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The Fifth SLA Annual Conference Awards

By Chris Dobson and Carolyn Ernst, F1 Services

The 5th Annual Conference Awards ceremony was held in the Convention Center immediately following the tribute to David Bender. A high proportion of the awards was bestowed on vendors. This year's exhibits featured new people and actual new products. Even the returning vendors had something new to offer.

Unfortunately, attendance at the ceremony was rather sparse. This may be attributed to the failure of the conference committee to list the ceremony on the program, or to the incredibly uncomfortable chairs, designed for truly tall Texans, that left the rest of us swinging our legs like the front gate. After two hours most attendees could just not sit any longer, but your intrepid reporters sacrificed parts of their anatomies to bring you this important report.

This year's awards:

To United Press International booth personnel

The **Men's Wearhouse Award** for their "Guys & Dolls" attire, complete with fedoras.

To MindBranch

The **Accuweather.com Fellowship** for handing out long-sleeved T-shirts to attendees in San Antonio in June.

To Anne Marie Del Vecchio of LexisNexis

The **Teddy Roosevelt Roughriders Award** for her courage and good sportsmanship in riding that spirited horse in the opening parade of the rodeo.

To Roberta Shaffer, incoming president of SLA

The **Florsheim Award** for demonstrating with her outstanding session on lobbying that she is the perfect fit for her new position.

To LexisNexis

The **Big Tex Award** for their very Texan event which included barbecue, a C&W band, rodeo, and line dancing.

To Dialog

The **U.S. Bureau of Census Award** for the best application of demographic data when they chose as their entertainers "Three Dog Night" from the era when most of today's librarians were young.

To Dave Barry

A joint award from **Kleenex** and the **National Science Foundation** for the best information technology talk which reduced us all to tears of joy.

To the 2002 LA Conference video

The **Gerber Award** for best portrayal of babes in scenes reminiscent of the opening shots of Miami Vice. If you thought attire at this year's conference was

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casual, just wait until next year!

To Questel-Orbit

The **Berlitz Award** for their salesman who compensated for his lack of product knowledge with a delightful French accent.

The **runner up** for this award goes to the Riverboat Cruise driver who had no inkling how to pronounce the Spanish names of sites in San Antonio.

To Mergent

The **Dale Carnegie Fellowship Grant** for being one of the few, if not the only, vendor to actually demanded one of their invitations at the entrance to their party.

To Gary Hoover

The **Dale Carnegie Award** for being the most accommodating speaker. When his impressive handout, preprints of two chapters of his forthcoming book, disappeared faster than butter on a San Antonio street, he went to his car to get more copies.

To the Convention Center personnel in charge of signage

The **Carmen Sandiego Award** for placing signs for the entrance to the SLA conference in places that could be seen only by the people coming from the Hilton Hotel.

Runner up for this award is the City of San Antonio whose street signs on one way streets can only be read by oncoming traffic, so that pedestrians have to cross the street to see what the street name is.

To Denise Chochrek, the individual earning the most awards

The **PBS Pledge Week Award** for an exemplary and very successful campaign to wrest sponsorships from vendors for the Texas Chapter booth.

The **Zig Zigler Award** for motivating all those in the Texas Chapter volunteers to be smiling and friendly.

The **Texas Tourism Award** for presenting to all the attendees the grand state of Texas in its very best light. (Weather was someone else's department.)

To Factiva

The **Coppertone Award** for scheduling the Presidents Reception in the LaVillita Plaza (a large open square) at the hottest time of the afternoon. It was delightful after the sun went down.

Runner up in this category was the Marriott for making conferees go outside into the sun to navigate between their buildings.

To Ann Caputo of Factiva

The **NOAA Award** for the best Houston flood story. The tale of the dead steer floating down the freeway had no competition.

To the City of San Antonio

The **Barbara Walters Award** for making it easy to talk to anyone--about the heat, of course.

To the San Antonio Fire Marshall

The **Santa Ana Award** for a successful blockade of the Dialog party, leaving the overflow crowd of invitees outside the walls.

To the Canadian SLAers

Honorary Texas Citizenship for being winners in the rodeo competition to tear ribbons off the tails of terrified calves.

To attendees of "Breaking the Mold" on Monday morning

Complimentary CEU credits for waiting futilely for the speakers to show.

