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**January 9, 2018**

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Join SLA

July 21, 2011

Interested in becoming a member of SLA?

Contact our Chapter President: Elaine Grigg Dean

All membership applications are handled through the association headquarters. There are several levels of membership – Full Member, Unemployed Member, Organizational Member and Student Member, and Retired Member. To learn more and join visit the Access Membership page here: https://www.sla.org/access-membership/

Membership includes a subscription to the monthly publication Information Outlook. All members may affiliate with one chapter and one division at no charge. For additional details, visit the SLA Headquarters homepage at https://www.sla.org/.
Contact Us

July 21, 2011

The Cincinnati Chapter welcomes your comments!

-Cincinnati Chapter

To discuss general chapter business, partnerships with allied organizations, or other strategic topics, please contact the President, Ted Baldwin.

-Programming

To suggest a program topic, location, or speaker, contact our President-Elect, Elaine Grigg Dean.

-Membership

To learn about membership or volunteer with the membership development committee, contact our Membership Chair, Akram Pari.

-Business Partners

To learn about event sponsorship opportunities, contact our Business Partner Committee Chair, Meribeth Sewell.

-Website

Questions and comments regarding the SLA Cincinnati Chapter Web site should be addressed to the Webmaster, Tracey Stivers.

-For any other business, please see the full list of committee here.
Business Partners

March 22, 2011

Partner with SLA

SLA is the world’s premier association for innovative information professionals and their strategic partners. SLA serves more than 11,000 members in 75 countries in the information profession, including corporate, academic and government information specialists. SLA Cincinnati currently serves more than 50 members in the Greater Cincinnati Area. Our members work for organizations in banking, insurance, health care, information technology, advertising, marketing, education, engineering, law and more. SLA Cincinnati strengthens its members by providing learning and networking opportunities. These include:

- Guest speakers, roundtables, panel discussions and networking events
- Web-based, collaborative seminars
- Discussion forums and publications

Why you should participate as a Chapter partner?

- Advertise directly to your target market, one of the largest groups of information professionals with purchasing power in the greater Cincinnati area
- Link to your company from our website using your logo, website address and contact information
- Collaborate with SLA Cincinnati to provide innovative and substantive programming

Partners also receive further benefits as outlined in the following benefits packages. Our benefits have recently changed to provide our partners with even more benefits in exchange for their sponsorship support.

SLA Cincinnati Partner Benefits Packages

Silver Sponsor $250

- Sponsor mentioned in regional meeting announcement
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- Sponsor of most recent program featured on SLA Cincinnati web site
- Small logo with hypertext link on Chapter web site

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- Large logo with hypertext link on Chapter web site
- List of meeting attendees

Elite Sponsor $500

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• List of meeting attendees
• Opportunity to speak briefly (5-7 minutes) about products and services at the start of the event

If you are interested in sponsoring the Cincinnati Chapter, please contact the Chapter President.
Current Sponsors

November 27, 2012

A big thank you goes out to our Elite and Gold sponsors:

and our Silver sponsors:
About Us

March 21, 2011

The Cincinnati Chapter of SLA was founded in 1927. The chapter currently has approximately 65 members from organizations in insurance, health care, information technology, advertising, marketing, education, engineering, law, journalism, and more.

Chapter activities include networking and professional development in a variety of formats including in-person meetings, online webinars and the very popular happy hours.

The chapter’s primary form of communication is through its web site as well as through its accounts on Facebook, Linkedin, Twitter and our member discussion list. Chapter members are encouraged to share resources, announcements, learning opportunities, position openings or the exchange professional knowledge that relates to chapter business.

The chapter is lead by an elected board and through the volunteer efforts of several board communities. Elections take place each November and new officers assume office on January 1st of each year.
# Officers 2017

January 25, 2017

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Board Meetings

May 31, 2011

Board Meeting Schedule for 2019

The SLA Cincinnati Chapter Board consists of the Officers and Committee Chairs, who are expected to attend these meetings or send a representative from their committee in their place. All Board meetings are open and any Chapter member is welcome to attend. The Board meetings provide a forum to present issues and concerns regarding the Chapter or Association. They also provide a regular schedule for planning and updating the Chapter on committee and Executive Board activities.

