

**Meeting of the SLA Engineering Division Executive & Advisory Board  
During  
2012 SLA Annual Conference & INFO EXPO  
July 14, 2012**

Present:

Pam Enrici, Barbara Williams, Mary Whittaker, Daureen Nesdill, Kathryn Breininger, Sara Davis, Susan Morley, Penny Sympson, Mary Strife, Adrienne Washburn, Diane Brenes, Bonnie Osif, Betty Edwards,

Absent:

Beth Thomsett-Scott, Abby Thorne, Dale Copps, Patricia Aspinwall, Lynn Berard, Sara Tompson

1. Pam Enrici called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 5:00 CDT.
2. The Agenda for the day was approved by all without changes.
3. The Minutes from June 2012 were approved by all without changes.
4. Treasurer's Report –Mary Whittaker  
**The figures in blue are the Division's bank account totals as of June 29, 2012 bank statement. The figures in red come from the June 2011 bank statement to help show a comparison from year-to-year.**

<b>Engineering Division</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Savings and Checking accounts total	\$48,821.99	53,072.20
<b>Aerospace Section</b>		
Savings and Checking accounts total	\$ 9,892.17	7,074.53
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		
in SLA ENG and SLA AERO accounts	<b>\$58,714.16</b>	<b>60,146.73</b>

Change in Treasury: the Division has \$1,432.57 less than at this (same) time last year.

Since the last bank statement was issued, Mary W. has disbursed funds for the award winners, and anticipates several reimbursements for travel from Board officers and for speakers. From past history, Mary realizes that she will receive invoices for the conference itself (from HQ and other divisions) in September or October.

Per the requirements of SLA HQ, Mary forwarded 2012Q2 bank statements to Linda Broussard on July 10, 2012.

The unit treasurers will meet during this conference and Mary will report back anything learned from the meeting at the next monthly Board meeting.

5. Vendor Partners Chair Report -Sara Davis

-The lunch ticket count for vendors is ok for the business meeting. Eighty people have registered for the Engineering Division Business Meeting and Lunch. Tickets are \$25.00ea. It may be the raffle has brought additional people in. Aerospace Business Meeting and Breakfast has 26 people registered. Tickets are \$35.00ea.

-Patricia Aspinwall will be joining the group handing out certificates of appreciation to sponsors on Sunday in the INFO EXPO to meet the representatives from the Division's vendor partners.

-Funds from two vendors have not been received by the Division. One is in the mail and the other was delivered via credit card to SLA Headquarters.

6. Awards Chair Report – Diane Brenes

A discussion on the proposed new award from Momentum Press and awards in general was held by the Board after the formal meeting concluded. Additional discussions will be held.

7. Additional Committee Reports –

Standards Update – Susan Morley reported that there may be 12-14 people speaking at the Standards Update.

8. Suggestions for next year's chair elect and secretary

An announcement will be made at the Engineering Division Business Meeting and Lunch.

9. 2012 Conference Planner report and discussion (Engineering) – Pam Enrici

-Session signs – Pam, Kathryn, Barbara, Diane, Susan and Sara will place the signs for each session.

-Note-takers – for each session. These notes will be part of the write-up for SciTech News. Pam needs a note-taker for Sci/Engineering 101. Susan Morley volunteered.

-Photos – Susan Morley and Sara Davis volunteered to bring cameras and take photos during the Engineering Division Business Meeting and Lunch; especially of the raffle.

-Thank You Entourage – Will meet at 11:00am at the entrance to the INFO EXPO. Barbara will be filming.

10. 2012 Conference planner report (Aerospace) - Barbara Williams

-Come to the sessions!

-Adrienne Washburn will take minutes at the Business Meeting.

11. 2013 Planning

Betty Edwards reported that the planning for the Engineering Division events for 2013 in San Diego is well underway. There are a few changes to the conference schedule:

CE session will be Saturday only

Opening Session is Sunday at 9:00am

Leadership Institute

Conference will end with the SLA Business Meeting 4:00pm Tuesday

Tours on Wednesday

A variety of topics and types of sessions are being considered and we'll pick speakers who have done amazing things to get more insight into the stories behind their success. The Division will not be cosponsoring the Computer Round Table so have an extra spot. Here is what we have so far for sessions at the conference:

\* The ever popular Standards Update (Sunday) which is a MUST! Transportation will cosponsor. PER has cosponsored in the past; will ask them again.

