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## Engineering Division

## Kathy Nordhaus, 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.

As I sit writing this column in the relatively calm surroundings of a well-stocked, dry, mold-free library, my thoughts wander to our division members and colleagues in the Gulf Coast region who suffered such loss and devastation. What a job they have in recovering from the aftermath of Katrina and Rita – both personally and professionally. I want them to know that our thoughts and prayers are with them in the months ahead as they begin the rebuilding process.

An historic event will have happened by the time we all receive our next issue of Sci-Tech News! An electronic vote! However the vote turns out, how cool was it to just go into the ballot, make your selection, and boom, it's done? I sure hope that whatever kinks happened during the election, they were minor!

Our board was busy at the Annual Conference in Toronto. The minutes from our 3 meetings – the Outgoing Board Meeting, the Annual Business Meeting and the Incoming Board Meeting are available in this issue. We have a great board – they are a very hardworking bunch and no matter how busy they are, they respond quickly to questions and calls for assistance. Here are some newsworthy items from several of our board members:

Nominating Committee Chair, Mary Steiner, has put an ad in this issue looking for new officers for terms beginning in January 2007. Please look around, and in the mirror, to nominate worthy candidates. If you want to get more involved in the Association, or Division, now's your chance! Please contact Mary ([maryds@seas.upenn.edu](mailto:maryds@seas.upenn.edu)) or one of her committee members, Cheryl Hansen or Cynthia Bennington, if you know someone who would make a great officer!

Discussion List Chair, Bob Tolliver, is looking for a couple of volunteers to help evaluate possible options for archiving our discussion list. It would be helpful if one of the volunteers has experience with the Lyris system SLA is currently using for many of the discussion lists. If you are

interested, please contact Bob Tolliver ([diabob@umich.edu](mailto:diabob@umich.edu)).

Professional Development Chair, Michael White, has worked with Judith Currano, Chemistry Division, on a CE Proposal for the Baltimore Conference. They have put together a wonderful course on patents titled, *Diving into Patents: A Primer for Librarians*. Michael, Librarian for Research Services at Queens University and formerly Librarian for the U.S Patent & Trademark Office, will be one of the instructors. The other instructor is Marilyn Dunker, Proctor & Gamble, Intellectual Property and Business Information Services. We are anxiously waiting for word that the course has been accepted. Keep your fingers crossed! [Ed. Note – This course was approved after Kathy submitted her message.]

Vendor Relations Chair, Jackie Florimonte, is going to be mailing letters to our vendor partners to encourage program sponsorship for the Baltimore Conference. If you know of any vendors not currently on our list of sponsors, please contact Jackie ([jackie\\_florimonte@raytheon.com](mailto:jackie_florimonte@raytheon.com)). For a complete list of sponsors, please check out the division webpage: <http://www.sla.org/division/deng/index.html>.

The Awards Committee has been revamped. Coordinating the committee is Janifer Holt. Joan Dubis, the 2005 Elsevier/Engineering Librarian of the Year recipient, is leading the committee that will select the 2006 recipient. Bette Finn is leading the committee to select the 2006 INSPEC Travel Award recipient. We are currently working on a proposal for a new award and Penny Sympton is leading that endeavor. Watch for announcements! In the meantime, look around and begin to think of the people who have mentored you, who have been your colleagues, and have helped you through the years. We need lots of submissions! Students, watch for announcements regarding this year's topic for the Travel Stipend to help you get to the Baltimore Conference.

We had three division members volunteer to serve on Pam Rollo's Task Forces. I want to thank all

of them and know that they will do a great job representing the Association, and the Engineering Division. Carol Reese (American Society of Civil Engineers) has been assigned to the Alliances and Partners Task Committee. Mary Crompton (Northrop Grumman) has been assigned to Research NOW Task Force. Joanne Tobin (Georgia Tech University) has been assigned to

Chapter Modeling Task Force. Hopefully, they will be willing to share their experiences with us.

Program planning for Baltimore is coming along. I will have more information in the next issue.

Until then, be safe! ❖

Kathy Nordhaus

Chair, Engineering Division



## **SLA Engineering Division – Outgoing Board Meeting June 5, 2005**

Attendees: Mary Crompton, Sara Davis, Cheryl Hansen, Janifer Holt, David Hook, Brent Mai, Katy Nelson, Daureen Nesdill, Kathy Nordhaus, Randy Reichardt, Marcy Rodney, Robert Tolliver, Jeanne Trimble

### **Welcome and Agenda Updates**

Mary asked if there were any agenda changes. No changes were made.

### **Toronto Programs and Sponsorships**

Mary passed out a list of Engineering Division sponsored programs, the list of vendors supporting the division and acknowledging their support, and the winners of division awards.

