SLA Science – Technology Division

Strategic Plan Approved November 21, 2017

MISSION

To provide information, training, and tools to science and technology information professionals to develop the skills and knowledge they need to grow and excel. The Division functions as an international community that supports the professional development of its members through communication, networking, education, and research.

VISION

To be an invaluable resource for librarians and other information professionals who serve communities in science and technology. Our approach will be broad-ranging, over-arching, generalist, cross-disciplinary, and inclusive. We will help our members to develop expertise that is broad-based and well-rounded.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Goal 1 - Increase membership and engagement of existing members

   Objectives:

   1.1. Maintain current members
   1.2. Recruit new members
   1.3. Increase international membership and participation
   1.4. Encourage participation of current and potential members
   1.5. Provide opportunities for participation outside of the annual conference
   1.6. Increase interaction with library school students and new professionals

Goal 2 - Create a greater sense of community within the Division

   Objectives:

   2.1 Include an element of community enhancement (e.g., engagement, recruitment, publicity) in all activities
   2.2 Provide opportunities for members to interact with each other, both in person and virtually, inspiring a greater sense of connection
   2.3 Provide information by and about members through various Division communication channels

Goal 3 - Enhance the value of the Division and members through professional development and virtual learning opportunities

   Objectives:

   3.1 Offer education in scientific and technical librarianship on emerging and continuing themes in the scientific and technical disciplines

3.2 Cooperate with other SLA Divisions and with Chapters where the interests of the members overlap

3.3 Provide programming throughout the year, in person and virtually

3.4 Strengthen and enhance our mentoring program, including mentoring of recent graduates, of mid-career librarians, and of librarians new to the Sci-Tech field

3.5 Provide job searching (e.g. cover letter, résumé development, interview tips) resources and training in multiple formats

3.6 Help members prove their worth to their employers within a Sci-Tech context

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