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ENGINEERING DIVISION

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.

FROM THE CHAIR

W. KELLY YUILLE



Happy New Year everyone! May your year be filled with wonderful blessings. We have much to look forward to this year as we close out the century. I will start with giving you a report on what your officers have been doing the past few months. I have completed our programs for the

Minneapolis Conference. Darla Wagner and I will be attending the SLA Mid-Winter meeting in San Francisco, where we will present our programs and represent the Division in leadership sessions.

As a welcome to our new members, Jennifer Holt, Cheryl Hanson, and Betty Lou Hicks are preparing a membership bookmark. Peter Moon and Peter Zeimet are developing a membership directory (member-only access) for our web page. The Affirmative Action Co-chair, Elaine Boyer, is serving as our liaison for the SLA 1999 programs. The Division, along with others, will be co-sponsoring a program on diversity in librarianship. Darla is also busy preparing some exciting programs and activities for the year 2000 conference. To help her, Peggy Carr is asking you to send her your ideas for Division programs and CE courses. Pat Parker is writing a Strategic Plan, and she is asking for suggestions on what direction you would like to see the Division go in the next five years.

Along with our programs for the

Minneapolis conference, we are planning a reception on Sunday, June 6, 1999, to acknowledge the Aerospace Section and to network as we close the century. Please mark the date on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you there.

I am sending out a call for volunteers to serve as officers and committee chairs to start the 21st century. There are no special qualifications, just a willingness to take on a leadership role. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to get to know SLA and to interact with a dynamic group of individuals. SLA is always looking for new blood. If you have any suggestions, ideas, or questions, please send me an e-mail. Let me know you are out there. Please checkout our web page:

<http://www.sla.org/division/deng/engdiv.html>) for a list of our officers, the 1999 Minneapolis Division conference programs, and the awards and scholarship information.

The Employment Chairs Kay Paff and George Ekins are developing web links for job opportunities. As a reminder, if you have received professional awards, achievements, accomplishments or you have been published, please contact Sara Davis the Public Relations Chair.

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Awards Committee

Mary-Frances Penettiere

As the Chair of the Awards Committee for the Engineering Division, I'd like to submit two items for the next issue of *Sci-Tech News*. One is the attached article seeking submissions for the Ei/SLA Engineering Librarian Award. The other is my committee report which follows:

The Awards Committee works with Engineering Information, Inc. to identify the recipient of the Ei/SLA Engineering Librarian Award. This award is given to an Engineering Division member who is recognized as a leader in the field of sci-tech librarianship or who has demonstrated notable and important contributions to the library profession in the past year. The award was established by the Engineering Division of SLA and is sponsored by Engineering Information Inc.(Ei). The award amount is \$1,000.00 US and will be presented at the Engineering Business Luncheon during the annual conference. The Awards Committee may also coordinate the Estelle Davis Award for a vendor, but the procedures have not been finalized at this time.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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Time To Write Your Own Report Card

The Ei/SLA Engineering Librarian Award is open for nominations for the 1999/2000 winner. This award is offered annually to honor a member of the Engineering Division. It's sponsored by Engineering Information Inc. and highlights the accomplishments and contributions of members of the Engineering Librarian profession. Recognition comes in the form of a \$1,000 stipend, a plaque and a presentation at the annual business meeting luncheon held during the annual SLA conference. Based on criteria developed jointly with Ei, a 1999 winner will be selected by members of the Engineering Division's Awards Committee. Prospective candidates are encouraged to nominate themselves, or an associate may nominate them. The Awards Committee must receive completed applications by **April 1..**

Criteria for entry are:

Membership in good standing for one year in the SLA Engineering Division as of January 1 of the year in which the award is given.

Distinguished achievement in the engineering library profession, through an exceptional contribution on the job, within the SLA Engineering Division, or within the industry at large. This accomplishment should have taken place within the calendar year immediately preceding the nomination; however, in selected cases, based solely on the Awards Committee's judgment, recognition may be given for an ongoing, long term contribution.

Now's The Time

Many of you may take for granted your work-related competencies and contributions, and not think of them as extraordinary. We'd like to

be the judge of that. A letter and a nomination form are being sent to each member of the Engineering Division. If you do not receive a copy or have questions, please contact the Awards Chair at the address below. The Awards Committee must receive submissions by April 1.

