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From The Chair...

As Chair of the Petroleum & Energy Resources Division, I am looking forward to working with all of the Division members this year. Recent feedback received indicated that members want more communication from the Board and more networking opportunities. Based on this feedback, one of my goals is to re-energize the Division, making it an exciting and dynamic division that will meet the needs of the members.

Six months ago, I began making plans for 2003/2004 so you will hear more from the Board and DPER Committee

members about ideas and plans that are underway as the year progresses.

A change that has already taken place is work on an updated DPER web site. Ellen Sartorius, who is with Ernst & Young, has volunteered to manage the web site this year and has been working with a contact at SLA headquarters to get the site working again.

Information is our business, and the DPER Board wants to make sure that you have all of the information that you need as a member to be effective as a librarian in the industry. Ideas, contributions and assistance are welcome. We are looking for volunteers who are interested in working with the Board to accomplish our goals so please contact me if you are interested. I can be reached by phone at 281-834-1567 or by e-mailing me at gina.r.williamson@exxonmobil.com.

Again, I look forward to working with the Board and the Division members to continue to make this a great Division and a great year.

Sincerely,

Gina Williamson

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Treasurer's Reports

Mid-Year Financial Statement
12/31/02 Through 5/31/03
Submitted by Sarah Paciorek

INCOME	
Interest Inc	\$ 81.03
SLA allotment	\$1,980.00
Sponsorship	\$ 885.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 2,946.03
EXPENSES	
Bank Charge	\$ 10.00
Meeting Expenses	\$7,303.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,313.50
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	\$-4,367.47

**PER DIVISION MID YEAR
BALANCE SHEET
5/31/03**

By
Sarah Paciorek, Treasurer

ASSETS	
12/31/02	5/31/03
Balance	Balance
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking	
\$21,511.68	\$17,063.18
SLA Money Market	
\$6,857.29	\$6,938.32
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TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	
\$28,368.97	\$24,001.50
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TOTAL ASSETS	
\$28,368.97	\$24,001.50
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
0.00	0.00
EQUITY	
\$28,368.97	\$24,001.50
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
\$28,368.97	\$24,001.50
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PER News

The Petroleum & Energy Resources Section came into being in 1933, this means that the precursor of DPER started 70 years ago. What an accomplishment!

To review some of the presentations at the 2003 Conference in New York go to <http://www.sla.org/content/Events/03confpresentations.cfm> on the SLA web site. John Galloway is working on getting

some of the DPER presentations included on the SLA web site and on DPER web site.

Networking by Ellen Sartorius

Greetings from your new network chair! If you've been wondering if you'll ever see updates to the websites, please check out the newly revised "officers" section of the site. A start has been made, and ongoing changes and updates will be made to the website over the coming weeks. If you have suggestions for revisions, improvements, things you'd like to see or any other thoughts on website content, please feel free to send me an e-mail and let me know what you think (ellen.sartorius@ey.com). I appreciate all the thoughts and suggestions so far, and I look forward to providing support in this area in the coming year!

Fundraising: Give me your contacts!! by Marlene Vogelsang

As you know, the division cannot live on SLA unit subsidies alone, so we are faced each year with the challenges and opportunities of fundraising. Yes, the Financial Development Committee, aka Fundraising, aka the Dorothy Eska and Marlene Vogelsang effort, has the distinct pleasure of establishing relationships with vendors and seeking their financial assistance for conference events and activities.

Dorothy Eska has been superb in this capacity and she has passed along her knowledge and expertise to me....and now, it is my turn to ask you for help. I am hoping to get an early start on fundraising for next year's conference

and develop a list that we can use in the future.

Please send me the names/contact information of vendors that you use who might be interested in supporting our activities. I am trying to get to the people you or your organization deals with personally. I may even do some name dropping when I call! I am also seeking a committee volunteer (or two). If you're interested in helping out, please let me know. Otherwise, I look forward to hearing from you about potential sponsors! Call if you have questions.

Please send information to:
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Institute of Petroleum News by Catherine Cosgrove

On 1 July 2003 the Institute of Petroleum (IP) merged with the Institute of Energy (InstE) to become the Energy Institute (EI). The new institute is located in the IP's premises and the InstE's old premises will close.

With the immense assistance of Joanna Barwick, an MA Information Studies student from Brighton University, we recently completed the integration of the small collection of books and other material held by the Institute of Energy into the much larger collection of the IP. The collection will now cover all forms of energy.

