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Science-Technology Division Mary Frances Lembo, 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.

I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday season and a good start to 2006. As I write this column, we are gearing up to attend the Leadership Summit in Houston, Texas. I will have to write more on that in my next column, but I expect that we will find that the sessions were informative and we have enhanced our leadership skills.

With the New Year comes a new web page design for the Sci-Tech Division. The Web Committee, chaired by Anna Ren, has been busy with giving us a new look and improved navigation for the page. If you have not visited the web site recently, I encourage you to do so: <http://www.sla.org/division/dst/> Let us know what you think of the new design.

The conference planning for 2006 in Baltimore is shaping up nicely. Our program planner, Janet Hughes, has worked very hard to bring us interesting sessions for Baltimore. In addition, the planning for 2007 in Denver has already begun. Michelle Wilde will be our planner for that conference so let us know if you have any suggestions or would like to help out in some way for SLA 2007.

Normally, this issue of *Sci-Tech News* contains biographical sketches on candidates for the Division upcoming election for officers. However,

the governance year was changed from a "conference year" to calendar year. Therefore our current officers will be in place until December 2006. Darra Ballance is the chair of the Nominating Committee and is looking for a few brave information professionals to run for the offices of Chair-Elect and Treasurer.

The Division relies on the involvement of our membership and running for office is a great way to give back to the Division. Although there is quite a bit of work to be done as an officer, you are never working alone. You have a great group of officers, chairs and long-standing Division members to call on for help. Being involved at the national/international level in a professional society looks great on a resume and is especially important for those in positions that require a promotion/tenure process. So, if you have not made a New Year's resolution yet, I suggest getting more involved in the Sci-Tech Division as an excellent one for 2006! ❖

Mary Frances Lembo
Chair, Science-Technology Section

The Science-Technology Division of the Special Libraries Association (SLA) Award Announcements

The awards will be presented at the 2006 SLA Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD, USA, June 11-14, 2006. Annual Conference theme for 2006 is: "Where Tradition and Transformation Converge ." Descriptions of the awards criteria and the nomination forms are below.

SCI-TECH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Sci-Tech Achievement Award is the highest annual award presented by the Science-Technology Division and is reserved for those recipients whose professional work is marked by distinction and dedication to scientific and technical librarianship. The purpose of the award is to recognize those Division members who have made outstanding contributions to the Division and/or to the literature of science and technology librarianship in the past 1 to 5 years.

The \$750 award will be presented annually, with a corresponding scroll describing the reason for the award. The Science-Technology Division Awards Committee reserves the right to withhold the award if a sufficient number of appropriate candidates are not nominated.

QUALIFICATIONS: Be a current member of the SLA and be a member of the Science-Technology Division for at least three years; be working currently in a library, information center, library school or other information capacity.

NOMINATIONS: Self-nominations are encouraged.

Include a list of accomplishments and activities over the past 1 to 5 years. The materials should be double-spaced. (750 words or less) Neatness, spelling and grammar will count in judging. Supporting documentation, although not mandatory, may include a current curriculum vita OR resume for the candidate, significant publications, supporting letters, etc.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: April 3, 2006

S. KIRK CABEEN TRAVEL STIPEND AWARD

The S. Kirk Cabeen Travel Stipend Award is offered to a library school student or first time conference attendee. The \$750 award is to be used toward expenses of attending the SLA Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD, USA June 2006.

QUALIFICATIONS: Be a library school student or first time attendee; be a current member of SLA, preference going to Science-Technology Division members; must be attending his or her first SLA conference;

NOMINATIONS: Self-nominations are encouraged. All nominations must include the following: A short essay (500 words or less) on the theme of the 2005 Annual Conference: "Putting Knowledge to Work." The essay should be double-spaced. Neatness, spelling and grammar will count in judging. Supporting documentation, although not mandatory, may include a current curriculum vita OR resume for the candidate, significant publications, supporting letters, etc.

Applications should also mention if you are currently applying for other SLA division awards.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: April 3, 2006

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SCI-TECH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AND S. KIRK CABEEN TRAVEL STIPEND AWARD

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

1. Fill out the Nomination Form. A copy is included below and on the Science-Technology Division's Web site: <http://www.sla.org/division/dst/>
2. Include a current resume and relevant materials as outlined in the criteria for the award.

POST AWARD REQUIREMENTS:

1. Recipient (s) will write a brief article (approximately 1,000 words) on the conference experience for the November 2006 Sci-Tech News.
2. Recipient (s) will be asked to serve on the Science-Technology Division Awards Committee in the following year to provide for the continuity and enthusiasm of the awards.

NOTIFICATION:

1. Applicants will receive notification of award status by mid April 2006. The award checks will be sent to the recipient as soon as the receipts are received by the Awards Chairperson.
2. The recipients' names will be posted to the Science-Technology Division's Web site.
3. The award will be announced and presented to the recipient at the Science-Technology Division's Annual Business meeting/breakfast. Details forthcoming.

Nomination Form for 2006 Science-Technology Division Awards

Indicate which award (s) you are applying for:

- Sci-Tech Achievement Award S. Kirk Cabeen Travel Stipend Award

Please type or print.

Nominee: _____

Complete Title: _____

Employer: _____

Full Mailing _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Business Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

If student, provide school and anticipated graduation date: _____

Your name: _____

Signature: _____

Your mailing address: _____

SUBMIT APPLICATION DOCUMENTS AND THE NOMINATION FORM TO:

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Electronic application is preferred; otherwise please allow 2 weeks for mail delivery.