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Science-Technology Division

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SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

The objectives of the Science-Technology Division shall be: to draw together those members of the Special Libraries Association having an interest in the role of library and information science as applied to the recording, retrieval and dissemination of knowledge and information in all areas of science and technology; and to promote and improve the communication, dissemination and use of such knowledge for the benefit of libraries and their users.

FROM THE CHAIR ELEANOR MACLEAN

Welcome to another year of SLA activity. I want to begin my year by extending our thanks to last year's officers and committee chairs for all their efforts on behalf of the Division. I want especially to congratulate Cathy Williams for the hard work she did as Division Chair in coordinating Committee activities towards the achievement of the three goals she had identified for the Division.

While we were unable to reverse a slow decline in the membership, it is quite clear that the efforts of the Membership and Student Relations Committee have made the Division much better known and may have a long term effect on recruitment. Cathy established a Professional Development Committee, and Chair Marsha Wilson developed the Division's first Continuing Education Program. Given at the Boston Conference, this workshop was very successful, and another is being planned

for the Seattle Conference. Cathy's second area of focus was planning and this was very successful. As well as coordinating the efforts of the various committees in developing the Membership Survey, Cathy established the position of Conference Planning Chair—a role so well filled by Sandy Moltz that I've kept her on for a second year to plan the Seattle Conference as well. Cathy encouraged all the Committee Chairs to establish goals for their own positions and to make regular progress reports to her and to the Division. I found this method of organizing my activities so helpful that I intend to retain the practice this year.

Most of the publicity efforts this past year centered around the 50th anniversary of *Sci-Tech News*. A bookmark, a brochure showing both the current header and that of the 1st issue and containing highlights of that issue and a quiz on inventions were all created to celebrate this event.

As well as continuing to focus on the goals established last year, I have added a few more modest ones. The Bylaws Committee will be investigating our scope note. This issue arose in relation to the attempt this past year to create a Health Sciences Division. Their proposed areas

of interest clearly overlapped with what a number of existing Divisions are actually doing at present, but none of our scope notes clearly reflected this fact. This could be a particularly interesting activity for our Division, given the wide range of subject areas we incorporate and the relationship with other divisions that cover a particular aspect within the broader field—such as engineering or chemistry. Indeed, at the Division Cabinet Meeting, Cathy gave a particularly eloquent definition of our interests in response to a comment that what we included was (my paraphrase) the bits between the areas covered by more specifically subject-oriented divisions.

The Awards Committee will be looking at the names, criteria and amount of money given for each of the Awards we currently present and will be developing a publications award. The Awards and Public Relations Committees will be working together to find ways of increasing the number of applicants we attract for these awards.

The Government Relations Committee and NTIS liaison will be looking at the relationship of their activities and possibly reorganizing or expanding them. The Projects Committee will be working on developing a web site for the Division. Let us know of any topics or linkages you would like to see included. After a very productive discussion in Boston on the results of the Division Survey, the Strategic Planning Committee will be developing a new strategic plan.

Special thanks to both Cathy and Sandy for the wonderful programs that they put together for Boston. The sessions were well attended and aroused great enthusiasm among all of us lucky enough to be there. We had 55 attendees at our first Newcomers' brunch and the general consensus was that it was so successful we should continue it next year. As well as giving the executive a chance to meet new and potential members of Sci-Tech, it gave us an opportunity to explain to them the benefits of belonging to the Division as well as to give out tips on how to make the most of the Conference and to set up an informal mentoring system.

We held a drawing for tickets to a number of Sci-Tech events. Congratulations to the winners:
For the Annual Business Meeting and Breakfast:
- Sherry Kish (NASA Goddard)
- Lois Markowicz (UNISYS)
- Stephanie Atkinson (Catholic University of America student)
- Karen Thomas (Catholic University of America student)
- Rhonda Kidner (Lubrizol)
- Amira Hamdy (Rocky Mountain Arsenal).
For the Boston High Tea:
- Ruth Ann Humphreys (Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab)
For the Computer Museum Reception:
- Tokiko Bazzell (American University)

The Annual Conference in Boston is barely over and already we are making plans for the Seattle Conference. The theme for this Conference is "Information Professionals at the Crossroads: Change as Opportunity." Among the programs we are sponsoring or cosponsoring are the following:

- Newcomers Brunch and Orientation
- Strategic Planning Update
- Serials Pricing (a panel discussion)
- Contemporary Collection
Development
  - Academic Sci-Tech Librarians
  Roundtable
  - Standards Roundtable
  - Surviving Downsizing; case studies
  - Virtual Reality
  - Computer Science Roundtable
  - Competitive Intelligence
  - Annual Business Meeting and
  Board Meetings
  - Reception at the Pacific Science
  Center
  - Division evening reception
  - Tour to Boeing Aircraft Company

If you have any comments or ideas for the Seattle or future conferences, please let Sandy or me know.

We still have two committee chair positions to fill—auditor (preferably someone around the Indianapolis area) and Conference Planning Chair for the Indianapolis Conference in 1998. The first meeting for planning this conference will be at the SLA Winter Meeting in Fort Lauderdale at the end of January. Anyone interested in either of these positions please contact me and I will be happy to fill you in. If you want to serve on any of the other committees—or get enough information about them to decide to volunteer, please contact the Committee Chairs. Their names, addresses (both snail and e-mail), and phone numbers are, like mine, given at the end of this column.

I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to chair the Sci-Tech Division this year. I look forward to working with, and for, all of you. I hope you will keep in touch with me—only by knowing what you want from me and from the Division—can we keep it relevant to all our needs and interests.

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CORRECTION

In the May issue an error was made in identifying the institutions at which our newly-elected Chair-Elect and Treasurer are employed. Nancy Anderson, our Chair-Elect, is head of the Mathematics Library at the University of Illinois. Our newly-elected Treasurer, Mary Ann McFarland, is employed at the Health Science Center at St. Louis University.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIR
Cathy Williamson, Past Chair

I can't quite believe we'll be in Boston in less than a week! I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the meeting. Thank you for all of your hard work this past year and for submitting your annual reports. Here is a copy of my annual report. I have sent an electronic version of the Sci-Tech Division's Annual Report to SLA on April 30th.

The Science-Technology Division of the Special Libraries Association has had another productive year! Volunteers across the continent have spent untold hours establishing goals for their committees, learning about member needs, keeping members informed about issues important to sci-tech libraries, recruiting new members, planning for the Boston conference, monitoring our fiscal responsibilities, planning for the future

and making suggestions for improving the Division. This report attempts to summarize the extraordinary efforts of the five executive board officers, twenty six committee chairs/liaisons and their committee members. My congratulations to the entire Advisory Board and all Science-Technology Division members who have participated in our activities throughout the year. I hope you find the Division is responding to your needs and providing opportunities for both your personal and professional growth. I look forward to seeing many of you in Boston to enjoy the culmination of many of these efforts.

Goals

When I became Chair of the Division last June, I identified three areas I would concentrate on during the year. These were:

1. Membership - to increase the number of members in the Division and increase the level of participation by our membership.

2. Planning - to conduct a member needs assessment or survey, evaluate the 1995 strategic planning focus session input, update our strategic plan and encourage committee chairs to set goals that support the plan.

