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News from the Engineering Division

Engineering Division

Penny Simpson, 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.

Greetings to the engineering library community,

As Chair-Elect in 2012, I quietly observed the Board as they executed a successful conference in Chicago. This year, I step forward to serve as your 2013 Engineering Division Chair.

In addition to presenting the 2013 programs (San Diego) and planning the 2014 programs (Vancouver), this year the Board will begin to develop a strategic plan. Please look for communications from committee chair Karen Vagts. We hope that you will provide input and help direct the division forward. Your participation is imperative so that the board may better serve you.

Your 2013 Conference Planner, Betty Edwards, has organized interesting programs for the Conference in San Diego. [Click here for preliminary conference program schedule](#). More information will be available at a later date.

I can't thank Betty enough for the considerable effort she has put into the San Diego conference. She jumped in at the February 2012 Leadership Summit with both feet, and hasn't stopped moving forward since. Success of the 2013 Annual Conference is the direct result of her knowledge of the programming process, creativity in program development, and ability in arranging speakers. Please let Betty know how much you enjoy a program at the conference.

Please join me in thanking those who have volunteered to serve as your 2013 Executive and Advisory Boards. A list of board members and email contact information is available online. [\(Click here to view complete contact info posted on the Division web site.\)](#)

I thank those whose service in 2012 positively impacted the Board and the Division:

- Past-Chair, Pam Enrici: Thank you for your patience and mentoring. I learned much watching you lead the division.

- Outgoing Secretary, Dureen Nesdill: Thank you for stepping up and filling in as Secretary.

- Outgoing Vendor Relations, Sara Davis. Thank you for your work contacting and acquiring sponsors for conference programs. The division continues to be financially healthy as a result of your dedication.

I welcome new volunteers to the Board:

- Chair-Elect, Andy Shimp. He will collaborate with the division Program Planner for the 2014 Annual Conference.

- New Secretary, Giovanna Badia. She will serve a two year term and record and distribute meeting minutes and maintain current records.

- Vendor Relations Chair, Patricia Aspinwall. She will be responsible for soliciting sponsors and partners for division programs to help recover and significantly reduce the cost of conference programs to the membership.

- 2014 Program Planner, Beth Thomsett-Scott. She will create detailed plans for each 2014 program, including program creation, scheduling, and food and facility needs. (If you have an idea for the 2014 conference, please contact her.)

- Strategic Planning Chair, Karen Vagts. She will lead the committee that will create a completely new strategic plan for the division.

Finally, I will do my best to represent the division to SLA headquarters. I invite you to contact me with any suggestions or comments regarding the Engineering Division. I am proud to count myself among such a great group of colleagues and look forward to having a productive and memorable year.❖

Penny Simpson, Chair
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Engineering Division Award Call for Nominations

\$1200 SPIE Digital Library Student Travel Stipend Award

SPIE Digital Library is sponsoring for library school students the award of a \$1200 travel stipend toward payment of expenses incurred while attending the annual Special Libraries Association conference in San Diego, California, June 9-11, 2013. SPIE Digital Library is the world's largest collection of optics and photonics applied research.

The SPIE Digital Library Student Travel Stipend 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 submitted describing the following scenario:

You are a corporate librarian working for Super-Fox Engineering, Inc. You were recently informed by management that the company is downsizing the library footprint. Your budget will not be increased to purchase more electronic content, or any additional content for that matter. Management has requested a one page summary of your high-level plan for reducing the library's footprint while also maintaining the same level of service for Super-Fox engineers.

Qualifications for Entering Award Competition

The essay winner must be a student member of the SLA Engineering Division at the time of acceptance of the award. Part of the award will be a one-year student membership to the SLA Engineering Division.

Special Instructions

1. Give your full name, address, telephone number, email 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 15, 2013

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

Engineering Division Award Call for Nominations

\$1000 IEEE Continuing Education Stipend – Call for Applications

Stipend to attend the SLA Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA June 9-11, 2013
IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) is sponsoring for SLA Engineering Division members a travel stipend up to \$1000 toward payment of expenses incurred while attending any Continuing Education course offered at the annual SLA conference in San Diego, CA, June 9 – 11, 2013.

The IEEE Stipend will be given to the qualified member who submits an essay, of three or fewer double-spaced typed pages, which is judged to be the best paper that addresses "How the member will benefit professionally from a continuing education course." Please email Stephanie Sheldon (stephanie.sheldon@lmco.com) for a list of Continuing Education courses offered during the SLA 2013 conference. The winner will also be required to submit an article to the Engineering Division newsletter (SciTech News) within twelve months of completion on how the course helped them in library applications.

Qualifications for Entering Award Competition:

Be a member of the SLA Engineering Division in good standing at the time of applying for the award.

Special Instructions:

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 15, 2013.

The winner must be present to accept the award at the annual Engineering Division Business Meeting during the SLA 2013 conference.

Submit Entries for the award to:

Stephanie Sheldon

E-mail: stephanie.sheldon@lmco.com

or to:

Stephanie Sheldon, SLA-ENG Awards Committee

Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company

Company Research Library, MZ 0124

1011 Lockheed Way

Palmdale, CA 93599

Ph: (661) 572-7648

Engineering Division Award Call for Nominations

SLA Engineering Librarian of the Year Award sponsored by IHS

The Engineering Librarian of the Year, sponsored by IHS, highlights the accomplishments and contributions of SLA Engineering Division members to the engineering librarian profession. The winner must be present to accept the \$1500 award at the annual Engineering Division Business Meeting held during the annual SLA conference in San Diego, CA, June 9-11, 2013.

Prospective candidates are encouraged to nominate themselves, or they may be nominated by a colleague or associate.

Criteria for entry are:

1. Be a member of the SLA Engineering Division in good standing at the time of applying for the award.
2. Distinguished achievement(s) in the engineering library profession, through an exceptional contribution on the job, within the SLA Engineering Division, or within the industry at large. Accomplishment(s) should have taken place within the calendar year immediately preceding nomination/application. However, in selected cases, based solely on the Awards Committee's judgment, recognition may be given for ongoing, long-term contribution(s).

Instructions for submissions:

Submit the nomination/application by March 15th, 2013. Provide full name, job title, address, telephone numbers, e-mail address, and a maximum one-page statement of the nominee's qualifications to:

Diane F. Brenes, SLA-ENG Awards Committee, at the following email address: diane.f.brenes@boeing.com (714) 235-0814

\$1500 Momentum Press SLA Annual Conference Grant

Momentum Press is sponsoring for SLA Engineering Division members a \$1,500 grant to be used toward payment of expenses incurred while attending the SLA Annual Conference in San Diego, California, June 9-11, 2013.

Criteria for entry are:

- Be a current SLA Engineering Division member actively working at an academic, government, or special library
 - Receiving no financial support from employer
 - Provide an essay (300 words or less) on how attending the conference will be a benefit to you
- Post Award Requirement:
- Recipient will write a brief article (approximately 1,000 words) on the conference experience for the Dec 2013 SciTech News.

Instructions for submissions:

Submit entries for the grant by March 15th, 2013. Provide full name, job title, address, telephone numbers, e-mail address, and short essay to: Diane F. Brenes, SLA-ENG Awards Committee, at the following email address: diane.f.brenes@boeing.com (714) 235-0814