The division will hold a joint open house with the Information Technology Division and the Science & Technology Division Monday night in the Upper Canada room of the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. The topic of the open house will be *Science Fiction, the Future, and Libraries* with three of Canada's leading science fiction writers.

### **Treasurer's report (Katy Nelson)**

Sara Davis is handling deposits. The division is in excellent financial shape with a total of \$60,000 as of the end of May. We made money last year and probably will again this year. Janifer brought up the possibility of a new award since we have enough money. Sara will talk to one of our sponsors that has not sent us money yet for this year's conference. Katy and Sara will talk to the incoming treasurer, Suzanne Cristina, about the handover of treasurer duties.

### **Aerospace Section report (David Hook)**

Jeanne has updated the website. Membership is at approximately 80. The Mandel Award winner could not make it to the meeting this year, so the award presentation will take place at next years meeting.

### **Advisory Board Annual Reports**

Mary handed out the Engineering Division Annual Reports Summary and the Sci-Tech News Annual Report.

### **Division Cabinet Chair Report (Brent Mai)**

The Materials Research & Manufacturing Division will not become a section within the Engineering Division or Sci-Tech Division. They are investigating other possibilities, including an informal roundtable presence within a division. A new caucus has been proposed called the Architecture Engineering, Construction, and Design Caucus. The proposal has 28 signatures, primarily from within architecture and design. This is a growing area. The board discussed whether or not this caucus as proposed would fit within Engineering and if there was overlap with the Division. It was felt that we could support the proposed caucus if the emphases on engineering and construction were removed, as these areas are already within the Engineering Division's scope. Sara indicated that she would like to hear from them and discuss the proposed caucus. Brent said that they are primarily solo librarians.

### **Annual Reports**

Mary asked for comments on the annual reports summary:

Daureen passed out copies of the newly revised *Punch List of Best Practices for Electronic Resources* created by the Engineering Libraries Division of ASEE. Feedback and comments are welcome.

Sara, Vendor Relations Chair, said that Jackie Florimonte will be the Vendor Relations Chair next covering costs for specific individual sessions, but rather introducing the "byte" sponsorship levels (similar to Association-level sponsorship levels). Sara said that some vendors turned us down this year, but asked to be contacted again next year about sponsorship.

Randy said that we have 12 speakers for this year's Standards Roundtable, but that the room was small, only seating 50.

### **Old Business**

Jeanne revamped the division's website and thanked us for providing her with DreamWeaver to do the updates. Randy thanked Jeanne for the work she did on the website. Jeanne put up PDFs of the division content from Sci-Tech News. Jeanne requested that we keep sending her content to add to the website.

Discussed archiving of the SLA-ENG Discussion List. This is not possible with our current host, so Bob will look into the possibility of moving to another host such as Lyris.

Janifer talked about the division awards. There were two nominees and one self nominee for the Librarian of the Year award. Concern was expressed for the lack of nominees coming forward each year. The board discussed ways to increase advertising the Award and better defining the criteria. This topic will require some more thought. We decided to save discussion of a possible new award for the incoming board meeting.

Mary and Kathy are trying to recruit someone to take over the division archives.

### **New Business**

The Association is aligning the governance year with the fiscal year. A vote on the bylaws to

accommodate this change will take place Tuesday at 5:15. Division members were encouraged to attend this meeting.

The board discussed the timing of elections under the new governance year. It was proposed that we keep the elections around the same time so that new board members would have time to prepare for their term.

Increased financial support for board members was discussed. Currently, the chair, chair-elect, and section chair receive \$1000. Other divisions, such as Chemistry, offer \$1500 plus early bird registration for secretary and treasurer. Some organizations also cover travel. Randy suggested bringing this up at the incoming board meeting. Marcia asked about the status of funds for this and Katy said that we should have sufficient money.

### **Closing announcements**

Programming for next year's meeting. We will have one and a half days for CE programming and probably only one board meeting. This will be discussed more at the incoming board meeting.

Mary thanked everyone and handed out thank you gifts. The board thanked Mary for her service as Chair.

Cheryl brought SLA Engineering Division pins for everyone.

