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## Engineering Division

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## News from the Engineering Division

### Engineering Division

### Pam Enrici, 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.



Time flashed by so quickly when I was first elected as Chair-Elect of the Engineering Division that it is hard to catch my breath. It is a very scary thing to become Chair but then I remembered all the good people who are there with me – it's not just me alone! The Past-Past Chair and Past Chair, Laurie Allen and Katherine Breininger, are great role models and I can only hope to do as well as they did. Daureen Nesdill volunteered to become our secretary to fill a one-year vacancy. Mary Whittaker ran for a second term as Treasurer. Penny Sympson is now Chair-Elect of the Division. Betty Edwards will be our 2013 Conference Planner. Thank you all!

I'd like to talk a little about volunteering. Everyone is at a different stage of life and career and work for different employers, so the amount of time you can give will vary. Don't worry if you can't give a lot of time--a small amount of time can make a big difference. For instance, when the call goes out to nominate someone for an award, take the time to think of someone and then nominate them, or let someone know about this individual. This can take so little time but it can mean a big difference to someone. When you are asked to help at our annual conference, please take a bit of time to do so. These are small things that, when you add them up, will make a difference. And, of course, if you have the time, we will be electing a Secretary and a new Chair-Elect near the end of this year. Don't be shy--you will get all sorts of great help. There are also other positions of importance. Check out our website for members of the Advisory Board. Each person provides extraordinary service to the Division. I'll talk more about them in the next issue of *SciTech News*.

During the last year, we have migrated to a new website and software to manage it. It is extremely interactive and you should keep checking the site out or you can choose even be notified when a new posting is made. Big thanks go to Dale Copps who made this all possible and continues to be our webmaster. The URL for the site is: <http://engineering.sla.org/>.

It's time to register for SLA's Annual Conference. We think we have a great program set for you. Among others are our annual standards update, a follow up on the DRM program from last year, Science and Engineering 101, How and Why Things Fail - Forensic Engineers and Information Specialists, Open Access through the Federal Science Repository Service, Engineering Enterprise Information: Usage and Challenges, the All-Sciences and Engineering Poster Session and Reception (this will be an early evening event and a great chance to network with people from other divisions and get some great tips), and our annual Business Lunch. We will be having our usual charity raffle for candy and some surprises from some of our vendor partners. Our charity this year will be SitStayRead. The SitStayRead program improves reading fluency, makes reading fun, and inspires children to become lifelong readers. Using a curriculum designed with the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Center for Literacy, trained volunteers and certified dog teams bring much needed reading help to children ages 7-9 in Chicago inner-city schools and community facilities. The URL for the organization is: <http://www.sitstayread.org/>. If you have suggestions for next year's programs in San Diego, contact Betty Edwards, our planner. Her e-mail is: [bedwards@draper.com](mailto:bedwards@draper.com).

Don't forget to recruit new members for SLA and our Division. The membership numbers are dropping and in order to preserve our Division, we need to add new members. We're working with various library school student groups, but if you know someone going to library school, let them know about us! The same thing is true for someone who has switched job responsibilities. Let them know about us.

Don't forget that we have an Engineering Listserv. If you have questions, feel free to put them up on this list. If you haven't subscribed, you can email [lyris@sla.lyris.net](mailto:lyris@sla.lyris.net). Directions are at: <http://www.sla.org/content/community/lists/instruction/index.cfm>.

This is YOUR Division. If you have suggestions, questions, or problems that you don't feel comfortable putting up on the listserv, let me or another member of the Executive Board know – we're all here to help. ❖

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## **\$1000 IEEE Continuing Education Stipend – Call for Applications**

Stipend to attend the SLA Annual Meeting in  
Chicago, IL July 15-18, 2012

IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) is sponsoring for SLA Engineering Division members a travel stipend up to \$1000 toward payment of expenses incurred while attending any Continuing Education course offered at the annual SLA conference in Chicago, IL July 15-18, 2012.

