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2006 June Board of Directors Meeting Baltimore, MD, USA 9-10 June 2006	Open Session Meeting
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1. Opening of the Meeting	
1.1 Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.
1.2 Adoption of the Agenda for Open Session June 9-10, 2006 dated 6/1/06	<p>Present: Board - Rollo, Vargha, Salonen, Zamora, McCay, Cia, Caputo, Mai, Mattis, Massoud, Klopper, Trefethen, Romaine, Sarmiento Staff – Lachance</p> <p>Excused: N/A</p> <p>Sections 3.5, 3.7, 3.8, and 3.10 to be deferred until Saturday when the task force chairs are here to present the recommendations.</p> <p>Section 4. Program Updates and Reports will be considered as a block with the exception of 4.1 SLA 2007 Denver Conference Program Committee Report and 4.13 SLA Caucuses Annual Report</p>
1.3 President's Remarks	<p>APPROVED BY GENERAL CONSENT</p> <p>Combined with summary of executive session. Rebecca Vargha welcomed the newly elected Board members—Libby Trudell, Kate Arnold, Sylvia James, Stephen Abram, Tamika Barnes-McCollough, and Robyn Frank. Staff members Nancy Sansalone, John Crosby, Kara Battaglini, John Lowry, Jill Calabria, and Linda Broussard</p>
1.3.1 Summary of Executive Session	<p>Heard and discussed the report of the CEO's goals and objectives and the quarterly operations report. Heard and discussed the membership report. The AOOC offered a new 3 ½ year contract to the CEO and she enthusiastically accepted.</p>
1.4 Member Discussion	No comments made.
2. Consent Agenda	APPROVED BY GENERAL CONSENT
2.1 Open Session Minutes for January 2006 Board of Directors	A06-30

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<p>Meeting</p> <p>2.2 Committee on Committees Name and Charge Revision</p> <p>2.3 Conference Program Committee Name and Charge Revision</p> <p>2.4 Professional Development Committee Name and Charge</p>	<p>A06-31 That the Board of Directors approve the name change of the Committee on Committees as stated below.</p> <p>Revised charge reads as follows: Committee on Association Governance Five Association members appointed for overlapping terms of two years each. At least two shall be present members of the Board of Directors. The Committee shall: 1. codify those actions and instructions of the Board pertinent to Association Committees, both specifically and generally; s. manage the preparation or revisions of Association Committee definitions and/or charges on a regular basis; 3. conduct other studies and make recommendations to the Board to promote the effective and efficient operation of Association Committees. The Chief Operating Officer/CFO is an <i>ex-officio</i> member of the Committee and the Association Office contact.</p> <p>A06-32 That the Board of Directors approve the name change and charge of the Conference Program Committee as stated below.</p> <p>Revised charge reads as follows: Annual Conference Advisory Council Seven voting members appointed for terms of office, in accordance with the Conference Guidelines, for each SLA Conference, one of which is the Division Cabinet Chair Elect at the time the Advisory Council is formed, and one who also serves as a liaison to the Exhibitor Advisory Council. In addition, non-voting members include the SLA Board of Directors Liaison and the SLA Staff Liaison. The SLA Board of Directors shall approve the appointment of the Annual Conference Advisory Council Chair as nominated by the President-Elect, who then appoints the other five members of the Advisory Council, no later than 24 months before the Conference dates. The Advisory Council shall; in accordance with the Conference Guidelines: 1. choose a Conference theme, in consultation with the Board of Directors; 2. determine the content and speakers for the General Sessions; 3. work with the Unit-designated Conference Planners and Association Committees to plan and coordinate the overall Conference programs; 4. act as liaison between the Association units and the Association Staff; and 5. in all Conference matters work in concert with the Association Staff. Association Office contact is the Director, Events.</p> <p>A06-33 That the Board of Directors approve the name change and charge of the Professional Development Committee as stated below.</p>