The IP's library was catalogued using the Uren decimal classification system which arranges material on the petroleum industry from 000 to 999. The InstE collection was never catalogued so Joanne devised a new

sequence, based on Dewey, to accommodate all the other forms of energy. For simplicities sake we have prefixed this sequence with the letter E.

The latest news is that the Electricity Association (EA) in the UK is closing down, along with its library and information service, at the end of September 2003. The EA library staff have generously donated some of its most useful items to the EI library.

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Recommended Reading by Joyce L. Fedeczko

Reshaping the Electricity Industry
http://www.facsnet.org/tools/nbgs/p_thru_%20z/r/reshap.php3
Though written before the Enron debacle and California's energy crisis, this FACSNet backgrounder from 1998 is still useful in explaining the legal and technical background behind the blackout of 2003.

Proposed Energy Portal: From the minutes of the June 11, 2002 Annual Business Meeting

Janice Anderson, Chair, suggested that PER could apply for endowment grant from the SLA Board to development an Energy Information Portal for the

division. How the PER Division did this might serve as a model for other SLA divisions to follow if they choose to development similar information portals for their members.

- (1.) The grant would not be huge.
- (2.) The format would be on the order, for example, of a current web portal, CEO Express: Tools for Executives.
- (3.) It may be that SLA will be more forthcoming with the grant funds if we network with other divisions for their assistance and contributions in obtaining pertinent web sites to link to.
- (4.) This project could be used to further define PER membership, as well as assist in recruitment. People might join PER to become a part of this project.
- (5.) This project would promote not only the content (topics, subjects), but also tools , e.g., handheld tools/wireless tools.
- (6.) Consensus approval of the membership at the Annual Meeting and Luncheon is necessary, because the grant will be the responsibility of the next Board, and the application must be submitted by July 1, 2002.

Complete minutes of PER Board and Annual Business meetings are available on the PER web site.

Proposed Energy Portal: Reported from the June 10, 2003 Annual Business Meeting

PER applied for the Energy Portal as something we could do in conjunction with Library Schools. But the SLA Board rejected the proposal. DPER can resubmit this initiative, but PER membership must be solidly behind it. The SLA Board did approve and gave a grant to an SLA Chapter to develop a portal.

Internet Corner – Blogs?

by Ann Coppin

A blog is not a bog or blot of ink on paper. It is a web page, a.k.a. weblog or web log, of frequently (usually) updated thoughts/posts that are arranged chronologically with the most recent first. Blogs vary greatly in content and purpose - it depends upon the originator. (Some blogs may be similar to a bog in that one can get mired down in trying to find past comments.) A blog is a method of quickly publishing using the technology called RSS. (RSS variously stands for Really Simple Syndication or RDF Site Summary or Rich Site Summary - which is as technical as I'm going to get.) Since it is a fast way to publish libraries are starting to use it for getting information out generally to their customers.

Articles giving basic information about blogs and blogging include:

<http://libraryjournal.reviewsnews.com/index.asp?layout=article&articleid=CA266428>

Carver, Blake, "Is It Time to Get Blogging?" Library Journal, Winter 2003 Net Connect, vol. 128, no. 1, January 15, 2003

Article is about why librarians need to keep up with blogs and consider producing them.

<http://www.infotoday.com/online/nov02/OnTheNet.htm>

Notess, Greg R., "The Blog Realm: RSS, Aggregators, and Reading the Blog Fantastic," Online, vol. 26, no. 6, November/December 2002.

<http://www.infotoday.com/online/sep02/OnTheNet.htm>

Notess, Greg R., "The Blog Realm: News Sources, Searching with Daypop, and Content Management," Online, vol. 26, no. 5, September/October 2002.

<http://www.infotoday.com/LU/may02/conhaim.htm>

Conhaim, Wallys W., "Blogging-What Is It?," Link-Up, vol. 19, no. 3, May/June 2002.

For keeping up about blogs some sites are:

<http://www.lights.com/weblogs/>

Weblogs Compedium

This site is owned and operated by Peter Scott, who is a consultant with Northern Lights Internet Solutions. It is a searchable blog about blogging.

<http://resourceshelf.freepint.com/>

ResourceShelf

Resources and News for Information Professionals, a blog compiled and edited by Gary Price.

