “The View from Headquarters.” Some presentation highlights follow.

Dave Faries, director with Triton Communications - a public relations firm located in Irving - was the opening speaker. Dave writes for *Texas Technology*, a monthly high tech publication distributed around the state. He spoke about “The Business View of New Technologies – What Should We Expect Next.” Many technologies were touched on in this wide-ranging discussion, from wireless telecommunications to eCommerce

and ERP (enterprise resource planning). Dave’s talk was an eclectic offering, which is appropriate considering his two history degrees and forays into journalism and PR. He said he plans to write on information professionals in a forthcoming issue of *Texas Technology* and was there not just to speak, but to do research. Afterward, some attendees made a point to speak with Dave. We hope he found the information he was looking for and look forward to reading his article.

Elise Keller, from Locke Liddell & Sapp in Dallas, gave a very informative, hard-hitting presentation on “Finding and Managing Web Information.” She profiled and discussed Internet developments and web products, particularly new information sites and search tools - some of which were new to many of us. Elise clearly drew on wide experience and she pulled no punches, which made her evaluations refreshing and valuable. Elise’s presentation provided me a list of websites and resources to investigate.

Cheryl German, from netLibrary, spoke on “e-Books, Web Portals, and New Directions for Information Professionals.” In conjunction with a demonstration of the netLibrary product, the e-book certainly looks like a viable innovative format. It

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will be interesting to see which e-book standard wins out and here's hoping that significant improvements to monitor resolution issues are rapidly forthcoming.

Tommie Wingfield, from the University of Texas at Arlington, discussed the Texas State Library's Tex-Share program. It came as a surprise for many attendees to learn that the state of Texas is spending millions of tax dollars on web-based resources, some of which are available now. The materials are geared for academic and public library/library patron usage - not corporate research purposes. Current materials include Gale Group products, approximately 6,000 electronic book titles via netLibrary, and other reputable resources like ABI/INFORM. Texas State Library staff are selecting new vendors and products and will be spending new grant money by mid-2001. Since Texas residents are all beneficiaries of this program, you may want to read up and provide input. You can do so at <http://www.texshare.edu/>.

Bruce Hughes, from InterSil Corporation in San Antonio, spoke on "Pervasive Technologies." This was the day's most theoretical and free-wheeling presentation, with what amounted to a bibliography accompanying a slide deck populated by statements and ideas from high tech pundits such as George Gilder and Ray Kurzweil. There was an interesting bit of synchronicity in Bruce's mention of Jason Epstein's recent title, *Book Business: Publishing: Past, Present, and Future*. Epstein has 50 years experience in the publishing business and sees just-in-time customized book publishing as a viable alternative to e-books. I came away from this presentation with an intriguing list of books to read.

Kent McKeever, from Columbia Law School's Arthur W. Diamond Library, gave a presentation titled "Case Study on Adding New Information Technologies." Kent began by noting he didn't really have one good case study; instead he presented information for brainstorming the addition of new information technologies. He discussed product and vendor selection tips and gave specific examples of product adoptions.

Carolyn Grimes, from Tivoli Systems in Austin and the Texas Chapter President Elect, closed the day with a "Best Practices Roundtable/Wrap Up." Attendees formed four groups and brainstormed a number of questions. The questions were:

- What are the best technologies/products you've used in the past two years?
- What products/services are new to you in the past two years?
- What topics do you want offered in future Chapter events?
- How many new people did you meet today?

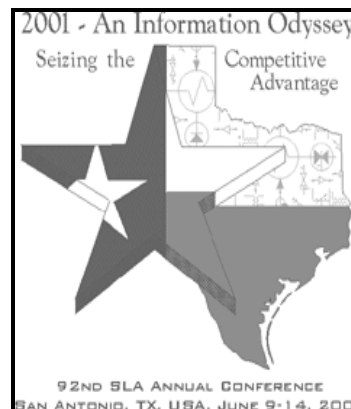
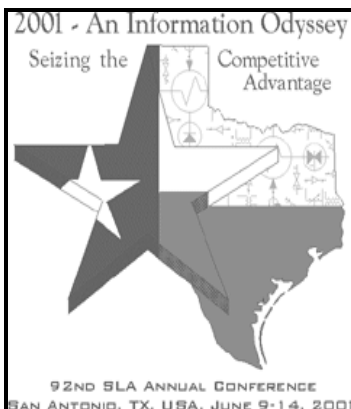
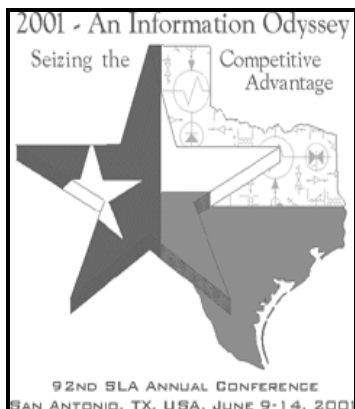
Attendees discussed and listed their group's top answers, added up the numbers of items they came up with, prizes were dispensed for best practices and scores.

