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TO: SLA Board of Directors

FROM: John Gallwey,
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RE: 2008 Committee on Cataloging Annual Report

The 2008 Committee consists of:

Kate Arnold (Board Liaison),
Paul Burley, Northwestern University
John Gallwey (Chair), UC Berkeley
John Latham (Staff Committee Member)
Dorothy McGarry (SLA Representative to CC:DA)
Martha McPhail, San Diego State University
Qin Tang, Minnesota Dept. of Transportation
Karen Wood, Donaldson Company
Mary Whittaker, Boeing Company
Catherine Wolford, DALNET, Michigan

Three new members came on board this year, Martha McPhail, Mary Whittaker, and Catherine Wolford. They will serve to the end of 2009. Paul Burley, Qin Tang and Karen Wood are due to rotate off the Committee after two years' service at the end of 2008.

Dorothy McGarry continues with CC:DA and other committees closely involved with the devising of new cataloging standards and giving input regarding AACR2's successor, RDA.

John Latham continues as Staff Committee Member.

Committee members continued to be actively involved on SLA's Committee on Cataloging discussion list to which there are currently 65 subscribers."

In December 2007 the Committee submitted a formal response to the report of the Library of Congress Working Party on the Future of Bibliographic Control.

The Committee held its Annual Business Meeting on June 17 in the Seattle Conference Center during the 2008 SLA annual conference. All committee members were in attendance, along with eight guests (Michael Kim, Buzz Haughton, Julianne Beall, Leoma Dunn, Karen Krupka, Robert Fowler, Jan Herd, David C. McQuillan). Julianne Beall presented an update on developments in the Dewey Decimal Classification and ALA ALCTS Cataloging and Classification Section Subject Analysis Committee (SAC). Dorothy McGarry presented an update on developments in CC:DA and RDA. John Gallwey reported on a Law Division-sponsored introductory course, "Cataloging for Non-Catalogers", that he presented with Buzz Haughton on June 14 in Seattle Public Library HQ. The "Reference Resources for Special Libraries" pages on the Committee web site was discussed, and it was agreed that it should be revised and updated. Buzz Haughton and Karen Ward volunteered to

review the pages and it was agreed that when Haughton and Wood report was ready, a virtual meeting via Webex or similar system should be arranged to discuss the report as well as other issues raised at this meeting, such as mentoring, articles for Information Outlook, carrying out another survey of SLA members and a possible general round-table discussion at the 2009 annual conference.

Leoma Dunn on behalf of the Information Technology division accepted a formal invitation to co-host a panel on RDA at the 2009 SLA conference. The panel will be chaired by Paul Burley and will feature speakers Barbara Tillett from the Library of Congress and Barbara Bushman from the National Library of Medicine. The RDA panel will be held on June 16, 2009.