Two sites for hosting free blogs which also give background information are:

<http://new.blogger.com/home.pyra>

Blogger: Push-Button Publishing for the People

<http://www.xanga.com/>

Xanaga.com: the Weblog Community

There are desktop clients available for purchase if you need to run a blog on a server behind a firewall. One supplier is

<http://radio.userland.com/>

Radio by Userland Software

For additional information that may be helpful there is:

<http://blogbib.blogspot.com/>

BlogBib CARL 2002 An annotated bibliography on weblogs & blogging Bibliography prepared by Susan Herzog, May 31, 2002

Sites of Interest

<http://www.science.gov/>

Science.gov: FirstGov for Science - Government Science Portal

A gateway to selected science information provided by U.S. Government agencies. Sites are arranged by topic such as "Energy & Energy Conservation."

<http://digitalwa.statelib.wa.gov/newsite/best.htm>

Washington State Library Digital Best Practices

This is a resource for those planning a digital project.

<http://babel.altavista.com>

Babel Fish Translation

You can type in a block of text, up to 150 words, and get a translation into another language. Also, provides translation of web pages.

www.broadbandreports.com

Broadband Reports.com

This site provides information about residential and small business broadband connections.

<http://www.bookbrowser.com/>

Book Browser is now part of Barnes & Noble.com.

<http://www.sfandf.com/>

Science Fiction and Fantasy Books and Authors

This is a good site for finding out what is being published this month and in the next five months. It can be browsed by "Month, Paperback, Young Readers, and Other (Author, Genre, and Series).

SLA Announcements

Diversity Leadership Development Award

Deadline is December 5, 2003.

The Diversity Leadership Development Program (DLDP) Committee would like to invite nominations for the Diversity Leadership Development Award.

Two of the committee's goals are to help accelerate the advancement and visibility of members who represent a diverse population of the Association by mentoring them for more leadership opportunities within SLA and to ensure that the Association remains vital, relevant, and representative of its diverse membership. This award provides \$1000 to attend the SLA Annual Conference in Nashville, complimentary conference registration, and an assigned SLA mentor to help candidates understand the roles and mechanics of SLA leadership.

Eligibility requirements include:

1. Applicant must have been a member of SLA for at least 2 years.
2. Applicants must be a member of a population group that is under represented in SLA.
3. Applicant must have between 3-10 years of professional library information experience.

4. Applicant cannot be a current SLA DLDP Committee member.

If you know of someone who meets these eligibility requirements, please encourage them to apply. Up to 5 winners are chosen each year. This is a wonderful opportunity to network and gain leadership skills!

The application deadline is: December 5, 2003.

For more information and the application form, please see:

<http://www.sla.org/content/memberservice/communication/pr/awdindex/sla/dldpnomform.cfm>

SLA Launches Membership Drive

SLA encourages all members to participate in its new membership recruiting drive, "SLA Keyword...Recruit". For every new SLA member you recruit you will be eligible for a grand prize drawing of an iPAQ pocket PC. Four paid full registrations for the SLA 2004 Annual Conference "Putting Knowledge to Work" June 5-10, 2004, at Opryland, Nashville, Tennessee, USA will be awarded to Chapters and to Divisions with the most new members and the largest percentage increase in membership!

Complete details about the Campaign and prizes can be found at www.sla.org/KeywordRecruit. You know the value of SLA membership for your career and professional development. Now share that same experience with your colleagues and co-workers while helping grow the PER Division.

Don't delay! All new SLA membership applications must be received by December 31, 2003, to be eligible to be entered to win prizes. Thanks for your help to grow the SLA community.

SLA Calendar

SLA's Board Of Directors Fall Meeting
2003 October 23-25 Washington, DC

SLA Winter Meeting
2004 January 22-24 Albuquerque, NM

Sites For Future SLA Annual Conferences

2004 (95th) June 5-10 Nashville, TN
2005 (96th) June 4-9 Toronto, ON, Canada
2006 (97th) June 10-15 Baltimore, MD
2007 (98th) June 2-7 Denver, CO
2008 (99th) July 26-31 Seattle, WA
2009 (100th) June 13-18 Washington, DC, USA

*Please Note: Some locations noted are still under contract negotiations.

Call For Contributions to the Bulletin

Please contribute to your bulletin. The Deadline for submissions for the next bulletin is November 3rd.

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