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TO: SLA Board of Directors
FROM: Ann Sweeney, Division Cabinet Chair
SUBJECT: Division Cabinet Report
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SLA Division life has been challenging this year, with the ongoing economic crisis, the Division Assessment project (the status of which is described in a separate report from Past Division Cabinet Chair Tom Rink), and the formation of a new division.

Of the 24 divisions that have submitted annual reports, 11 cite problems recruiting officers. Several divisions are experiencing membership shrinkage. On the positive side, we did indeed create the Taxonomy Division. At last count, the new division (officially established on 1 September 2009) had 94 members. The one-year-old Academic Division's membership stands at 392. Very preliminary discussions have begun concerning the possible development of a Strategic Knowledge Professionals Division.

Here are other division highlights:

The Academic Division is in the process of launching an online, open-access, peer-reviewed journal; The Chemistry Division has initiated the Wiggins-Roth Award for Outstanding Service—to be bestowed upon division members who have contributed to SLA, the Chemistry Division, and the profession;
CI started *The Intel Blog*;
Engineering co-sponsored a DC/SLA Chapter program at which NASA representatives spoke;
KM features online book discussions, a LinkedIn group, a Facebook Group, web-based tutorials, and a Best Practices site;
Petroleum & Energy Resources conducts webinars;
Pharmaceutical & Health Technology hopes to present virtual programs;
Sci-Tech sponsored their first online class on Toxline, given by US National Library of Medicine staff; they also are attempting to have electronic contributed papers for the Annual Conference;
Transportation completed the 2nd edition of the *Transportation Librarian's Toolkit* and has updated its membership directory as an online database;
A number of divisions are increasing their respective virtual presence.

2009 division milestones included the following anniversaries:

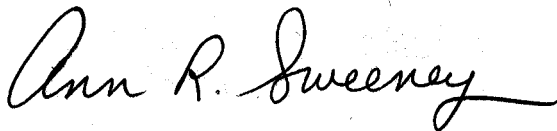
Competitive Intelligence – 5th;
Education – 35th;
Environment & Resource Management – 20th;
News – 85th;
Sci-Tech – 85th.

Upcoming 2010 anniversaries are:

Academic – 1st (January 1);
Biomedical & Life Sciences – 75th ;
Taxonomy – 1st (September 1).

Thanks so much to all Board members assisting with the Leadership Summit. In particular, I wish to single out Anne Caputo; my partner Ruth Wolfish; Liz Blankson-Hemens; Mary Ellen Bates—my other partner; Susan Fifer Canby, and the amazing Tom Rink—whose unflagging help and support have been nothing short of wonderful. Of course, SLA staff members have been invaluable—as always: the awesome Linda Broussard and Kim Richter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann R. Sweeney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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