To Bill Pardue, President of Nexis, and Claire Hart, President of Factiva

The **Toastmasters Award** for best speaker introductions which were informative, entertaining, and devoid of a recitation of the speakers' biographies.

To Molly Ivins

The **Wizard of Oz Award** for outstandingly demonstrating with her Texas stories that the conferees were not in Kansas anymore.

To Thomson

The **Texas Cattlemen's Association Award** for branding, with at least 14 exhibit booths with "A Thomson Company" after the exhibitor name.

To the Marriott Hotel

The **Where's Waldo Award** for confusing us all with two adjacent hotels with similar names--the Marriott River Center and the Marriott Riverwalk.

To the gentlemen (yes that's plural) who opted to use the Ladies restroom at the Convention Center (the line was shorter?)

The **Ally McBeal Award** for assuming that all restrooms are unisex. It's our turn next year gals!



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Summer Business Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Dina Dreifuerst, Texas Chapter Secretary



Sunday, June 10, 2001
Marriott River Center
San Antonio, Texas.

Dell Johnson, President, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. She welcomed attendees and called for additions or corrections of the February minutes to be submitted to the Secretary by email. The minutes were published in the Spring (March 2001) issue of Lone Star Librarian.

Carolyn Ernst, Treasurer, gave her report. The Pooled Fund is our savings account, which has \$18,446 in it. At this time, we're operating significantly under budget. Carolyn recommends that we use the surplus funds to support local chapter activities.

Old Business:

Dell reported that the Chapter's annual report was submitted on time, and that the quarterly committee reports will be reviewed.

Announcements:

Dell announced that the Summer Board and Council Meeting will take place in Austin on Friday, August 3, 2001. The meeting is open to all members, but the program will consist of leadership development and planning activities for the board and council.

Dell also discussed various **volunteer opportunities:**

- Discussion List Moderator - recently filled by Mary Sue Rose
- Government Relations Chair
- Employment Chair
- Parliamentarian
- DFW Program Chair - Susie Jacobson
- Ad Manager / Vendor Liaison

The Board always seeks member input on activities. Members are encouraged to volunteer for other long or short term projects on their own initiative.

Recognition of Board, 2000-2001, and presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to Mike Zimmerman, Past President, and Denise Chochrek, Chair of the San Antonio Conference Program Committee.

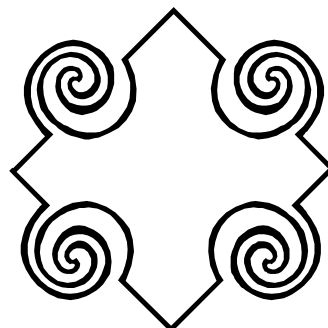
Certificates of appreciation for their service to SLA and the Texas Chapter will be mailed to each 00-01 board and council member.

Introduction of New Board Members:

Pictured above from left to right:

Erika Mittag, Director-at-Large
Carolyn Grimes, President
Ernestine Chipman, 2nd Vice President-Elect
Sasha Gilbert, 1st Vice President/President-Elect
Louis Tong, Secretary
Ann Griffith, 2nd Vice President
Bob Ruliffson, Treasurer (not pictured)
Marie Bloechle, Webmaster (not pictured)

Dell then passed the office of the president to Carolyn Grimes, who promptly adjourned the meeting at 3:15 PM.



- LiveEdgar/GSI ad

Member and Area Program News



Pictured are USAA Research Library staff with Roberta Shaffer. From left to right: David Liserio, Shari Johnson, Roberta Shaffer, Mary Forman, and Matt Davenport

The **San Antonio Area Planning Group and United Services Automobile Association (USAA)** sponsored a send-off luncheon for **Dr. Roberta Shaffer** on Tuesday, July 10 at USAA in San Antonio. Local SLA members and select non-members were invited to meet Dr. Shaffer and wish her well in her new position as SLA Executive Director. Dr. Shaffer is leaving her position as the Dean of the University of Texas at Austin's Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

Kathy Foley, Assistant Managing Editor at the San Antonio Express News was awarded the **Joseph F. Kwapiil Memorial Award** by the SLA News Division at the SLA Annual Conference in June. This is the highest honor given in the field of news librarianship.