3. Publicity - to increase the publicity of the Division, by recognizing member's accomplishments, distributing Division brochures to library schools, creating a memento with the Division logo for better visibility and producing a tool useful to our members.

Accomplishments

1. Membership. The Division has seen a slow decline in membership since December 1992. Our efforts this past year did not change this trend. There was

a 5.5% decrease from December 1994 (1353 members) to December 1995 (1281 members), although there was a slight increase according to third quarter statistics. The Science-Technology Division continues as the fourth largest Division in SLA. The dues increase in 1995, reduced library budgets and the changing division structure within SLA probably all played a part in the membership decrease. In spite of this trend, a number of important efforts were made.

1A. John Sandy and the Student Relations Committee made presentations to two library schools and distributed Division brochures to library schools in the U.S. and Canada. Several executive board members also made presentations at local chapter meetings.

1B. The Student Relations Committee will coordinate the first Division Newcomer's Brunch in Boston which is aimed at recruiting students and first time conference attendees. The committee sent press releases to library schools across the continent and publicized the event in *Sci-Tech News*, the *Specialist* and on the Division's listserv.

1C. Stephen McMinn and the Membership Committee sent welcome packets to new members and announced new members in *Sci-Tech News*.

1D. The Executive Board created two additional committee chairs, a Conference Planning Chair, Sandy Moltz, and a Professional Development Chair, Marsha Wilson. Sandy has enthusiastically coordinated the Boston conference programs and arranged for some exciting events. Marsha has coordinated the first Division sponsored CE Course, "Patent Searching in Science and

Technology," which was full well in advance.

1E. Gd Engler, Networking Committee Chair, moved the Division listserv to the LSU library server successfully and has over 110 active participants. This represents about 9% of the current membership.

1F. There has been an increase in participation and reporting by the five officers, 26 additional committee chairs/liaisons and over a dozen additional committee members. Progress reports and notices have appeared in *Sci-Tech News* and on the Division listserv.

2. Planning. The major planning effort was a Division membership survey coordinated by three committee chairs, which will be summarized at the Strategic Planning focus session on Sunday in Boston. Additional efforts aimed at updating the strategic plan and identifying action items will be addressed after the focus session. In addition, many Advisory Board members have created tools and documentation that will enhance planning and continuity with the incoming board.

2A. Laurie Scott, Strategic Planning Committee Chair, designed a detailed survey which establishes a demographic profile of the membership and provides member views on the future direction for the Division. The Membership Chair and the Executive Board also provided ideas for the survey.

2B. Stephen McMinn, Membership Committee Chair, mailed approximately 1285 surveys near the beginning of March and David Duggar, Teller, received 377 valid responses (29%)!! Thanks to all of the members who turned in their surveys. This was an outstanding response. David has compiled the

responses, which include an amazing number of comments and recommendations for the Division.

2C. Laurie Scott, Strategic Planning Committee Chair, will lead a second strategic planning focus session in Boston, Sunday at 3:00 pm. Survey results will be evaluated and efforts will be made to set the direction for the Division and establish specific action items for committee chairs.

2D. Eleanor MacLean, Chair-Elect, updated a table of vendor sponsors (1990-1996), created a table of Boston programs, sponsors, and anticipated the incoming Chair-Elect.

2E. Jean Piety, Treasurer, prepared the 1996 proposed budget and a three-year history of financial transactions. This includes a comparison of conference income and expenditures, which are critical for future conference planners. She also continues to evaluate the Division's long term investment strategies and money market funds.

2F. Janet Hughes, Archivist, prepared a chart showing Division officers for the past ten years. The chart will assist with nominations and potential awards and act as a reference document for incoming officers. She is also preparing a ready reference sheet for the Division.

2G. Mary Lee Kennedy, Projects and Publications Committee Chair, distributed a call for proposals for special projects that will meet membership needs, but she received no response.

2H. Sandy Moltz, Conference Planning Committee Chair, surveyed other division conference planners, summarized her findings and created a new position description. She recom-

mends that the chair be appointed two years in advance of the conference and that one member of the committee live in the conference city.

2I. Marsha Wilson, Professional Development Committee Chair, surveyed other divisions and prepared a draft position description. She also developed a planning notebook including information on requirements for establishing an SLA CE course, a list of contacts from other divisions and a list of possible CE course topics and possible speakers/experts.

2J. Chris Olson, International Relations Committee Chair, obtained information from other divisions and drafted a position description.

2K. Bonnie Osif, *Sci-Tech News* Advertising Manager, created a database of advertisers, including contacts, which will aid in future fund raising for the publication.

2L. Cathy Williamson, Chair, created a calendar of Sci-Tech Division events for the Advisory Board, which helps committee chairs and officers track progress and deadlines of major events.

3. Publicity. A number of committees have been actively promoting the Division, particularly sessions sponsored at the annual conference. One special event in 1996 has been the creation of the 50th volume of *Sci-Tech News*. A number of events have been planned to celebrate this major accomplishments. The result was 15 applicants in 1996, an increase from 4 in 1995. The committee also used multiple sources to advertise the Newcomer's Brunch scheduled for Boston and is developing a brochure on how students can participate in Division activities.

3B. Sandy Moltz, Conference Planning Committee Chair, has created numerous announcements about upcoming Division sponsored conference events, particularly the session by famous Sci-Fi author, David Brin.

3C. Eleanor MacLean, Chair-Elect, obtained $6,400 from 14 vendors sponsoring Boston conference programs. This is a 58% increase from 1994/1995 when vendor sponsorship was $4,050. Eleanor will create and distribute vendor "thank you" signs, which will increase the Division's visibility within SLA and among future sponsors.

3D. Terry Kirchner, Public Relations Committee member, with assistance from Ellis Mount, *Sci-Tech News* Editor, created a brochure to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of *Sci-Tech News*.

3E. Ellis Mount, *Sci-Tech News* Editor, with assistance from Janet Hughes, Archivist, produced an article in *Sci-Tech News* highlighting the last 50 years of the bulletin. Janet also identified members who have been with the Division since 1946.

3F. Cathy Williamson, Chair, began acknowledging Division member accomplishments, awards and publications in the Division's column in *Sci-Tech News*.

Highlights of Other Major Accomplishments

* Eleanor MacLean, Chair-Elect, sent "thank you" letters to all vendors sponsoring Division programs and obtained most vendor commitments prior to publication of the preliminary conference program. She also appointed Sandy Moltz 1997 Conference Program Planning

Committee Chair and has worked with Sandy to develop preliminary program plans for the Seattle conference.

* Rosanne Macek, Secretary, created minutes of the Executive Board meeting on June 12, 1995, and published them in the August 1995 issue of *Sci-Tech News*. She also prepared and mailed 1279 ballots for election of Chair-Elect, Treasurer and a vote on proposed By-laws changes.

* Jean Piety, Treasurer, handled all financial transactions in a timely and professional manner, leaving the Division in excellent fiscal health with a balance of $54,233.55 in December 1995. This represents a 6% increase in funds over December 1994.

* Gloria Zamora, Affirmative Action Liaison, worked with the SLA Affirmative Action Committee to schedule a program on diversity at Boston. Linda Owens, President of R. Thomas and Associates, will speak on "Managing Diversity."