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**92nd SLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, San Antonio, June 9-14, 2001
2001— An Information Odyssey: Seizing the Competitive Advantage**

☆☆☆ Key Events ☆☆☆

- ☆☆☆ Texas Chapter Business Meeting—June 10th, 2:00-4:00 P.M., check the final conference brochure for facility and room locations.
- ☆☆☆ Leadership Day—June 10th, 8:30 A.M.- 3:30 P.M., featured speaker: Nancy Austin, \$15, sponsored by *LEXIS-NEXIS*, check the final conference brochure for facility and room locations.
- ☆☆☆ Carnavale de San Antonio: A Texas-Style Welcome—June 10th, 4:00-6:00 P.M., sponsored by *Factiva*.
- ☆☆☆ 2001 President's Reception, "A Little Bit of Texas, A Little Bit of Mexico, A Whole Lot of Fun", June 10th, 7:00-9:00 P.M., San Antonio's Historic La Villita, \$75/person.
- ☆☆☆ General Session and Keynote Speaker—June 11th, 9:00-10:15 A.M., speaker: Molly Ivins, sponsored by *LEXIS-NEXIS*.
- ☆☆☆ SLA Annual Business Meeting and Closing General Session—June 13th, 9:00-11:00 A.M., speaker: Dave Barry, sponsored by *Factiva*.
- ☆☆☆ 2001 Management Development Institute, June 9-14th, Plaza San Antonio, sponsored by *Dialog*. (Texas Chapter member, Olga Wise, Compaq Computer Technical Librarian, is one of the featured speakers). (See <http://www.sla-learning.org/mdi2001/> for more information).



Dinner Buddies: A great way to meet and network with colleagues!!

Texas Chapter members are encouraged to volunteer for the Dinner Buddies program in San Antonio this year. The idea is to lead a dutch treat group to a restaurant in the area and serve as the host of the dinner. Sign up sheets will be available at the local arrangements booth. Restaurants will mainly be in the River Walk area so that you can stroll to the eatery with the group in tow.

Please contact: Susan_Yancey@mckinsey.com, 713 751-4955 or pshaw@rice.edu, 713 348-6062.



Wanted: Booth Volunteers!!

Texas SLA Members who want to show some good old Texas spirit during the National Conference in San Antonio in June. We are looking for volunteers to work the San Antonio welcome booth from Saturday, June 9th through Wednesday, June 13th. From Saturday to Tuesday, the booth will be open from 7:30 to 5:30. On Wednesday, the hours are 7:30 to 3:30. Like last year in Philadelphia, volunteer times will be half hour increments, although you're more than welcome to commit more time if you have it! Signing up is easy. Simply point your web browser to <http://www.txsla.org/2001/booth.htm> or doubleclick on the jalapeno pepper icon at <http://www.txsla.org>

SLA conference attendees in San Antonio will be looking for suggestions on good places to eat, drink and visit. Each volunteer will be provided with an information packet *before* the conference that includes suggestions that you can pass on to visitors who are unfamiliar with San Antonio and its riches of food, drink and fun! The information packets will also be available at the booth.

Let's show SLA members how happy we are to have the National Conference in our own backyard!!

THE INFORMATION ODYSSEY OF THE LIBRARY
MANAGEMENT DIVISION

By Katherine Bertolucci, LMD Chair

The Odyssey follows Ulysses on his adventures through Homer's world. In Stanley Kubrick's film *2001: A Space Odyssey*, we journey through the distant past and into the distant future. SLA's conference in San Antonio is titled "2001, An Information Odyssey: Seizing the Competitive Advantage." Join the Library Management Division on an voyage from the beginning of information management to the future of our digital heritage.

The doors were gold, and hung on pillars of silver that rose from a floor of bronze. Dr. Mohammed Aman, Dean of the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, will give a presentation on the Great Library of Alexandria, the new library and the International School of Information Science that open this year in Egypt (Monday, 6/11, 3:00pm). Titled "The Bibliotheca Alexandrina: A Link in the Chain of Cultural Continuity," the program is co-sponsored by DEDU.