\* A program on Project Management Certification (Sunday). We have a librarian who holds certification from the Project Management Institute. The PMP credential and structure provides many great benefits for librarians.

\* Nanotechnology (Monday) is believed by many to offer extraordinary economic and societal benefits. The session will cover the development of this emerging field and potential applications in R&D. The development of this emerging field program will cover the concept, what's so special about it, commercial applications -- from detection and treatment of cancer, clean, inexpensive, and renewable power, high density memory devices, as well as contributions to national defense, homeland security, and space exploration and commercialization.

\* Standards Benchmarking Survey (Sunday) which Karen Mackey and her colleague at Donaldson Company took part in last year.

\* Electronic Lab Notebooks is a backup up if one of the other sessions is not held.

\* The Division has a Spotlight Session (Monday) on the hot topic of the new Patent Law coming into effect next March. In addition, a new patent classification will be rolled out in January. Both of these will have wide ramifications for research and we're looking at having a panel of speakers from such organizations at the PTO, a patent researcher, an inventor/technologist, and an IP attorney. Pharmaceutical & Health Technology is a cosponsor

\* With the Biomedical & Life Sciences Division, the Division will co-sponsor a program on the topic of Systems Thinking (Sunday). Sara Tompson and Lori Zipperer will be presenting.

\* Green Engineering (Tuesday) is the design and manufacturing of products and processes that have the least negative impact on the environment. We're looking for a speaker from the US Green Building Council.

\* Lightning Talks (Monday) are always fun! In this session colleagues will be speaking for five minutes on a new project, tool, program, or partnership which has knocked the socks off their clientele.

\* Aerospace (Tuesday after the breakfast) is looking at having an astronaut or aerospace engineer speak on the topic of their use of information for successful projects.

\*The Division will also participate in the All Science Reception and Poster Session on Monday at 5:30pm and we are looking into possibly having a CE course on Saturday.

\*All of this in addition to the Division's annual business meeting (Monday at noon) as well as the aerospace section business meeting (Tuesday morning) and a tour of the Gas Lamp District Wednesday).

12. Update on request by Petroleum & Energy Resources Division (PER)

David Brackus, Chair of PER has approached Pam E. about PER merging with the Engineering Division. (There was an earlier discussion see minutes from Feb 23, 2012.) Pam stated that PER must decide if business or engineering is the primary focus of the division. The process of merging with another division will take about two years and PER has just begun the discussion. A discussion concerning whether PER would merge or become a second section took place. It was thought by some that if PER merged then PER would lose its individuality.

13. First Five Years group of SLA – do we want to have a representative?

-SLA organized a [First Five Years Advisory Council](#) charged with attracting and retaining new librarians, working with SLA units to consolidate information targeted for new librarian's professionals, identify emerging leaders, oversee the funding for the Early Career Awards directed towards new librarians outside of North America, and developing social media forums for communication with new librarians.

-The Division needs to have a representative by the end of August. An announcement will be made at the Engineering Division Business Meeting and Lunch requesting volunteers.

14. Discussion of Updating of the Recommended Practices

Kathryn Breininger, as Past Chair will lead a group to update the Recommended Practices. She will not be able to initiate the work until after August 19<sup>th</sup>. Daureen Neddill and X, Y volunteered to assist. The Aerospace Section part of the document was not updated when the rest of the document was updated. Adrienne Washburn and Barbara Williams described how Adrienne had developed a document of Aerospace Section Chair duties based on a timeline. It was suggested the document have internal and external links to facilitate navigation.

15. History of Aerospace Section

Barbara Williams and Adrienne Washburn reported that they are working on the history of the Section.

16. Next Board meeting

The Board will have to work out details using GoToMeeting; which position will be responsible for the technology. The next meeting will be August 23<sup>th</sup> at:

11:00 am EDT

10:00 am CDT

9:00 am MDT

8:00 am PDT

17. Adjournment 6:11pm CDT

Respectfully submitted,  
Daureen Neddill, Secretary  
SLA Engineering Division