Joan Gosnell has departed M/A/R/C and accepted a **Business Research Analyst** position with **Alliance Data Systems** in Dallas.

Phyllis Hulse has been promoted to **Manager, Electronic Systems Division of Raytheon**.

Olga Wise, Technical Librarian at Compaq Computer Corporation in Austin, was a keynote speaker at the **Nord Information and Documentation Conference** held in Reykjavik, Iceland in May.

Maryhelen Jones, University of Houston Systems Libraries, has been elected as **ACRL Distance Learning Section's Vice Chair/Chair Elect**. She has also been selected as an **Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Reviewer** for the 2001 grant competitions for IMLS's National Leadership Grant's Library/Museum Collaborations category.

Kathleen (Kathie) Goldfarb, previously the head of Cataloging at the Florida State University Libraries in Tallahassee, Florida, has accepted a position as **Technical Services Librarian at the College of the Mainland Library** in Texas City.

Kathy Fowler, formerly with Applied Science Fiction and the former Texas Chapter Ad Manager, had a baby boy on March 31. She and **John Thomas** are fine. Kathy is doing contract work from home and can be reached at thefowlers@prodigy.net.

The **Houston Planning Group's** June 21 meeting and tour at the **Lunar and Planetary Institute** was very successful, with twenty attendees. There was also a tour of the library, given by the **library manager, Mary Ann Hager**.



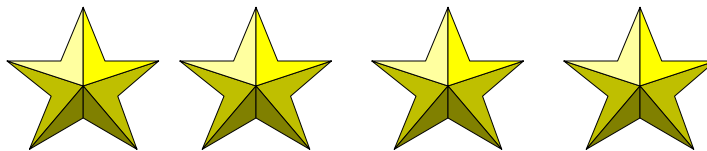
A Big Texas THANK YOU to The SLA Annual Conference Texas Chapter Volunteers!

Now that we are back to the workaday world of our own libraries, I wanted to make sure I sent out a thank you to everyone who was able to stop by for their one-half hour (and in almost all cases, much more time) of meeting and greeting members from all over the world.

The several times I was able to either work the booth or get by our Texas booth, it was never unmanned, people were always being helped, and everyone outside of Texas came away feeling we really could be called the "Friendship State." I never saw anyone turned away from our booth without some type of answer, even to the query of which clubs did Bob Wills play. And along with a stickon cowboy hat, a very useful fan and the ever popular, but always optional, jalapeno sucker/lollipop, the other members made some new friends in meeting our booth volunteers.

Thank each of you for adding your individual talents to making this an overall success. I would like to add a special thank you to our San Antonio volunteers who worked longer than their allotted time in helping answer the really local questions, of which there were plenty. Everyone did a marvelous job and I really feel it was one of the better traveled and most talked about booths at our Conference. This could not have been done without your help. I tip my hat (cowboy of course) to a job well done!

- Submitted by Mike Zimmerman, Bain & Company



Chapter Leadership Workshop

By Carolyn Grimes, Tivoli Systems

The Chapter Leadership Workshop to be held August 3 in Austin

Each summer, the Texas Chapter's Executive Board and Advisory Council meets to plan the next year's chapter activities and to orient the new board and council members. On Friday, August 3 from 10:30 AM to 4 PM, the chapter's annual leadership workshop will be held at Tivoli Systems Inc. in Austin. While this meeting is used primarily by the existing chapter leadership, the workshop is open to any Texas Chapter member who would like to volunteer or offer assistance in the future plans of the chapter. The daylong session includes a complimentary lunch, and it's always a great networking opportunity. Please RSVP if you plan to attend, so we will plan for enough food and workspace. The workshop will be held at Tivoli's Bridgepoint IV facility near the 360 bridge overlooking Lake Austin.

Directions to the workshop are:

Tivoli Systems, Inc
6200 Bridgepoint Parkway
Building IV
Austin, Texas 78731

Directions to Bridgepoint from the Airport

From the Airport, head Northwest (left) on SH71.

Turn right (North) onto US 183 From SH71.

Travel approximately 13.5 miles.

Take the exit for Capital of TX Hwy/Great Hills Trail/(TX-360-LOOP).
Turn left (South) onto Capital of Texas Highway.

Travel approximately 4.5 Miles.

