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**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Research and Development Committee  
**DATE:** 25 May 2009  
**RE:** SLA Research and Development Committee Mid-Annual Report for 2009

The Research and Development Committee has accomplished the following during the last 6 months:

Received third interim report from 2007 awardees (Embedded Librarianship project) and first interim report from 2008 awardees (Experimenting Outside the Information Center).

Posted 2009 Research Grant application timetable and guidelines to SLA Web site and promoted to SLA lists, student groups and faculty advisers and Library school deans.

Posted an executive summary of the final report submitted by Michael Fanning (2007 Association Operation grant) to the SLA Web site.

Sent rejection letters with an explanation of rationale for the rejection to the applicants for the research award. We will incorporate comments to applicants into the review process so that we provide this feedback in a more timely fashion.

Planned annual meeting events including a committee meeting and a research presentation with panel.

Respectfully submitted,

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