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Sci-Tech Candidates for Chair-Elect and Secretary

Ann Koopman, Chair, Sci-Tech Division Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is delighted to present two candidates for each of the Sci-Tech Division's two open positions in 2010: Chair-Elect, and Secretary. No additional nominations were received from the floor at the Division's annual business meeting or by petition.

The election will be conducted electronically, with balloting to take place in September 2009. The URL and instructions will be sent to Division members via email at the end of the summer. Candidates are listed below in alphabetical order under each position.

Get to Know Your Candidates for Chair-Elect

The Chair-Elect will serve a 3-year term as Chair-Elect/Chair/Past-Chair from January 2010 through December 2012. The first year, the Chair-Elect, oversees programming planning for the 2011 annual conference. The second year, the Chair leads the Board and makes committee appointments. The third year, the Past-Chair is responsible for governing documents.

Joseph Kraus

Background & Experience:
Joseph Kraus has a BA in physics from Beloit College and earned his professional degree at U. Maryland. He is a science & engineering librarian at the University of Denver. He has been acitve in SLA for the last 15 years, serving on committees in both the Sci-Tech Division and the Physics-Astronomy Mathematics (PAM) Division. In Sci-Tech, he as served as:

- Webmaster (1996-2000)
- Moderator, Contributed Papers session (2002)
- Contributed Papers Commitee (2003-2006)
- Secretary (June 2003-June 2005
- Conference program speaker - "Winner's Circle of Best Science Websites" (2004)

For PAM, Joe has:

- Moderated the PAM-wide roundtable and vendor roundtable
- Served as a member of and chaired the Awards committee
- Co-taught a CE class concerning science resources (2002 and 2003)
- Presented a poster in 2006 concerning science and engineering library branch renovations
- Served as Chair-Elect/Chair/Past-Chair (from June 2006 through December 2008), and was delighted to welcome SLA's conference to 'his town' in 2007.

Issues for the Future of Sci-Tech
There are several big issues I think the Division should address. We need to: 1) Attract and retain DST members. We also need to get more members involved in the Division. 2) Encourage greater use of the discussion list and other communication and social networking technologies. Since the division has such a wide variety of academic, corporate and other special librarians, we should encourage the sharing of innovative ideas and solutions to common problems. 3) Make sure that the June conference is intellectually and socially stimulating. 4) Address the serials crisis and open access issues.

In short, I think libraries and librarians should strive for even more sharing of ideas and knowledge. In my work, I try to share as much information and knowledge as I can with others. If you want to learn more about me, take a look at some of my social networking accounts.

http://friendfeed.com/jokrausdu
http://www.nuthingbut.net (miscellaneous thoughts on librarianship and other stuff)
http://sci-eng-penrose.blogspot.com
http://delicious.com/jokrausdu
http://twitter.com/jokrausdu
http://www.facebook.com/jokrausdu

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Carol Lucke

Background & Experience:
Carol Lucke has a BA and MS in Biology (Biochemistry thesis) from Long Island University and an MSLS from Catholic University. She has worked in pharmaceuticals, as a library technician at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, and as an adjunct lecturer for one of the State University of NY campuses, teaching biology. Since earning her MSLS, she has worked in several public libraries and special libraries, including the EPA, the American Chemical Society, US News & World Report. She is currently the main reference librarian at the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) Research Library in Washington, DC.

Carol has been a member of SLA since 1994 and has served Sci-Tech in several capacities, including:

- Program Planning Committee (2008 and 2009 conferences). She was delighted to welcome SLA's conference attendees to 'her town' for our centennial celebration in 2009.
- Advertising Manager for Sci Tech News (2008-2009)
- Vendor Relations Committee member (2008 conference) and chair (2009 conference), raising over $15,000 in sponsorship for the 2009 conference.

Issues for the Future of Sci-Tech

Like most of us in the Division I am concerned about increasing our Division's membership. I believe there will be more librarians who must branch out to cover more than one particular subject area as budgets tighten and staff reductions increase. I see our Division in the right position to assist those who are dealing with unfamiliar subject material. I think an eformat for SciTech News can go a long way toward increasing our visibility.

I would also like to work on additional continuing education courses geared toward that same audience, to be held electronically throughout the year (as is planned for this year) and at the annual conference. Along the same vein, we need to continue to have programs that reach out and touch areas of relevancy. At the last conference our program on citation analysis, held at 7 a.m. and serving no food, still filled a room to overflowing. We need programs that let SLA members know how much our Division has to offer. I am also excited about the ideas suggested by the free student membership contest winners (http://units.sla.org/division/dst/studentmembershipcontest.html) and look forward to their implementation.

I have enjoyed working with and learning so much from Division members who have taken the time to mentor me and hope to be able to do the same for Division members throughout the three year term beginning as chair-elect.

Get to Know Your Candidates for Secretary

The Division Secretary serves a 2-year term, January 2010 to December 2011.

Kelly Blessinger

Kelly Blessinger is currently the Reference Assistant Coordinator for the Middleton Library at Louisiana State University. In this capacity, she serves as the subject liaison and collection development coordinator for Geology, Geography

& Anthropology and the Reference collection. Kelly received her undergraduate degree in Earth Science from Eastern Michigan University, and her MLIS from the University of South Carolina.

Kelly has been active in SLA since 2000, and has served in a variety of leadership positions on the regional and national levels. Kelly served as the President of the Louisiana/Southern Mississippi Chapter from 2004-2005 and in numerous roles in the Geography and Map Section. Her most recent positions within the organization include functioning as the Membership Chair for the Louisiana/Southern Mississippi Chapter and serving on the Science and Technology 2008 SLA Program Planning Committee.

Lisa Johnston

Lisa Johnston is the Physics, Astronomy, and Geology Librarian at the Science & Engineering Library of the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities. In addition to being the liaison to 3 science departments, she works on issues involving citation analysis, information-seeking behavior, e-science, and web development of user-centered tools to access information. All of these can be combined -- Lisa co-authored a forthcoming article in the *Journal of Map and Geography Libraries* on a online tool that she developed: "MapHappy: A user-centered interface to library map collections via a Google Maps mashup."

Lisa completed her BS in Astrophysics (2003) and her MLS (2007), both at Indiana University, Bloomington. As a member of the Sci-Tech Division since 2007, she has received the S. Kirk Cabeen Student Stipend Award, served as a research assistant to the Division Archivist, served on the Contributed Papers and the Awards Committees, worked as a regular columnist for Sci-Tech News, and served as interim web master for the Division. She enjoyed presenting a poster at our 2008 All-Sciences poster session, "Jeopardy & Spiderman: Fun Events in the Science library."

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