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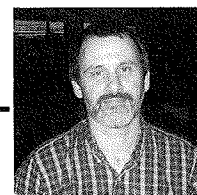
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Engineering Division

Bob Tolliver, 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.

First off I would like to thank all of the Division officers who have done extended duty in their positions during the last 18 months. The Division appreciates the extra time you've all put in. I would especially like to thank our out-going Chair, Kathy Nordhaus, for her leadership of the Division and for her help and encouragement as I've prepared to take over as chair. I hope I can do as good a job.

We're hoping to do some upgrades to our online information this year. Our new webmaster, Vani Inampudi, is interested in updating our website, which I think is a good idea to do every few years. We're also planning to upgrade our discussion list to improve functionality and include an archive of posts. This is something the board has already discussed and hopefully we can implement this soon.

While I'm on the topic of the discussion list, and since I'm the list owner, I would like to thank all of the Division members who've contributed to the list and made it such a valuable resource. Since I've been a member of the Division, about six years, the discussion list has been very active and has been a great place to get help, find resources and information, and generally keep the members up to date on what's going on in the world of engineering libraries.

The Engineering Division is sponsoring four awards for the SLA Annual Meeting in Denver: the Elsevier/SLA Engineering Librarian of the Year Award, the IEEE Continuing Education Stipend, Inspec's \$1200 Travel Stipend Award, and the Engineering Division Team Award. The last award is new this year. All of the awards have a March 1, 2007 deadline for submission of nominees. Please nominate someone for one of these awards. Please contact Joan Dubis at joan.c.dubis@boeing.com for information on the awards or visit the Division's awards page

at <http://units.sla.org/division/deng/Awards.html>. [Ed. note - Notices are also in this issue of STN]

If the awards nominations aren't enough, we also have two positions on the Engineering Division Board opening up for 2008: Chair Elect and Treasurer. We need some nominees for these positions, so if you know someone, including yourself, that you think would be a good candidate, please contact Kathy Nordhaus at k-nordhaus@raytheon.com. For more information see the posting in this issue of SciTech News.

Dana Roth from the Chemistry Division brought to my attention a Perspective piece that he and Kimberley Douglas recently published in *Chemical & Engineering News* titled "Looming Threats to Society Journals." The article is freely available at <http://pubs.acs.org/cen/science/84/8447sci4.html>. Since journals are such a significant part of our budgets throughout engineering and the sciences, issues related to journals have a big impact on our libraries and information centers. If you have any thoughts on the article and the issues that Dana and Kimberley bring up, please let me know.

As I write this, the SLA Leadership Summit in Reno is approaching and details for our events at the Annual Meeting need to be taken care of, so I'll get back to work now. If you have any comments, suggestions, or would like to help out the Division in any way, please let me know at diabob@umich.edu. ❖

Bob Tolliver
Chair, Engineering Division

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Elsevier /SLA Engineering Librarian of the Year Award

Please consider nominating a colleague or associate for our Engineering Librarian of the Year award. This \$1500 gift is offered annually to honor a member of the SLA Engineering Division.

The award is sponsored by Elsevier and the Division to highlight the accomplishments and contributions of members to the engineering librarian profession. Recognition comes in the form of the stipend and a certificate, and is presented at the Division's Annual Business Meeting held during the SLA Annual Conference.

Prospective candidates are encouraged to nominate themselves, or an associate may nominate them.

Criteria for entry are:

- 1 Membership in good standing in the SLA Engineering Division, as of January 1 of the previous year in which the award is presented.
2. 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.

Instructions for submissions – Deadline March 1, 2007

Provide full name, address, telephone numbers, e-mail address, and a maximum one-page statement of the nominee's qualifications to:

Joan C. Dubis
The Boeing Company
Library Services
5301 Bolsa Avenue – M/S H012-A001
Huntington Beach, CA 92647
joan.c.dubis@boeing.com
714-372-0993 (p) - 714-896-1737 (f)

IEEE Continuing Education Stipend

The IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) Continuing Education Stipend will be given to the Engineering Division member who submits the best essay on how the applicant will benefit professionally from a continuing education course.

AWARD: The award is a \$1000 stipend for expenses incurred while attending any CE course offered at the annual Special Libraries Association Conference in Denver, CO, June 3-6, 2007. The stipend may be applied to travel, food, and one night's accommodation. Award applicants must be members in good standing in the SLA Engineering Division for at least one year as of January 1, 2007.

TO ENTER: The winner will be required to submit an article to SciTech News within twelve months of completion on how the course helped them either in library applications or professionally. Apply by submitting a one to three page (double spaced) essay on how you will benefit professionally from the specific continuing education course. Include your full name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address. Please type your full name at the top of each essay page.

The deadline for submission is March 1, 2007. The recipient of the award will be notified by April 1.

