



**SLA Engineering Business Meeting  
2012 SLA Annual Conference & INFO-EXPO  
McCormick Place Chicago, IL  
July 16, 2012**

Present: 78 members of SLA Engineering Division

1. Chair, Pam Enrici called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 12:00 CDT.
2. Kathryn Breininger, Past Chair presented Pam Enrici with the “royal” slide rule.
3. Agenda was approved as put forward.
4. Approval of the Minutes from June 14, 2011  
Kathryn Breininger presented corrections to last year’s Business Meeting minutes and called for a vote of approval. The minutes were approved.

5. Introduction of Board Members

Pam Enrici, introduced members of the Division’s Executive and Advisory Board and thanked them for their work:

- Sara Tompson SLA Board Liaison to the Division
- Kathryn Breininger, Past Chair
- Penny Sympton, Chair Elect
- Mary Whittaker, Treasurer
- Daureen Nesdill, Secretary
- Sara Davis, Vendor Partners: Sara announced that she is stepping down from the position and introduced Patricia Aspinwall as the new Chair of Vendor Relations
- Susan Morley, Standards Update
- Diane Brenes, Awards
- Betty Edwards, 2013 Planner
- Barbara Williams, Aerospace Chair
- Adrienne Washburn, Aerospace Past Chair
- Mary Strife, Aerospace Chair Elect

Not present but mentioned:

- Lynn Berard, ASEE Liaison, Membership
- Dale Copps, Webmaster
- Bob Tolliver, List Owner
- Bonnie Osif, Archivist and Mentoring
- Beth Thomsett-Scott, Professional Development

6. Committee Reports

a. Treasurer’s Report

Mary Whittaker presented the Treasurer’s report for the Engineering Division and the Aerospace Section. Please see Appendix 1 for the report.

b. Vendor Partners

Sara Davis thanked all of the vendor partners sponsoring the Division's events at this year's conference. She named each organization and as she did each representative stood, gave his or her name and the booth number of their exhibit.

Thank you for your support:

ASCE	Knovel
AIAA	McGraw-Hill Professional
ASME	Morgan & Claypool
ASTM	Proquest/Dialog
Elsevier	SPIE Digital Library
IEEE	Springer
I H S	Techstreet
Inspec	

c. Programming for 2012

Pam Enrici discussed the Engineering Division's program.

Barbara Williams discussed the Aerospace Section's program. Barbara Williams reported that the new title of the Aerospace session is *Mobilizing the Message: It takes a village to recruit creative problem solvers*. This session is in response to the Intel study, which revealed that a majority of teenagers do not understand the role of engineers in our society. The focus is on ways information professionals and practitioners can help publicize the various engineering disciplines, and what engineers do.

d. Programming for 2013

Betty Edwards discussed the plans and changes in format to the program for 2013.

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

Sessions being developed by the Division include:

- Standards Update
- A program on Project Management Certification.
- Nanotechnology
- Standards Benchmarking Survey which Karen Mackey and her colleague at Donaldson Company took part in last year.
- A Spotlight Session on 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.
- With the Biomedical & Life Sciences Division, the Division will co-sponsor a program on the topic of Systems Thinking.
- Green Engineering with a speaker from the US Green Building Council.

- Lightning Talks session where colleagues will be speaking for five minutes on a new project, tool, program, or partnership which has knocked the socks off their clientele.
- Use of information for successful projects by an astronaut or aerospace engineer
- All Science Reception and Poster Session
- Tour of the Gas Lamp District

#### 7. Announcements

- a. Pam Enrici talked about the benefits of volunteering and being the chair of a Division. She told the members that the position of chair-elect and secretary for 2013 were open. If anyone is interested please, let her or any member of the Board know.
- b. Pam Enrici asked if anyone in the audience had job openings that they would like to share. No one responded.

#### 8. Presentation of Awards

Diane Brenes gave an over view of the awards and thanked the award sponsors. The Engineering Division Awards Committee members were also thanked:

Bette Finn *focal for SPIE Student Travel Award*

Stephanie Sheldon *focal for IEEE CE award*

Diane Brenes *focal for SLA Engineering Librarian of the Year Award sponsored by IHS*

Jane Stephens

Helen Josephine

Adrienne Jones Washburn

Diane also announced that the committee needs new members. Awards presented:

#### **Bonnie Hilditch International Librarian Award**

Geeta Paliwal is a student at Indira Gandhi National Open University in New Delhi, India pursuing her Post Graduate Diploma in Library and Networking. She has a Masters of Philosophy in Library and Information Science and an MLIS from the University of Delhi, and plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Library and Information Science. Geeta is currently working with Dr. P.K. Jain at the Institute of Economic Growth Library in Delhi, India. She has published and presented many papers. She was one of the organizers of the Library and Information Professionals Summit 2012 on “Leadership, Ethics, Accountability and Professionalism in Library Service” held in March, 2012 by the Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi, India in association with the Ambedkar University, Delhi and the SLA Asian Chapter.