Turn right just before the large bridge onto W. Courtyard Drive

Turn left at the stop sign and onto Bridgepoint Parkway

Take the 1st right and follow the driveway up to the parking garage for Bridgepoint IV.

Check in with the receptionist in the lobby, and have her call me.

Contact Carolyn Grimes at (512) 436-1325 or cgrimes@tivoli.com, if you plan to attend or if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

Carolyn Grimes
SLA Texas Chapter President

and

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2001-2 Chapter Election Results

The votes have been counted and here are the results:

Name	Office	# of Votes
Sasha Gilbert	1st Vice President	101 votes
Ernestine Chipman	2nd Vice President Elect	100 votes
Robert Ruliffson	Treasurer	101 votes
Louis Tong	Secretary	102 votes
Erkia Mittag	Director at Large	99 votes

Write in votes:

Amy the Wonder Dog Chapter Mascot 1 vote

There were no other write in votes.

- Submitted by Damon Camille, Rice University



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Half page (horiz. 7" X 5")	70	240
Quarter page (3 1/2" X 4")	40	140

Board and Officer Reports

President's Report

Met several times with First VP - Pres Elect Carolyn Grimes to discuss upcoming chapter plans for 2001-2002.

Spoke to the State Agency Librarians of Texas at their April luncheon meeting to discuss SLA and Texas Chapter and how our two groups might cooperate on future programs. I invited all attendees to attend SLA Annual in San Antonio to see what our programs might offer for them.

Participated in a panel discussion with several other Chapter members, speaking to one session of the SciTech reference class at UT GSLIS. Among other things, I was able to describe the benefit of an association like ours when one seeks the "impossible" piece of information.

Began planning for the Final 01 Chapter Business Meeting and the summer leadership workshop to be held on Fri., Aug 3 in Austin.

Moderated the chapter discussion list during the interim and gratefully welcomed Mary Sue Rose as the new list moderator.

Signed up to work 3 mornings at the Hospitality booth.

Sent out the call-to-meeting for June 10 and submitted my quarterly officers' report.

Respectfully submitted,
Dell Johnson
Texas Chapter SLA, Pres 00-01
Tivoli Systems

Second Vice President's Report

The Lone Star Librarian: The Second Vice President-Elect and I have published one issue since the February Business and Program Meeting, the March 2001 issue. This issue was 16 pages long of which 2.75 pages were advertisements. Total ad revenues were \$335. Ann and Kathy Fowler were able to get Majors to advertise in this issue. The total cost of this issue was \$913.67 due to extra copies being printed for distribution at the annual conference.

Advertising: The Advertising Manager/Vendor Liaison, Kathy Fowler, has resigned from this position due to family obligations. Ann and I will assume this position's responsibilities temporarily until a new person is re-

cruited. We would appreciate anyone's assistance in locating a replacement. We both plan to target the exhibitors during the annual conference to obtain more advertising.

Web page: Marie Bloechle has done a fine job of creating an eye-catching web page for the annual conference attendees to access. She is no longer editing and managing the Chapter's Discussion List. Mary Sue Rose, Research Manager with Enron Energy Services in Houston, has assumed this role. She can be reached at (713) 853-4297, mrose@enron.com. We really appreciate her stepping in to maintain this important channel of communication for the Chapter.

Respectively submitted,
Ernestine Chipman
Second Vice President/Communications Committee Director

Advertising Manager/Vendor Liaison's Report

I have worked with The Lone Star Librarian's advertisers to ensure that their ad copy gets placed by the newsletter's deadline, that they have received tear sheets once the newsletter is published, and that advertisers whose subscriptions are up for renewal received renewal notices. Payments received for advertising have been forwarded to the Treasurer.

I sent letters of thanks to sponsors and exhibitors for February's Chapter meeting and requested feedback on the meeting, although I received none.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Fowler

Dallas/Fort Worth LPG Report

The following events occurred during the first quarter of 2001:

- Provided local hospitality services for the state chapter meeting, "Next Generation Information Technologies," in Arlington, TX on February 2
- Held a meeting on March 8 that featured a presentation on Change Management by a HR executive at Microsoft
- Hosted, in conjunction with UNT SLIS, the SLA distance learning program "I Told You I'm Worth It: ROI and the Information Professional" on March 29
- There was no activity for the DFW LPG from April 2001 through June 2001.

