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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Stephanie Tolson, Chair

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RE: Diversity Leadership Development Program Committee Annual Report 2007-2008

Membership:

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Linda Broussard (SLA Staff Committee Member)

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 Seattle.

Two sessions/events are planned for SLA 2008:

- On Monday afternoon, we are meeting with Liaisons of Chapters and Divisions and members of the inclusion caucus to network and share common concerns and strategies.
- On Tuesday morning, the Science and technology Division is sponsoring the Diversity Breakfast.

Projects/Accomplishments:

The committee raised association awareness of the award and the mentoring program. We assessed award nominees, made award selections, and paired awardees with mentors, in addition to enlisting the support of Clara M. Chu from UCLA as the Breakfast speaker.

Selection of the Award Winners:

Ten nominations were received for the award this year. Five were chosen to be awardees and have accepted. The SLA mentors are:

Elizabeth Bibby (Bing Wang)

Elizabeth Bumgarner (Jasmine Griffiths)

Jane Dysart (Daniel P. Lee)

Lyle Mentor (Prakriti R. Goswami)

Susan Beachy (Winter S. Shanck)