Now the storm-winds have spirited him away we know not whither. Jeff Rothenberg, Senior Scientist at the Rand Corporation, offers "Digital Information Lasts Forever – or Five Years, Whichever Comes First" (Monday, 6/11, 10:30am). In his 1995 Scientific American article, Jeff addressed the growing problem of digital preservation. This entertaining and knowledgeable speaker will also present emulation as a solution. We're joined by Divisional co-sponsors DCHE, SITD, DMRM, DMAH, DPAM, DST, and KINF.

He ... seized a disc, larger, more massive and much heavier. LMD's Consulting Section presents an information innovator. Gary Hoover will speak about "The Library as an Enterprise: Succeeding in a Competitive World" (Tuesday, 6/12, 9:00am). In the traditional second keynote timeslot, this presentation will show you how to seize the competitive advantage in the 2001 information odyssey. Gary founded the first book superstore in 1982 and 17 years later he started marketing business profiles.

I can throw a dart farther than anyone. One way to succeed in a competitive world is through "The Innovative Use of Enabling Technologies" (Monday, 6/11, 1:30pm). Richard Strayer of KPMG found a remote control screen-sharing software package that his company was using for its centralized help desk and reapplied it for training research staff. He redesigned technology to meet his own needs.

Now there was a watchman . . . to whom he had promised two talents of gold. Three professional futurists will show you a service that you can provide. Dr. Wendy Schultz of Infinite Futures, Cody Clark of the Institute for Futures Research, and Richard Fletcher of Deloitte Consulting present "You're a Futurist and You Don't Know It: A New Skill for Librarians" (Tuesday, 6/11, 3:00pm). The skills that futurists use to make predictions are the skills of librarians, including database searching so Dialog is our sponsor, of course.

We held our own against them, though they were more in number than we. LMD and DMAH visit the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library at the Alamo. We'll meet at Alamo Hall where Warren Stricker, DRT Archivist, will present the slide show, "Remembering the Alamo: Documenting the Preservation of a Texas Shrine" (Wednesday, 6/12, 2:30pm) This beautiful hall is for private functions only. LMD is grateful to the DRT for waiving the rental fee. Afterward DRT Library Director Elaine Davis leads a tour.

Take my advice, call the Achaean heroes in assembly. Factiva's Anne Caputo returns with her "Senior Managers Roundtable and Luncheon" (Wednesday, 6/12, Noon – 2:45pm). This popular program allows senior managers to discuss the issues unique to upper management. Lunch is on Factiva, so come meet with your peers.

Ulysses. . . looked about him, but when he had looked long enough he crossed the threshold. Barb Spiegelman presents, "Preparing for Flight: Getting Ready to Take Off on Your Own" (Wednesday, 6/13, 1:00pm). This Consulting Section program tells prospective consultants how to prepare for lifestyle transitions. If you're considering this move (or have already made it), be sure to attend the Consulting

Section Business Meeting & Breakfast (Monday, 6/11, 7:30 – 8:45). You'll also want to learn how to run your business in the Section's popular CE Course, "So You Want To Be A Consultant (Sunday, 6/10, 9:00am – 5:00pm) with Sylvia James and Mary Dzurinko.

Mentor, who had been a friend of Ulysses . . . rose to speak. We'll offer three Mentoring Breakfasts with senior managers in the LMD Suite (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 6/11 – 6/13, 7:30 – 8:45am). Find/SVP is our sponsor. Just contact Jackie Knuckle (knucklej@chh.org) to reserve a space.

When the child of morning, rosy-fingered Dawn, appeared, we drew our ships into the water. The Knowledge Management Section Breakfast will feature "The Emerging Role of Information Professionals in Knowledge Management" (Tuesday, 6/12, 7:30-8:45am) with Alan Proctor, VP of Knowledge Management Services at LEXIS-NEXIS. His KM history includes stints at the FTC and Booz Allen & Hamilton. Thanks to sponsor LEXIS-NEXIS.

The Phaeacians were going to see the sports . . . and there were many excellent competitors for all the prizes. The Marketing Section's Swap and Shop will be in the Exhibit Hall so you have lots of time to view the entries. Submit your marketing materials now to this exciting event. Information is at http://www.sla.org/division/dlmd/mkt_sect/s&s1.htm. Thanks to Factiva for sponsoring this SLA tradition and the cash prizes.