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<p>Revision</p>	<p>Revised charge reads as follows: Professional Development Advisory Council Seven members appointed for overlapping terms of three years each. The Advisory Council shall: 1. Analyze findings of staff research and feedback documents relating to the learning and development needs of the Association's membership and other target audiences in partnership with the Association staff in order that the offerings remain aligned with the anticipated needs; 2. review, shape and endorse annually the strategic directions in the Association's learning and development activities; 3. recommend policies and initiatives to the Chief Executive Officer and to Association staff to address the learning and career development needs of the Association's membership; 4. ensure updating of the professional competencies document as appropriate when needed; 5. provide feedback and advice to the Chief Executive Officer related to library/information management curricula; 6. function in an advisory capacity to Association units as needed as related to all the of the above; 7. make recommendations to President-Elect regarding desired characteristics of incoming PD Advisory Council members. Association Office contact is the Director, Professional Development.</p>
<p>2.5 Public Policy Committee Name and Charge Revision</p>	<p>A06-34 That the Board of Directors approve the name change and charge of the Public Policy Committee as stated below.</p> <p>Revised charge reads as follows: Public Policy Advisory Council Five members appointed for overlapping terms of three years each. Membership shall include at least one person whose focus is international, and at least one person who has expertise in intellectual property/copyright or holds a J.D. or equivalent degree. The Advisory Council shall; 1. Recommend policies and programs to the Chief Executive Officer regarding the activities of governments and international quasi-governmental organizations that affect special libraries and information centers, information management, and/or information professionals, including but not limited to matters of information commerce (including copyrights, sale and licensing of information, patents, and trademarks); 2. Recommend actions to implement such policies and programs to Association Staff; 3. Communicate with Association members and sub-units regarding such policies and programs. Association Office contact is the Chief Policy Officer.</p>
<p>2.6 Public Relations Committee Name and Charge Revision</p>	<p>A06-35 That the Board of Directors approve the name change and charge of the Public Relations Committee as stated below.</p> <p>Revised charge reads as follows: Public Relations Advisory Council Five Association members appointed for overlapping terms of</p>

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<p>3.1 SLA Committee Structure and Reporting Line</p>	<p>A06-38 That the Board of Directors approve the recommendation that the Committee on Cataloging, Technical Standards Committee, SLA Endowment Fund Grants Committee, and Research Committee continue their current practice of reporting to the Board and the committee names should remain the same.</p> <p>Amendment A06-55 That the Research Committee and Endowment Committee be removed from this motion. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>APPROVED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>New motion A06-56 That the Board of Directors immediately dissolve the SLA Endowment Fund Grants Committee and the Research Committee, that a new committee be formed called the SLA Research & Development (R&D) Committee, and that the funding of the two previous committees be merged into this committee. The focus of this committee would be to solicit, evaluate, and award funding for research that would actively encourage discovery about the information profession and/or related fields, the result of which would have practical, measurable, and tangible impact on the growth and positioning of the profession. While preference for funding might be given to SLA members or partners, it would not be limited to these categories; rather the ultimate focus of the funding would be the project's ROI and its potential for moving the profession forward. The R&D Committee would report to the Board but must work closely with and report to the appropriate SLA staff in order to ensure that it reflected, at all times, the Board's and the association's strategic directions.</p> <p>Amendment A06-57 That the motion be amended to include specific language that supports the needs of chapters and divisions as now served by the current Endowment Fund Grants Committee. AMENDMENT FAILED</p> <p>APPROVED AYE-12 NAY-1</p> <p>Discussion: A question was asked about merging the funds. A member of the Finance Committee responded that the CFO has indicated there are no impediments to merging the funds. The Board Liaison of the Research Committee indicated that this will help the association support research activities. The Board Liaison of the Endowment Committee expressed concern that the function provided by the Endowment Fund Committee would be adversely affected by a merger. The Board Liaison of the Research Committee indicated that at any time the Board of Directors could decide that the funding is needed for such functions. The current chairs are at the end of their terms and</p>

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3.2 Creation of New Global Event

this would be a good time to implement a merger with a new chair and committee. The new committee would be in effect immediately upon adoption of this motion; the new president would need to appoint members; and the Committee on Committees would be tasked to write a committee charge. The Endowment Grant funding was an important way to support unit activities and any new committee should take into consideration that grassroots initiatives have helped support membership growth.