* Pat Jameson, ALA/ACRL S-T Section Liaison, attended annual and midwinter meetings of ALA and reported on issues relevant to sci-tech libraries. Pat mentioned that due to budget limitations, many librarians are unable to attend several major conferences in a year (ALA and SLA) and questioned the usefulness of the liaison position, particularly since much of the news from ALA is now available on the ALA/STS listserv.

* Laurie Allen and the Awards Committee, selected Susan T. Worley from Raleigh, NC, as the S. Kirk Cabeen Student Travel Award winner. Susan will read her essay at the annual business meeting in Boston. No nominations were received for the Unemployed Librarian, International Sci-Tech Librarian, or Achievement/Leadership Division awards. Laurie has also created certificates of appreciation for all Advisory Board members.

* Judy Pedersen and the Bylaws Committee, revised the bylaws to permit the nomination committee to present one candidate per office, but preferring two candidates per office. Additional minor changes were submitted to standardize language in the bylaws. All proposals were passed by the membership.

* Chris Olson, International Relations Committee Chair, proposed that the committee assist Wilda Newman with a project donating journal issues or journal subscriptions to libraries in Cuba.

* Wilda Newman and the Nominating Committee, nominated two highly qualified candidates for each office: Nancy Anderson and Sandy Moltz for Chair-Elect and Mary Ann McFarland and Jean Piety for Treasurer. Nancy Anderson and Mary Ann McFarland will be new officers respectively. An announcement was placed in the November issue of *Sci-Tech News*, ballots were distributed in late January and due by February 23, 1996. 305 valid ballots were received, which represents 24% of the membership. Approximately 405 were received in 1995, which represented 30% of the membership. Wilda recommends a survey of members to find out why there was a lower response rate in this year.

* Ellis Mount, *Sci-Tech News* Editor, enhanced the bulletin by including 100 brief reviews in each issue. Reviews are selected from *Sci-Tech Book News*. The March-April per page costs of the bulletin have increased about 14% from $61.57 per page in 1995 to $70.35 in 1996.

* Bette Stewart and Bonnie Osif, *Sci-Tech News* Advertising Managers, obtained $11,950 worth of advertising in 1995, which has helped offset the increase in production costs. Bonnie has seen more vendor interest in multiple issue ads and has begun distributing fax reminders to vendors prior to publication deadlines.

* Barbara Parkinson, *Sci-Tech News* Business Manager, has managed funds efficiently and kept the bulletin in excellent financial shape, with a balance of funds in December 1995 of $23,815. These funds are jointly shared by five divisions but are reported by the Sci-Tech Division.

* Suzanne Ogden, *Sci-Tech News* Subscription Manager, kept the list of subscribers up to date, assuring timely delivery of the bulletin.

* Marsha Wilson and David Peck, contributed the "conference calendar" and "new sci-tech journals" sections respectively, while Ron Buchan coordinated reviews in the 1995 issues and will evaluate electronic products for future issues.

* Esther Bierbaum, SLA Standards Committee Liaison, attended meetings at the annual SLA conference and has followed new developments in cataloging which include: integrated MARC, a new chapter on interactive multimedia, and electronic serials. She also consulted on the 21st edition of Dewey, which will incorporate major changes to the life sciences, particularly biology. She plans to highlight these issues in an article for *Sci-Tech News*.

* Jean Piety, SLA Standards Committee Liaison, attended meetings at the annual SLA conference and has been appointed a member of the SLA Technical Standards Committee. Jean reviewed one ANSI/NISO and three ISO standards.

Challenges

* SLA Division Changes

The Aerospace Division is considering a merger with the Engineering Division. In addition, there has been a proposal to create a Health Sciences Division, with a provisional three year status. As librarians are faced with continual budget decreases, the ability to pay for multiple division memberships will probably decrease. Since many Sci-Tech Division members have multiple affiliations, this could have a major impact on our division. We will need to increase our recruitment efforts and publicity.

* Membership Participation

Many members are facing increasing demands, fewer staff and reduced budgets. The result is less time for volunteer activities and a reluctance to build committees. Despite repeated requests for volunteers in the bulletin and on the listserv, very few members have responded. There needs to be a concerted effort to identify committee members at the annual conference and extra effort at mentoring members for future leadership positions. The current Advisory Board and committee members account for only 3% of the membership, and many members have held several positions within the Division. In addition the Division needs to identify how new members and students can best serve. The Student Relations Committee is addressing this issue and the survey attempted to get members to identify committees of interest.

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* Strategic Planning

The Division needs to look seriously at its role in SLA. Perhaps having a large division is not the most important. Instead, having a highly active and dedicated group that is interested in sharing ideas, networking, mentoring new members and building skills for future information related careers should be a high priority. It is important for the Division to establish a vision, orient itself towards the future and align its mission and action items to meet SLA's mission.

Conclusion

This has been an exciting, demanding and rewarding year. It has been a pleasure working with so many talented and enthusiastic people, and I am looking forward to some exciting programs in Boston. The Division has a wealth of experience and leadership and should capitalize on this talent to mentor newcomers to the profession. I am deeply indebted to the Executive Board (Eleanor, Jean, Rosanne and Karola) for all of their support and feedback. I am also especially lucky to have had a tremendously enthusiastic Conference Planning Chair, Sandy Moltz, who kept me on track and allowed me to focus on the many issues facing the Division this past year. Congratulations again to the Advisory Board and their committees. I look forward to celebrating your accomplishments in Boston. Thanks for all of your dedication in advance.

EARLY MEMBERS OF THE SCI-TECH DIVISION

In the winter of 1995 we began our plans for special events to honor 1996 as the year marking the 50th year of *Sci-Tech News*. One of the questions that came up, not surprisingly, was how many current SLA members were also members of the Science-Technology Division in 1946, the year the publication began.

SLA Headquarters kindly prepared this list at the request of Janet Hughes, at the time Sci-Tech Division Archivist.

Name	Member Since
Kate O. Barcus	12/31/39
Vera O. Chase	12/31/43
Ruth L. Jackson	12/31/46
Pauline W. Jennings	12/31/43
Loretta J. Kiersky	12/31/42
Laurel D. Meyerhoff	6/30/45
Maria E. Michal	12/31/46
Samuel Sass	12/31/43
Dorothy Skau	12/31/44
Milton Wenger	12/31/42

We are pleased to have these long-term members, and we wish them many more years to come.

TRAVEL STIPEND AWARD ESSAY FOR 1996
Information Revolution: Pathway to the 21st Century
By Susan Worley

As we near the end of the 20th century, society is in the midst of constant change. Advances in technology and increases in knowledge are happening so quickly, we hardly have time to keep up with them. Part of this constant change is the Information Revolution. This revolution is occurring at a frantic pace, and our challenge as special librarians is not only to keep up with all changes but also to take control of the change and use it to the benefit of our profession and those we serve.

Susan T. Worley, winner of the S. Kirk Cabeen Student Travel Award.

Librarians cannot ignore the changes taking place in our society. An explosion of information is accompanying the rapid growth of human society. More people in the world equals more problems to solve, more ideas and more research. The increase of knowledge and inquiry into all areas, especially science and technology, is producing more knowledge than ever before. Information about this knowledge introduces new questions, problems, and possibilities. Therefore, the Information Revolution is both a cause and a product of a more complicated psyched. In this complicated society, finding relevant and reliable information is essential to inform professional and personal decisions.

