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Treasurer’s Report

New Ideas for a New Year!

While holiday greetings in the Western hemisphere have long passed, the Chinese just celebrated year 4703 of their calendar. This is the Year of the Dog, one of twelve animals that signify a year. Interestingly, the dog’s attributes can easily apply to SLA treasurers (and other officers): loyal, honest and trustworthy.

In the spirit of the dog’s fine qualities, I am pleased to report the following information:

SLA’s Georgia chapter continued to increase our bank account balances;

2005 year-end reports were transmitted to SLA headquarters in February;

The chapter has investigated various ideas to streamline financial processes such as program payment.

Chapter Balances:

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*2005 figures are estimates.

Facilitating Payments

Last September’s South Atlantic Regional Conference (SARC), held in Williamsburg, Virginia, introduced a new payment option for the SARC program, PayPal, the online payments unit of eBay, Inc. Through PayPal, conference participants entered credit card information for program payment instead of mailing a check. While checks were still accepted, SARC’s use of PayPal demonstrated how the library community, long-time advocates of Web technologies and innovation, practiced what it “preached.” SLA’s District of Columbia chapter has likewise adopted. PayPal as an option for event payment. Although chapter officers are honest and trustworthy, we volunteer our time to perform our duties. Using PayPal should not only save treasurers time in making deposits and reconciling bank statements, but it will also save members time because payments are processed quickly. Members will no longer have to wait for checks to be deposited! Such time savings is worth the nominal fee charged by PayPal for its services. With the holiday season just behind us, how many of you opted to shop online in place of driving in traffic, struggling to find a parking space and then waiting in line for in-person assistance or payment?

Using PayPal is one of several ideas the Georgia chapter is considering in this Year of the Dog. I would appreciate your contacting me with your innovative thoughts and suggestions!

Gung hay fat choy! (Congratulations and be prosperous or Happy New Year!)
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Communications Committee

Deanna Morrow Hall, Chair

In this issue of *Peach State Update*, you will see the forward-looking Chapter Calendar below is intended to give chapter members as much advance notice as possible about future events. These calendars have appeared sporadically in the past, but now they will appear in each issue of *Peach State Update* because they will be prepared by the President-Elect, who is also Chair of the Program Committee. This calendar was prepared by Brian McGreevy, who is our current President-Elect.

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<td>Annual Holiday Party &amp; Annual Meeting</td>
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Program Report: The State of Library Education in Georgia
by Dr. Wallace Koehler, Associate Director of the Department of Information Studies at Valdosta State University

The Georgia Chapter of the Special Libraries Association hosted Dr. Wallace Koehler and Dr. Anita Ondrusek to speak about the Valdosta State University’s Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) Program. The presentation was held at the Georgia Power Company corporate headquarters, in Atlanta, GA, at noon on Jan. 13, 2006.

The MLIS Program, an academic unit within the university library, was established at Valdosta State University in 2001 to provide a quality publicly-supported education for generalists and specialists in the library and information science fields. Its primary focus is to educate librarians for academic, public, and special libraries in Georgia.

The program was granted ALA Accreditation Candidacy status in 2004, and has a scheduled ALA accreditation visit in February, 2007. The Program expects to receive the ALA Committee on Accreditation's decision in late June 2007.

The Program has 4 full-time and 1 part-time faculty members. They are currently advertising for a fifth full-time member. There are 75 MLIS degree candidates and 10 graduates as of January 9, 2006.

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The MLIS program is a 39-credit non-thesis program with 6 core courses, including a Capstone course. The Foundations course and Capstone course are face-to-face classes, while most other courses are taught on the web or use a combination of online and face-to-face instruction. Face-to-face is usually conducted once a month using a weekend-intensive format at a location mutually convenient for the students enrolled. Internships are not currently required, but most students elect to do one. Additional details about the program can be found at http://books.valdosta.edu/mlis/program.html.

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Membership Committee

As of the end of January, 2006, we have 149 members.

New or returning members joining the chapter in November and December, 2005, and January 2006:

- Malisa Anderson, Emory University, Goizueta Business Library, Atlanta
- Melissa Levine, Hampton, GA
- Theresa Moore, Jamestown Properties, Atlanta
- Heather Morgan, Factiva, Smyrna
- Gardner Neely, Georgia State University, Andrew Young School
- Jill Perkins, Coca-Cola Company, Atlanta
- Laura Weidig, Bureau of National Affairs, Atlanta

In Memoriam

Of Note-
According to a recent survey of SLA members, the top reasons for belonging to SLA are:

- Networking
- Leadership development opportunities
- Continuing education and professional development
- Employment leads and contacts
- Annual conference-exhibits, vendor information, learning, and fun
- Active local chapter
- Mentoring

Value of Membership

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(L-R) Irene McMorland, Marilyn Smith, Ellen Cooper & Karalyn Kavanaugh

Thanks for the check, LexisNexis!

(L-R) Allison Evatt, current Chapter President and Robin Tolle, LexisNexis
(L-R) Brian McGreevy and Cora Sevilla dance to DJ Brian’s great

Brian McGreevy, Dina Molaison & Guest

(L-R) Vicki Leigh-ton, Julie Schein, Russ Singletary
(L-R) Casey Long, Dina Molaison, & Guest

(L-R) Sara June McDavid, Miriam Drake, Allison Evatt
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 Allison Evatt  404-352-8053 if you would like to know more.