Please submit entries to:
Penny S. Sympson, SLA Engineering Division Awards Committee
Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.
330 Pfingsten Road
Northbrook, IL 60062
Voice: 847.753.7202 Fax: 847.498.0358
E-mail: psympson@wje.com

Call for Nominations – Engineering Division Leaders

Want to hone your leadership skills in a friendly and supportive environment? Then please consider running for office in the SLA Engineering Division!

Leadership Summit and/or Annual Conference may be made available up to an amount of \$2000 (per year) for the Chair Elect, and up to \$1000 (per year) for the Treasurer.

The SLA Engineering Division Nominating Committee is looking for Division members interested in serving in the following positions: Chair Elect and Treasurer. The Treasurer serves for two years; the Chair Elect position is a three-year commitment. The newly elected officers will begin their terms at the SLA Leadership Summit in January 2008. Full position descriptions may be found in the Engineering Division's Recommended Practices document at <http://www.sla.org/division/deng/Recommend.html>.

Serving the Division is a great way to learn new skills and get to know interesting colleagues within the Division and across SLA. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, wish to suggest a fellow Division member for consideration, or if you have any questions, please contact Kathy Nordhaus, Chair of the Nominating Committee, k-nordhaus@raytheon.com. A slate of no more than two candidates per open position will be announced by the Nominating Committee in early March 2007.

The Division realizes that financial support for conference registration fees, travel, and lodging may be a concern and we want to help. Therefore, contingent upon available monies in our treasury, funding to attend the SLA

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Nordhaus
Chair of the Nominating Committee

Engineering Division New Members As of December 2006

Laurie Allen
Raytheon Company
Woburn, MA

Connie Bush
Boeing
Huntington Beach, CA

C. A.Clift
BAE Systems
Minneapolis, MN

Kevin Drees
Oklahoma State
University – Edmon
Low Library
Stillwater, OK

Kristen Fitzpatrick
Westfield, NJ

David Gingell
Chevron
Berkeley, CA

Elizabeth Grossman
QUALCOMM Inc.
San Diego, CA

Kevin Ireton
San Antonio, TX

Kathleen Jackson
Washington Group
International
Denver, CO

Nancy Kozlowski
Gulfstream Aerospace
Corp
Savannah, GA

Susan Morley
CSA International
Toronto, ON Canada

Mark O'English
Washington State
University – Owen
Science & Eng.
Library
Pullman, WA

Michael J. Petro
IEEE
Piscataway, NJ

Loretta M. Shaw
Fairview Park, OH

Ronald Rodrigues
San Lorenzo, CA

Erin Rust
Raytheon Missile
Systems
Tucson, AZ

Gerald Steeman
NASA Langley
Research Ctr. –
Library & Info Svcs
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Hampton, VA

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***Special Libraries Association Engineering Division Announces
The Inspec Travel Stipend Award (\$1,200)
For the SLA Annual Meeting in
Denver CO, 3-6 June 2007***

Inspec is sponsoring their annual award of a \$1,200.00 travel stipend for a library school student toward payment of expenses incurred while attending their first annual Special Libraries Association conference, to be held in Denver CO, June 3-6, 2007.

The Inspec Award will be given to the qualified student who submits the best essay of three or less double-spaced typed pages describing the following topic:

If you were a Librarian in charge of the science or engineering collections, how would you go about promoting databases within your collection to the appropriate departments that can benefit from them? What could the database producers do to assist in your efforts (e.g., send you promotional items, etc.). Explain how your efforts will benefit your organization.

Qualifications for Entering the Award Competition:

1. Be a student member of the Special Libraries Association.
2. Be attending his or her first SLA Conference.

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 1

The recipient of the Inspec Award will be notified by April 1.

Submit entries for the award to:
Bette Finn, SLA Engineering Division Awards Committee
Georgia Tech Library and Information Center
Georgia Institute of Technology
Atlanta, Georgia 30332 0900

Voicemail: (404) 894 1790
Fax: (404) 894 8190
E-mail: bette.finn@library.gatech.edu

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS **Engineering Division Team Award**

This award is offered annually to honor a team. It is sponsored by the SLA Engineering Division and highlights the accomplishments and contributions of a team working on projects in the area of engineering. A team may consist of members who work in a collaborative environment – academic libraries and corporations with several libraries or one librarian involved in a group project.

Recognition comes in the form of a \$1500 stipend, plaques for team members and a presentation at the Division's Annual Business Meeting held during the annual SLA conference. Prospective teams are encouraged to nominate themselves, or an associate may nominate them.

Criteria for nomination are:

1. One member of the team should be a member of SLA in good standing for one year (as of January 1) of the previous year the award is given.
2. The team project 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 team project.
3. The team leader or one team member needs to be present at the Division's Annual Business Meeting to accept the award. Other team members wanting to attend the presentation will need to make/pay for their own travel arrangements.

Deadline for submission is March 1, 2007. The recipient of the award will be notified by April 1.

Please submit entries to:

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The Boeing Company
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Huntington Beach, CA
714-372-0993 voice
714-896-1737 fax
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