



# Peach State Update

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## **President's Letter**

**Gail Stahl**

As the association year is coming to a close, this will be my last letter to you as Chapter President - how fast the time has flown! Thanks to Allison Evatt and her program committee members, we've enjoyed a very rich year of networking and educational programs - from knowledge management to Brown Bag lunches.

Congratulations to the incoming chapter officers elected at our May 3rd annual business meeting:

Brian McGreevy: President-Elect

Patty Phipps: Secretary

Casey Long: Director

And many personal thanks to the chapter board/committee members who made my time as president such a fun and productive experience:

Elected Officers:

Allison Evatt

Joanne Tobin (especially for serving a double term as past president!)

Heather Turnbull

Russ Singletary

Ernie Evangelista

Roger Magnus

And so many who chaired and served on committees!

Deanna Hall

Clara Williams

Sandra Murray

Marcia Abrams

Margo Surovik-Bohnert

Lori Critz

Rod Bustos

Patty Phipps

Marilyn Pahr

Bin Wang

Kim Whalen

Karalyn Kavanaugh

And of course, everyone who participated in a program in any way!

Please remember to thank our sponsors who support our programs and **Peach State Update** with their funds and encouragement - Advanced Productivity Software, EBSCO, EOS International, Dialog, and Factiva.

We may not be a large chapter in numbers of members, but we have great people who are dedicated to our profession's growth and enrichment. Please talk to Allison if you have an interest in helping - most tasks are quick and easy - and it takes all of us to be a success!

Thanks for a super year!

Best regards,  
Gail

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## ***Treasurer's Report***

***Ernie Evangelista***

If SLA Georgia chapter members were shareholders, I am confident that you would be proud of our financial performance. As the table below indicates, the chapter's balance sheet has steadily increased in the past three years after a drastic reduction in 2001. Here's an update on our financial status (as of May 31, 2005):

Date	Assets
12/31/02	\$ 2,804.29
12/31/03	\$ 6,967.09
5/31/04	\$ 8,853.19
12/31/04	\$ 8,641.57
5/31/05	\$11,309.67

I appreciate chapter members' collective effort to create the positive trend above. The Program Committee identified cost-effective (free) locations and catering options for our events. And members have graciously hosted meetings, welcomed guests and participated in several chapter functions. In the past twelve months, these organizations hosted chapter events:

- Auburn Avenue Research Library of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System (Francine Henderson talk in January 2005);
- Boston Consulting Group (SLA Webinar in February 2005);
- Georgia Power (Tyler Walters program in March 2005);
- Intercontinental Hotel Group, DeVry University, Georgia Tech and Georgia Power / Southern Company (Brown Bag venues).

Thank you, too, to the following vendor sponsors for their financial support this year: Advanced Productivity Software (APS) Inc., Dialog, EBSCO, EOS International and Factiva.

As chapter treasurer, my work becomes more interesting and fun when we have funds to spend. Perhaps, the chapter can try new ideas for programming and professional development. Maybe, our programs can be held in locations OUTSIDE the metro Atlanta area to draw others from around the state. Or, we could choose to engage in and support charitable causes such as literacy. To grow, any organization must challenge itself to innovate and be willing to stretch beyond its "comfort zone." In some ways, we have already overcome our greatest challenge by boosting our assets. Now, let's get our budget established and strive to become a leading chapter in SLA!

I look forward to continuing to work with all of you to build on our success.

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## ***Annual Business Meeting, May 3, 2005, Anthony's Restaurant, Atlanta***

***Allison Evatt***

What is knowledge management? What are the goals of knowledge management? What does knowledge management mean for information professionals? Georgia Chapter members learned answers to these questions and many others from Sue Henczel's presentation, Knowledge Management for Information Professionals, at the annual business meeting on May 3, 2005. Sue is training manager at Caval Collaborative Solutions in Melbourne, Australia and is also president of the newly-formed Australia and New Zealand Chapter of SLA.

Sue defined the KM environment and the relationship between information management (IM) and knowledge management (KM). She then explained the professional and personal competencies required to succeed in a KM environment and provided a checklist for each competency. Now each of us can rate ourselves through a gap analysis and create a personal action plan.

Advanced Productivity Software sponsored the meeting. APS held a drawing for an American Express gift certificate. Rhonda Everett, one of our newest chapter members, was the lucky winner. It pays to attend SLA meetings!

In the business portion of the meeting, members voted to accept the officer slate presented by the Nominating Committee: Brian McGreevy as President-Elect, Patty Phipps as Secretary, and Casey Long as Director. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee - Marilyn Pahr, Karalyn Kavanaugh, and Pamela Katz - for their hard work and for submitting such a fine slate of nominees. Many thanks as well to Gail Stahl and Joanne Tobin for serving for two years as president and past-president, respectively. Both went beyond the call of duty when the chapter needed them.



