

# Meeting of the SLA Engineering Division Executive & Advisory Board September 27, 2012

1. Welcome –Pam Enrici

The meeting was called to order at 11:06am EDT

2. Who's here –Pam Enrici

PRESENT: Pam Enrici, Mary Whittaker, Daureen Neddill, Penny Sympson, Diane Brenes, Lynn Berard, Susan Morley, Patricia Aspinwall, Beth Thomsett-Scott, Bob Tolliver, Adrienne Washburn, Barbara Williams, Betty Edwards, Kathryn Breininger, Mary Strife

ABSENT: Bonnie Osif, Abby Thorne, Dale Copps, Sara Tompson

3. Approval of Minutes –Pam Enrici

Minutes approved.

4. Treasurer's report –Mary Silva Whittaker

SLA Engineering Division and Aerospace Section Treasurer's Report  
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The figures in blue are our bank account totals as of August 31, 2012 bank statement.  
The figures in red come from the August 2011 bank statement to help show a comparison from year-to-year.

Engineering Division	2012	2011
Savings and Checking accounts total	\$42,407.04	51,753.86
Aerospace Section		
Savings and Checking accounts total	\$ 7,272.71	7,065.06
GRAND TOTAL		
in SLA ENG and SLA AERO accounts	\$49,679.75	58,818.92

Change in Treasury: we have \$9,139.17 less than we did at this (same) time last year.

We received the invoice from HQ for the SLA 2012 conference in Chicago on September 24, 2012. We owe: \$8,098.18.

I have not yet paid this bill; awaiting verification that this is the correct total that we owe to HQ. We also owe money to other divisions where we co-sponsored programs at the conference; I have not yet received those invoices.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Silva Whittaker

SLA Engineering Division Treasurer

Discussion of the conference invoice from SLA Headquarters –

A clean report, appears accurate. Barbara Williams had no problems with the Aerospace Sections billing. She will be sending invoices to Mary. The Division still has invoices to send out to our cosponsors of sessions.

## 5. Discussion of proposed dues structure –Pam Enrici

Proposal: People joining SLA, or renewing membership, can join without joining a Chapter and/or Division. Members cannot join a Chapter and/or Division without joining SLA.

Discussion-

This is going to be a discussion and vote by the Cabinet. It is a response to a comment that the membership dues are becoming too expensive. A saving of \$25-30.00 per member is projected. The funds from the membership dues would then be controlled entirely by SLA Headquarters. Chapters are declining in the U.S., but are the main focus of members overseas. The proposal may have an adverse effect on Chapter membership and also Division membership. Both Pam and Penny indicated that they would vote against the proposal. There was a webinar discussing the proposal that has been recorded. There is also another webinar meeting today at 2:00pm EDT titled *The Role of Cabinets in SLA*. Daureen and Pam will attend.

## 6. Awards –Diane Brenes

a. The SciTech Division is increasing their contribution to the Bonnie Hilditch International Librarian Award by \$500.00 and wants to know if the Engineering Division would also increase their contribution. Pam indicated that there was room in the budget. It was clarified that the award was given to SLA member librarians in non-North American countries with preference to those in science and engineering.

The Executive Board agreed to the proposal. Diane will inform the SciTech Division.

b. The Awards Committee has discussed changing the criteria for the Engineering Librarian of the Year Award and voted not to do so.

c. The new proposed award by Momentum has not been finalized yet.

The Committee is proposing that this award be a grant (\$1500) to attend the annual conference. Criteria include: (1) be a current SLA and Engineering division member, (2) unemployed retired or receiving no support from employer, (3) provide an essay (short) on how attending will be a benefit to you, (4) provide a statement that there will be no funding from employer or any SLA division/Chapter.

Discussion followed concerning (1) when to pay out the funds since some awardees will need it before the conference, (2) what to do about awardee not showing up at the conference, (3) have the awardee give a talk at the business meeting on the benefits, (4) potential candidates not receiving enough funds from employer to attend conference being excluded. It was suggested that ALA has a few good examples of this and we should investigate this.

Because of the time Pam suggested the conversation continue via email.

## 7. Election Report – Kathryn Breininger

The slate being proposed by the Nominating Committee (Kathryn Breininger, Diane Brenes and Adrienne Washburn) includes:

Eng Div Secretary: Geovanna Badia, Schulich Library of Science and Engineering

Eng Div Chair –Elect: Mary Crompton, Northrop Grumman

Aerospace Section Chair–Elect: Edna Paulson, NASA

The Board approved the slate. The Committee will now contact the candidates about the approved slate and have the ballots out by the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. They will use the SLA account for SurveyMonkey.

8. Membership report –Lynn Berard

Lynn is still having problems with accessing the membership wiki and obtaining lists of members and new members. Linda Broussard provided Lynn with the label output and this provided the total number of members – 332. Daureen, past membership Chair will see if she can still get into the wiki. It may be that Daureen is still listed and this is what is preventing resolution of the problem. Lynn will also talk to Tom Rink to see if he can assist. Lynn will keep the Board updated.

9. Mentoring report – Pam Enrici for Bonnie Osif

Bonnie is requesting that anyone who mentored a new member during the 2012 SLA Conference to please send her a short report. Daureen and Penny will send reports to Bonnie.

10. Other reports – Pam Enrici

a. November/December meeting

The holidays will interfere with the meeting in November and December. Daureen proposed having one meeting in early December. Pam will set up the date.

b. SciTech Newsletter

Pam indicated that the latest edition is available. She did not submit all the reports from the conference, but will do so for the next edition.

c. Springer video

Pam indicated that Springer had produced a video at conference about SLA and librarianship. She had a speaking part. The video is on YouTube [http://youtu.be/o\\_Oo44OKWUM](http://youtu.be/o_Oo44OKWUM). It was suggested that a link be placed on the Division's website.

11. Adjournment –Pam Enrici

Continue discussing Momentum Award via email

Meeting Adjourned at 11:58am EDT

Next meeting October 25, 2012

11:00am EDT

10:00am CDT

9:00am MDT

8:00am PDT

Respectfully submitted,  
Daureen Nesdill, Secretary  
SLA Engineering Division