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## Message from the Chair

**Laura Palumbo**

I'm excited that in just a short time we will be together in Baltimore! This year's PAM sessions are once again promising to provide excellent educational and social opportunities. Our organizers, moderators, speakers, and committee members have been hard at work to make the conference a worthwhile experience, and I appreciate each and every one of you. To paraphrase HRC, it takes a PAMily!

If you haven't already heard, we have some SLA award winners in our PAMily again this year. Congratulations to Beth Brown for being named an SLA Fellow, and to Anya Bartelmann and Heide Tebbe for being named Rising Stars! You make us proud. And be sure to attend the PAM Business Meeting and Breakfast on Wednesday, June 13th to learn who will receive this year's PAM Division Award and PAM Achievement Award.

The PAM Business Meeting and Breakfast will also introduce you to a few more award winners. Please be sure to welcome our newest Louise Leckner Award winner, Kristy Borda, who is generously sponsored by IOP. I am also happy to report that we have a new PAM International Travel Award, for two PAM librarians from outside of the US. This award was initiated and graciously sponsored by EDP Sciences. Please say hello to our winners Debal Kar and Sian Prosser, who will have traveled a long way to be with us!

Thank you to all of our sponsors for making our PAM sessions, events, and awards possible: AAAS, ACM, AIP, AMS, Annual Reviews, APS, Cambridge University Press, EDP Sciences, Elsevier, IOP, OSA, SIAM, SPIE, and WSP. And thank you

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again to IOP for sponsoring our PAM Suite Retreat, where I hope to catch up with you in between PAM sessions. I am honored to be your Chair this year, and thank you all for your contributions to PAM. See you soon in Baltimore!

# PAM 2018 Annual Board Meeting Agenda

May 30, 2018

11:30-12:30 Eastern

(via Conference call)

1. Roll Call

2. Executive Board Reports

a. Secretary- Sheila Bryant

i. Approval of previous Board minutes

ii. Approval of previous online Board decisions

b. Treasurer- Anya Bartelmann

c. Past-Chair- Beth Brown

d. Chair-Elect- John Kromer

e. Chair- Laura Palumbo

3. Advisory Board Reports

a. Archivist- Lance Utley

b. Bulletin Editor- Kayleigh Bohémier

c. Fundraising Chair- Jeffra Bussmann

d. Hospitality Chair- Kelly Durkin Ruth for Matt Wascavage

e. International Relations Committee- Mangala Krishnamurthy for Joy Painter

f. Membership Committee Chair- Aaron Lercher

g. Mentoring Committee co-Chairs- Khue Duong and Jenny Hart

h. Networking Committee Chair and Webmaster- Chris Doty

i. Social Media Chair- Nicole Helregel

j. Nominations and Elections Committee Chair- Natasha Johnson

k. PAMnet Archives- Lance Utley

l. Professional Development Committee Chair - Kayleigh Bohémier

m. Public Relations Committee Chair- Donna Thompson

n. Publisher Relations Committee co-Chairs- Andy Shimp and Zari Kamarei

o. Awards Committee- Marsha Bishop

p. PAMnet co-Owner- Marsha Bishop

q. Physics Roundtable Moderators- Therese Triumph and Sara Tompson

r. Astronomy Roundtable Moderators - Donna Thompson and Kelly Durkin Ruth

s. Mathematics Roundtable Moderators- Jenny Hart and Carol Hutchins

3. New Business/Announcements

Adjournment

# PAM 2018 Annual Business Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, June 13th,  
7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time,  
Room 328-329 BCC

[Link to conference schedule board meeting information](#)

*Sponsored by the American Physical Society (APS)  
and Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics  
(SIAM)*

- Introductions and Welcome
- Secretary's report (Sheila Bryant)
  - Approval of 2017 PAM Business Meeting minutes (provided in this issue of the *Bulletin*)
  - Summary of PAM Board Meeting minutes from May 30, 2018
- Treasurer's Report (Anya Bartelmann)
- Past-Chair's Report (Beth Brown)
- Chair-Elect's Report and 2019 Conference Planning Report (John Kromer)
- Chair's Report (Laura Palumbo)
- All other business
- PAM Awards presentations (Marsha Bishop)
  - PAM Division Award
  - PAM Achievement Award
- Louise Leckner Memorial Stipend Awards,  
Sponsored by IOP Publishing  
(Kayleigh Bohémier)
- International Travel Stipend Awards,  
Sponsored by EDP Sciences  
(Mangala Krishnamurthy &  
Charlotte Van Rooyen, EDPS)
- Announcements
- Adjournment

