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This final issue of 2007 is the first November issue that marks the end of term for our Division and Section Chairs. Consequently, there are many last thoughts and thank-yous in their columns. A recurring theme is the tremendous importance of the support of both other Board members and the many volunteers who also do the Division/Section's work. It's amazing to me that in this time of overload – in information as well as seemingly in all areas of life – that SLA members continue to produce terrific events and meetings with almost all volunteer effort. Kudos to you all, and particularly to those who step up to lead in all levels of our organization.

Speaking of volunteers, I'd like to welcome the first of our FOUR Book News Selectors, Kiem Ta. Kiem is the Science Librarian at the Edmon Low Library at Oklahoma State University. She has been both a reference and a systems librarian, and so brings that perspective to her selection process.

The other three selectors, each taking an STN issue, include myself, Carol Lucke from the Naval Research Lab, and Marie C. Fraties-Block from BASF – The Chemical Company. So we should give you the nice balance in points of view that I hoped would be represented as we select. It's difficult to choose the 100 books from the 2000 in each issue of *Sci-Tech Book News*, and to satisfy the many disciplines and libraries which our readers represent. If you have comments on the selections we'd love to hear from you.

I am also once again looking for a new volunteer. Our excellent Web Reviews columnist, Diane Brenes of the Boeing Company, is unable to continue writing her terrific columns. I'd love to hear from any of you willing to write a similar column quarterly.

I'm also very pleased that we have an essay review of a very important and thought-provoking book, **Balanced Libraries: Thoughts on Continuity**

and Change, by Walt Crawford. Walt mines the blogosphere for the latest thinking by those who often think deeply. He combines these with articles from the "traditional" library literature and weaves them into his own cogent analysis. Thanks to my Assistant Editor Christina Pikas for getting reprint permission from the author John Dupuis.

We welcome and encourage you to submit other essay/reviews in the future.

Also in this issue we have a few reports from the Annual Conference in Denver. They were received after the August issue was sent to the printer. One of them, on *The Science of Beer*, is actually a second report on that session. Amazingly, Michael White's report hardly repeats a word of the August review, and it is so well-written and informative that I decided to include it.

Speaking of conferences, there is a lot here too about the upcoming Annual Conference in Seattle. That's because planning is well along by this time. The intriguing sessions described in our Chair and Section messages make Seattle a MUST conference for me, even if my daughter didn't just happen to live there (and I didn't have *SciTech News* business to attend to.)

I once again solicit reports about other Conferences that you attend – has anyone gone to the Charleston Conference, IFLA, or even non-library sponsored meetings that get you thinking about your work in a different way? I'd love to hear from you.

For those going to Louisville in January, see you there. ❖

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