A06-39 That the Board of Directors move to initiate a global event highlighting the strategic importance of collecting, organizing, storing, and sharing information in a manner that benefits the stakeholders of a particular organization, institution, or business. In short, the event would focus on information ethics. The event would also highlight the important role that can be played by librarians and information professionals in facilitating the ethical management of information.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion: The idea was applauded. Question on whether this initiative can be funded (\$25,000 - \$50,000)—this issue can span across all genres in the profession. ISLD was not seriously funded and did not have sufficient marketing for the event. The committee wanted to have an event that could be supported and knows that funds would need to be redirected as part of the budgeting process to be voted on in October. Question on whether there is time to put a campaign together between now and February/March 2007—the committee suggested third quarter to coincide with industry financial reports but is not wed to that time. Question on what ongoing costs could be—the committee wants to be sure the Board is willing to invest in an annual event (not another ISLD experience). The committee would be looking for partners around the world, but have not yet investigated what those partners could be. Question on whether any other event like this is being done—committee did not find anything like it. Question on responsibility for planning for this event every year—putting this into the mix would impact the staff (PR Committee would also be involved). Comment that this event is a new model for molding a message (a thematic news hook) and could be a great opportunity as a PR event for the association and the profession. Question on the timing of the event—it needs to be consistent each year but does not need to be tied to any other event. Comment that our activities need to be externally focused with stakeholders—that would get us ROI.

3.3 Task Force on

A06-40 That the Board of Directors recommend that the Chief

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<p>Natural Disasters: Continuation of Steps for Emergency Preparedness and Recovery</p>	<p>Executive Officer instruct staff 1) to maintain and enhance the IPANDA blog or similar collaborative portal as the Association's focal point for information and communication on emergency preparedness and disaster recovery; 2) to investigate the possibility of working with other library and information associations on emergency preparedness and disaster recovery; and 3) to investigate partnering with major charitable organizations, such as the Red Cross, to use the information delivery competencies of SLA members in emergencies.</p> <p>APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Discussion: Dav Robertson thanked all the members of the Task Force on Natural Disasters and the staff for their support. The intent of this motion is to institutionalize what the task force has been doing. Question about impact on SLA staff—this is a continuation of work that has been going on and should not require an additional staff member.</p>
<p>3.4 Task Force on Natural Disasters: Formation of a Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Recovery</p>	<p>A06-41 That the Board of Directors create a Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Recovery.</p> <p>Amended by Acclimation: To replace "a Committee" with "an Advisory Council" so that the motion would read: "That the Board of Directors create an Advisory Council on Emergency Preparedness and Recovery."</p> <p>APPROVED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Discussion: This would institutionalize the work that has gone on and avoid a lapse in momentum. It would also continue to develop the vision for the role of information professionals in this area. The new advisory council would be in effect immediately upon adoption of this motion; the new president would need to appoint members; and the Committee on Committees would be tasked to write a charge for the advisory council.</p> <p>Note: Without objection, the agenda was revised to consider next Sections 3.12, 3.13, 3.14, 3.15, and 3.16.</p>
<p>3.5 Alliances and Partners Task Force Recommendations (deferred to June 10)</p>	<p>The Board reconvened at 9:10 am on Saturday, June 10, 2006.</p> <p>A06-42 That the Board of Directors receive the report as contained in A06-42, and express our gratitude to the members of the Alliances and Partners Task Force for their time and work on this effort.</p> <p>APPROVED BY GENERAL CONSENT</p>

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New Motion A06-63 That the Board of Directors direct the CEO and headquarters staff to create a work group to focus on increasing SLA membership; to create a definition of what a logical target member would be—to include information workers of all types for whom information is a primary job function.

Amended by Acclimation: Remove “and headquarters staff” and replace with “and the incoming President” so that the motion will read: “That the Board of Directors direct the CEO and the incoming President to create a work group to focus on increasing SLA membership; to create a definition of what a logical target member would be—to include information workers of all types for whom information is a primary job function.”

APPROVED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion: The world of information is going to continue to grow and get wider and deeper so the “logical target members” will be a moving target and we will need to make this activity an ongoing activity.

New Motion A06-64 That the Board of Directors direct the headquarters staff to build a model which incorporates current processes and expands them to reach out to information partners to increase membership and participation to the benefit of both parties.

