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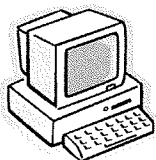
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Science-Technology Division Ann Koopman, Chair



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.

Greetings! I hope everyone was able to enjoy the holidays and a good start to the bright new year. This is my first column as your new Chair; we're all still getting used to the new timing now that the SLA organizational year runs from January to December.

As I write this, the SLA Leadership Institute is coming up soon. This year, all of the Executive Board will attend, so we're looking forward to doing some organizational business as well as learning leadership & management skills, and doing a little team-building. Over the course of this year we're looking forward to adopting our newly revised recommended practices (formerly known as the procedures manual), reviewing & updating our strategic plan, continuing to transition our election procedures for online elections, continuing to build our recently-revised website, and adapting to the new conference procedures that will govern 2008. Believe it or not, planning for the 2008 conference has already begun.

I want to thank past Chair Mary Frances Lembo for all of her hard work in leading the Division over the last 18 months as we transitioned from the old schedule to the new, and for her support and encouragement as I have been learning the ropes. Valerie Perry, our Treasurer and SciTech News Business Manager, is also finishing up her 2-year term. Valerie has been a real rock for our Division, managing our funds and our financial strategies so capably. Even in the face of many challenges, Mary Frances and Valerie have always stepped up and gotten things done, making it fun in the process. That's a big key to thinking about Division work, and one of the best lessons we can all learn: volunteering for your professional association can actually be both fun and fulfilling. The tasks themselves can be rewarding, and you form strong personal bonds as you work with colleagues.

Think about what you might like to do in the Sci-Tech Division; let me know if you would like to participate on a committee, work on a program, develop a Sci-Tech course for Click University, or explore some other role. There are so many

ways to contribute or to learn. When we get together at the Annual Conference, consider attending one of the Board meetings, or talk to one of the officers at our Annual Business Meeting. Try us out -- there is always room for someone who wants to participate at any level, and I promise we'll make it a positive growth experience!

Note that Mary Frances, in her new role as chair of the Nominating Committee, is going to be looking for candidates to run for Chair-Elect and Secretary over the next few months. The Nominating Committee now seeks candidates in the spring for election in late summer/early fall, so if one of these roles interests you, don't wait for the Conference to speak up.

Looking forward to the Annual Conference, 2007 Program Planner Michelle Wilde and Professional Development Chair Dale Riordan have put together a terrific program for us. We'll start with two half-day CE courses ("Creating and Managing Institutional Data Repositories," and a hands-on lab practical "Exploring New Technologies through Instruction"), end with a tour of the National Center for Atmospheric Research and Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics, and enjoy a full schedule of topical programs and receptions in between. Visit the Division website or the SLA Online Planner for the full roster.

Our vendors have again been generous with us for the 2007 conference. I would especially like to acknowledge Thomson Scientific, ACS Publications, and IET/Inspec for increasing their support this year, and Annual Reviews for becoming a new information partner. We welcome back old friends - The Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), ASTM International, CrossRef, EBSCO Industries, Elsevier Science, IEEE, Knovel, Open Text, and ProQuest. We'll be grateful that SLA conferences are in June, after watching Denver dig out from the snows of December, and we want to see you there.

Chair-Elect Christine Whitaker and her program planning team are currently soliciting topic

ideas (and more planning team members) for 2008, when we visit Seattle. If you would like to propose a topic, suggest a speaker, or put together a program for Seattle, Christine wants to hear from you (cwhitaker@gw.med.sc.edu).

If you're still reading, you'll have noticed the theme: GET INVOLVED. Engaging with your

profession is one of the best things you'll ever do; you'll reap both professional and personal rewards.❖

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PAM Division International Membership Award Winner Announced

The Physics-Astronomy-Mathematics (PAM) Division of SLA is delighted to announce Mr. Muhammad Shahid Soroya as the 2007 recipient of the PAM International Membership Award. This award is presented to a librarian from the developing world for the purpose of providing an opportunity for active participation in SLA and SLA-PAM.

Muhammad is currently serving as a librarian at the School of Mathematical Sciences (SMS) at Government College University in Lahore, Pakistan. SMS was established to promote mathematics and allied sciences in Pakistan and presently has 25 faculty members and approximately 70 Ph.D. students.

In the upcoming months, Muhammad will prepare a short report on the state of scientific information in his country to be presented to the membership at the annual meeting in June 2007. He will discuss the role of library associations in the development of the library profession in Pakistan and the development of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) Digital Library and its role in the promotion of research, particularly in pure sciences.

PAM members are very pleased to welcome Muhammad as a new member and look forward to having him join us in Denver. PAM thanks East View Information Services for sponsoring the 2007-2008 International Membership Award. For more information please contact Nisa Bakkalbasi, Chair--PAM International Relations Committee (nisa.bakkalbasi@yale.edu).

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