

**SLA Division Cabinet Meeting
Leadership Summit
January 16, 2009**

Submitted by:
Ann R. Sweeney, SLA Division Cabinet Chair-Elect

The Division Cabinet meeting was called to order by Division Cabinet Chair Tom Rink at 1:15 pm.

Attendees were asked to sign the roll sheets available in the room.

The motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously. The Division Cabinet meeting minutes from June 2008 were also approved unanimously by motion.

SLA President Gloria Zamora tasked Division Cabinet members to undertake a review of divisions and division structure. She asked that division subject areas and composition be examined. Perhaps a model might be developed. Divisions come and go, she said. Possibly the current structure is fine. Ms. Zamora requested that, by the June 2009 Annual Conference, either a report be submitted or a discussion held on the topic. Transportation Division Chair Rita Evans volunteered for the committee handling this review, as did many others present. Ms. Zamora stated that volunteers need not be division leaders, but at least somehow be involved in division activities. Persons interested in serving on this committee need to contact Tom Rink (rink@nsuok.edu).

Tom Rink presented the remarks of the Chair. He said that 2008 had been a wonderful year. The Division Idea Bank had received contributions from about 50% of divisions. He encouraged others to participate. Mr. Rink cited the creation of the new Academic Division, introducing their leaders: Chair Stacey Greenwell; Chair-Elect Anna Burke; Secretary Chris Miller; Treasurer Leoma Dunn.

Division Annual Reports had all been filed. There was a 25% no-response rate to the questions posed. More data: 42.9% are having difficulty finding leaders; 46.7% have a strategic plan; 80% have a web-based newsletter; 55% have a budget; 60% fundraise; 65% support travel or reimburse expenses; 50% have member awards; 33% offer scholarships. Further, 11 have wikis; 13 have blogs; 7 have a Second Life presence; 10 are on Facebook; 4 have chat rooms; 9 use WebEx. Here are 2009 division anniversaries: News & SciTech are 85; MAH (Museums until 1971) is 80; Chemistry's Materials Section is 60; Education is 35; Environment & Resource Management (formed by a merger of Natural Resources and Environmental Information) and Solo (a caucus until 1991) are 20; Competitive Intelligence and Government Information are 5.

Mr. Rink urged cabinet members to use the online division tools and to communicate SLA news and initiatives to members.

Past Division Cabinet Chair Robyn Frank had requested that Mr. Rink remind all of scope note procedures: they should concisely describe the subjects comprising a division's interests; changes should be reviewed by the Division Cabinet Chair, must be voted on by Division members, and are then sent to the SLA Bylaws Committee (since they alter division governing documents).

Business & Finance Division Chair Terri Brooks mentioned that it would be helpful to new division chairs if there could be links on SLA's website to prior division annual reports.

Division Cabinet Chair-Elect Ann Sweeney reported on the following SLA Board of Directors actions taken earlier in the week: abolition of the Association Office Operations Committee (AOOC); 2009 awards decided; CEO goals and objectives approved;

Alignment Project report presented; CEO performance review completed; research grant awarded to Betsy Rolland and Emily Green; Virtual World Advisory Council establishment referred to the Governance Committee; 4 caucuses reauthorized; Global Principles for Socially Responsible Associations and Nonprofits adopted; Past Division Cabinet and Past Chapter Cabinet Chairs to serve on the Awards Committee.

There was no old business.

New business: a proposal from Social Science Division Chair Iris Anderson—to study the possibility of allowing folks to belong to one "subject" division and one "type" division to be included in basic SLA membership—was discussed. It was suggested and agreed that this proposal would fit into Gloria Zamora's charge to examine division structure and would be considered during that process. Mr. Rink will add a page for this to the Division Idea Bank.

Announcements: Mr. Rink mentioned that all Board documents are on www.sla.org, as are the Alignment Project materials. He warned that, due to the economy, there might be more requests for stipends and travel awards.

Adjournment came at 1:58 pm.