Amended by Acclimation: Remove “headquarters staff” and replace with “CEO” so that the motion will read: That the Board of Directors direct the CEO to build a model which incorporates current processes and expands them to reach out to information partners to increase membership and participation to the benefit of both parties.”

APPROVED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion: It is suggested that the “model” be beta tested to be sure it will appeal to those who are not currently information partners.

New Motion A06-65 That the Board of Directors direct the CEO, with member involvement, to create a position paper to spell out what SLA wishes to accomplish through partnerships which includes the identification of potential partners, and shape the benefits that matter to them.

Amended by Acclimation: Add “association between “potential” and “partners” and replace “a position paper” with “an initiative for internal evaluation” and replace “them” with

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3.6 Chapter Modeling Task Force

“all involved parties” and add “with a status report to be presented in October 2006” at the end of the motion so that the motion will read: “That the Board of Directors direct the CEO, with member involvement, to create an initiative for internal evaluation to spell out what SLA wishes to accomplish through partnerships which includes the identification of potential association partners, and shape the benefits that matter to all involved parties, with a status report to be presented in October 2006.”

APPROVED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY

A06-43 That the Board of Directors receive the report as contained in A06-43, and express our gratitude to the members of the Chapter Modeling Task Force for their hard work and thought provoking recommendations.

APPROVED BY GENERAL CONSENT

Discussion: The amalgamation recommendation is just a model, and chapters themselves would have to make decisions about changes. The Connecticut Valley Chapter is a possible case study. Recommendations about committee chairs are giving chapters permission to address their own needs for leadership functions. The recommendations for international chapters would require a significant financial commitment.

New Motion A06-58 That the Board of Directors direct the CEO to investigate the costs of investing in technology that will allow collaboration globally, such as virtual meetings or web conferencing, and make recommendations to the Board by the January 2007 Leadership Summit.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion: Support for this motion because it will help all units, not just chapters, in our global arena.

New Motion A06-59 That the Board of Directors direct the incoming Chapter Cabinet Chair and Chair-Elect to partner with SLA staff in order to review constraints of Chapter infrastructure, to investigate alternatives, and report back to the Board by the January 2007 Leadership Summit.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

New Motion A06-60 That the Board of Directors direct the CEO to propose a strategic framework for developing membership growth internationally which considers the recommendations of the Chapter Modeling Task Force including the financial impact to the Association, making a

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<p>3.7 Executive Growth Task Force Recommendations (deferred to June 10)</p>	<p>recommendation to the Board by the June 2007 Annual Conference.</p> <p>APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>A06-44 That the Board of Directors receive the report of the Executive Growth Task Force as contained in A06-44, and express our sincere appreciation to the task force members for their efforts.</p> <p>APPROVED BY GENERAL CONSENT</p> <p>New Motion A06-66 That the Board of Directors direct the CEO to consider the Executive Growth Task Force recommendations and report back to the Board at the January 2007 Leadership Summit with a schedule for implementation.</p> <p>Amended by Acclimation: Remove “at the January 2007 Leadership Summit” so that the motion will read: “That the Board of Directors direct the CEO to consider the Executive Growth Task Force recommendations and report back to the Board with a schedule for implementation.”</p> <p>APPROVED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
<p>3.8 New Visions Task Force Recommendations (deferred to June 10)</p>	<p>A06-45 That the Board of Directors receive the report of the New Visions Task Force as contained in A06-45, and express our gratitude to the members of the task force for their fine work.</p> <p>APPROVED BY GENERAL CONSENT</p> <p>New Motion A06-67 That the Board of Directors refer the recommendations of the Task Force on New Visions as contained in A06-45 to the CEO for consideration, an action plan, and implementation.</p> <p>APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
<p>3.9 Professional Value Task Force Recommendations</p>	<p>A06-46 That the Board of Directors receive the report of the Task Force on Professional Value as contained in A06-46, and express our thanks to the members of the task force for their fine work and diligence.</p> <p>APPROVED BY GENERAL CONSENT</p> <p>New Motion A06-61 That the Board of Directors instruct the CEO to take the task force recommendations and report back to the Board no later than the October 2006 Board meeting with action plans and financial considerations, with any subsequent initiative to be launched at the January 2007</p>

