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TO: SLA Board of Directors
FROM: Dave Martin, Chair (2008)
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RE: 2008 Annual Report for SLA Technical Standards Committee

The following individuals served on the Technical Standards Committee for 2008: Dave Martin (chair), John Jewell, Sara Davis, Dr. Robert Ballard, Jin Xiu Guo, Michael Kim, Stacy Naus. The Committee co-sponsored a program at the SLA 08 annual meeting in Seattle on June 16. The program was centered around SUSHI (Standardized Usage Statistics Harvesting Initiative). Marjorie Hlava gave a presentation titled "What's happening with standards?"; Oliver Pesch gave a presentation titled "SUSHI and COUNTER: an update on usage standards"; Tim Jewell and Hana LeVay gave a presentation titled "Implementation of SUSHI at the University of Washington". Most of the work for this program was organized by Karen Buxton, chair during 2007. There were around 80 attendees at the session.

Work was begun in planning for a program at SLA 09 in Washington DC. Todd Carpenter from NISO will be a speaker and will give an overview of some new developments at NISO. Marjorie Hlava will again present an update overview on standards.

Most of the committee work is done by email. The chair receives notifications of standards under consideration for ballots from NISO (National Information Standards Organization). The chair then sends out a pdf attachment of the proposed standard for committee members to consider. Committee members send back comments to the chair. The chair then is able to cast a ballot on the NISO web site. The committee considered over 35 different standards proposals during 2008. Michael Kim will be the chair for 2009.

Submitted by Dave Martin, Chair (for 2008)
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