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Message from the Chair

Debra Kolah

2016 has not been the easiest of years! PAM, SLA, and indeed our world, has faced many challenges and changes. The changes will continue, but one thing that makes them easier, is the continued commitment of our PAM members to our PAMily, and of our deep, committed passion to serving our users, and increasing the usability, accessibility, and dissemination of the literature in our fields. In these early days of November, I find myself longing for warmth of Phoenix next summer, and look forward to the fun, energizing times ahead for us!

At the beginning of 2017, our new Executive leadership team will start their terms. Beth Brown will be the new Division Chair, and Laura Palumbo will be the new Chair-Elect. Sheila Bryant will be joining the Board as the incoming Secretary, and Margaret Lam will continue as our Treasurer. Please see the Nominations and Elections Committee report later in the PAM Bulletin for more information. I think the committee for their hard work, and dedication in finding new leaders for the Division. Congratulations to both Laura and Sheila!

Congratulations to Jeff Bond and Kathleen Lehman for completing your terms on the PAM Board. Kathleen Lehman has done an outstanding job as Secretary, and has shown dedication and service above and beyond. Jeff Bond finishes up his Past Chair duties in December. He has been hard at work recently updating the Practices Manual, and this is just the latest example of the amazing service he has dedicated to the Division. He has demonstrated outstanding leadership during a time of much change, and I personally thank him for his guidance and wisdom during my term as chair.

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Thank you to the many members that make PAM work! Our committee chairs, our conference session leaders, our advisory board members, and our vendor member partners—we would not do all that we do without you! Please visit: <http://pam.sla.org/manual/staff/current/> for a current volunteer leader list, and their terms.

If you are interested in serving the Division, please contact Beth Brown. There are a number of positions that have to be filled starting in July 2017, and it is great to know who might be interested in those roles before conference. Other positions start in January of 2018, so keep that in mind!

It has been a tremendous honor to serve PAM this year as Chair. I recently had the pleasure of seeing former PAM Chair Michael Fosmire and his family in Houston, and remembered fondly his mentorship, friendship and professionalism at my first SLA conference as a PAM librarian in Los Angeles, in 2002. As several of my favorite long-time PAM members have recently retired, I am thinking of ways to preserve their knowledge, and look forward to finally embarking on the PAM Oral History project in 2017. Several of you have reached out to me with interest in this project, and I look forward to building upon oral history work of the past.

Be kind to yourself and to others the rest of the year, learn as much as you can, share your light and wisdom, and I'll see you all in Phoenix!

Kind regards,

Debra

2017 Conference Program Planning Update

Elizabeth Brown

We have been hard at work developing and submitting conference proposals for the 2017 Annual Conference in Phoenix, June 18-20, 2017.

This year there have been some adjustments to the conference planning schedule from previous years. The deadline for submitting conference program sessions was November 1st. PAM has submitted proposals for the usual Roundtables in Math, Physics, Astronomy as well as the Annual Business Meeting and Vendor Update sessions. A big thanks to our Roundtable Moderators who came up with so many great ideas for session themes and speakers: Therese Triumph and Sara Tompson (Physics Roundtable), Michael Chesnes and Lauren Gala (Vendor Update), Jenny Hart and Kris Fowler (Math Roundtable) and Lauren Amundsen and Joy Painter (Astronomy Roundtable).

In addition, PAM has been in discussion with other divisions including Taxonomy, the Data Caucus, Chemistry and Sci-Tech to co-sponsor additional sessions on a variety of topics on data management, open science, research visibility, and journal collection building. There are plans to have a Sci-Tech Poster Session as well, as this is always a popular event. Notification on these conference submissions will happen in late December, so a more definite picture of specific sessions will be available then.

Coming up next will be submission of on and off-site social events. As in past years we are planning to submit proposals for the First Night (formerly newcomers and Early-Bird) Dinner Saturday evening before the conference begins, a PAM Open House and a PAM Tour. Deadlines for submitting these events will be on December 1st.

Next year's conference is shaping up to be a great event! Stay tuned as we will have lots more information and details to share in the next Bulletin issue.

Elizabeth Brown, Chair-Elect

Call for Nominations for PAM Awards Brian Quigley

The Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for our two prestigious awards. Nominations are due by March 1, 2017. We all know colleagues and projects that are deserving of these awards so please consider submitting a nomination!

The PAM Division Award is "given for a significant contribution to the literature of physics, mathematics or astronomy or to honor work that demonstrably improves the exchange of information in physics, mathematics or astronomy." Either individuals or groups may be nominated, and they need not be PAM members. [Past recipients](#) include MathJax, the LISA Conference, Paul Ginsparg, the American Physical Society, Project Euclid, Henry Barschall, and many others.

The PAM Achievement Award honors a current PAM member "whose professional work is marked by distinction and dedication to librarianship in astronomy, mathematics and/or physics" and has "made outstanding contributions to the Division." To be eligible, the nominee must also have been a member for at least 5 years and be currently working as an information professional. [Past recipients](#) include last year's winner Donna Thompson, committee members Sharice Collins and Carol Hutchins, as well as 20 other well-deserving individuals!

Help us to honor our peers in this unique and special way by submitting a nomination to Brian Quigley, Awards Committee Chair, at bquigley@berkeley.edu no later than March 1, 2017. A brief justification for the nomination is requested.