Meeting adjourned.❖

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## **SLA Engineering Division – Annual Business Meeting and Awards Breakfast, June 7, 2005**

Attendees: Laurie Allen, Cynthia Bennington, Lynn Berard, Judith Bloch, Diane Brenes, Sue Brewsaugh, Kathy Cook, Mary Crompton, Glyn Davies, Sara Davis, Joan Dubis, Colby Ellis, Kim Feltham, Jenny Finch, Susan Fingerman, Ross Graber, Rhonda Greenwood, Cheryl Hansen, Rod Hansen, Betty Lou Hicks, David Hook, Betsy King, Steve Kochoff, Hans Koelsch, Tony Lenti, Debbie Letterman, Judy Luther, Christie Martel, Wendy McCarville, Karen McLean, Marcy Miller, Erica Mobley, Katy Nelson, Daureen Neddill, Kathy Nordhaus, Jean Piety, John Piety, Gillian Ralph, Randy Reichardt, Ene Resnis, Marcy Rodney, Wendy Scott, Andy Shimp, Rafael Sidi, Mary

Steiner, Richard Thurlow, Robert Tolliver, Dan Trefethen, Jeanne Trimble, Rayna Vause, Michael White, Andrew Wohrley.

### **Welcome and Introductions/Recognitions**

Mary welcomed everyone to the annual business meeting and introduced our sponsors: Morgan and Claypool (Terabyte level), the British Library (Gigabyte level), and Basch Subscriptions (Kilobyte level). A division sponsors flyer was passed out and Mary encouraged division members to visit and support our sponsors. Mary introduced a special guest, Dan Trefethen, from the Board of Directors. Mary acknowledged the

engineering advisory board and handed out appreciation certificates:

Cheryl Hansen: Past-Chair and Membership Chair  
 Kathy Nordhaus: Chair-Elect  
 Katy Nelson: Treasurer  
 Bob Tolliver: Secretary and Discussion List Chair  
 Janifer Holt: Director and Awards Chair  
 Dave Hook: outgoing Aerospace Section Chair  
 Marcy Rodney: incoming Aerospace Section Chair  
 Daureen Neddill: ASEE/ELD Liaison  
 Cynthia Bennington: Government Relations Chair  
 Heidi Porth: Mentoring Chair  
 Michael White: Professional Development Chair  
 Susan Fingerman: Sci-Tech News Editor  
 Randy Reichardt: Standards Chair  
 Sara Davis: Vendor Relations Chair  
 Jeanne Trimble: Web Editor

**State of the Division**

The Engineering Division has approximately 400 members. We have revamped our web site in the past year, introduced recommended practices, and are considering expanding our awards program. The division is in good financial shape.

Daureen mentioned the ASEE/ELD Punch List of Best Practices for electronic resources (<http://eld.lib.ucdavis.edu/punchlist/PunchlistRevision2005.pdf>).

Katy Nelson, our treasurer, reported that we are in the black and are receiving excellent sponsorship. We will possibly introduce a new award. Katy thanked our vendors for their support.

Mary handed out the list of Engineering Division sponsored events and mentioned the remaining programs and the SLA business meeting scheduled for tonight. Dan Trefethen talked about tonight's business meeting and the by-laws votes. There will be two topics voted on: one allowing for electronic voting and the other to change the Association's governance year to align it with the fiscal year.

**Awards Presentation**

Janifer Holt thanked Inspec and Elsevier for their support of our awards. The awards committee was composed of Mary Crompton, Karen Dennison, Betty Finn, Yolanda Maloney, and Kathy Nordhaus. The committee oversees two awards: the Inspec Travel Stipend Award to a current library school student who submits the best essay on a topic and the Elsevier

Engineering Information/SLA Engineering Librarian of the Year Award. Erica Mobley from Inspec presented the Inspec Award to Debbie Letterman from the University of Washington. Colby Ellis from Elsevier presented the Elsevier Award to Joan Dubis from Boeing. Joan spoke of her love for engineering research, her passion about customer service, and thanked Elsevier, the SLA Engineering Division, Janifer, Mary, her manger Sue, colleague Diane, younger sister, and the SLA Engineering Division membership.

**New Business**

Susan Fingerman, the new editor of Sci-Tech News, talked about new ways of doing things, such as putting issues online. Sci-Tech News has about 100 paid subscriptions and is indexed. She is looking for new content. Sci-Tech news has a new advertising manager and is in need of a subscription manager. [Ed. note - Martin Jamison is our new subscription manager]

Cheryl offered division pins and bookmarks to anyone who wanted one.

If the bylaws vote goes through, the chairs will serve through the end of 2006.

The slide rule was passed on to Kathy Nordhaus and she took over the meeting. Kathy gave Mary a gift for her service as division chair.