She made the wind fair and warm . . . while he sat and guided the raft. Another marketing tool is your business plan. Veteran instructors Rebecca Jones and Jane Dysart, present a new CE Course, "Positioning for Success: Building Business Plans" (Sunday, 6/10, 9:00am – 5:00pm). With proven service business models, they'll show you tactics of success. Be sure to read Rebecca's article on p. 23 of the December, 2000 Information Outlook, "Business Plans: Roadmaps for Growth and Success."

A keepsake such as only dear friends give. LMD partners with other Divisions on two more programs. E-journal experts Carol Tenopir of the University of Tennessee and Donald King of King Research teach us about "Electronic Publishing and the Economics of Information" (Monday, 6/11, 1:30-4:30pm) in a program developed by DMRM, along with DBIO, DENG, DERM, DFAN, DITE, DMIL, DPAM, DPHM, DSOC, and DST. We're also co-sponsoring "Bat Girl Was a Librarian, and So Was Casanova!!!" (Tuesday, 6/12, 3:00-4:15pm). Organized by SENA, we'll be joined by DEDU, DMAH, DMIL, and DSOL. Alison Hall of Carleton University explores the image of librarians.

You will find your comrades eating and drinking in the midst of great abundance. The LMD Hospitality Suite will be sizzling (Sunday – Tuesday, 6/10 – 6/12, 9:00 to Midnight). Also attend the LMD Business Meeting and Luncheon (Monday, 6/11, Noon – 1:15pm) to see your LMD friends and to thank Basch Subscriptions for their continuing sponsorship. This is the initial year of the Karen J. Switt Management Leadership Award sponsored by the Cynthia Berger Group.

She sat me in a bath and began washing me . . . to take the tire and stiffness out of my limbs Join LMD and DERM for "A Day at the Spa" (Thursday, 6/14, by appointment). We'll meet at the Menger Hotel's Alamo Plaza Spa, near the conference. Treatments are based on Father Sebastian Kneipp's therapies featuring stress reduction. Your European spa experience offers massage and facials, with an aroma therapy session, lunch and gratuity. Choose a morning or afternoon session. Attendance is limited, so register early.

*All quotes from Homer's *The Odyssey*, translated by Samuel Butler, Internet Classics Archive, <http://classics.mit.edu/Homer/odyssey.html>, 1996-2000.

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**Area Planning Group
News**

Dallas/Fort Worth: On Thursday, March 8th, members gathered at Microsoft Corp. to hear insights on coping with change in a highly competitive environment. After the presentation, Margaret Carroll hosted a tour of the PSS Library.

Houston: On April 5th, members celebrated International Special Librarians Day, by meeting at Rice University’s Fondren Library to visit three of its operations. A Dutch treat dinner was held afterwards at Lucinda's in the Village .

Austin, Dallas/Ft.Worth, and Houston Area Planning Groups sponsored the SLA Strategic Learning and Development Center’s video conference, “I Told You I’m Worth It: Return on Investment (ROI) and the Information Professional” at various locations in their cities on March 29th.



**Subscribe now to the SLA Texas
Chapter Discussion List!**

The Texas Chapter discussion list was organized for your benefit. It was launched with the intent that the primary focus be chapter business, but it also includes occasional solicitations for resource and tool recommendations. The List is also a great way to keep up with Chapter and area planning group events.

To subscribe, point your browser to the Chapter website, at www.txsla.org and doubleclick on the *SLA-CTX Discussion List* icon.

**Texas Star Award Winner
2001—Ann Griffith**

At the end of 1983 the Chapter leadership established the Texas Star Award to honor those members who had "given distinguished service and dedication to the Chapter and who had contributed to Chapter achievements and effectiveness". The preceding description covers this year's award winner nicely.

Ann Griffith, Senior Associate at Ernst & Young, for the past several years has helped our Chapter communicate with each other. As Chief editor of the *Lone Star Librarian*, Ann has made sure each member was made aware of important events in the life of the Texas Chapter. She has helped put together one of the most highly respected newsletters in our Association, as well as help to build relationships with our vendors through making sure their information was printed in the LSL to their specifications.

Because of her contributions as the Editor of the *Lone Star Librarian*, as well as the time she has given to our Chapter as its 2nd Vice President, it is with great pleasure I ask you, the membership, to share this celebration with Ann. Congratulations and thank you Ann for a job well done.



