The Environment Resources & Management Division is seeking nominations to the Executive Board. This is an excellent opportunity to build leadership skills and network with colleagues internationally, build your resume, and have fun in the process. The Board members are an integral part of the team that plans the high quality programs at the annual conferences and webinars that serve members.

We are accepting nominations (self-nominations or referrals) through Friday, November 21st for the following positions:

- **Chair-Elect:** Term begins January 1, 2015 as Chair-Elect. Serve as Chair in 2016. Serve as Past Chair in 2017.
- **Treasurer:** Term begins January 1, 2015. Term ends December 31, 2016
- **Director:** Term begins January 1, 2015. Term ends December 31, 2016.

We are also seeking volunteers to take on the management of our Discussion List (listserv) and to support the role of Membership Chair. If you are interested in taking on one of these roles or participating in supporting these vital functions for the division, please contact me.

Voting will take place the first week in December.

Details about these positions can be found in the in the About ERMD on our new wonderful website, [http://environment.sla.org/](http://environment.sla.org/). You may also contact the incumbents for more information. A list of current Executive Board members is available here: [http://environment.sla.org/?page_id=510](http://environment.sla.org/?page_id=510).

You must be a member in good standing of SLA and ERMD at the time of your nomination.

Please respond to me [boltik.sam@epa.gov](mailto:boltik.sam@epa.gov) with nominations.
Member Spotlight: Timber Bridge Collection at the Forest Products Laboratory Library

Posted Sept. 2, 2014

The U.S. Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory has had a long-term cooperative project with the Federal Highway Administration to investigate timber bridges on low volume roads. One of the lead researchers had collected together a lot of information on timber bridges over the last 20 years or so. As a way of preserving this information he donated it to the Forest Products Laboratory Library. It took approximately 1 ½ years to get through everything but we now have the collection cataloged. Here is a link to the catalog of items in this special collection in an A-Z list. Most of the materials are about U.S. bridges but there are also reference books on wooden bridges in Scandinavia and other places. This was an interesting project that we hope will be useful to others in the future.

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ENVIRLIB Mailing List

Posted July 20, 2014

ENVIRLIB is an e-mail mailing list for environmental librarians. It’s separate from our division mailing list, ERMD, which is described on the Benefits and Services page. Unlike subscribing to ERMD, subscribing to ENVIRLIB does not require that you become a member of the division (though you should join the division, too, of course). You just have to be an environmental librarian or have an interest in environmental librarianship.

To subscribe, send an e-mail to listserv@listserv.uga.edu and put “Subscribe Envirlib [your name]” in the body of the e-mail. For more information, e-mail list moderator mcclusky@uga.edu.

Bob Teeter
ERMD social media chair

Past ERMD Chair acquires new position at GSA

Former ERMD Chair, Dawn Pointer McCleskey (dawnpointermccleskey@yahoo.com), started a new job with the General Services Administration in Washington DC. She will be working on a search engine called DigitalGov Search, working to ensure citizens find relevant information when they go to a government website. DigitalGov Search is used by 1500 federal, state, and local agency websites, so they do not have to worry about managing their own websites’ search utilities. Working with agency staff, she’ll use SEO and taxonomy approaches to connect searchers with the content to meet their research needs. Congratulations Dawn!
Greetings:

I hope everyone’s fall is going well. I know everyone is busy with work responsibilities, but we really do need more member participation in the newsletter. The Winter 2015 issue’s copy deadline will be Jan. 15. Please send my your professional news and story ideas. An attachment in MS Word or plain text format is fine. I will format it to fit with the newsletter.

*ERMD News* will be featuring a Boston-area special library in the next few issues prior to the SLA 2015 Annual Conference to be held in Boston. Alex Lumb from CDM Smith InfoCenter in Cambridge, Massachusetts has provided an article on the library where he works.

Do you know of a great new resource? Have you had an article published in a professional journal? Share this important information with the other members of ERMD. I welcome ideas and volunteers for bibliographies, book reviews and DVD reviews. Please send me an email at baw@cwlsl.edu. Thank you.

Bobbi Weaver
ERMD News Editor
CDM Smith history

CDM Smith is an employee-owned engineering and construction firm headquartered in Cambridge, MA. Formed by the 2011 merger of CDM (previously known as Camp, Dresser, & McKee and founded in 1947) and Wilbur Smith Associates (founded in 1957), the company has over 5,000 professionals worldwide and works primarily in water, environment, transportation, energy, and facilities. The environmental and infrastructure projects that CDM Smith plans, designs, and builds include projects related to: delivering safe drinking water; protection of water resources; treatment of municipal and industrial wastewater; construction and operation of treatment plants and industrial facilities; management of solid and hazardous waste; transportation; and development of information management systems.