Diane introduced Geeta and described the award as being a collaboration between the SciTech Division and the Engineering Division.

#### **SPIE Student Travel Award**

Melanie A. Sturgeon is a MLS student at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Previously she earned a BS and MSE and worked for 14 years as a mechanical engineering. Currently Melanie juggles a position at IBM and two part-time graduate

assistantships with her school work. Melanie wants to combine her experience in engineering with her education in library science in either a corporate or academic library position.

The SPIE Student Travel Award was presented to Melanie by Allison Romanyshyn, Manager Subscriber Relations for SPIE Digital Library and Eric Pepper, SPIE Director of Publications.

### **IEEE Continuing Education Stipend**

Li Zhang is currently working as a reference librarian at Mississippi State University Libraries. She is a graduate of the University of South Florida with both a Master's in Instructional Technology and in Library and Information Science. Li's is responsible for providing research assistance and teaching course integrated library instruction classes for patrons in science and engineering. As part of her prize, Li chose to take the CE course, Extreme Structure Searching to "greatly enhance my reference skills to perform the duties of my current job, particularly my library liaison responsibilities."

Fran Staples, IEEE Director of Sales and Customer Accounts presented the award.

### **SLA Engineering Librarian of the Year Award sponsored by I H S**

James Blank is a Technical Knowledge Specialist in the engineering library at Caterpillar, Inc. He received his MLS from the University of Illinois. Since joining Caterpillar in 2000, James responsibilities have included many library functions, such as cataloging, acquisitions, collection development, and website administration. He currently has responsibility for performing in-depth research, administering access to industry standards, and serving as a knowledge management steward. A comment received about James included "James follows up, which helps me to manage my work."

The SLA Engineering Librarian of the Year Award was presented by Rob Kurtz, I H S Senior Marketing Manager Technical Publications.

## 9. New Business

Pam Enrici summarized the new program SLA is organizing directed towards librarians in the first five years of their careers. 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.

Gabrielle Hyson and Adrienne Washburn volunteered to work on this new effort.

## 10. Service Project

The Division's service project for this year was a raffle to raise funds for [SitStayRead](#). Founded in 2003, SitStayRead uses trained volunteers and certified dog teams to bring much needed reading help to children, ages 7-9, in Chicago inner-city schools and

community facilities. Dogs enable the group to tackle the serious issue of childhood literacy in a fun way and test score results prove Sit Stay Read improves reading fluency. Attendees had the option of making a donation or purchasing raffle tickets for an opportunity to win a \$100 Amazon gift card or a [Fun Time Dog Basket](#). At Fun Time Dog Shop, all profits from product sales are donated to dog rescue groups and non-profit dog related organizations to help save the lives of dogs. All prizes were donated by Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc of Northbrook, IL.

Donations totaled \$200, which will supply reading and writing supplies for approximately 14 students. The winners of the raffles were:

Karen Mackey (Donaldson Company) won a \$100 Amazon gift certificate.  
Phil DiVietro (ASME) won a \$100 Amazon gift certificate.  
Francis Staples (IEEE) won the Fun Time Dog Shop basket (\$50 retail value).

Congratulations to the winners. Thank you to all who participated and a big thank you to WJE for donating the prizes.

11. Meeting Adjourn at 1:20pm CDT

Respectively,  
Daureen Neddill, Secretary  
SLA Engineering Division



**SLA Engineering Division  
and Aerospace Section  
Treasurer's Report  
July 16, 2012 Engineering  
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The figures in blue show our bank account totals as of the June 29, 2012 bank statement: The figures in red come from the June 2011 bank statement to 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>		
<b>in SLA ENG and SLA AERO accounts</b>	<b>\$58,714.16</b>	<b>60,146.73</b>

In 2011, the Engineering Division (exclusively) sponsored the SLA HQ Building Systems project. We sent a \$10,000.00 check SLA HQ for this money to be applied towards maintenance of the building systems at the HQ offices.

Last year the Engineering Division had approximately \$13,200.00 in conference expenses and we anticipate at least that much in conference expenses this year.

To stay in compliance with auditors recommendations, we are sending our bank statements quarterly to SLA HQ.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mary Silva Whittaker**  
SLA Engineering Division Treasurer