Chapter Volunteer Opportunity !!!

Discussion List Moderator wanted immediately to administer and keep our discussion list going. Our current webmaster says that this job takes no more than 1 hour a week.

Contact Dell Johnson at dell.johnson@tivoli.com or Marie Bloechle webmaster@argiope.com.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Dell Johnson

Texas Chapter Business Meeting, upcoming **Sunday, June 10**, 2-4 pm, San Antonio TX, in conjunction with SLA Annual Conference. Check the SLA conference program for meeting room location.

SLA videoconference broadcast March 29: Thanks to members who coordinated the presentation of SLA's videoconference, "*I Told You I'm Worth It: ROI and the Information Professional*" on March 29. Texas Chapter SLA paid the fees charged by SLA for the broadcast at each site. **Carolyn Grimes, Ann Barrick, David Liserio** and **Damon Camille** worked with various wonderful people at **UNT, Rice University** and **UT Austin** to bring this event **FREE** to members and students. Their efforts produced great ROI for attendees.

New Officers: Thanks to all members who submitted ballots in the 00-01 officer elections, and thanks again to the nominees, now the officers – elect, for volunteering their services to the chapter: Pres Elect / Program Director – **Sasha Gilbert**, Houston
2nd VP Elect / Newsletter Editor – **Ernestine Chipman**, Dallas
Treasurer – **Bob Ruliffson**, Austin
Secretary – **Louis Tong**, Houston
Director at Large – **Erika Mittag**, Austin

Thanks also to **Andrea Bell** who is acting temporarily as Austin Student Liaison.

Volunteer Opportunities: Contact -- Dell Johnson
Immediate

List Moderator to join the Communications committee and administer the discussion list.
DFW area Student Liaison
Parliamentarian
Government Relations

Upcoming in June 2001
Student Liaison for Houston area
Houston Area Program Chair

**FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT/
PROGRAM CHAIR REPORT – Carolyn Grimes****Fall Meeting:**

Program Committee followed recommendations of membership survey in planning a fall program:

- Identified full-day Friday meeting time.
- Including lunch
- Technology Topic
- Trends
- Instructions
- Case studies
- Identified and received commitments from 5 speakers.

Did not receive enough vendor support and sufficient membership notice, so program was cancelled before mailings and publication of meeting notice in *Lone Star Librarian*.

Winter Meeting:

Took lessons learned from Fall planning, and applied to a February 2 program on "Next Generation Information Technologies", almost entirely a new list of speakers, as conflicts occurred. However, program and attendance looks promising. Mailings went out to membership in late December. A *Lone Star Librarian* article was included in December issue. Email messages were sent on Texas Chapter, DALL, SWALL, TLA, SLA leadership and other list serves. On Feb 1, expected income is \$6,815.00 with expected expenses at \$4800.00, bringing an expected profit of over \$2000.00. Program agenda and speaker description is attached.

SLA Mid-winter Meeting: Represented the Texas Chapter at Leadership Development Institute on January 25-26.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT—Ernestine Chipman

The Lone Star Librarian: The Second Vice President-Elect and I have published two issues since the July 2000 Summer Planning Meeting—September and December 2000. Each issue was 16 pages with 3 pages of ads for September and 1.75 pages for December. Total ad revenues were \$353 and \$203, respectively, for the 2 issues. Total costs of the issues have increased within the last month because of the increase in the U.S. Post Office mailing costs.

Advertising: The Advertising Manager/Vendor Liaison, Kathy Fowler, has been working very hard to increase ad revenues for the newsletter. She included advertising information for *The Lone Star Librarian* when she sent out numerous solicitations for exhibitors and sponsors for the Spring 2001 meeting. Ann has received direct inquiries from Dialog and from Majors, both of which have advertised in past newsletters. She emailed advertising information to both of them. Ann and I suspect that the decline in the number of advertisers continuing, or signing up, to advertise, in the newsletter is due to the slowing economy. We would welcome any assistance or ideas from the Board and Advisory Council members on soliciting more advertisers, including names of potential advertisers.

Web page: Marie Bloechle, has created a comments area in the Members Only area for comments on the Strategic Plan. She has also changed the Members Only password. Ann put a note about both at the end of Susan Yancey's article on the Strategic Plan in the December 2000 LSL. This issue also has an article written by Marie about the Fiesta! website which she created and continues to maintain. She will also be filing a separate report on her activities. She continues to do a wonderful job of maintaining and updating the Chapter website.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Carolyn Ernst

The Texas Chapter treasury has been very healthy this year. We have transferred \$6000 (check still outstanding) from the checking account to our SLA Pooled Fund which now contains \$18,208.20. This money is invested in a mutual fund and is available for "emergency" situations. Checking account balance is \$14,938.85.