Advances in technology assist this information explosion by providing new means of information disbursal. The prolific storage and retrieval capabilities of computers provide a means of managing vast quantities of information. An absence of the new technology would severely compromise our access to the explosion of information. One can argue that the information explosion could not take place without computer technology to provide access to the vast expanses of human erudition.

Now, as librarians are poised to leap into the 21st century, their role is clear. They must rise to the call of the Information Revolution. The Revolution is increasing the importance of the librarian to those they serve. All organizations, especially those related to science and technology, are dependent on information to stay competitive, make the right decisions, and produce competent work.

To meet the increasing needs of their clients, special librarians must continue to learn about the latest technology to ensure

that information is accessible. The Information Revolution will provide many new opportunities for special librarians. However, they cannot passively sit by and try to adapt to the changes. Librarians must be an active part of the change. They can do this within the context of their organization by marketing the importance of their role, as well as lobbying to have input into information technology decisions. They can take an active role on a larger scale by participating in various professional organizations such as the Special Libraries Association. The collective voice of special librarians, the Special Libraries Association, can have an impact on national trends and policies. Special librarians must greet the Information Revolution as an opportunity to increase the value of their profession and to continue to meet their clients increasing information demands.

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PATENT SEARCHING COURSE
Marsha Wilson

The Science-Technology Division would like to thank MicroPatent for funding the Division's first continuing education course, presented at the Boston conference. The sold-out "Patent Searching In Science and Technology"

course was taught by Lucille J. Brown of LJB Associates International, pictured here.

The course of instruction encompassed the myriad aspects of patent searching including a discussion of the various services and sources that must be utilized for a complete patent (prior art) search. The strengths and weaknesses of each source and how to enhance the results of a search were emphasized. Examples and case studies were used to clarify different strategies for effective patent searches.

The class, like our division, was made up of librarians from a variety of disciplines with experience from less than a year to over 23 years. This required Ms Brown to present a quantum patent class to cover the many aspects of patent searching while providing specific, yet varied, examples. This, Ms Brown did with a sense of humor.

Marsha Wilson, who originated the idea for the course and coordinated it, is located at Hoechst Celanese Corporation, P.O. Box 9077, Corpus Christi, TX 78469-9077.

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Science-Technology Division
Minutes of the Executive Board
Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts
June 9, 1996

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Cathy Williamson, Chair

Welcome and Introductions

All meeting attendees introduced themselves. The following were present: Nancy Anderson, Esther Bierbaum, Valerie Bishop, Monica Ertel, Bonny Hilditch, Pat Jameson, Rosanne Macek, Eleanor MacLean, James Manasco, Mary Ann McFarland, Sandy Moltz, Ellis Mount, Christopher Olson, Bonnie Osif, Jean Piety, John Sandy, Cathy Williamson, Karola Yourison.

Cathy Williamson, Chair, expressed appreciation to the Board and all the committees for a great year. She also reported that there were 323 Sci-Tech Division members at the annual conference, the highest number since the Cincinnati conference. She said that hard copy reports of all five officer reports and 20 chair reports are available to those interested.

Approval of Minutes

Karola Yourison moved that the minutes of the executive board meeting as published in the August issue of *Sci-Tech News* be approved. The motion was seconded and carried.

Officer Reports

Treasurer: Jean Piety reported that our opening balance on 1/1/96 was $54,233.55 and our closing balance on 5/31/96 was $69,958.77. She also briefly reported on the following: expenses, the pooled account, interest, and the *Sci-Tech News* checking account. Due to the favorable interest rate in the Pooled Account, no attempt was made to get a CD account. Cathy Williamson moved that the treasurer's report be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

Secretary: Rosanne Macek reported that she had three goals this year: publish minutes of the executive board meeting, prepare and send out ballots, and assist the Chair with special projects. Outgoing Secretary, Mariann Cyr, took minutes at the 6/11/95 Executive Board meeting and the Annual Business Meeting on 6/12/95. Rosanne took minutes at the 6/14/95 Executive Board meeting. Rosanne also prepared and mailed ballots for the election of Chair-Elect and Treasurer. 1279 ballots were mailed on 1/30/96. Included with the ballots was a vote on proposed Bylaws changes. Rosanne also assisted the Chair with several mailings.

Chair-Elect: Eleanor MacLean reported that her main goal this year was to raise money. She raised $6,400 for the Boston conference, which was a record amount. She has begun to plan for the Seattle conference, which will most likely include the following: regular board and business meetings, an academic roundtable, newcomer's brunch, strategic planning meeting, vendor panel on serials pricing, programs on downsizing, contemporary collection development in Sci-Tech, the virtual information center, competitive intelligence in Sci-Tech, and a tour of the Boeing factory. A reception at the Pacific Science Center is being considered. Eleanor handed out a copy of the current list of officers for next year and mentioned a few changes to the list. Everyone should let her know of any changes so the list can be updated.

Suggestions for the Seattle conference should go to Eleanor or Sandy Moltz. Cathy Williamson expressed appreciation to Eleanor for creating the Sci-Tech signs in the booths thanking the vendors for their sponsorship.

Chair: Cathy Williamson reported on her goals for this year. In spite of our efforts, our membership did not increase, although we are still the fourth largest division. We did a strategic planning survey, for which we received 377 responses, or a return rate of 24%. It has been over 10 years since the last Sci-Tech survey. We have 70 pages of typed input which will be helpful for the future. Cathy expressed her appreciation to Laurie Scott for putting the survey together, Stephen McMinn for handling the mailing, and David Duggar for compiling the results.

Past-Chair: Karola Yourison reported that she has revised the Division procedures manual. The entire text was reformatted and re-paginated and transferred to the latest version of Word. Disk copies, which include the strategic plan and the new Bylaws, are available from Karola.

Committee/Liaison

Affirmative Action: Cathy Williamson reported that Gloria Zamora arranged for Linda Owens to speak on managing diversity. The program will be followed by a reception.

ALA/ACRL: Pat Jameson went to the ALA midwinter and annual meetings. She felt that many of the issues being discussed were the same as SLA. ALA is more advanced in getting up on the web, their listserv has been around longer than ours, and she felt that this is an important area for us to emphasize more. She questioned the value of this liaison position, but others have said it is important. There is a cost issue in going to all these meetings.

Archivist: Cathy Williamson reported that Janet Hughes pulled together information for the 50th anniversary of the *Sci-Tech News*. She also did a summary of all our officers from 1980 to the present, prepared a reference sheet for awards, and prepared several charts.

Auditor: Cathy Williamson reported that Sandy Cobb has audited the books and found everything in order. Jean Piety commented that it helps to have an auditor who is local to the treasurer, and someone who is not an employee of the treasurer.

Awards: Cathy Williamson reported that the only award given this year was the student stipend award. Susan Worley, the recipient, will read her award-winning essay at the annual business meeting. The unemployed librarian award, achievement award, and international librarian award were all not awarded this year. The Impossible award will be given at the upcoming business meeting.

Bylaws: Cathy Williamson reported that 3 changes were passed this year, including the ability to nominate one person per office if two candidates cannot be found. Eleanor clarified the procedures for bylaws changes: the Division determines the changes, the Association Bylaws Committee checks the wording, there is a vote by the Division member-ship, and the Association Bylaws Com-mittee gives the final approval. It takes a minimum of one year for changes to be put into place.