The IEEE Stipend will be given to the qualified member who submits an essay, of three or fewer double-spaced typed pages, which is judged to be the best paper that addresses "How the member will benefit professionally from a continuing education course." Please email Stephanie Sheldon ([stephanie.sheldon@lmco.com](mailto:stephanie.sheldon@lmco.com)) for a list of Continuing Education courses offered during the SLA 2012 conference. The winner will also be required to submit an article to the Engineering Division newsletter (SciTech News) within twelve months of completion on how the course helped them in library applications.

### **Qualifications for Entering Award Competition:**

Be a member of the SLA Engineering Division in good standing at the time of applying for the award.

### **Special Instructions:**

Type your full name (without any additional personal information) at the top of each essay page. Double space the typing on all pages.

### **Deadline for Submission: March 14, 2012.**

The winner must be present to accept the award at the annual Engineering Division Business Meeting during the SLA 2012 conference.

### **Submit Entries for the award to:**

Stephanie Sheldon  
E-mail: [stephanie.sheldon@lmco.com](mailto:stephanie.sheldon@lmco.com)

or to:

Stephanie Sheldon, SLA-ENG Awards Committee  
Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company  
Company Research Library, MZ 0124  
1011 Lockheed Way  
Palmdale, CA 93599

## **Call for Nominations and Applications - SLA Engineering Librarian of the Year Award sponsored by HIS**

The Engineering Librarian of the Year, sponsored by IHS, highlights the accomplishments and contributions of SLA Engineering Division members to the engineering librarian profession. The winner must be present to accept the \$1500 award at the annual Engineering Division Business Meeting held during the annual SLA conference in Chicago, IL, July 15-18, 2012.

Prospective candidates are encouraged to nominate themselves, or they may be nominated by a colleague or associate.

### **Criteria for entry are:**

1. Be a member of the SLA Engineering Division in good standing at the time of applying for the award.
2. Distinguished achievement(s) in the engineering library profession, through an exceptional contribution on the job, within the SLA Engineering Division, or within the industry at large. Accomplishment(s) should have taken place within the calendar year immediately preceding nomination/application. However, in selected cases, based solely on the Awards Committee's judgment, recognition may be given for ongoing, long-term contribution(s).

### **Instructions for submissions:**

Submit the nomination/application by March 14th, 2012. Provide full name, job title, address, telephone numbers, e-mail address, and a maximum one-page statement of the nominee's qualifications.

### **Submit Entries for the award to:**

Diane F. Brenes, SLA-ENG Awards Committee, at the following email address: [diane.f.brenes@boeing.com](mailto:diane.f.brenes@boeing.com) (714) 235-0814.

**Special Libraries Association Engineering Division  
\$1200 SPIE Digital Library Student Travel Stipend Award  
Call for Applications**

Award to attend the SLA Annual Conference in  
Chicago, IL, 15 -18 July, 2012

SPIE Digital Library is sponsoring for library school students the award of a \$1200 travel stipend toward payment of expenses incurred while attending the annual Special Libraries Association conference in Chicago, Illinois, July 15-18, 2012. SPIE Digital Library is the world's largest collection of optics and photonics applied research.

The SPIE Digital Library Student Travel Stipend Award will be given to the qualified student who submits an essay of three or less double spaced typed pages that is judged to be the best essay submitted describing the following scenario:

"Emerging trends in science librarianship"

**Qualifications for Entering Award Competition:**

Applicants must be student members of the Special Libraries Association at the time of award submission.

The essay winner must be a student member of the SLA Engineering Division at the time of acceptance of the award. Part of the award will be a one year student membership to the SLA Engineering Division.

Last year, the winning essay was posted in the SciTech News Bulletin.

**Special Instructions:**

1. Give your full name, address, telephone number, e mail address, and a statement, on one page, of your qualifications, as given above, for entering the award competition. Include the name of your library school.
2. Type your full name (without any additional personal information) at the top of each essay page. Double space the typing on all pages.

**Deadline for Submission: March 14, 2012.**

**Submit Entries for the award to:**

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Georgia Tech Library and Information Center  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Atlanta, Georgia 30332 0900  
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E mail: [bette.finn@library.gatech.edu](mailto:bette.finn@library.gatech.edu)