The books have been audited for the 2000 calendar year and the year-end financial reports were mailed to SLA headquarters. Our annual allotment from SLA will be sent after the reports are checked by the SLA financial director.

Budget Analysis

We are still expect income of \$6,000 for the allotment; \$1,000 for the Winter Meeting; and some LSL ads. Net: \$7,500 est. income.

*My best guess on net expenses is:

LSL	\$2,000
LPGs (barring vendor support)	400
Summer 01 meeting	100
Communications	210
Nominations (printing, postage)	400 ?
Treasurer	40
Vendor Liaison	25?
Other	300?
Total:	\$3,475 est. expense

*In approximate numbers, this is the way it looks:

Current checking account balance	\$14,940
Add income for Winter meeting, allotment and LSL ads	7,500
Subtotal	\$21,440
Deduct outstanding checks	-6,180
Deduct the expenses for the Winter Mtg	-3,660
Deduct anticipated expenses listed above	<u>3,475</u>
Subtotal of expenses	-13,315

*Estimated checking balance at end of Chapter year \$8,125

There may be other factors that affect the bottom line: 1) Significant increase in cost of LSL, 2) Use of Student Liaison budget, 3) Failure to realize anticipated income, 4) Larger expenses for President and 1st VP, and 5) Any expenses for other committees.

PAST PRESIDENT REPORT - Michael Zimmerman

With the help of Carolyn Ernst, and the advice and support of Dell Johnson, I have rounded up all of the procedures requiring an update. Over the next several weeks I will be going over these with input from both Carolyn and Damon Camille. The only portions I am currently missing are those procedures listing the specific activities of Board members and Advisory Council members.

I will be sending emails out to those members who have yet to submit an updated procedure of their position on either the Board or the Council.

I look for an entire Texas Chapter Procedure Manual to be in place prior to the International Association meeting in June.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT – Director-at-Large, Susan Mims Yancey

The December 2000 issue of the *Lone Star Librarian* featured an update on the chapter's strategic plan status as the plan was drafted in 1996 to see us through 2001. The article asked the membership to participate in an online discussion of the vision and mission statements, the goals and action items to get a sense of our successes and/or failures in various areas of the plan.

CONSULTATION CHAIR REPORT – Sara Davis

The Consultation Chair dealt with 1 consultation and 1 attempted consultation over the course of the last 3 months of 2000. The 1 con-

sultation that was successful was with a company in Austin that is just establishing a library. They have hired someone who has never run a library before but who should now be enrolled in library school for a MLS. I spent approx. an hour on the phone talking with the client and then over the course of the next several days exchanged e-mails back and forth. The client was very enthusiastic about working in the library and was grateful for any and all help offered. In addition, I referred the client to Dell Johnson as a local contact and as an introduction to SLA activities at the local level.

The attempted consultation was with a company in the San Antonio area. This particular company had closed its library several years ago and was now attempting to re-establish itself. The person that called me is the former librarian from the company. This person felt a bit awkward about helping out the former company and so called and asked if I would attempt to contact the new librarian and work with her. I attempted to contact twice, leaving my name, affiliation and phone numbers but have never heard back from the company. While I'm not pleased that I could never get hold of the new librarian, based on my talk with the referral, I'm not real surprised that nothing has ever happened.

DIVERSITY LIAISON REPORT - Irene E. Cordova

Last year was very busy. It really is a great advantage to be in this position for the second year because the first year is a learning period. Now I know and understand better what the goals and expectations are in promoting participation in the SLA and the opportunities it offers to all library professionals in general and to those of diverse background in particular.

In July I set up appointments with several institutions of higher learning such as the University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University. I also contacted local libraries chapter associations such as Rio Trinidad, which is the local chapter of Reforma (a Spanish Librarians Association). Packets were prepared and mailed to these organizations containing applications for the various scholarships offered by SLA, including scholarships for students of diverse backgrounds. These packets were followed up by phone calls and offers to visit their library groups to speak and promote the goals of the SLA. Packets were sent to other library groups such as the Texas Libraries Black Caucus Chair in Houston; the Dallas, Fort Worth and Denton public libraries and others I thought could use this information. I distributed literature and business cards at the SLA Texas Chapter, Fort Worth Area get together dinner, hosted by the library director of The Star Telegram newspaper. There were many library students and even some seasoned librarians who had never heard of the SLA Diversity Leadership Program.