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<p>3.10 Recognition Task Force Recommendations (deferred to June 10)</p>	<p>Leadership Summit.</p> <p>APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>A06-47 That the Board of Directors receive the report of the Recognition Task Force as contained in A06-47, and express our gratitude to the members of the task force for their hard work.</p> <p>APPROVED BY GENERAL CONSENT</p> <p>New Motion A06-68 That the Board of Directors adopt the revised Awards and Honors program as defined in A06-47.</p> <p>Amended by Acclimation: Replace "adopt" with "consider" so that the motion will read: That the Board of Directors consider the revised Awards and Honors program as defined in A06-47.</p> <p>APPROVED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
<p>3.11 Research Now Task Force Recommendations</p>	<p>A06-48 That the Board of Directors receive the report of the Research Now Task Force and express our gratitude to the members of the task force for their fine work.</p> <p>APPROVED BY GENERAL CONSENT</p> <p>New Motion A06-62 That the Board of Directors refer the Research Now Task Force recommendations to the SLA Research and Development Committee to develop action plans and financial considerations and report back to the Board at the January 2007 Leadership Summit.</p> <p>APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Discussion: Suggestion to do research on how corporations are finding value in information without involving information professionals in the investigatory stage in order to get really unbiased information.</p> <p>Motion to recess until 9 am on Saturday, June 10, 2006.</p> <p>APPROVED BY GENERAL CONSENT</p>
<p>3.12 Revised Conflict of Interest Policy</p>	<p>A06-49 That the Board of Directors approve the revised Conflict of Interest Policy for Directors, Officers, Committee and Task Force Chairs.</p> <p>Amended by Acclimation: Add "at the Association level" so</p>

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that the motion reads: "That the Board of Directors approve the revised Conflict of Interest Policy for Directors, Officers, Committee and Task Force Chairs at the Association level."

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion: Question on the repercussions of non-compliance—the responsibility for enforcement rests with the Board. The tracking of signatures will be done in the Chief Community Officer's office.

3.13 Number of Staff Positions at HQ

A06-50 The Finance Committee recommends that the CEO determine the number of staff positions required to fulfill the goals and objectives of SLA according to the budget approved by the Finance Committee and Board of Directors.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

3.14 FY05 Surplus

A06-52 The Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Directors transfer the FY05 surplus to FY06 operating. The additional surplus resulted in an approximately \$135,000 increase to the FY05 operating budget due to inaccurate recording of adjustments by the auditors in 2004.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion: Under Rationale, second paragraph—agree to change "policy" to "practice."

3.15 Financial Investments in SLA Annual Conference

A06-53 At this time, without the benefit of additional information, the Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Directors continue the current practice of offering complementary 1-day conference registrations for non-member presenters on the day they present.

APPROVED AYE—12 NAY—1

3.16 Annual Conference Planning

A06-54 That the Finance Committee, in consultation with the Chairs of the Denver and Seattle Conference Planning Committees and the Division Cabinet Chair and Chair-Elect, are directed to study the overarching issues of annual conference planning.

Amended by Acclimation: Add "to form a working group" between "directed" and "to" and add "and report back to the Board by the October 2006 meeting," and add ",including SLA staff," between "working group" and "to" so that the motion will read: "That the Finance Committee, in consultation with the Chairs of the Denver and Seattle Conference Planning Committees and the Division Cabinet Chair and Chair-Elect, are directed to form a working group, including SLA staff, to study

