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TO: SLA Board of Directors
FROM: Eileen Abels, Chair
DATE: 17 December 2008
RE: 2008 Research and Development Committee Annual Report

In January 2008, the Research and Development Committee notified David Shumaker and Mary Talley that their research proposal for \$25,000 entitled *Models of Embedded Librarianship: A Research Proposal* was approved by the SLA Board of Directors at their December meeting. The Committee also notified Michael Fanning that his Association Project proposal for \$10,000 entitled "*Impulse for Growth!*" *Laying foundations for SLA membership acquisition and growth in Germany for 2008*" was approved also approved by the Board.

The Research & Development Committee held its Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday June 17, 2008 from 7:00 – 8:30 a.m. In attendance were Eileen Abels, John Latham and Michael Gruenberg. The Committee discussed the 2008 Research Grant. As a combined committee, the committee had \$35,000 for a research and an operations grant. The committee reviewed and revised the guidelines and the evaluation process. We set a timetable and briefly discussed promotion and advertising. The evaluation form for proposals was modified.

For the 2008-2009, the Committee received 4 Research proposals and no Associations Project proposals. The proposals were reviewed using the revised evaluation form. After the scores were tabulated and some e-mail discussion, questions for clarification were sent to the researchers for the top two proposals. In December 2008, the Research and Development Committee recommended awarding the grant to Emily Glenn and Betsy Roland for their proposal entitled "Experimenting Outside the Information Center: Non-Traditional Roles for Information Professionals in Biomedical Research." The Committee awaits approval from the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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