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## **Chapter Presents Another Successful Year of Brown Bags**

### **A Recap of 2005 Chapter Brown Bags**

**Clara Williams**

The Brown Bag Series this year featured four unique libraries, each having something quite special to share. A recap of some of the happenings follows:

**Ilene Strongin-Garry, Research Librarian at InterContinental Hotels Group, hosted 14 colleagues on February 8th.** Relief was the word of the day when Ilene realized that ordering extra lunches paid off ...two unexpected (not on the list) attendees showed up at the last minute and were accommodated! The lunch began with the attendees thanking IHG for providing lunch from the Corner Bakery--it was quite good. The presentation opened with a description of the InterContinental Group. Ilene proceeded to talk about the history of the Information Resource Center, including the funny story of how the digital library, DSpace, was picked to be the digital repository used by the IHG Information Resource Center. Ilene described how DSpace, originally intended for a department of 20 people, went corporate wide for several hundred! Ilene also described the resources and services provided by the IRC. A tour of the IRC wrapped up the session. Attendees were surprised at how such a small space could offer so much to its clients! An overall positive reaction was felt after the presentation and tour, and Ilene has already received permission to do another Brown Bag next year!

**Clara Williams, Associate Library Director at DeVry University/Alpharetta Campus, hosted 10 colleagues on March 2nd.** What a successful turnout-everyone who registered was able to attend. For starters, Clara welcomed attendees and began her talk by sharing a bit of DeVry history. She then proceeded to discuss the DeVry Library environment and its users and resources. Clara was proud to announce the opening of the new Electronic Library Café (ELC) on the library's second floor. The ELC features new computers, soft cushion seating for students, study carrels and tables, and a workstation for library student assistants. The DeVry Alpharetta Library is a growing library, expanding to meet the DeVry University library model of 20,000 volumes. Resource offerings include virtual access to products, shared resources/interlibrary loan, Web-based tutorials, virtual reference (LSSI), and a host of other products and services. Clara also shared her Library Instruction program, indicating that she presents in many classes, such as critical thinking, management, e-commerce, psychology, networking, career development, and others. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the fellowship and discussions.



**Clara Williams, (standing left rear) DeVry University, hosts Brown Bag Lunch**



## ***Brown Bag continues....***

**Susan Wells-Parham, Technical Operations Coordinator of the Digital Initiatives Program at the Georgia Tech Library, hosted five participants on February 22nd.** The brown bag luncheon presented an overview of the department's projects. It generated discussions concerning staffing, technical issues, and collaboration. Some background: the department officially began two years ago with the installment of a department manager (Catherine Jannik). This assignment was followed later that year by a technical operations coordinator (Susan Parham) and later with a project manager and a cataloger. The department is now looking to hire another digital initiatives librarian and associate. Susan highlighted the electronic theses & dissertations collection which became required in the summer of 2004, and she indicated that students embraced the system! The institutional repository went live in August of 2004. Recently, the department loaded electronic theses & dissertations into their institutional repository (known as SMARTech <http://smartech.gatech.edu:8282/dspace/>). Additionally, Susan announced that she and the staff are working on a state-wide institutional repository - the Galileo Knowledge Repository. A recent collection is Edward Emerson Barnard <http://www.library.gatech.edu/barnard/>. Additional discussions included the technology and collaboration issues across the library and campus. Susan mentioned that if the right people are in place, the technology itself is manageable. In terms of collaboration, digital initiatives works closely with systems and archives and a stronger relationship with the cataloging department and information consultants is also being encouraged. Susan indicated that they do not view their work as strictly technical service, but as a mixture of both technical and public. Collaboration with faculty, researchers, and Georgia Tech staff across the campus is also engaged to make the program strong.

**Margo Surovik-Bohnert, Corporate Librarian at Georgia Power/Southern Company, hosted 9 brown bag participants on March 23rd.** The Business Information Center staff giving the presentation and tour were Margo Surovik-Bohnert, Monica Reese, and Carol Lai-Fang. The BIC staff gave a brief presentation covering the history of the Georgia Power Library (established in 1956), the organization of the libraries in Southern Company (Southern Company is the holding company with libraries at Georgia Power, Alabama Power, and in Southern Company Services Marketing), an overview of the services, and the research tools unique to the utility industry. The talk was followed by a tour of the print collections.



***Margo Surovik-Bohnert, (not shown) Georgia Power, hosts Brown Bag Lunch***

### ***Save the date for the South Atlantic Regional Conference!***

Please make plans to attend the South Atlantic Regional Conference (SARC) to be held in Williamsburg Virginia, September 28-October 1, 2005. This is the third SARC conference hosted by the Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida & Caribbean Chapters of SLA.

Our conference theme, "Experience A Timeless Information Journey: Revolution and Evolution Continue," will allow us look at how our lives as information professionals have rapidly changed and at what we can expect if we are to stay on the cutting edge of the 21st century.