Cataloging: Esther Bierbaum reported that this position involves attending SLA committee meetings on cataloging. Interactive MARC and standards for electronic serials are two of the issues followed. A report will be published in the next issue of *Sci-Tech News*.

Conference Planner: Sandy Moltz reported that the newcomers brunch was a big success, with about 55 people attending. She suggested that perhaps the student relations and membership committees could follow up with attendees. For the future, she said that she needs some help with the Seattle conference, hopefully someone who can mentor to take over the Conference Planner position the following year. Someone from the host city should also be on the committee.

Government Relations: James Manasco reported that he has had no communication from SLA headquarters. Since he came into this position midway through the year, he has had difficulty getting established. Cathy Williamson mentioned that it is important that issues before Congress, like censorship, be followed, and Eleanor MacLean mentioned that the position should also follow Canadian issues. It was recommended that this position be a committee instead of a liaison.

International Relations: Christopher Olson said that he had taken over in mid-year and created a new job description for the position. He said that Wilda Newman has asked for assistance from this committee in the future with the Journals for Cuba project.

Membership: Cathy Williamson reported that a table of membership was created, including the fluctuations and decline in membership since 1992. She felt we should address this as a division, although our activity level is more important than size. A few other membership statistics mentioned were: there was a decline of student members, our membership went up in the third quarter but down again in March, about one-fourth of our members are secondary vs. primary members, and we saw a higher drop in primary membership. There was some discussion about why university librarians choose ALA over SLA or vice versa, and it was felt that we could capture more of the ALA market.

Networking: Cathy Williamson reported that the Division listserv was moved to LSU and has 110 members. There was a slight drop in membership after the move but it is coming up again.

Nominating: Cathy Williamson reported that two candidates were found for both th Chair-Elect and Treasurer positions.

NTIS: Bonnie Osif reported that she is still trying to get on the NTIS mailing list, so she has not been active. She will continue in this position next year.

Parliamentarian: Bonny Hilditch reported that this was her first meeting.

Professional Development: Marsha Wilson reported that the CE course on patents was put together by last August 1, and was a sold-out event with 25 people. This will generate some income for the Division with a fee of $200 per person. Marsha has also drafted a position description and asked anyone with suggestions for future CEs to contact her.

Projects and Publications: Cathy Williamson reported that Mary Lee Kennedy published a request for project

proposals in *Sci-Tech News* but received no response. Public Relations: Cathy Williamson reported that a brochure was created to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the *Sci-Tech News*.

Sci-Tech News: Ellis Mount reported that he has increased the number of book reviews to 100 and there has been praise for this new feature. He also reported that the Division will be having several contests at the conference to celebrate the 50th anniversary issue of *Sci-Tech News*: one contest about the scientific inventions in the past 50 years and one contest to see who can bring the oldest edition of *Sci-Tech News* to the annual business meeting. Thank you notes, created by Bonnie Osif, were distributed to advertisers. There were 18 ads in the last issue, an all-time high.

STN Advertising Manager: Bonnie Osif reported the data sheets have been automated, and a computer tax form is being used. *Sci-Tech News* finances are in good shape. Eleanor MacLean asked if we should be sending out *Sci-Tech News* in plastic wrapping. Ellis will look into using paper vs. plastic as a wrap.

STN Subscriptions: Susanne Ogden reported that everything is fine in this area.

Standards: Jean Piety reported that she attended standards meetings at the association level. She will also participate in the standards technical committee.

Strategic Planning: Cathy Williamson reported that the survey was a major accomplishment and felt that the committee should present a revised plan and vision statement next year.

Student Relations: John Sandy reported that he had a committee of three other people working with him and they were able to reach a lot of students via mailings to library schools. The S. Kirk Cabeen award was promoted and the number of applicants was up from last year.

Teller: Cathy Williamson reported that there were several procedural questions. It needs to be clarified whether or not it is an SLA guideline to have people sign the envelope for returned ballots, and we need to look at whether the ballot should include a date mailed by instead of date received by. Rosanne Macek will check on the procedures. It was also recommended that there be up to 2 members on the teller committee.

Old Business

Jean Piety reminded everyone that we do pay state sales tax.

New Business

Cathy Williamson reported on the following Divisional items: the proposed Health Sciences Division will be discussed at the Division Cabinet meeting, the Aerospace Division is investigating merging with the Engineering Division, scope notes are being revised by some Divisions, and there are proposed guidelines for forming new divisions.

Cathy Williamson brought up a number of issues related to awards. She recommended that we change the name of the Unemployed Librarian award to the Professional award, that we have the awards committee develop criteria for a publication award, and that the awards committee review the criteria for the unemployed award and name change by September 15. The awards committee should check with ALA and see what criteria they use for awards, explore getting sponsors, and possibly call it a

stipend instead of an award. The International Librarian award should be open to anyone. In the past this has been nominated by the Board but it was recommended that anyone could apply. The amount should be evaluated and possibly made higher.

Cathy Williamson reported that the Federal Library position was not filled this year. There is overlap with other positions and perhaps the Government Relations, NTIS, and Federal liaison positions could be better coordinated.

It was announced that we will be having a board dinner on Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. at Legal Seafood in the Boston Park Plaza Hotel.

Jean Piety moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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Rosanne Macek, Secretary

Science-Technology Division Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts June 10, 1996

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cathy Williamson at 7:35 a.m.

Welcome, Introductions, Introduction of Sponsors

Cathy Williamson introduced Judy Field, SLA President-Elect, who was in attendance and also Ruth Seidman, former President of SLA. She recognized Kluwer Publishing, who was a sponsor of this meeting. All Sci-Tech Division Chairs were asked to stand and be recognized. Cathy also extended a warm welcome to Division newcomers as well

as first-time conference attendees. She estimated that there were approximately 100 people in attendance at this meeting.

Cathy thanked all the sponsors of this year's Division activities: CISTI, Derwent, Document Center, EBSCO, Elsevier, Gale Research, Institute for Scientific Information, Kluwer Academic, MicroPatent, Readmore, Reed Reference Publishing, SilverPlatter, Teltech, and Wiley. She encouraged all Sci-Tech members to visit the booths with the yellow triangle signs, denoting Sci-Tech Division sponsors, and thank them for their support.

Cathy introduced the members of the Sci-Tech Board: Eleanor MacLean, Incoming Chair; Jean Piety, Treasurer; Karola Yourison, Past Chair; and Rosanne Macek, Secretary.

***Sci-Tech News* 50th Anniversary Celebration**

Cathy announced that we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of *Sci-Tech News*. She pointed out the blue handout on everyone's tables which included highlights of the very first issue of *Ye Alchemical Libraries Almanack: Being the Bulletin of the Science-Technology Group*, published September 1946. There was also a Sci-Tech trivia contest which included a listing of 20 items, 10 of which were invented or discovered during the first 50 years of *Sci-Tech News*. Cathy also pointed out the commemorative bookmarks on each table, and thanked Karola Yourison for her work on this. All past *Sci-Tech News* editors in attendance stood and were recognized, including Bob Ballard and Ellis Mount.