One of the most memorable events I attended occurred on November 9, 2000. I attended a panel discussion at the University of North Texas (UNT) "Providing Library Services to Diverse Communities." This meeting included Kathleen de la Pena McCook, with the School of Libraries University of South Florida; Dr. Herman Totten, Associate Dean, School of Libraries and Information Science, University of North Texas and President-Elect, Texas Library Association; La Verne Brown, Branch Public Services Administrator, Dallas Public Library and other library professionals. This event was very well attended by UNT library students and library professionals. A lot of questions were generated and many pamphlets were distributed.

There were several persons from SLA who helped me accomplish

my assignment. Some of them are Sherry Icenhower, SLA Director of, Membership Marketing, who sent me the pamphlets by Federal Express when I ran out of them; Cynthia Charles, Diversity Leadership Development Committee Chair, who was always ready to provide me with information in a timely manner; Netty Seaberry from New York who was ready with advice and moral support; and Dell Johnson, who was instrumental in putting our SLA Diversity Leadership Awards announcements in our Texas Chapter ListServe.

DALLAS/FORT WORTH AREA PLANNING GROUP Ann Barrick

Past Events:

- 1) Hosted a reception and address by Knight Kiplinger, Kiplinger Washington Editors on September 28, 2000. Twenty-two members attended.
- 2) Held networking lunches and dinners at five different locations throughout the DFW area on November 14, 2000. Forty-six members attended at least one get-together.

Future Events:

- 1) Microsoft has offered to host a local meeting. Dan Block, Microsoft's Senior Human Resources Manager in Las Colinas, has agreed to speak on change management. Originally scheduled for January 30, this meeting has been postponed until February or March.
- 2) Motivational speaker Bryan Dodge has contacted me about presenting to our group and I have tentatively agreed, pending a mutually agreed upon day in either March or May.
- 3) In lieu of a Holiday party, the LPG decided to host a party on International Special Librarians Day.

Other:

- 1) This past Fall, members of the DFW LPG assisted Carolyn Grimes with details relating to the chapter meeting including local arrangements, speaker identification and recruitment, and communication.

ADVERTISING MANAGER /VENDOR LIAISON REPORT - Kathy Fowler

In the last several months, I have worked with vendors who advertise in the *Lone Star Librarian* to ensure that their ad copy gets placed by the newsletter's deadline and that they have received tear sheets once the newsletter is published. I have also sent renewal notices to advertisers whose subscriptions are up for renewal and have solicited for new advertisers among vendors. I have forwarded any payments received for advertising to the Treasurer.

I also recruited sponsors and exhibitors for the Chapter meeting and made sure that payments are forwarded to the Treasurer. I will follow up with sponsors and exhibitors following the meeting to obtain any feedback they may have.

HOUSTON AREA PLANNING GROUP - Louis Tong

The Houston Local Planning Group held two events in the Fall:

1. Dinner social on Oct. 26, with 6 members and guests attending

2. Christmas Dinner, thanks to organization by Cristin Andrews, with 28 members and guests attending. Members also donated toys to Jingle Bell Express, a local charity. Photos will be sent to Marie for web posting or other form of publishing if desired.

Planning for another social in Spring 2001, and something else for Int'l Special Librarian's Day.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR - Susan Barker

In mid-November 2000, I took over the responsibilities of the Membership Chair for the SLA Texas Chapter. Received membership notebook from former chair Joyce Cheshier and discussed job duties with her. Revised letter to new members with my name as Membership chair.

Sent welcome letters to four new members in December. As of January 15, 2001, SLA Texas Chapter has 460 members. However, 136 members have not renewed as of December 31, and their memberships will deactivate if not renewed within 45 days. Received list of these potential deactivates from headquarters in January. Question for the board - should I email or call these members and encourage them to renew before their memberships deactivate? I propose emailing these members with a reminder to renew. It would be faster and less expensive to contact these members by email instead of by phone or regular mail.

SAN ANTONIO AREA PLANNING GROUP - David Liserio

The San Antonio Local Planning Group has been involved in the planning of the Joint Library Workshop, an event to be held on February 24, 2001 at Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio. The JLW is a professional development opportunity for local area librarians that has been held every year since 1973. Our group co-sponsors the event with local chapters of other librarian organizations.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS REPORT - Marie Bloechle

- Starting with the June 2000 issue, the *Lone Star Librarian* newsletter is now being published in PDF format. Converted to PDF the June, September, and December 2000 issues of the newsletter for inclusion on the site.

