

## 2009 Leadership Summit, Chapter Cabinet Meeting, Friday, 16 January 2009

### Minutes

1. **Call to Order.** Cabinet Chair Susan Fifer Canby called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM. She reviewed the purpose of the meeting: to provide an opportunity for cabinet officers and members to learn about the state of the chapters, and applaud their successes.
2. **Roll Call.** Chapter officers signed the roster as they entered. Many but not all chapters were represented.
3. **Approval of the Agenda** Susan Fifer Canby reviewed the agenda, (no paper copies were distributed); there were no additions. Motion to approve the agenda passed.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** The minutes of the June 2008 Chapter Cabinet Meeting were approved.
5. **Remarks from the Chair, Susan Fifer Canby.** The Chapter Idea Bank now includes "Chapter Chatter" (a quarterly highlight of chapter newsletters) which began in June, 2008. Thanks to all who prompt us about the publication of their newsletters.

### We noted Six Chapter Themes in 2008:

#### 1. We provided creative and relevant programs and speakers.

- **New Jersey** held an event 'Applying Business Intelligence for Self Support.' with a certified executive leadership coach who facilitated a discussion on how to excel in challenging times.
- **Rocky Mountain Chapter** looked at the future of librarianship based on statistical reports and other available data.
- **San Francisco** invited CEO Janice Lachance who spoke on "Defending Libraries - One Lesson Learned" with advice based on the tale of the EPA libraries.
- **Pittsburgh** held a very popular program on "Gaming in Special Libraries."

#### 2. We welcomed new members into our Association.

- **Sierra Nevada** featured the reactions of SLA conference first timers in their newsletter – which began with, "Wow! What an experience! So many people, so many sessions, so many new things to learn."
- 51 graduate students visited 45 **DC libraries** during the "Spring Spend a Day with a Librarian" and encouraged capable professionals into special librarianship.
- **SLA Europe** recognized four new graduates with checks and commendations for their masters thesis, judged to be best about Special libraries.

#### 3. We used stories and programming to address the economic downturn.

- **Illinois** presented on career alternatives and options.
- **New York** presented on career transitions and changes with authentic stories from members.
- **Philadelphia and Central PA** shared their story of how they merged Chapters.
- **SLA Europe's** Sylvia James, described implications of the credit crunch in Europe in *Information Outlook*

#### 4. We were greening our chapters.

- More chapters are blogging or using wikis or **Facebook** to communicate with members.

- **St Louis Chapter Slate** writes short articles with jumps to “More” to keep their blog-like news crisp looking with many photos. They had an interesting article on one librarian’s transition from being a lawyer, a column on “What are your reading?” and their new board was introduced using photos.
- **Our conferences are going green** starting in Seattle. The Pacific Northwest chapter held one meeting where all the information was on the wiki, the reception was within walking distance, and they even created recycled pins.
- **Southern California Chapter’s** outstanding “Living Linked” which is a social networking conference was recognized by the IT division in Seattle.

#### 5. We inspired each other.

- With encouragement from Stephen Abrams, many chapters and leaders are better able to describe the benefits of membership, so that when we are asked what we get from our SLA dues – our response is “A lot.”
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- The **Rio Grande Chapter Bulletin** published an SLA Membership - PERKS ALERT.
- Working in the **Innovation Lab** or tackling the **23 Things** meant we blogged and asked each other questions and spurred each other to higher levels.
- Many reported on the **Ethics Initiative** and the **DiginDigital Preservation Conference** held in Albuquerque last June.
- **News editors** engaged members to share our news and our responses to questions like, “What journal article from any source did you read this year that made an impact on how you think about your work or life?”

#### 6. We celebrated each other and our chapters.

- Stanford’s graduate business school, Jackson Library celebrated its 75th Anniversary. The **San Andreas Chapter, DC** and others held neighborhood dine-arounds.
- The **Eastern Canada Chapter** joined two other associations to raise \$12,000 for CODE, Canada’s international literacy agency for children. It also held a fundraiser with eco-friendly mugs with proceeds going to Librarians Without Borders.
- **Illinois Chapter** participated in SLA Illinois Cares with a “Reach Out and Read with Book Worm Angels” program providing volunteer opportunities for literacy support to hospitals.
- **Minnesota’s** Chapter President Jill Strand announced the launch of a board wiki to spur communications. The Chapter learned in their bi-annual survey that 77% of membership wants more professional development programs and to learn about free tools. It featured short profiles on newest members. The chapter set up a mentee program and was already doing “23 on a Stick.” In **Seattle** they held a Needle-Network swap – with donations going to the Dorothy Day House for women needing transitional housing.

#### 6. Report on the Actions of the Board of Directors, by Ruth Wolfish:

- The SLA annual Awards and Honors will only be announced at the June Conference, not in advance as we have done in prior years.
- Janice Lachance, SLA CEO, 2009 Goals and Objectives have been approved.
- The AOC (Association of Office Operations Committee) was dissolved because it has become obsolete. There are now monthly Board conference calls and more transparency. In the past this work was completed at biannual meetings, so we are saving travel costs.
- The updates to the Alignment Project from Fleishman Hillard will be on the website next week.
- It was noted that the approved 2009 SLA Budget is very conservative.

- SLA HQ staff will not receive a cost of living raise this year and benefit costs are being shifted more to them.
- Click U! Live “parts” will be free beginning next week. Virtual seminars that previously cost \$129 and the \$89 replay will be FREE. Certificate courses such as copyright and CE courses will still have a fee. Click U! Courses will be integrated into the SLA website so there will only be one sign on, whereas now you need to sign on twice.
- Career services will be available at conference at a possible reduced cost.
- In 2009, to save on costs there will not be a SLA salary survey.
- The Research and Development Committee in December 2007 awarded a research grant to Michael Fanning for the project “Impulse to Growth”. The aim of the study was to investigate and make recommendations on how to increase SLA membership acquisition and growth in Germany. The report is on the SLA website.
- The Research and Development Committee awarded one SLA Research grant entitled “Experimenting outside the Information Center: Non-traditional Roles for Information Professionals in Biomedical Research.” The study will tackle how the traditional skills of IPs can be put to use inside biomedical research collaboration in a new way. The results of this study should be transferrable from collaborative biomedical research to other types of research and collaborative efforts.
- The Committee on Cataloging added three new members this year and would like to add more new members. They are devising new cataloging standards and giving input regarding AACR2’s, RDA.
- The Board approved the creation of a Virtual World (VW) Advisory Group. They will be charged with setting the short and long term direction that SLA takes with virtual worlds in general and Second Life specifically.
- The Board reauthorized the following caucuses: Archival and Preservation Caucus; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Issues Caucus; Retired Members in Nontraditional Careers Caucus (pending a new convener by March 1, 2009), Retired Members Caucus.
- The Board heard an update on 2010 Annual conference in New Orleans, with the theme, *Entering SLA’s Next Century: Let the Good times Roll!*
- The Board adopted the Global Principles for Socially Responsible Associations & Nonprofits.

**7. New Business:** Susan Fifer Canby introduced president, Gloria Zamora:

Gloria Zamora spoke on Chapter Modeling and asked each chapter to look at the current model and discuss whether it needs to be updated or is it still valid; and then to report back at the June 09 Board meeting. Guidelines for this working group will be added to the Chapter Idea Bank.

Chapter volunteers who agreed to be on this working group are:

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**8. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 1:47 pm and prepared for the Joint Cabinet meeting to start at 2 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Ruth Wolfish  
 Chapter Cabinet Chair-Elect