Ellis Mount, current *Sci-Tech News* editor, solicited ideas for the future issues

of the publication. He said that we look forward to another 50 years and thanked all contributors. Judy Field, SLA President-Elect, presented a special award to Ellis Mount in appreciation of all his work as editor of *Sci-Tech News* and in celebration of the 50th anniversary issue.

There was a previously-announced contest for who could bring the oldest issue of *Sci-Tech News* to this meeting. Sandy Moltz brought a 1987 issue and received an award from Ellis, a copy of a book he co-authored with Barbara List *(Milestones in Science & Technology.* 2d ed.)

Cathy announced a drawing of advertisers in *Sci-Tech News* for $350 of free advertising. Eleanor MacLean drew the winner, which was the Document Center.

Approval of Minutes

Eleanor MacLean moved that the minutes of the Annual Business Meeting held June 12, 1995 in Montreal be approved as published in the August issue of *Sci-Tech News*. The motion was seconded and carried.

Officers' Reports

Jean Piety, treasurer, reported that the 1995 financial report was published in the May 1996 issue of *Sci-Tech News* and that the 1996 budget would be published in the next issue. She reported that we have a balance of $16,364.86 in the checking account and that copies of the complete report were available at all the tables.

Eleanor MacLean, incoming Chair, reported that fundraising was her primary responsibility this year. $6400 was raised and thank you signs were created for the vendors who contributed. She has begun to work on the programs for the Seattle

conference and said if anyone had suggestions, he or she should send them to her. So far, the Seattle conference will include an academic roundtable, standards roundtable, computer science literature roundtable, the usual business and board meetings, a strategic planning meeting, vendor panel on serials pricing, and programs on: surviving downsizing, contemporary collection development in science and engineering, competitive intelligence, managing the virtual information center on a global scale, a possible tour of the Boeing factory, and a reception at the Pacific Science Center.

Eleanor announced that she is still looking to fill the following positions: Affirmative Action Liaison, ALA/ACRL Science and Technology Section Liaison, Auditor (St. Louis area), Chair for Bylaws Committee, Conference Planner for Indianapolis, Duplicate Exchange Chair, Government Relations Chair, and Liaison to MLA. Interested members were encouraged to see Eleanor after the meeting about any of these positions.

Cathy Williamson, Chair, reported on some of the highlights of this year.

A Division survey was done by the strategic planning committee. There were 377 responses for a return rate of 29%. Cathy thanked Laurie Scott, Stephen McMinn, and David Duggar for their work on the survey. New incoming officers were elected: Nancy Anderson, Chair-elect and Mary Ann McFarland, Treasurer.

We celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Sci-Tech News.

Membership has decreased slightly. We held a first-timers brunch which was attended by about 55 people and was a big success. It included tips on "doing"

the conference and information on the history of the Sci-Tech Division. We will continue this next year.

Cathy said that if anyone had suggestions for future officers, they should fill out the form on the agenda at each table and hand it in after the meeting. Suggestions for conference programs should go to Eleanor and volunteers for committees can talk to any of the officers after the meeting.

S. Kirk Cabeen Student Travel Award Winner

This year's winner, Susan T. Worley, read her award-winning essay. (Printed elsewhere in this section)

Recognition of Committee Chairs/ Liaisons

Cathy Williamson recognized all committee chairs and thanked them for their efforts on behalf of the Division. They all came forward and were awarded a certificate by Cathy.

Impossible Award

The Impossible Award was presented by Cathy Williamson to Sandy Moltz, for her incredible efforts as the division's Conference Planner for the 1996 conference.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Cathy Williamson reported that the Aerospace Division is investigating merging with the Engineering Division. There has been a proposal to create a Health Science Division, which is still being discussed and will be voted on at the Division Cabinet meeting on Tuesday.

Richard Hulser commented that we should keep in mind the procedures for forming divisions and that this needs to be done the right way, and we need to

keep professionalism in mind. Cathy said that the procedures for forming divisions were being reviewed and that there were recommendations being put together that would enhance the forming of future divisions.

Announcements

It was announced that a group of Atmospheric Science librarians would be meeting later that day at 5:00 in the convention center registration area.

Richard Hulser announced that he is running for Division Cabinet Chair Elect.

It was announced that two SLA Fellows were awarded this year to Sci-Tech Division members: Monica Ertel and Ruth Seidman. Monica is also running for Director.

Cathy offered a special thank you to the current board members: Eleanor MacLean, Jean Piety, Karola Yourison, and Rosanne Macek.

Sci-Tech News Inventions Contest

Terry Kirchner compiled the trivia contest on inventions, based on the *Milestones* book previously mentioned. Completed questionnaires were evaluated, and the winners were Jim Manasco, and Rhonda Kidner, who is a new division member.

Chair-Elect's Comments

Eleanor MacLean talked about some future directions for the next year. She noted that our treasury is very healthy, and we can afford to develop projects and publications that would be of use to our members. She wants us to look at the criteria for awards, publicize these more, and try to get more applicants for awards since we didn't even award some of these this year. She suggested that we should do some minor revisions to the bylaws. We also need to look at the overlap

between Government Relations, NTIS, and Federal Library Representative and better organize these positions.

Eleanor thanked Cathy Williamson for all her work as Chair of the Division and presented her with a gift on behalf of the Division.

Cathy moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 a.m.

Rosanne Macek, Secretary

Science-Technology Division Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts June 12, 1996

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 a.m. by Eleanor MacLean, Chair.

Welcome and Introductions

All meeting attendees introduced themselves. The following were present: Nancy Anderson, Barbara Best-Nichols, Estelle Davis, Monica Ertel, Even Flood, Amira Hamdy, Bonny Hilditch, Barbara Joyce, Karen Lanigan, Rosanne Macek, Eleanor MacLean, James Manasco, Mary Ann McFarland, Dorothy McGarry, Howard Stephen McMinn, Ellis Mount, Jean Piety, Judith Siess, Cathy Williamson, Marsha Wilson, Karola Yourison.

Approval of Minutes

Judith Siess moved that the minutes of the executive board meeting be approved as published in the August issue of Sci-Tech News. The motion was seconded and carried.

Report of the Chair

Eleanor MacLean, Chair, handed out the new officer list, which she will update and distribute again shortly. A list of potential volunteers was also available. She reported that the conference seems to be going well so far. The Sci-Tech programs have been so successful that people have been turned away.

Eleanor reported on a few highlights from the Division Cabinet meeting: many divisions are working on web sites; the Nuclear Science Division voted to dissolve; the proposal that the Aerospace Division be part of the Engineering Division is pending a vote; the report from the advisory committee investigating the Health Science Division was accepted; the motion to create a Health Sciences Division was defeated; it was announced that the proposed Medical Section within the Biological Sciences Division would come into existence immediately; the Pharmaceutical Division's new name will be Pharmaceutical and Health Technology Division; the Business and Finance Division has dissolved the Trade and Industrial Section; the Legal Division is setting up a Toxicology Roundtable; the Library Management Division has a new Knowledge Management Section and has research grants from Dialog; and the association now has a web site up and running with links to chapter and division home pages. She also reported that the Board of Directors had appointed Gloria Zamora Conference Chair for Indianapolis, reauthorized the Diverse Issues Caucus, and selected Toronto as the site of the 2005 Conference.

Eleanor pointed out the list of potential volunteers on the table. She added some names and went through the

list and announced who had already been assigned and who was still available to work on committees. A revised copy of the list will be distributed to Committee Chairs.

