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A Message from the President

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First off, allow me to apologize for the delay in the publication of this newsletter. As the primary form of communication for our chapter, the tardiness of the Fall edition has been keenly felt by all of us. With increased responsibilities in her professional position, Allison Perry has decided to step down as editor of our Bulletin. We thank Allison for her generosity in putting in two years of very hard work to diligently publish issues as well as pursuing topics of interest to us all.

Karen Kreizman Reczek has volunteered to take on the Editor's job with the Winter issue, and has formerly edited the Pharmaceutical Division newsletter Western New York Health Sciences Librarians' *WNYHSL NEWSLine*.

Summer flew by this year and your 2000-2001 Board was busy getting organized and making plans. We had a very productive meeting in August reviewing Jill Hurst's revision of the Procedures Manual, discussing future program plans, and reviewing the new strategic plan set forth by Boodie McGinnis and Jeannette Smithee.

Action items undertaken were:

- 1) Funding of \$100 towards the research project underway at SUNY Albany. Mary Beth Palazzolo, co-president of the Albany student chapter, will be surveying our members. Mentoring newcomers in the field should be a priority for all of us throughout SLA. Please read her article in this issue of the newsletter.
- 2) Establishing a Student Award for our chapter. We would like to offer some stipend for meeting attendance and need an Awards Chairperson to undertake this project.

- 3) Chapter Board documents will be made available on our website. Take a look regularly to see what is new. <http://www.sla.org/chapter/cuny/>
- 4) Continued networking with other professional organizations helps to provide quality programming while sharing the costs. There are many fine local examples of networking: the Capitol area SLEEK, and Librarians Unlimited in Rochester come to mind. Our Fall Program is another example of networking on a more formal scale in the co-sponsorship of the meeting.

The Fall Board Meeting took place in Hamilton, Ontario, prior to the Fall Program. Though not many were present, all of our reports were available on a private website created by Angela Horne. This at least facilitated getting Board members up to speed on various activities/items that are currently in the works.

Action items undertaken were:

1. Contact SLA to make chat software available to the chapter.
2. Appointed a task force to explore what SLA defines as accountability for Board positions and to open discussion within the present board on the subject. This group will identify issues, and present some items for discussion at the May Board meeting. Angela Horne and Jeannette Smithee volunteered to work with me on this. If anyone else is interested, please let me know. All are welcome.
3. We will be recruiting to fill Board positions presently vacant and soon to be vacant! Please contact me if you would like to volunteer or to recommend a colleague for one of them.
4. We would also like to appoint a task force on Mentoring - any volunteers? This was also discussed as a possible meeting topic, but perhaps could be adapted for local area meetings instead.
5. It is also our goal to get a paper membership directory out in January. Along with the directory, members will receive a nominations form, a volunteer form, instructions for updating membership information, and a feed back form.

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