CDM Smith InfoCenter

The InfoCenter is the information resource center for CDM Smith and serves all offices – domestic and international. Based in the Cambridge, MA headquarters, the InfoCenter is staffed by a manager/senior information specialist, an information specialist, and a part-time intern. A corporate library was established in 1963 when the company was known as Camp, Dresser, & McKee in order to assist the growing engineering staff. Today, the InfoCenter includes a physical library collection and a website that provides access to a variety of specialized online information resources. The InfoCenter staff offer research assistance to CDM Smith employees including scientists, engineers, architects, and marketing and administrative staff. In 2013, over 200 literature searches were conducted in support of projects.

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Physical collection
The physical collection is housed in a library holding approximately 6,000 books, 1400 maps, 120 journals, 1800 industry standards, 1200 conference proceedings, and 400 microfilm rolls. The collection covers subjects including: wastewater; drinking water; water resources; transportation engineering; urban planning; environmental remediation; solid waste management; renewable energy; geotechnical engineering; architecture; and civil engineering. All the items can be searched for and requested through an online catalog which is available on the InfoCenter’s website. Most of the books in the collection were added as a result of the consolidation of regional office libraries and CDM Smith’s acquisitions of other companies and the books they had. In 2013 alone, over 300 books from the collection were circulated to CDM Smith offices.

Online resources
The online presence for the InfoCenter is an internal SharePoint site with dedicated pages for accessing: conference proceedings; journal subscriptions; industry standards; professional association memberships & resources; e-books, and research databases. Employees can also use the InfoCenter site to search the catalog, request books or other documents through the catalog (using their employee ID number), or even renew loans.

IP-authenticated access is used for subscription-based resources such as e-book libraries, some journals, and research databases specializing in civil and environmental engineering and transportation. Online access to the most commonly-used industry standards at CDM Smith can be found on a dedicated page on the site.

A page of current awareness resources includes links to subscription-based news services that cover the main sectors that CDM Smith operates in. In addition, access to a table of contents monitoring service makes it easy for employees to quickly skim the contents of key journals or industry magazines as they are published. Any articles of interest can be accessed directly through subscriptions, or by requesting articles from InfoCenter staff.

Links to freely available information resources are also available through the InfoCenter site (including, for example, EPA’s Health and Environmental Research Online database, the EPA Drinking Water Treatability Database, and the Transportation Research Board’s Transport Research International Documentation database).
Marketing

Maintaining a high profile within CDM Smith is essential for the InfoCenter. Recent marketing initiatives have included a three-minute orientation video on the website, emails to all new employees that highlight information resources specific to each person’s work function and both company-wide and targeted emails to promote selected information resources. A survey is sent to all employees who use InfoCenter services in order to gauge how effective the resources and services are. Circulation and usage statistics are reviewed regularly and information resources are added or removed as needed.

Challenges and opportunities

In the Fall of 2014, CDM Smith announced an office move for the Cambridge headquarters location to be completed during the first half of 2015. The move will take CDM Smith across the Charles River to downtown Boston. For the InfoCenter, this presents both challenges and opportunities. The main challenge is the lack of a dedicated space for a library in the new office building, and therefore a significant reduction of the physical collection will need to occur. With less space in the new Boston location, the InfoCenter staff must determine which books, journals, reports and maps to keep and which can be given away to other institutions.

Reducing the size of the physical collection has also provided an opportunity to expand access to more online information resources. Additional e-book resources have been acquired, allowing employees to access the information they need more quickly regardless of location. Many of the most frequently requested books have, as the office move approaches, been supplemented by electronic online versions. More electronic content acquisition is planned, along with training sessions to help employees navigate the additional content available to them. As the CDM Smith InfoCenter transforms into a digital library, further opportunities to make more information resources accessible to more employees will emerge.

Free Webinar

Leadership Bootcamp

Thurs. Nov. 20, 2014, 2-3 pm EST

This webinar is designed to help new SLA leaders prepare for their new roles beginning in January. The webinar will provide information on—

- Resources available to manage membership, planning and communications
- Practical tips and tricks for planning events and meetings
- Who is responsible for what on your executive board
- Deadlines you will need to meet throughout your year
- Preparation for the Leadership Summit on Jan. 21-24, 2015

For more information, see the announcement at http://calendar.sla.org/index.php?eID=386

Registration available at https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/166493529/

If you’ve got it, let us know.

Email Bobbi Weaver at baw@cwsl.edu with news on your
- publications
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