Office and Committee Reports

Eleanor reported that the outgoing board met the previous Sunday afternoon where all committee reports were discussed. The incoming chairs should get annual reports and Sci-Tech procedures manuals from outgoing chairs. Karola Yourison has copies of the procedures manual also. Karola has been working very hard on updating the manual and handed out updates. As past Chair, it will be Cathy Williamson's job to update the manual next year and make sure everyone has a copy. Corrections and suggestions for changes should go to Cathy.

Eleanor MacLean announced that the following positions have been filled: Estelle Davis, Affirmative Action Chair; Monica Ertel, Awards Committee Chair; Barbara Best-Nichols, Bylaws Chair; Anne Menefee, member of awards committee; Ailya Rose, Duplicate Exchange Chair; Erika Mittag, Government Relations Chair; Judith Siess, International Relations Chair; Michelle Tennant, MLA Liaison; Wilda Newman, Public Relations Chair. The following positions are yet to be filled: ALA/ACRL Liaison, Auditor, Indianapolis Conference Planner.

Cathy Williamson moved that the Nominations Committee consist of Dorothy McGarry, Anne Robertson, and Karola Yourison as Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

Eleanor said she would not report on each committee but briefly indicate what some of the committees will be doing next year.

Awards: There was concern expressed that there were no candidates for several awards this year. It was suggested that the criteria for awards be reevaluated and that we look at renaming the awards. "Professional Development Stipend" was suggested as the new name for the Unemployed Librarian award. A new Publication award was suggested. It was recommended that we keep the International Librarian Travel Stipend but increase the amount. The comment was made that lack of applicants for awards is a general problem throughout the association. Other suggestions: work with other awards chairs, publicize on listserv, and involve the Public Relations Committee.

Government Relations: A possible reorganization of this committee was recommended at the Executive Board meeting the previous Sunday. Cathy Williamson suggested combining Government Relations, NTIS Liaison, and Federal Liaison into one committee.

International Relations: It was suggested that this position should be a liaison to the association International Relations Committee and there was concern expressed that this position needed to be more active.

Membership: Stephen McMinn will work on a program to recruit new members.

Professional development: Marsha Wilson reported that the patent workshop was sold out by May 17. She said that we need to thank MicroPatents for supplying the instructor and equipment. Possible topics for the workshop next year include: "From Paper to Electronic Information," "Useful Sci-Tech Information on the Internet,"

"Information Seeking in Context," "Information Needs: Ways to Search in Different Environments," and "Advanced Patent Searching." The deadline is August 1 for submission of CE courses. Marsha commented that not only is the deadline tight, but that SLA has stringent requirements for instructors and she had to do lots of background checking. Marsha would like to work with the membership chair next year. Nancy Anderson suggested that we do an advanced patents session at Seattle next year and then look at programs for the Indianapolis conference. Cathy Williamson thanked Marsha for pulling together the CE program in less than a month.

Projects and Publications: This has been a relatively inactive committee for the past several years but Mary Lee Kennedy has several committee members to work with her next year. Developing a web site for the Division will be one project for next year. Several suggestions were made for the web site: publicize awards, include information about the Division with a list of officers, and include links to other sites. Other ideas should be sent to Mary Lee Kennedy. It was suggested that the Public Relations Committee be involved with developing the web site.

Sci-Tech News: Ellis Mount welcomed ideas for new features.

Technical Standards: Jean Piety said that there had been a very small turnout at the meeting on the previous day. She recommended that as a Division, we should be connected to the Standards Roundtable and suggested that we do a program on the Pacific Rim next year.

Strategic Plan: A vision statemet will be developed next year.

Student Relations: The committee did a good job in publicizing the student stipend this year. The newcomers brunch was very successful and will be repeated.

Old Business

Stephen McMinn has copies of the brochures, sending 25 copies to chairs.

Cathy Williamson reminded everyone that they need to let Eleanor know budgetary requirements for each committee. Jean Piety said we pay sales tax and that expenses should be submitted in advance to aid budget preparation.

New Business

Eleanor MacLean said that according to Division procedures, we are able to pay up to $350 for the Chair and Chair-Elect to attend the winter or annual meeting. The current support is $350 for each meeting for the Chair and Chair-Elect. There was some discussion of making the amount higher. Cathy Williamson moved to change the amount stated in the guidelines from $350 to $1000. The motion was seconded and carried.

Eleanor MacLean thanked all the officers and chairs for their work this year and thanked the upcoming chairs and officers for their participation in the coming year.

Eleanor MacLean moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

Rosanne Macek, Secretary

Sci-Tech Division Board for 1995-1996. Eleanor MacLean, Jean Piety, Rosanne Macek, Cathy Williamson, and Karola Yourison.

Sci-Tech Division Board for 1996-1997. Eleanor MacLean, Nancy Anderson, Rosanne Macek, Mary Ann McFarland, and Cathy Williamson.

SLA Presidents, past and future, are pictured here. Ruth Seidman, SLA President for 1991-1992 (and made an SLA Fellow in 1996) is shown with Judy Field, SLA President-Elect (1996-1997).

SCI-TECH DIVISION
1996 BUDGET

OPENING BALANCE: January 1, 1996 $54,233.55

INCOME:

Allotment from Association (1249 @ 8.60)	$10,741.40	
Bulletin Sci-Tech News Subscriptions	1,200.est	
Bulletin Sci-Tech News Advertising	11,000.est	
Interest income totals		
Sci-Tech Div. Checking	100.est	
SLA Pooled Fund/Sci-Tech part	1,400.est	
Sci-Tech News Savings	150.est	
Sci-Tech News CD	650.est	
Contributions/Sponsorships	5,000.	
Annual Conference 1996	3,000.	
Annual Conference 1997	2,000.	
Transfers from:		
SLA Pooled Fund/Sci-Tech part	5,000.	
Other income		
Bulletin Sci-Tech News/Divisions support	8,500.est	
CE Course: Patent Searching	4,500.est	
TOTAL 1996 ESTIMATED INCOME		$ 48,241.40
BALANCE + 1996 ESTIMATED INCOME		$102,474.95

EXPENSES:

Bulletin Sci-Tech News production costs	
Production costs (non-advertising)	$18,000.est
Advertising costs	3,000.est
Annual Conference costs	7,350.est
Receptions/Board mtgs, Speakers	2,000.est
incl Brin Honorarium, travel	2,000.est
Equipment, meeting rms charges	2,000.est
Sci-Tech News Celebration/Ann. Conf.	50.
CE Course Patent Searching	1,200.est
Student relations: 5 for business mtg	100.est
Contributions	
Affirmative Action Com./Ann. Conf.	1,000.

