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**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Jeffrey Dreiblatt, Chair  
**DATE:** 12 April 2007  
**RE:** Diversity Leadership Development Program Committee Annual Report 2006-2007

**Membership:**

Jeffrey Dreiblatt, Chair (2005-2008)  
Linda Absher (2004-2007)  
Rebecca Pernell (2006-2009)  
Dr. Stephanie D. Tolson (2006-2009)  
Roberto Sarmiento (Board Liaison)  
Jill Calabria (SLA Staff Liaison)

**Meetings:**

We have been a very active committee, meeting electronically (email and via telephone) frequently throughout the year. We will have an in-person Committee Meeting at the SLA Conference in Denver.

Two sessions/events are planned for SLA 2007:

- On Monday afternoon, we are meeting with Liaisons of Chapters and Divisions to network and share common concerns and strategies. This business meeting will follow with a light reception.
- On Tuesday morning, we are co-sponsoring a Diversity Breakfast with the Science and Technology Division.

**Projects/Accomplishments:**

To broaden our base for potential award winners, the award criterion was revised to require only one year of SLA membership.

In an effort to optimize and streamline, it was decided that from this point on, all fundraising and sponsorship will be coordinated through SLA headquarters directly and not through individual contacts.

The committee has made an objective to increase association awareness of the award and our mentoring program. We are working in different ways to achieve this including association communications and emails.

**Selection of the Award Winners:**

Ten nominations were received for the award this year. Five were chosen to be awardees and have accepted. Their names have been submitted to the SLA board. They are being paired with SLA mentors.