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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Centennial Commission and 2009 Conference Planning Committee

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RE: Centennial Commission and 2009 Conference Planning Committee Update

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At the Leadership Summit in Nevada in January, President Rebecca Vargha announced the formation of the Commission, and we began soliciting suggestions for celebrating the 100th anniversary of SLA in 2009. We announced the 100@sla.org email address for suggestions. We have received some suggestions and we will continue to solicit more throughout this year.

Our vision is to use the Centennial celebration to make SLA members—and potential new members--proud to belong to this Association and to be in our profession.

We have had four conference calls during which we have discussed our goals, procedures, and numerous suggestions for ways to celebrate the year-long anniversary. Our aim is to focus the celebration on our future, while at the same time commemorating our past. Another aim is to ensure that our units, especially chapters and divisions, actively participate in the celebration. We hope to involve every single SLA member in the celebration in one way or another. We have brainstormed ideas for a theme and discussed whether we need to distinguish between a theme for the year-long celebration and a theme for the Annual Conference itself. We have also begun discussing potential keynote speakers. We have established a discussion list, a wiki, and a blog.

Rebecca Vargha, Janice Lachance, and Stephen Abram have participated in one conference call each and given us their inspirational visions for celebrating the anniversary. We will also involve the two candidates for the position of President in 2009, Lynn Berard and Gloria Zamora.

The Commission is larger than the usual conference planning committee in recognition of the length and breadth of the celebration. We have excellent representation from the Association staff and from vendor partners. We are soliciting input and involvement from a variety of interest groups to make the planning as inclusive and transparent as possible. We look forward to hearing suggestions from the Board, as well!

We are excited and raring to move ahead!

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Respectfully submitted:

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