

SLA Engineering Division Executive & Advisory Board Meeting

June 13, 2015: 5:00-6:05pm Eastern

1- Open Meeting, Call to Order and Roll Call (Sara Davis)

Present: Sara Davis, Giovanna Badia, Andy Shimp, Diane Brenes, Christina Byrne, Mary Whittaker, Kati Arzeta, Edna Paulson, Maureen Kimball, Vanessa Eyer, Taya Cagle, Penny Sympton, Niamh Tumelty, Zac Painter, Lynn Berard, Daureen Nesdill, Jeremy Cusker

Absent: Gabriele Hysong, Becca Smith, Joan Cunningham, Danielle Harrison, Ashleigh Faith, Moy McIntosh, Marge Rhodes, Dale Copps

Guests: Laura Woods

2- Approval of the Agenda (Sara Davis) – Approved as amended and corrected.

3- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and Comments/Approval of Executive & Advisory Board Report from May 2015 (Sara Davis) – Minutes of April 23, 2015 approved. May 2015 Report approved.

4- Old Business

- I.* Thank yous to our vendor sponsors – will have cards at Division luncheon for members to thank the vendors that they deal with in their libraries. Sara will encourage everyone to send personal notes of thanks to local and regional reps.
- II.* Action plan: Everyone letting Action Planning Committee know about items they are doing that update the Action Plan? The Committee will continue to update the Plan as it is a living document. Andy Shimp, Maureen Kimball and Danielle Harrison are using the Division minutes to update the Action Plan, which will be discussed again at the July board meeting.
- III.* Mentoring program in place for the conference – thanks to all who are helping.
- IV.* Listserv idiosyncrasies: Figured out the problem with members not receiving notice about publication of Sci-Tech News. Wrong listserv address was used for sending things out for ENG. Problem now resolved.

6- New Business

- I.* Change consultants' report to the Association
 - Sara sent the report to the Division and asked for comments and received nothing. Concern that Division appears to be apathetic to this major change coming up in the organization. Perhaps members sent in comments individually. The Chairs and Chairs-elect of the scientific and related divisions will be meeting during the conference to discuss the report. Giovanna and Sara will participate. Sara encouraged all Board &

Advisory Committee members to read the report as it impacts all levels, units, and members of the organization. Members should come to their own opinion. Comments originally accepted until the June 16 SLA Business Meeting, although the comment period will be extended until June 24, 2015. The SLA Board will vote on July 8 to vote on accepting (receiving) the report.

- Discussion: Several questions arose – Awards funds and other unit monetary resources: what will happen? When the SLA Board votes on the entire report, what's next? Next steps? Accept the report or not? What will implementation look like? Changes will/may impact bylaws. Change has to happen, but how to go about it? Several units and people are thinking or alternate plans or formulating responses, e.g. the NY Chapter and SLA Board candidate Dee Magnoni.

II. PAM International Membership Award (Sara Davis and Taya Cagle) – do we want to participate? Info on this was sent to the board earlier in the month. The focus of the award will be on developing countries. 4 divisions were approached to participate/co-sponsor.

- Discussion: Is there a vendor sponsor? It is a previously suspended award. PAM is looking for partnerships to split the costs of the award (\$4000-\$6000 yearly). Will this merge with or compete with the Bonnie Hilditch International award? Will it mean raising more money to fund both? Allow for multiple winners? Will future SLA practices on vendor fundraising impact awards? If this is pursued with PAM, more information will be required concerning the possible co-sponsorship of PAM's International Membership Award:

- 1) Financial responsibilities & commitments
- 2) Difficulty in obtaining a visa for individuals in developing countries
- 3) Approaching international vendors for sponsorship of this award
- 4) Possibly expanding Bonnie Hilditch award amount

- **Motion (Lynn Berard): Instruct Taya Cagle to go back to PAM and investigate further possibilities for Engineering's financial contribution and gather more information about whether they have a solid plan. Then, come back to the board for a recommendation. Motion presented, seconded, and approved by the Executive Board.**

III. Signs acknowledging vendor sponsors for individual sessions here in Boston: Zac Painter will place some signs. Room monitors will post others.

7- Announcements

- I. 2016 Engineering Division Conference Planning (Niamh Tumelty): See report at end of minutes (Appendix 1). Also, there may be a Division anniversary or birthday to celebrate?
- II. 2015 Conference: Thank you to Division volunteers and officers. Be Revolutionary! Sara read a letter from Meaghen Breithaupt, Museum of Science in Boston. Sara made a donation gift in honor of the Engineering Division Executive Board and Advisory Council to the Museum in support of their K-12 engineering programming.

- III. Treasurer's Report (Diane Brenes): \$58,439.97. Still have several outstanding sponsorships. Treasurer's Report will be in the 2015 Annual Business Meeting minutes.
- IV. Awards (Taya Cagle): Will begin to look at awards criteria and recommending possible changes. No students applied this year. How to reach them? Possibilities: Bump up award amounts to attract more applicants. Vendors support awards, but perhaps we should supplement that with more Division funds. Look at previous applicants
- V. Petroleum Division is a small division. The industry and membership is shrinking. They may explore becoming a section of the Engineering Division in the future.
- VI. New SLA membership computer system was not implemented in March. The older system is still in use.

8- Next Meeting (Sara Davis): The next meeting will be July 23, 2015.

9- Adjournment (Sara Davis): The meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm (Eastern).

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Byrne, Secretary

SLA Engineering Division

APPENDIX 1

Current plans for 2016 DENG program - 4th June 2015

Planning team: Giovanna Badia (Chair-Elect), Niamh Tumelty (2016 Planner), Becca Smith (ABCD Chair-Elect), Gabriele Hysong (Aero Chair-Elect), Daureen Nesdill (Professional Development Chair)

Non-program sessions

- Board meeting
- No-host dinner
- Awards reception, possibly with Sci-Tech

Sessions for DENG to organise as lead (max 5)

1. Standards Update (possibly similar structure to this year but starting with short bit about issues providing access to standards, a lot of activity on this in the discussion list)
2. TeachMeet – led by participants, sign up encouraged in advance; description will contain 3 confirmed speakers to entice others to join
3. Emerging ideas – as a contributed papers session; call for proposals will be sent out on the listserv in December/January; the deadline for submitting a proposal to HQ is closer to the conference date
4. Library as publisher, with Danny Kingsley as speaker
5. Natural disasters engineering session – engineers and/or librarians to discuss how they helped individuals in the aftermath of natural disasters

Sessions in addition to the DENG allocation

1. ABCD: Integrating information into the engineering design process
2. Aero: To be confirmed at Boston meeting (potentially copyright in the corporate sector)
3. Ethnographic research methods, co-sponsored with Business & Finance and UX Caucus (counts as UX Caucus session).

Quick takes: 3 sessions involving vendors, Giovanna organising after Boston conference

Tour: Becca looking at options, possibly collaborating with Brandy King on architecture tour

CE courses: Daureen and Giovanna working on Electronic Lab Notebooks session

Sessions to co-host

- Beyond management: Libraries and the data lifecycle (Chemistry)
- Librarian's role in research assessment and highlighting value (Chemistry)