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TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Research and Development Committee
DATE: 14 December 2009
RE: Research and Development Committee Annual Report

The Research and Development Committee has accomplished the following during 2009:

- The 2009 Research Grant application timetable and guidelines were posted to SLA Web site and promoted to SLA lists, student groups and faculty advisers and Library school deans.
- An executive summary of the final report submitted by Michael Fanning (2007 Association Operation grant) was posted to the SLA Web site.
- The staff liaison sent rejection letters with an explanation of rationale for the rejection based on committee feedback to the applicants for the research award.
- A change was made to the grant review form that incorporates comments to applicants so that feedback can be provided in a more timely fashion.
- We planned annual meeting events including a committee meeting and a research presentation with panel.
- Received the final report from David Shumaker and Mary Talley for their research project for \$25,000 entitled *Models of Embedded Librarianship: A Research Proposal*. Shumaker and Talley made a presentation at the SLA Annual Conference in June that was well received.
- At the Committee Meeting at the Annual Conference we bid farewell for John Latham with many thanks! John Lowery replaced John Latham as the staff liaison. In October, Doug Newcomb became the staff committee member.
- The Committee received the third interim report from 2008 awardees (Experimenting Outside the Information Center). The researchers requested and received a no cost extension. They will submit their final report by 31 May 2010 and they will submit an article to *Information Outlook* by 31 July 2010. The presentation will be made as planned at the SLA 2010 Annual Meeting.
- For the 2009 call for proposals, the Committee received 11 proposals in total, seven for the research award and four for the association operation award. The committee sent a recommendation to the Board to fund one of the research proposals (14 December 2009). The Committee Awaits approval from the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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