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**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Stephen Abram, Immediate Past President and Caucus Board Liaison  
**RE:** Reauthorization of Association Caucuses  
**DATE:** 23 December 2009

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board of Directors approves the reauthorization of the following caucuses effective January 2009, through the Leadership Summit 2012.

Archival and Preservation Caucus	Professional Librarians in Nontraditional Careers Caucus (pending securing a convener by March 1, 2009)
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Issues Caucus	Retired Members Caucus

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**  
In keeping with SLA's guidelines, members of the caucuses listed above are requesting that they be reauthorized for a period of three years.

**IMPACT ON MEMBERS:** Caucuses provide an organized community of members without the structure of a division. They relate to areas of interest that do not fall within the scope of any one Division and do not conflict with any other established subunit of the Association.

**IMPACT ON ASSOCIATION STAFF:** None.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Based on current membership figures there is a combined membership of 271. These caucuses generate a combined income of \$3,252. The combined annual budget allotment for these caucuses is \$2,341. There are significant indirect costs to support the caucus members: hosting and support of discussion lists, hosting and support of web sites, providing the platform for annual conference programming and marketing, leadership training, officer insurance, membership marketing, dues invoicing and collection, etc.

**PROBLEM/S TO SOLVE:** Securing convener for one of the caucuses.

**PROPOSED SOLUTIONS/BENEFITS:** Caucuses provide a community for SLA members which are not covered by divisions. Board liaison Stephen Abram will poll the caucus members for the Professional Librarians in Nontraditional Careers Caucus to secure a convener. Due to the timing (holiday season) it may take a few weeks to communicate with the members to secure a new convener.

**ANY NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES TO SOLUTIONS:** If a convener is not secured and coached, a significant community will be lost.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- Archival and Preservation Caucus  
Membership: 110  
Convener: Ann Shea

The Archival and Preservation Caucus has been in existence for four years.

The convener of the Caucus, Ann Shea, recommends that the caucus be reauthorized for the next three years. The caucus has a web page, an active discussion list, has an annual business meeting and co-sponsors other sessions at the annual conference.

Ann will continue as the convener.

The discussion list is open to caucus members.

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- Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Issues Caucus  
Membership: 85  
Conveners: Chris Vestal and Eric Schwarz

The caucus conveners recommend that the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Issues Caucus be reauthorized for another three years.

The caucus recently conducted a membership needs survey. Members indicated that networking with other GLBT librarians was their reason for joining the caucus. In the survey they mentioned the annual business meeting with guest speaker and no host dinner which are the two primary events they look forward to. At the 2009 conference the caucus will also be cohosting a tour of the Spy Museum with two divisions and the Futurists Caucus to facilitate inter-unit networking.

The caucus has a Web site and a discussion list.

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- Professional Librarians in Nontraditional Careers Caucus  
Membership: 76  
Convener: TBD

There is substantial interest in this caucus as indicated by the number of members who continue to be a member of the caucus. There is a discussion list which is not active.

A general request was sent to all members in 2008 but no one answered the call. Another attempt will be made and if secured by the end of February, it will be viable.

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- Retired Members Caucus  
Membership: 92  
Convener: Charlotte Kohrs

The convener recommends that the caucus be reauthorized for another three years.

1. I recommend the caucus be reauthorized for another three years. As baby boomers retire, the caucus has the potential for growth. Non-caucus members attend the discussion sessions at the annual conference and as they retire some of them will join the caucus. The caucus is made up of a diverse membership. There are active SLA members who are semi retired, members who are retired and active in community affairs, and members who are in assisted living facilities.

2. The members indicate that they read the newsletters for information on activities of other members and particularly read the annual membership list. Many of the senior members do not spend time on the web. KRET has cosponsored a session on the psychological aspects of retirement and cosponsored other sessions and tours.

3. I will be continuing as convener until (hopefully) a successor is found.

4. KRET has a discussion list ready to activate but I have not located a list manager. When it is activated, it will start with members only until we determine the amount of participation.

Charlotte Kohrs, KRET Convener