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**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Gloria Zamora, Immediate Past President and Caucus Board Liaison  
**RE:** Reauthorization of Association Caucuses  
**DATE:** 8 January 2010

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board of Directors approves the reauthorization of the following caucuses effective January 2010, through the Leadership Summit 2013.

Architecture, Building Engineering, Construction and Design Caucus  
Association Information Services Caucus  
Baseball Caucus  
Information Futurists Caucus  
International Information Exchange Caucus  
Natural History 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 314. These caucuses generate a combined income of \$3,768. The combined annual budget allotment for these caucuses is \$2,261. There are significant indirect costs to support the caucus members: hosting and support of discussion lists, hosting and support of web sites, hosting and supporting wiki spaces, providing the platform for annual conference programming and marketing, leadership training, officer insurance, membership marketing, dues invoicing and collection, etc.

**PROBLEM/S TO SOLVE:** None.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- Architecture, Building Engineering, Construction and Design Caucus  
Membership: 40  
Convener: Karen Stauber

The Architecture, Building Engineering, Construction and Design Caucus has been in existence for five years.

The 2009 convener of the Caucus, Karen Stauber, recommends that the caucus be reauthorized for the next three years. The discussion list is a vital communication tool that is used by the members as well as the convener.

The caucus co-sponsored an annual conference session with Environment & Resource Management Division and the Engineering Division: "Building Your Green Library". They are working on co-sponsoring a session for the 2010 conference on rebuilding New Orleans.

Bonnie Wildorf, Bert Saul and Joan Cunningham are the 2010 conveners.

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- Association Information Services Caucus  
Membership: 51  
Conveners: Merrilynn Drews

- The Association Information Services Caucus has been in existence for fourteen years.

The caucus convener recommends that the Association Information Services Caucus be reauthorized for another three years.

The caucus hosted two no-host dinners to allow for the exchange of ideas.

The convener retired at the end of 2009 and is actively seeking a replacement. She has agreed to serve until a replacement can be found. If no replacement is found, the caucus is subject to dissolution.

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- Baseball Caucus  
Membership: 72  
Convener: Tony Landolt

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

The value is networking. There are weekly discussions and a daily quiz.

The caucus provides a social atmosphere for all members at the end of a busy conference which includes a ball game. The caucus organizes speakers at conference who are involved in Baseball in one form or another to discuss its history.

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- Information Futurists Caucus  
Membership: 114  
Convener: James King

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

The caucus maintains an active discussion list with over 300 subscribers and 125 posts made since January 1 providing links and information to hundreds of futurists-related developments, interesting

new technologies, and shifts in our industry that could have a dramatic impact on our future. These posts have been forwarded to other discussion lists and have been aggregated as a regular summary to the popular GovernmentInfoPro blog.

For the 2009 conference, the caucus planned a tour of the International Spy Museum. This event was the hottest ticket of the conference, selling over 360 tickets at \$5 each (a \$13 discount off the street price, which included a 20% discount to the museum store) with 241 tickets redeemed on the night of the event. We secured \$5,000 sponsorship from Thomson Reuters and partnered with the DCI, MLD, and GLBTGC to cover the remaining \$2,700 required to rent the museum for the evening. Ticket sales (\$1,800) helped to reduce the units pledged sponsorships (\$1,000 per division and \$350 per caucus) by two-thirds to \$331 per division and \$116 per caucus.

The caucus also held its first meeting at the 2009 conference with a special speaker talking about the future of scholarly communications. It was modestly attended (12-15 attendees) but well received by the participants.

The caucus decided to donate our remaining funds (over \$600) to the SLA Campaign for Tomorrow, in line with helping the association to walk into the future.

I am planning to continue being the convener in 2010. I'm continuing to encourage other members to contribute to the list and already have an assistant to manage and build the del.icio.us links that drive big portions of our web site. I will also be having a discussion with key members to determine the best course of action regarding the big difference between our list membership and our caucus membership.

- James  
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Caucus Convener  
SLA Information Futurists Caucus  
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- Natural History Caucus  
Membership: 37  
Convener: Dean Walton

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

The caucus maintains an active discussion list and has a Web site. The convener is exploring whether members would like to have a wiki space. The caucus meets at annual conference.

Dean Walton is the convener and will serve until a new convener can be found.