Thank you!
Brian Quigley, Chair
Marsha Bishop
Sharice Collins
Carol Hutchins

2017 PAM Election Results Susan Koskinen

Dear Colleagues,

Congratulations to our recently elected officers for the PAM Division! The Nominations and Elections Committee is pleased to announce the newest members of the 2017 Executive Board:

Laura Palumbo, Chair-elect for 2017, Chair for 2018
Number of votes cast: 58
Necessary for election: 30
Laura Palumbo received: 58

Laura Palumbo is currently the Chemistry & Physics Librarian and Science Data Specialist at Rutgers University Libraries and serves as subject liaison for departments in the physical sciences. Prior to her work in libraries, she was a civil engineer in government agencies and consulting firms. Laura has a BS in Agricultural Engineering, and a MS in Library and Information Science, both from Rutgers. She is also a licensed New Jersey Professional Civil Engineer.

Laura has served on the PAM Professional Development Committee, Chair of the PAM Professional Development Programming Task Force; and Chair of the PAM Hospitality Committee. In addition, she served two terms as the Executive Board Secretary of the SLA NJ Greater Princeton-Trenton Area Chapter. She is also the Assistant Editor of Practical Academic Librarianship, an international open access journal publication of the Special Libraries Association.

Sheila Bryant for Secretary, 2017-2018

Number of votes cast:	57
Necessary for election	29
Sheila Bryant received	33
John Kromer received	24

Sheila Bryant is a Science Librarian at Michigan State University, where she is the subject liaison for Mathematics, Statistics, Kinesiology, and Sports. She has been a Librarian at Michigan State University for 16 years. She graduated from Wayne State University with a Masters in Library Science in 1999.

Sheila served as PAM Division Co-Moderator for the Math Roundtable. She is also active in the Medical Libraries Association, the African-American Medical Librarians Alliance, USAIN, and the Mid-Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association.

Thank you to all of our members who voted. Both Laura and Sheila will be excellent representative for the PAM Division and SLA.

Respectfully, –

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SLA Connect

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SLA Connect [<http://connect.sla.org/home>] is SLA's primary means of communication with its members, and an easy way for you to connect with other SLA members. This is done through different communities. You will automatically be a member of the various Chapters, Divisions, and Caucuses that you selected in your membership/renewal application. These can be accessed by selecting "My Communities" in the "Communities" dropdown menu of any SLA Connect page. Everyone is also a member of the "Open Forum," which acts as a listserv for all of SLA.

You can explore many other SLA communities by selecting "All Communities" in the same dropdown menu. Some communities allow you to join, others allow you to view the discussion, and others are completely closed off to non-members.

In the settings for each community you can determine how often you get notified of activity in the Discussion section -- Real Time, Daily Digest, or No Email. PAMnet remains the primary channel for communication for PAM, however.

At the very least, everyone should go into their profile, update the information, and add a picture.

Jamie Lin, San Diego Chapter Communications Chair, has created a nice video that walks you through the SLA Connect website: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VcBCzomUpa0>

<http://connect.sla.org/home>

The SLA & Unit Partnership & Sponsorship Agreement: Overview and Update

Elizabeth Brown

Earlier this fall SLA announced it was creating additional options for units to obtain support for annual conference programming and events. The new agreement, called the SLA & Unit Partnership & Sponsorship Agreement, allows units to choose between two options for obtaining support for conference events. The full-text of the agreement, approved September 14th, is here: <https://www.sla.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/OM0916-A03-2016-09-SLA-and-Unit-Partnership-and-Sponsorship-Recommendation.pdf> (note: you'll need to log into the SLA website to view the document).

The rationale for this agreement was to provide options for units to provide high-quality programming where they may otherwise have difficulty obtaining sponsorship. The agreement was also considered a way for units to work more collaboratively to plan programming and sponsor events.

For each unit two options were available: Option 1, where the unit secures funding as in the past, and Option 2, where SLA secures sponsorship for units on programming and social events. Option 1 is the same way PAM has worked with vendors in previous years. Option 2 allows units to provide programming where they may not have vendor or sponsor support, or if the size of their unit may make it difficult to locate vendors and sponsors for sessions. The deadline for selecting an option was October 28th.

As this agreement is a new way of supporting programming, I reached out to our generous recent PAM sponsors to get their feedback on the plan and preference for the options available. All of the

vendors I was able to get feedback from preferred Option 1, with various rationales and concerns raised with the new agreement. A big thanks to our vendor partners for working with us to help make the best decision possible for the PAM Division.

PAM has decided to proceed with Option 1 for 2017. Each division can change the option selected from year to year. This will allow us a year to decide if this arrangement will be best for both our members and vendor partners.

More details will be available as this new plan is implemented leading up to the annual conference. We look forward to working with our PAM vendors and are planning to review the options after the 2017 conference in Phoenix.

Questions? Concerns? I look forward to hearing any feedback you have regarding the options and plan in general.

Members' Corner

Anya Bartelmann

Ruth Kneale was asked to be on the inaugural ADS Users Group (<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/adsug.html>). Any PAM member questions, comments, or suggestions for ADS that they have not already contacted Donna Thompson about, please feel free to contact Ruth, and she will take them to the first meeting in January 2017.

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