Examples of former award winners follow:

Ei Honors Betty Lou Hicks

Betty Lou Hicks was honored with the Ei/SLA Engineering Librarian Award for 1998/99. Betty Lou was chosen for her competency and efficiency in handling the information needs of Hanson Engineers, Inc., as richly attested to by her boss and four engineering managers she supports. Betty Lou's extensive network of contacts is lauded as a strong contributor in her success, and it exemplifies the value of professional associations in the work of librarians.

Phinney Was First

The first member to be named Ei/SLA Engineering Librarian (in 1994) was June A. Phinney of Motorola, Inc.'s Radio Products Group world headquarters. June was chosen for administering and managing the development of a CD-ROM networked system that runs a number of databases (including, coincidentally, Ei Compendex). Because Motorola Inc. has a large number of Macintosh computers as well as DOX and UNIX-based equipment on site, a unique feature of the network was that it allowed Macintosh users to access databases. The new system saved engineering staff time by allowing users to find information at their desktops.

**NEW MEMBERS OF THE ENGINEERING
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The Engineering Division is happy to welcome the following new members..

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Engineering Division Offices

For a change of pace, the next couple of issues of the Engineering Division's section in *Sci-Tech News* will feature profiles of the offices within the Engineering Division.

I hope it will prove to be useful.

Kelly Jordan

Profile- The Engineering Division Treasurer Gad Engler

What is a treasurer?

A treasurer is very much like a cab-dispatcher. Money traveling in envelopes is like passengers traveling in a cab. The treasurer's job is to know at all time what money is supposed to leave which point of departure; what point of destination it is supposed to reach and when; and make sure that it does indeed leave and arrive safely and on time. This is the basis for the treasurer's major functions: to control money, and to account for it.

Specific roles of the treasurer:

1. Be able to account for (explain, justify), each amount of money coming into, or going out of the bank account. Document everything.
2. Make sure the money that is supposed to move, does. Whether coming in or going out, make sure it both leaves and gets to its destination on time. Remind people to make things move. Anticipate and prevent problems.
3. Report everything. E-mail is extremely useful in keeping everybody up-to-date with what does or should happen to the money. Use it a lot. Make sure your boss and all other money-related officers of the organization are kept up to date with developments as they happen. These may include the previous, present and upcoming chair, treasurer, and secretary (who raises money!), of both the division and the section. Prepare long in advance for

the section. Prepare long in advance for the prescribed annual and semi-annual reports to headquarters.

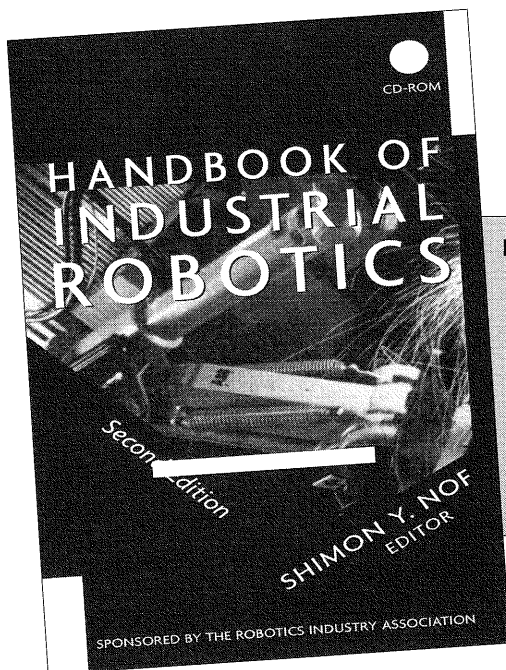
4. Be the voice of carefulness and conservatism regarding money within the division. But maintain a positive attitude toward spending money on activities benefitting the membership.

A concern for the future:

During 1998 the balance of the Engineering Division's treasury rose \$3,944.32 to a balance of \$33,520.08. Some of us, myself included, think that we could benefit from a temporary increase in our annual rate of spending.

Our balance is simply too high and must be lowered. This is indeed a happy problem. However, it is a problem. I am sure that our present and future program planners will welcome ideas from our membership on worthy projects that satisfy our professional needs. (But we must also remember that the current economic boom may not last forever!)

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