Kathy introduced the new board members:

Don Welch: Chair-Elect  
 Bob Tolliver: Secretary & Discussion List Chair  
 Suzanne Cristina: Treasurer  
 Marcia Rodney: Aerospace Section Chair  
 Ginny Jarvis: Incoming Aerospace Section Chair  
 Bonnie Osif: Archivist & Mentoring Chair  
 Daureen Neddill: ASEE Liaison  
 Susan Fingerman: Sci-Tech News Editor  
 Gale Harris: Government Relations Chair  
 Mary Steiner: Nominating Chair & Past Chair  
 Michael White: Professional Development Chair  
 Randy Reichardt: Standards Chair  
 Jackie Florimonte: Vendor Relations Chair  
 Jeanne Trimble: Web Editor

Baltimore Programming: All full-day CE courses will be on Saturday. The opening Keynote Address will be on Sunday. There will be a contributed paper section co-sponsored with the Sci-Tech Division. A call for papers for this session was passed out. The theme for the session is: Open Access and Institutional Repositories in Sci-Tech and Engineering Libraries.

Meeting adjourned.❖

## Special Libraries Association Engineering Division Announces Inspec's \$1200 Travel Stipend Award

### To attend the SLA Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD, June 11-14, 2006

Inspec is sponsoring the award of a \$1200.00 travel stipend for library school students toward payment of expenses incurred while attending the annual Special Libraries Association conference in Baltimore, MD, June 11-14, 2006.

The Inspec Award will be given to the qualified student who submits an essay of three or less double spaced typed pages that is judged to be the best essay describing:

What is the most important new technology in the field of special librarianship and how would you implement it in your library? How would that technology be marketed?

Qualifications for Entering 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](mailto:bette.finn@library.gatech.edu)



### **Engineering Division – Ready to Serve?**

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

The Nominating Committee is looking for division members interested in serving in the following positions: Chair Elect, Director, and Secretary. The Secretary and Director positions serve 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 2007. Full position descriptions may be found in the Division's Recommended Practices document at <http://www.sla.org/division/deng/Recommend.html>.

The Division realizes that financial support for 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 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) each for the Secretary and Director positions.

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 Mary Steiner, Chair of the Nominating Committee, [maryds@seas.upenn.edu](mailto:maryds@seas.upenn.edu). A slate of no more than two candidates per open position will be announced by the Nominating Committee in early 2006. ❖

Respectfully submitted,

SLA Engineering Division 2005-2006 Nominating Committee

Cynthia Bennington

Cheryl Hansen

Mary Steiner, Chair

### Take a Minute with a New Member

In this and future editions we are going to randomly choose an Engineering Division member to highlight. Please let me know if you would like to have yourself highlighted or have someone to suggest. Contact information: Cheryl A. Hansen, Membership Chair, Engineering Division, Engineering Systems Inc., cahansen@esi-il.com.

Scott Curtis is a new member of the Engineering Division and has also joined the Aerospace Section. He is the Coordinator of Search Services for Linda Hall Library in Kansas City, MO. Scott is also an active Heart of America Chapter member serving as their Strategic Planning Director this year.

Scott joined the Linda Hall Library team in February after finishing his degree. This was a career change for him, before Linda Hall he

worked as a quality engineer in manufacturing. He continues to be involved with engineering as he deals with many of the engineering companies that use Linda Hall for research. When asked what he really likes best about being a librarian he said tracking down the really hard things. It sounds as though he is off to a great start in our profession.

To keep him busy when not at work, Scott is married with two boys and a dog. He said that he likes being active and believes in being involved with things at home and professionally. Please extend a welcome to him. ❖

Cheryl A. Hansen  
Membership Chair  
Engineering Division



### Please welcome the following new members to the Engineering Division

Denise L. Almond  
McGraw-Hill Aviation Week  
Washington, D. C.

Scott A. Curtis  
Linda Hall Library  
Kansas City, MO

Sally Roof  
Phoenix, AZ

Colleen Anthony  
Bureau Veritas  
Buffalo, NY

Sarah E. Kaufmann  
Rolf Jensen & Associates Inc.  
Chicago, IL

Elizabeth Simmons  
Dialog  
Edgewater, MD

Temitope A. Ayoku  
Lago Ikeja, Nigeria

Kathryn Kennedy  
Gainesville, FL

Gerald A. Steeman  
NASA Langley Research Ctr  
Hampton, VA

Jane S. Bradbury  
Sears Roebuck & Co  
Gleview, IL

Rich Louis  
Kennametal Inc.  
Latrobe, PA

Diane Brenes  
Boeing Company  
Huntington Beach, CA

Duane McCollum  
Boeing Company  
Seattle, WA

Rosario Carrion  
Cia de Minas Buenaventura  
SAA  
Lima, Peru

S. Janiece Mondale  
Bowie, MD

Julia Ripley  
Denver, CO

### Engineering Division Members - Volunteer to be a Mentor!

Mentor new members of the Division, first time conference attendees, colleagues with a new job, etc. It is fun and rewarding to BOTH the person being mentored AND the mentor.

If interested, contact Bonnie Osif at [bao2@psu.edu](mailto:bao2@psu.edu).