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TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Chair, 2010 Conference Advisory Council
DATE: 4 December 2009
RE: Update on Activities-2010 Annual Conference

SLA's Next Century: Let the Good Times Roll! / Le prochain siècle de SLA : Laissez les bons temps rouler!

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The 2010 Conference Advisory Council and the associated divisional planners continue to work steadily on the New Orleans Annual Conference. The online planner recently opened and divisional planners are entering the information for their programs, approved by the Conference Advisory Council.

We continue to meet regularly through conference calls and through discussion via our listserv, and will continue to do so until conference. Additional information from these discussions has been shared with the divisional planners and updated information concerning service projects has been disseminated. Liaisons from the Council continue to work with their respective units to answer questions and mitigate concerns.

In recognition of the special circumstances in New Orleans, SLA will provide community service opportunities for attendees. Details are as follows:

1. Event: Second Harvest
Time: Half Day Option – Thursday, June 17, 2010 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Depart from: New Orleans Morial Convention Center
Participants: 20-25 Volunteers
Cost for Participant = \$45 (to provide transportation and staff)

Currently, Second Harvest of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana is leading the fight against hunger in south Louisiana by working with other nonprofits and government agencies to meet the extraordinary needs of a region in recovery. Volunteers share in the fight by inspecting, sorting, shelving and distributing donated food to hungry individuals across south Louisiana becoming a partner in the fight against hunger.

2. Event: Habitat for Humanity
Time: Full Day Option – Saturday, June 12, 2010 7:45 am-3:00 pm
Depart from: New Orleans Morial Convention Center
Project Location: Exact Location TBD
Participants: 40 Volunteers (can be more, but this is what SLA is guaranteeing for at least one bus)

Cost: \$ 105/pp (this includes a \$50 volunteer fee that Habitat for Humanity collects, transportation, lunch, staffing) Fee can be tax deductible.

Habitat for Humanity's mission is to build houses in partnership with sponsors, volunteers, communities, and homeowner families, whereby families are empowered to transform their own lives. Recovery in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and the floods that devastated the New Orleans community has been lead by volunteer organizations all over the Greater New Orleans area. New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity offers opportunities for you to help with all aspects of home-building.

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We are adding a virtual component to the 2010 conference for those who can't attend in person. Possible sessions to be included in this component include the broadcast of our keynotes, the spotlight sessions (which we are still discussing), perhaps a few others.

I would like to recognize and thank all the members of the 2010 Conference Advisory Council. They have all performed ably and deserve much thanks and gratitude from the association:

Pam Casey, Information Now, Toronto, Canada

Stacey Greenwell, University of Kentucky

Nancy Minter, Urban Institute, Washington, DC

David Martin, University of Iowa

Kristin Foldvik, Director, Events, SLA

Akisha Edogun, Event Coordinator, SLA

DeVonne Parks, Director, Exhibits, SLA

Kathy Granger, Vendor Representative, West

Ann Sweeney, SLA Division Chair-Elect, European Union

Anne Caputo, SLA President-Elect, Dow Jones

I would especially like to recognize Kristin Foldvik for going above and beyond the call of duty on a regular basis. She is a treasure and SLA is lucky to have her!!!

If the Board desires any further information at this time, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Manasco, Chair, 2010 Conference Advisory Council

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