The conference includes a day of professional development workshops on Wednesday and two days of content sessions. The content sessions are organized in six topical tracks: Thursday - Content Connections, People Connections, & Technology Connections; and Friday - Past Connections, Present Connections and Future Connections.

The Woodlands Hotel & Suites, Colonial Williamsburg is the conference site. The hotel is offering a special SLA hotel rate of \$99/night for a double room.

With today's tight budgets, this regional conference

offers a great return on your money. Attendance and positive feedback from the previous two SARC conferences encouraged the chapters to sponsor a third one. This conference offers a program with great content in a great location. Early fall is a beautiful time of year in Williamsburg. Please visit the SARC website to review the preliminary conference program.

Early registration: through 8/15/05

Member: \$165                      Non-member \$215  
Student/Retiree \$95

Registration: through 8/31/05

Member \$215                      Non-member \$265  
Student/Retiree \$155

Registration includes the opening reception on Wednesday evening, two deluxe continental breakfasts, breaks, and lunches on Thursday and Friday. It also includes a Colonial Williamsburg pass.

To get more information, the preliminary program and a registration form, please visit our web site:  
[http://www.sla.org/conf/conf\\_sar/index.html](http://www.sla.org/conf/conf_sar/index.html)

For information on Colonial Williamsburg, please visit their website at <http://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/> visit/



***Sara June McDavid promotes SARC III***



The Woodlands Hotel & Suites  
Williamsburg, Virginia

## Keynote speaker David Seaman to discuss digital libraries

David Seaman, founding director of the Electronic Text Center at the University of Virginia Library, will discuss issues of digitization and their implications for libraries. Since 2002, he has been the director of the Digital Library Federation, a consortium of academic libraries. He has published widely on humanities computing and digital libraries.

### Make Plans to Attend

The Third South Atlantic Regional Conference (SARC III), "Explore A Timeless Information Journey," is fast approaching! The September 28 - October 1, 2005, conference will be in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Member registration is \$215 with Early Registration available through 8/15/05 for \$165. See the website <http://www.sla.org/sarc3> for additional prices and discounts. Registration includes conference, opening reception, two deluxe continental breakfasts, two lunches, breaks, and a pass to Colonial Williamsburg. The conference hotel, the Woodlands Hotel & Suites at Colonial Williamsburg is offering an SLA rate of \$99/night.

For more information, registration form and preliminary program, please visit the conference website: <http://www.sla.org/sarc3>



## Communications Committee

Deanna Hall

The Committee has two announcements to make. First, I am so very pleased to report that Elisa Lewis, Research Librarian at McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP (Atlanta), has volunteered to take on the role of Production Editor of ***Peach State Update***. She has volunteered because she believes in the importance of this newsletter in maintaining members' awareness of the chapter's activities.

Second, as Managing Editor, I have recommended to the Board the following changes in the production schedule for ***Peach State Update***:

Current Schedule		New schedule	
Deadline	Issue	Deadline	Issue
January 20	February	February 20	March
March 20	April	May 20	June

My reasons for these changes are as follows. First, the January deadline always had to be extended in order to allow the President to report on SLA's Midwinter Meeting. Therefore, it seemed reasonable to move the deadline back a month. Second, the March deadline prevented reporting our Annual Business Meeting, which is always in May, until the September issue. Therefore, it seemed reasonable to move that deadline back by two months, so that the last function of the program year can be reported more nearly to the time that it actually occurs. Also, it provides closure to the past program year before the new program year starts in August.

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### ***In case you're wondering why the June issue is appearing in August --***

-- there are two reasons. First, our former Production Editor, Kim Whalen, left Atlanta before we had an opportunity to identify a new Editor, so the transition could not be made face-to-face as it has been done in the past. Second, when Elisa Lewis volunteered to be the new Production Editor, she needed to obtain the Adobe InDesign template which Kim had been using. We are greatly indebted to Marilyn Pahr, Kim's former co-worker at Emory U's Goizueta Business Library, for doing the detective work on Kim's PC to identify the template and transmit it to Elisa.

Deanna Morrow Hall  
Managing Editor, ***Peach State Update***

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## ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!***

**Ever thought you'd like to volunteer to help with SLA Georgia Chapter events, but weren't sure what was needed - and didn't want to over-commit???**

**There are lots of tasks that don't require lots of time - such as:**

- **Take photos at a meeting**
- **Write a summary of a program**
  - **Suggest a topic or speaker**
  - **Help to organize a program**
    - **Speak at a program**
    - **Host a program**

**Yes, successful SLA programs need lots of people - but just a little time from each one.**

**Contact Gail Stahl, [stahl.gail@bcg.com](mailto:stahl.gail@bcg.com), or 404-877-5224 if you would like to know more.**



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