Submitted by Ann Barrick

Houston LPG report

The Houston LPG had a few events in the past association year:

- 10/26/00 Dinner Social: about 8 individuals attended
- 11/30/00 Christmas Dinner and charity event: 27 individuals attended. Collected toys for JingleBell Express.
- 3/29/01 Videoconference: Thanks to Rice University Library and R.I.C.E. (Damon Camille), we hosted the local broadcast of the SLA videoconference on ROI and the Information Professional
- 4/5/01 International Special Librarians Day Celebration: Thanks again to Rice University Library and R.I.C.E. (Damon Camille), we toured 3 special service department of the library and dinner social afterwards. About 20 individuals attended.

Thanks to everybody who helped and supported the local planning group.

Louis Tong

Houston Student Liaison's Report

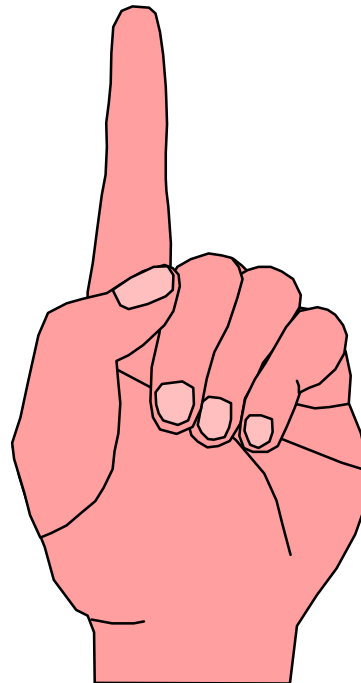
Coordinated with Damon Camille and Louis Tong to include the Houston UNT SLIS students in the SLA Librarian's Day Activities and Measuring Your ROI session. Posted invitation to the UNT and HOUSLIS listservs announcing the event and met with several students who attended. About 6-8 students attended the events.

Submitted by Sasha Gilbert



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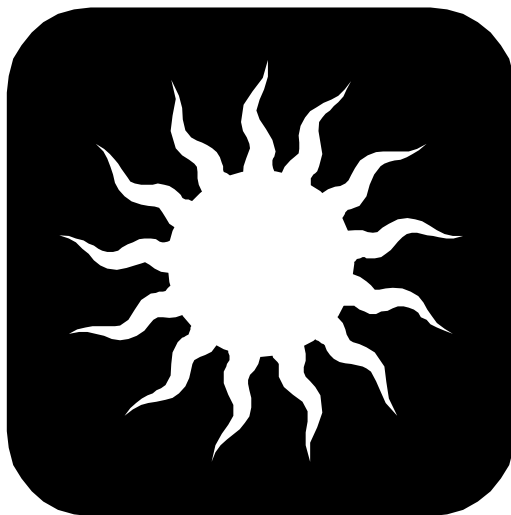
Texas Chapter Business Meeting Pictures



Left to right: Dell Johnson, outgoing President; Carolyn Grimes, incoming President; Mike Zimmerman, past President.



Left to right: Dell Johnson and Denise Chochrek, Chair of the San Antonio Conference Program Committee



In the dog days of summer, they say its 10 degrees cooler in the shade of a keyboard.
Source: Old researcher's tale

- OPAMP ad

- TDI ad

Editor's Note: Special thanks for the great electronic photo submissions from Louis Tong and Mary Forman; Chris Dobson and Carolyn Ernst for their fifth tongue-in-cheek SLA Annual Conference awards article; and our advertisers. AG.

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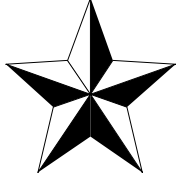
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August 3, 2001 – Texas Chapter Leadership Workshop, – check <http://www.txsla.org/summer01.htm> for registration and detailed information.

October 24-28, 2001 – SLA Technology Forum (SLATech 2001) – for information, check <http://www.sla-learning.org/slatech>

January 24-26, 2002 – SLA Winter Meeting, Chicago IL -- for information, check <http://www.sla.org/content/Events/index.cfm>

June 18-13, 2002 – SLA 93rd Annual Conference, Los Angeles CA – for information, check <http://LosAngeles.sla.org>

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