# PAM 2018 Conference Agenda

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SPONSORS,  
ORGANIZERS, AND SPEAKERS!**

## Sunday, June 10th

**PAM First Night Dinner**, 7:00 pm Chiapparelli's  
Restaurant, 237 South High St.

Hosts: Matt Wascavage, Kelly Durkin Ruth,  
Katie Harding  
*Sponsor: OSA*

## Monday, June 11th

**PAM Suite Daily Retreat**: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
*Sponsor: IOP*

**EXHIBIT HOURS**: 12:00 – 7:00 PM  
Say hello to our PAM sponsors!

**Mathematics Roundtable**, 2:15-3:30 pm,  
BCC 339-340  
Moderators: Jenny Hart and Carol Hutchins  
*Sponsor: AMS*

**Putting a Frame Around STEM Instruction**:  
Lightning Talks on Successful Implementations  
of the ACRL Framework in STEM Information  
Literacy Instruction, 2:15-3:30 pm, BCC 344  
Co-sponsored by DBIO, Chemistry,  
Engineering, and SciTech Divisions  
Moderators: Neyda Gilman (DBIO) and Laura  
Palumbo  
*Sponsors: ACM and IOP*

**Astronomy Roundtable**: The Librarian's Guide to  
the Stars, 4:00-5:30 pm, BCC 339-340  
Moderators: Donna Thompson and  
Kelly Durkin Ruth  
*Sponsors: SPIE DL and WSP*

**PAM Open House Reception**, 7:30-9:30 pm,  
Holiday 4, Hilton  
*Sponsor: AIP*

# 2017 PAM Annual Business Meeting Minutes Sheila Bryant

## Tuesday, June 12th

**PAM Suite Daily Retreat:** 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
*Sponsor: IOP*

**EXHIBIT HOURS:** 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM  
Say hello to our PAM sponsors!

**Data Management, Data Analysis, and  
Visualization using Excel,**  
9:00-10:00 am, BCC 344  
Presenters: Thurston Miller and Parker Ladwig  
*Sponsor: APS*

**New Ideas in Physics, Astronomy, and  
Mathematics Publishing, Collections, and  
Services** (by the Publisher Relations  
Committee), 3:30-5:00 pm, BCC 349-350  
Moderators: Zari Kamarei and Andy Shimp  
*Sponsor: AAAS*

## Wednesday, June 13th

**PAM Suite Daily Retreat:** 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM  
*Sponsor: IOP*

**EXHIBIT HOURS:** 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM  
Say hello to our PAM sponsors!

**PAM Division Annual Business Meeting &  
Breakfast,** 7:00 – 8:30 am, BCC 328-329  
Moderator: Laura Palumbo  
*Sponsors: APS and SIAM*

**Let's Get the Story Straight: Communicating  
Science Effectively** (Physics Roundtable),  
10:15-11:30 am, BCC 337-338  
Moderators: Sara Tompson and Therese  
Triumph  
*Sponsors: Annual Reviews, IOP, Cambridge  
University Press*

**Last Night Dinner**  
Amicci's Restaurant, 231 S High St., 5:30 pm  
Host: Beth Brown  
*Sponsor: Elsevier*

Physics-Astronomy-Mathematics Division of the Special Library Association, Tuesday June 20, 2017, 7:30am. Arizona Time, CC 122A

Sponsored by the American Physical Society (APS)

- Introductions and Welcome – Elizabeth Brown, PAM Chair

- Special Thank You to APS for their sponsorship

- Secretary report – Sheila Bryant

Documents approved by the PAM Executive Board since last year's business meeting include:

2016 June 3 Board meeting with minutes – approved by the Executive Board via email on 7/29/2016

2016 June 13 Business Meeting Minutes – approved by Executive Board via email on 7/29/2016

2016 Executive Board decisions and communication topics from June to December – approved by the Executive Board via email on 6/9/17.

2017 Executive Board decisions and communication topics from January to May – approved by the Executive Board via email on 6/9/17.

Read highlights from the PAM Board meeting on June 9, 2017.

- Treasurer's report – Margaret Lam  
PAM has \$54,643.35 in total assets as June 1, 2017.
- Past-Chair report – Debra Kolah (could not attend, report given by Elizabeth Brown)  
Debra is in the process of updating the Practices Manual.
- Chair-Elect report – Laura Palumbo

Thanked volunteers who have expressed interest in serving on committees and in conference programming.