- Updated the local area group pages and the calendar page with a variety of local activities in a timely manner.

- Developed a page for the February 2001 statewide meeting with an online registration form. Updated as new information was forwarded.

- Placed job listings as received on the online job bank and removed ones older than 60 days. Many employers sent notes saying what great candidates our job bank generates and that they're hiring those candidates.

- Kept the Board/Council member contact roster up-to-date as needed.

- Maintained the database for the CTX discussion list and forwarded messages from SLA HQ to the list. SLA HQ recently completed updating their discussion list software and server. The SLA Board has just passed a motion to close the discussion lists to SLA members only (as a member-only benefit). More work is anticipated by

the discussion list owner (myself), since all requests to subscribe will now have to be approved.

- Took over as chair of the Web committee for the San Antonio Annual Conference - Local Arrangements. Created the Fiesta! site in time for the previous year's annual conference in Philadelphia and have been updating it as new material becomes available.
- Solicited SLA's Information Professional articles from the authors, so I could reproduce them on the site.
- Wrote an article about the Fiesta! site for the Winter 2000 issue of the *Lone Star Librarian* newsletter.
- Removed the CTX membership only online directory, since this was a duplication of the more-current SLA's *Who's Who Online*. SLA HQ had stopped sending me the membership list, so the data was becoming obsolete.
- Developed a CGI program for comments input about the Strategic Plan in the members only area.
- Changed the members only section password and wrote a short piece for inclusion after Susan Yancey's article.
- Converted the Texas Chapter survey into PDF format and posted it to the site.
- Developed a CGI program for input of the Texas Star nominations.

Minutes of Winter Business Meeting - Friday, February 2, 2001 at the Wyndham Hotel Arlington, Texas.

Dell Johnson, President, called the meeting to order at 12:05. She welcomed attendees especially non-members and thanked participating vendors.

Mike Zimmerman presented the Texas Star Award to Ann Griffith for her consistent contribution to the chapter and for going above and beyond in her performance of chapter duties.

Dell introduced the candidates for chapter office 2001-2002:

Sasha Gilbert for 1st Vice President/President-Elect
Ernestine Chipman for 2nd Vice President-Elect
Louis Tong for Secretary
Bob Ruliffson for Treasurer
Erika Mittag for Director-at-Large

Carolyn Grimes made a motion approve the minutes of the last business meeting as published in the *Lone Star Librarian*. Erika Mittag seconded the motion. The motion passed.

An organizational chart of the chapter offices was distributed and a call for volunteers was made.

The treasurer's report was distributed. Dell reported that the budget had been approved by the board and that the chapter is in good financial standing.

Dell extended an invitation to all attendees to come to the Annual Conference being held in San Antonio in June. She said that housing information is now available. Also, volunteers are needed for the Texas Chapter booth at the conference. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the chapter website.

Dell called for old business and none was raised. Dell called for new business.

Erika Mittag encouraged someone to volunteer to chair the government relations committee as there are many issues being considered by the legislature and government that can impact our profession. Having this position filled keeps us aware and makes our voices heard.

With no more new business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ann Griffith. Sherry Siler seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.



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L - Heidi Leachman, NetLibrary
R - Ming-Pei Eades, Lockheed Martin

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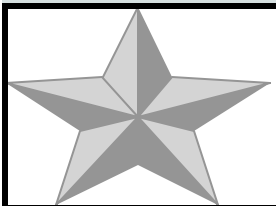
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May 25-31, 2001—Medical Library Association 2001 Annual Meeting: An Information Odyssey, Orlando, see <http://www.mlanet.org/am/index.html> for more information.

June 10, 2001—SLA 92nd Annual Conference—Texas Chapter Business Meeting, San Antonio, Marriott Rivercenter Hotel, room TBA—for more information, keep checking <http://www.txsla.org/>.

June 10-15, 2001 – SLA 92nd Annual Conference, San Antonio — check the “FIESTA!” website at <http://www.txsla.org/2001/index.htm>, for more information.

July 14-19, 2001—American Association of Law Libraries 94th Annual Meeting and Conference, “2001: New Realities, New Roles”, Minneapolis—for more information, check <http://www.aallnet.org/events/>.

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