Awards
   Achievement 250.
   S. Kirk Cabeen Travel stipend 750.
   International Travel stipend 750.
   Unemployed librarian travel stipend 750.
Elections/Ballots
   postage 449.10
   printing 626.62
Bulletin Sci-Tech News allotment 1249 @ 3.50 4,371.50
Public Relations/Projects 1,000.est
Executive Board
   Chr misc. inc. Award Cert.& gifts 500.est
   Chr-elect misc 500.est
   Travel 1,200.est
Transfers to: Sci-Tech Div. CD 5,000.est
TOTAL 1996 ESTIMATED EXPENSES $45,497.22
ESTIMATED BALANCE Dec 31, 1996 $56,977.30

1996 BUDGET

ALLOCATION OF SCI-TECH DIVISION FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 1995:

Sci-Tech Division Checking Account $8,453.68
SLA Pooled Money Market/Sci-Tech part $21,964.78
Sci-Tech News Checking Account $1,570.39
Sci-Tech News Savings Account $9,447.17
Sci-Tech News CD Account $12,797.53

TOTAL $54,233.55

COMPARATIVE YEAR-END BALANCES
including the funds from SCI-TECH NEWS: The Official Bulletin of the Science and Technology Oriented Divisions

1996 $56,977.73est
1995 $54,233.55
1994 $51,217.14
1993 $51,479.97
1992 $46,479.86
1991 $41,699.47
1990 $28,830.71

SLA Conference June 1996
Computer Science Literature Roundtable
James W. Leonard, Moderator

Over 40 Librarians and around 10 publishing people gathered on Wednesday afternoon for a free form open discussion of the literature of Computer Science. The meeting was jointly sponsored by the PAM and the Sci-Tech divisions.

Book Selection:

Sarah Stevens-Rayburn asked in a note before the session for guidelines in selecting computer science books for a non-computer science library. She runs an astronomy related library, whose users especially need books for learning programming languages. Her comment: "There are so many out there..." The group seemed to suggest staying with established publishers in the field, and it was pointed out that major societies such as IEEE produce graded tutorial texts. At least one participant felt that the "...for Dummies" series is helpful for people new to an area.

Java Applets:

Representatives from the company Inter Dimensions were present to field questions on Java resulting from the presentations they gave at the PAM-Wide Roundtable on Sunday afternoon. It was asked whether there was concern about license agreements for downloading and using of Java applets. They said that it is a concern and that there are tools available now for decompiling Java applets back to their original code.

Disks in Books:

The publishers were interested in reaction to books containing disks and CD-ROMs. Concerns were expressed about lost disks, separately loaning them, making backup copies, unauthorized copying, and picking up viruses. Solutions included avoiding buying books with disks, attaching warning labels regarding copying, separately circulating disks, storing backup copies, "losing" the disks, and just circulating the books with disks as is with no backup disk copies. Several participants found it difficult to obtain replacement disks from the publishers. Most librarians seemed to have CD-ROM equipped PC's in their libraries.

Web Site Access:

One alternative to disks in books is access to the material on a Web site. Publishers asked about the desirability of such arrangements. It was agreed that this could work very well. One thing was made very clear, however, access should be based on site address rather than supplied passwords, which users lose within "picoseconds." Pricing is an issue: some publishers have set very high prices for site licenses.

ACM Depository Collection:

We were reminded that the University of Washington Engineering Library continues to maintain a depository collection of publications of the Association for Computing Machinery. Journals are covered but not separately published conference proceedings. The material does not circulate, but copies will be made for a fee.

Conference Proceedings—Acquisition:

Concern was expressed about the coverage of ACM conferences in the ACM standing order program. Many of the proceedings appear as issues of Special Interest Group (SIG) journals and don't always come as part of the standing order. The MIT Engineering Library maintains two subscriptions to ACM Special Interest Group journals in order to supply the book collection with needed conference proceedings while at the same time having a complete set of journal holdings. Representatives of the ACM agreed to followup on this concern. IEEE, ACM and other organizations do list their conferences on their web sites. The IEEE representatives expect to act on Rebecca Lasher's suggestion that they show which conference proceedings are included in their standing order plans.

Conference Proceedings—Cataloging:

Many conferences are referred to in journal articles by initials. The need was expressed for more proceedings to include these initials in the title of the work, to give users access though library catalogs. Another problem is that conference titles can change from year to year, leading to proceedings for different years of a conference ending up with different call numbers.

Conference Proceedings—On the Web:

The IEEE Computer Society and others are experimenting with putting conference proceeding content on a Web sites, and the ACM does have several complete conferences on their site, including CHI '96 (Computer Human Interaction). It was pointed out that society members want paper versions continued for archival purposes. There was encouragement for publishers to get conference proceedings quickly onto Web sites, perhaps for conference attendees ahead of time and the rest soon after.

Library Advisory Committees for Publishers:

Strong concern was expressed for library needs to be taken into account by publishers. Some publishers are doing this, but not to the satisfaction of all the librarians present. This is a dialog that will continue, and it was suggested that publishers set up Web sites with threaded discussion groups to enable interaction. There was not time for all questions to be brought up. For librarians needing computer science technical reports, Rebecca Lasher, Stanford University Mathematics Computer Science Librarian, suggests trying http://www.ncstrl.org. This is the cooperative effort of over 50 institutions and is still expanding.

Thanks:

Our thanks go to all who attended and the people who represented the publishers in this discussion: Academic Press, ACM, IEEE, IEEECS, ISI, Springer Verlag, Wiley, as well as Inter Dimensions software and others. Also, thanks go to Ann Tattersall for contributing her notes on the discussion. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

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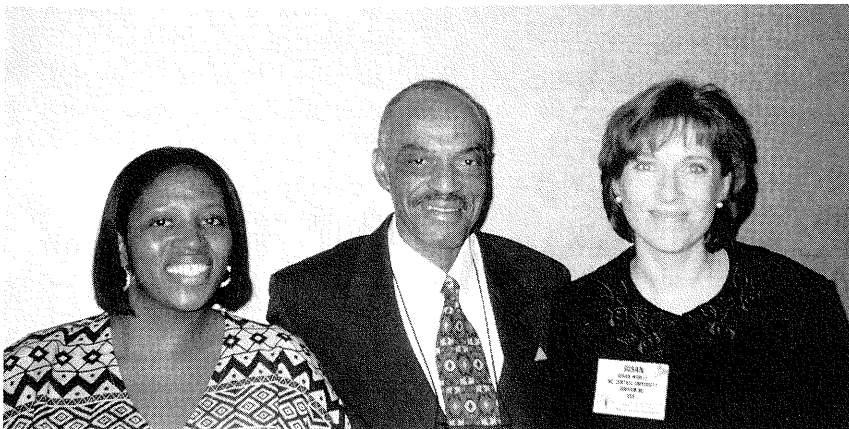Newly-named SLA Fellows (1996), both Sci-Tech Division members, are Ruth Seidman and Monica Ertel.

Rosanne Macek, Laurie Scott, and Cathy Williamson conducting a spirited discussion on Sci-Tech Division's strategic plan, chiefly based on Laurie's work as head of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Judy Field, SLA's President-Elect (1996-1997) presents Ellis Mount with a plaque from the Sci-Tech Division, citing his work as Editor of *Sci-Tech News*.

Sandy Molz receiving an award from Cathy Williamson for her work as Conference Planner for the Sci-Tech Division. A few moments later she won the prize for bringing in the oldest copy of *Sci-Tech News*, theme of a special contest this year.

Jim Manasco and Rhonda Kidner tie as winners in a trivia contest involving selecting discoveries and inventions that were "born" in the 50 years of *Sci-Tech News'* existence (1946-1996).

Former STN Editor, Bob Ballard, shown with two of his students at North Carolina Central University—Laurie Thompson and Susan Worley.