SLA conference planners are looking for feedback on the *Main Street Kiosks* and the *4 Learning Tracks* for programming. If you have any questions or suggestions please reach out to Beth, Laura, or Jeff.

Will send out a survey – any and all feedback about the conference is welcome, including new ideas.

The division will submit proposals to SLA conference planners in September 2017.

- Chair Report – Elizabeth Brown

PAM will have to decide on using Option 1 or Option 2 for conference sponsorship.

The annual Division report is due in December 2017. The Division Financial report will be due in January 2018.

71 PAM attendees registered for the 2017 SLA conference. This is almost 50% of our total membership!

There were approximately 1500 conference attendees in Phoenix, AZ.

A special “shout out” was given to John Kromer who was awarded a SLA Rising Star and to Sara Tompson who was named a SLA Fellow.

- PAM Award presentations – Brian Quigley

Thank you to the award committee members, Marsha Bishop, Sharice Collins, and Carol Hutchins and to everyone who provided suggestions, names, and projects.

- 2017 PAM Division Award: arXiv – The award was presented to David Ruddy and the Cornell University Library arXiv team. David dedicated the award to the 210 member archive libraries.

- 2017 PAM Achievement Award: Jeff Bond, PAM member extraordinaire and 2017 Past-Chair for PAM. Jeff has served in a wide variety of PAM roles over the years, including, but not limited to, serving as the chair of both the PAM division and the Future of PAM Task Force.

- 2017 Louise Leckner Memorial Travel Stipends Awards, Sponsored by IOP Publishing – Kayleigh Bohémier

Thank you to IOP Publishing for their continued support of librarians at the SLA conference and their commitment to the professional development of new science librarians.

Thank you to the other selection committee

members: Sharice Collins, Khue Duong, and Elizabeth Brown.

Travel Stipend Awardees are:

Jason Harvey – Physics, Optics, Astronomy & Laser Energetics Outreach librarian at the University of Rochester Libraries.

Nicole Helregel – Research Librarian for Science Teaching & Learning at the University of California – Irvine Libraries.

- General Announcements

- Ruth Kneale – will continue as PAM board liaison until the end of this year. Many decisions still have to be made. Please let her know if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Remember to drink your water and wear sunscreen.

- Jeff Bond – The *Future of PAM Task Force* Final Report is available on the PAM website. He also thanked the task force committee for a job well done.

- Donna Thompson – gave a short report on the LISA VIII (Library & Information Services in Astronomy) conference that took place in Strasbourg, France, June 6-9. There were four members of PAM on the organizing committee and 11 PAM members attended the conference. Donna will write something for the PAM Bulletin.

- Two PAM members who are retiring:

Jane Holmquist from Princeton University and David Marshall from SIAM.

- The Heard Library Tour is different from the Heard Museum tour. The librarian will meet you in front of the museum for the library tour.

- John Kromer – 2016 PAM Achievement award was presented to Donna Thompson for her excellent work in PAM. She wasn't able to attend last year's conference.

- University of Arkansas will be hiring an Engineering librarian soon – see Kathleen Lehman with any questions.

- Jeffra Bussmann – mentioned that AAAS was one of our new sponsors for 2017 and thanked them for their support. She reminded everyone that PAM will meet for an impromptu dinner after the last session later today.

- Feedback forms should be given to Kayleigh Bohémier. She will send the feedback URL to PAMNET.

- Ruth Kneale – ADS will be pulling the plug on the classic version on January 1, 2018, so start using the new beta version. Ruth is serving on the ADS advisory board and says the beta version “rocks”.

- Jeff Bond – A Special Thank You to Kathleen Lehman, this will be her last PAM meeting.

- Elizabeth Brown – Special thanks to the board, Jeff Bond and Ruth Kneale.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 am Arizona time.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Bryant (PAM Secretary)

## 2018 International Travel Award Recipients

The 2018 SLA-PAM special international travel awardees are Dr. Sian Prosser, Librarian and Archivist, Royal Astronomical Society, London, UK, and Dr. Debal Kar, University Librarian, Ambedkar University, New Delhi, India.

Many thanks to EDP Sciences for making these awards possible for two international librarians to support their travel plans to attend SLA Annual in Baltimore.

