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Engineering Division

Laurie C. Allen, Chair



The objectives of the Engineering Division are to provide an association for those having an interest in library and information science as they apply to engineering and the physical sciences and to promote the use of materials and knowledge for the benefit of libraries and other educational organizations.

Hi Everybody!

The Board members have been working on two items. The first is the annual conference sessions and the second is updating our Recommended Practices.

The draft version of the Recommended Practices is up on the website. We plan to have all the edits finished by the first of May. This document describes how we as a division operate. It is a fluid document in that we make revisions as they are needed. However, it has been a couple of years since a major revision was undertaken. Duareen Nesdill, Sara Davis, and Mary Frances Panettiere have done the majority of the work slogging through the document countless times to catch all the little idiosyncratic things that creep into documents like this.

The annual conference sessions are in good shape – although we have had a few hiccups here and there. I guess that is what planning a conference is all about. Sara Davis' committee has been fantastic in their fundraising efforts. I must thank all our sponsors for helping put on these sessions. Without them, we could not have the breadth of sessions we are able to offer. Below is a list of the sessions DENG and AERO are sponsoring:

Info Literacy in the Workplace Parts 1 & 2 (Monday afternoon); Social Technologies for Collaboration (Tuesday afternoon); The Impact of Storms on Coastal Cities (Wednesday morning); Science and Engineering Resources 101 (focusing this year on National Security Resources and GIS/Remote Sensing, Monday morning); Standards Update (Monday afternoon); Contributed Papers: Future of Science Librarianship (Monday afternoon); All Sciences Poster Session and Reception (Tuesday evening); and Resources for Polymer Information (Wednesday morning). Our

speakers are professors, librarians, authors, and vendors. This should be an exciting conference.

In my last column, I mentioned that DENG was going to offer you a chance to participate in SLA's efforts to help New Orleans. Instead of working with our hands, I'm asking you to work with your wallets. Here's the deal. Buy a small bag or box of candy that is well known in your city or area. Bring it to the DENG luncheon on Tuesday (11:30 am - 1:30 pm). We'll put all contributions in baskets and raffle them off. We'll be selling 6 tickets for only \$5.00 at the door. If everyone participates, we should be able to raise \$300 and every dollar we raise will be given to Manna, the local food bank.

We have an open position on the Advisory Board for a Continuing Education Chair. This person helps to plan the course we normally sponsor at the annual conference and provides notices of upcoming relevant educational opportunities to the members via the discussion list. Please contact me if you are interested in this position.

Andrea Davis, an MLIS student at Simmons College in Boston, MA, has won the Inspec Travel Stipend. Susan Braun of the Aerospace Corporation in Los Angeles has won the Elsevier Engineering Librarian of the Year Award. Further information about both winners is elsewhere in this issue. Please join me in congratulating Andrea and Susan.

I look forward to seeing many of you in New Orleans in a couple months. I've never been to New Orleans and am truly excited to be visiting this great city! ❖

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**SLA Engineering Division Announces
Elsevier Engineering Librarian of the Year
Award Winner:
Susan Braun**

The Engineering Division of SLA is pleased to announce that Susan Braun of the Aerospace Corporation, LA has been selected Engineering Librarian of the Year.

Quoted from her nomination statement: "Susan, who has enjoyed a distinguished career as a technical librarian first at Hughes Aircraft and now at Aerospace Corporation, has been a pioneer and trendsetter in many ways. She was one of the first technical librarians to implement online services and has been a champion of innovative services throughout her career."

Susan will be honored at the Engineering Division Business Meeting and Luncheon on Tuesday, June 15th, 2010 during the SLA Annual Conference in New Orleans.

The \$1500 Engineering Librarian of the Year Award is sponsored by Elsevier and the SLA Engineering Division to highlight the accomplishments and contributions of members to the engineering librarian profession.

**SLA Engineering Division Announces
Inspec Travel Stipend Award Winner:
Andrea Davis**

The Engineering Division of SLA is pleased to announce that Andrea Davis has been selected winner of the 2010 Inspec Travel Stipend Award. Ms. Davis is a MLIS student at the School of Library & Information Science at the Simmons College, Boston MA.

The topic of the 2010 winning essay is "Describe and propose the use of a web 2.0 technology to connect users with information in an engineering library."

Ms. Davis will be honored at the Engineering Division Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon on June 15th, 2010 during the SLA Annual Conference in New Orleans.

The \$1200 Inspec Travel Award assists library school students toward payment of expenses incurred while attending the Special Libraries Association Annual Conference.