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	<p>the overarching issues of annual conference planning, and report back to the Board by the October 2006 meeting.”</p> <p>APPROVED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Discussion: The conference is the largest money-making event for the association and it is logical for the Finance Committee to do a review with other stakeholders. Suggestion that the review group not be made up of only those whom would support the status quo. It is intended that any changes coming out of this review, including changes to the vendor hall, could be implemented in Seattle. Goals for this review should be maximizing the user experience, maximizing the vendor experience, and helping the revenue enhancing role of the conference. It will be important to think broadly in doing this review and to have the best interests of the whole association in mind; and it will be important to communicate any proposed changes well (lessons learned from the Chicago meeting).</p>
<p>4. Program Updates and Reports</p>	
<p>4.1 SLA 2007 Denver Conference Program Committee Report</p>	<p>B06-24 RECEIVED</p> <p>Discussion: Denver is ready and looking forward to hosting the conference. There are flyers at the Denver booth. There will be a Wiki with local information and advice.</p> <p>Additional non-compete time will be scheduled during the lunch hour on Tuesday—part of the registration will be lunch for everyone in the exhibit hall. A co-chair is working with divisions who traditionally have Tuesday lunches to have them choose alternative times for their business meetings. Denver is looking up rather than looking out (horizon programming) to build on the “horizon” topic—and the planners will be challenged with the following questions: What are the current boundaries and how are they changing? What do we need to know as we get into new territory? What new tools/skills/techniques will help us pioneer innovative ways to solve old challenges? How will the session help colleagues reach beyond their comfort level? Will it challenge them to do something they haven’t done before, to take the next step? Is the topic exciting?</p>
<p>4.2 Committee on Cataloging Annual Report</p>	<p>B06-25 RECEIVED</p>
<p>4.3 Committee on Committees Annual Report</p>	<p>B06-26 RECEIVED</p>
<p>4.4 Diversity Leadership</p>	<p>B06-27 RECEIVED</p>

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Development Program Committee Annual Report 4.5 Finance Committee Annual Report	B06-28 RECEIVED
4.6 Revision of Nominating Committee Documents	B06-29 RECEIVED
4.7 Public Policy Committee Annual Report	B06-30 RECEIVED
4.8 Research Committee Annual Report	B06-31 RECEIVED
4.9 Scholarship Committee Annual Report	B06-32 RECEIVED
4.10 Student and Academic Relations Committee Annual Report	B06-33 RECEIVED
4.11 Technical Standards Committee Annual Report	B06-34 RECEIVED
4.12 Natural Disasters Task Force Final Report	B06-35 RECEIVED
4.13 SLA Caucuses Annual Report	B06-36 RECEIVED
5. Final Announcements and Adjournment	
5.1 Member Discussions	Commend the Board for their thoughtful considerations of the recommendations that came forward.
5.2 Other Business	Verbal report from the Division Cabinet Chair: Thanks to Linda Broussard. Two new divisions are very healthy. One division sunset. Seven new sections formed. Have had: three successful Leadership Summits with new expectations; three successful LDI's at annual conference; three division chairs changed in the middle of this year and one change in a chair-elect (all worked well independently). Petroleum Division 40 th anniversary reception happening in Baltimore. Verbal report from the Chapter Cabinet Chair: Document with Chapter Report Addenda available via the COP. Thanks to the Maryland Chapter and the Texas Chapter for hosting January and June meetings.

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<p>5.3 Adjournment</p>	<p>Anniversary chapters: 75—Wisconsin and Western/Upper Peninsula Michigan; 65—Indiana and St. Louis Metropolitan; 60—Louisiana/Southern Mississippi; 55—Rocky Mountain; 50—Oklahoma and Rio Grande; 40—North Carolina and Virginia.</p> <p>Regional conferences: Great Lakes Regional Conference and Northwest Regional Conference.</p> <p>Many chapters are offering awards to their members and to students to help them attend conference or attend programs at reduced rates. Many chapters are taking advantage of Click Live! to do programming. All bulletins are now 100% electronic (provide paper on request). Rocky Mountain Chapter has a blog to link with full-text articles for bulletin. Stats: 40 of 57 chapters who reported (@72%) are having trouble finding officers; 86% have liaisons with other information-related groups; 93% have some sort of MLS or related programs in their area. Of those who submitted annual reports, 20-40% of their members attend programming of the chapters. For chapters who fall below 20 members, provisional status is granted. Africa Sub-Sahara and Omaha are provisional now (Omaha wants to continue and will hold new elections this month.) There has been support for those interested in creating a China chapter and they are circulating a petition. Connecticut Valley and Boston chapters are continuing talks to determine possible changes in working together or "merging." The Asian chapter has grown 28% since last year.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm on Saturday, June 10, 2006.</p>