PAM International Relations Committee: Joy Painter, Mangala Krishnamurthy, Anne Simoneau

## 2018 Louise Leckner Memorial Travel Stipend Recipient

Since 2009, IOP Publishing, a generous and long-time supporter of libraries and librarians, has provided funding for new PAM librarians with up to four stipends to help defray the costs of traveling to the SLA Annual Conference. In 2013, the PAM Travel Stipends were renamed the Louise Leckner Memorial Travel Stipends to memorialize our dear

friend and colleague. Louise was so proud to be a part of this program which supports new librarians and deepens the relationships between those librarians and the PAM Division.

Qualifying applicants had to be recent graduates of a library science graduate program, in their first three years of professional librarianship, employed by a physical sciences library or as a subject specialist for one or more of the PAM disciplines, and first-time attendees of the SLA Annual Conference as a professional librarian or first-time attendees in a PAM discipline. Last year, we changed the language of the travel stipend call for applicants so that the funding from IOP is divided evenly among 2-4 award recipients in years there are multiple recipients.

Kristy Borda is the Science Librarian at the College of William & Mary. She is a recent graduate of Kent State University, where she earned her M.L.I.S. with a concentration in academic libraries. At William & Mary Libraries she is a member of the outreach and instruction team, acting as a liaison to the science departments and overseeing the Physics and Chemistry branch libraries. Prior to her role as a Science Librarian, Kristy worked in William & Mary’s content services department and at the Williamsburg Regional Library. She holds a B.S. in biology from W&M, and lives in Williamsburg, VA, with her husband and dog.

If you have the opportunity, please introduce yourself to Kristy at the SLA conference in June. Help her feel at home in our division, which is a very special part of SLA.

We would like to thank all who applied for this stipend. We appreciate the time and effort you put into your application letters, and we look forward to welcoming you into the PAM Division.

The PAM Division is deeply grateful to IOP Publishing for their continued support of librarians at the SLA conference, and most especially for their generous commitment to the professional development of new science librarians.

Selection Committee Members:

*Sharice Collins*, Vice President, Marketing, IOP Publishing, Inc.

*Kayleigh Bohémier*, PAM Professional Development Chair

*Laura Palumbo*, PAM Chair

*Jennifer Hart*, PAM Mentoring Subcommittee Co-Chair

## Membership Committee Updates

The PAM Membership Committee currently consists of Rebecca Hutchinson, Travis Warwick, and Aaron Lercher, the chair.

The currently enrolled membership of PAM is 114 as of May 14, 2018. There are perhaps 20 or others whose membership has lapsed but who are likely to renew in the near future. So current membership is more a floor than an average.

Rebecca, Travis, and Aaron have emailed lapsed members asking them to renew.

The committee worries that retirements and a decline in the number of specialized librarian positions might cut into PAM's potential membership. It is probably too soon to worry, even if these are the trends.

Rebecca and Aaron started a Google Doc spreadsheet to track new library positions with a physics, astronomy, or mathematics component. They have started to follow up by contacting the newly hired librarians as positions are filled. This idea was originally suggested by Jeffra Bussmann.

## Members' Corner Anya Bartelmann

**A. Ben Wagner** is retiring in May as the Chemistry and Physics Librarian at the University at Buffalo where he has worked since 2001. Prior to his work at UB, Ben had a 26-year career at the Technical Information Center of Occidental Chemical's Technology Department on Grand Island, NY, eventually serving as Team Leader/Director of the Library. Ben credits the SLA DCHE & PAM Divisions as well as his local UNYSLA chapter as absolutely key in assisting his tenure, granted 2004 after only 2.5 years at UB. In 2006, he received the State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship. Ben chaired the SLA Chemistry Division and was a prolific contributor to the CHMINF & PAMNET listservs. His contact information, `abwagner[at]buffalo[dot]edu`, will remain active. He leaves us with the following comments: "I wish you all the best in your careers. I was an odd duck in that I decided in 6th grade to be a librarian. I never regretted that decision. Our profession is the best."

**Anya Bartelmann** begins in May as Astrophysics, Mathematics, and Physics Librarian at Princeton University. Her new contact information is `abartelm[at]princeton[dot]edu`.

The PAM Awards Committee sends heartfelt congratulations to **Elizabeth (Beth) Brown** for being selected an **SLA Fellow** and **Anya Bartelmann** and **Heidi Tebbe** for earning the **Rising Star Award**.