January 23 via conference call

Other dates TBD
Strategic Planning

March 23, 2011

Strategic Plan 2006
Chapter History

March 23, 2011

THE FIRST MEMBERS

The founding meeting of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Special Libraries Association took place on May 12, 1927. According to the secretary’s account, a small group of special librarians met at the Procter & Gamble Company Library to discuss the desirability of forming a Special Libraries Association in Cincinnati. Before attempting to create a formal organization, they decided to contact other librarians with “several of the girls offering to get in touch with these persons and to ask them to attend the next meeting if interested in the plan.” A second meeting took place on June 2 at the Cincinnati Business Women’s Club and resulted in the election of officers from among the fifteen librarians attending.

The first President of the Cincinnati Chapter was Grace Stowell of the Procter & Gamble Library. E. Gertrude Avey, an employee of the Cincinnati Public Library, became the Secretary treasurer. Initially, the group did not strictly model itself after the national guidelines of the Special Libraries Association. Their proposed agendas were a combination of social and business meetings organized by the program and entertainment committees.

The group was aware of other similar associations with both national and state affiliations, but they were not officially in contact with any of these associations when they began to organize. At the June 28, 1927 meeting, the Cincinnati group discussed the Toronto chapter of SLA, which Elsie Schulze had visited. They also discussed how to determine an appropriate name for their new group. This meeting had eighteen in attendance. The first year there was a picnic in June, which became an annual event, and a Christmas party visiting the Charles P. Taft house. The group made note of some informative discussions that took place that year which included one on the making of the New York Times Index, reviewed by president Grace Stowell, and one on recommendations for the general usage and care of library cards.

This Cincinnati assembly of special librarians quickly began to broaden its membership, and in January 1928, plans were made to locate a wider range of Ohio librarians for the Ohio Library Association Conference being held in Cincinnati the following October. After further chapter recruitment, the office of Vice-president was formed in May 1929.

In the beginning, the members were all women and programs were held in conjunction with the Cincinnati Business and Professional Women’s Club. The absence of males in the chapter was noted by the National Special Libraries president who visited Cincinnati in 1929. In a letter he sent following his stay, Mr. William Alcott of the Boston Globe “commented on the lack of men in the chapter” (chapter minutes, Sept. 24, 1929). Many male professionals, such as Mr. Sand of Sand Bindery and Mr. George McClelland of the Littleford-Nelson Business School, were invited to speak to the librarians about their areas of expertise. In 1930 Harry Pence, librarian at The Cincinnati Enquirer, was the first male librarian noted in the minutes. The minutes made reference to an article he had written about special libraries which was published in Cincinnatian Magazine (Appendix). The first year a man held an office for the Cincinnati chapter was in 1938 when Dr. Walter Rothman from Hebrew Union College served as president.
EARLY ACTIVITIES

The Cincinnati Chapter was officially affiliated with the national Special Libraries Association in September of 1930 and was visited by Margaret Reynolds, President of SLA, in October 1930. By 1933 the first union list was organized by Louise Pritchard of the University of Cincinnati Library. She headed a committee to compile a list of the periodical holdings of the local libraries. In six months she had contributions from forty-five libraries and 3872 entries. The publication was sold for $2.00 a copy.

Getting in touch, and staying in touch, with the national board at SLA was an important aspect of the first decade of the chapter. At that time, national presidents still made regular chapter visits and quite a few came to Cincinnati in the initial years. Because national membership was declining in 1932, keeping in contact was as important on local and nation-wide levels. Special libraries were also affected by a world wide deterioration in the economy. In September 1935 the meetings were reduced to six a year. The chapter minutes stated, “we had visited all the libraries and perhaps the members were losing interest.”

The November 1935 meeting focused on growing financial problems within the chapter since the treasurer had reported being $173.00 in debt. The chapter minutes stated, “There being still a considerable debt, the President asked for ways & means of raising money.” Deliberation about fundraising resulted in recommendations to sell tickets for the run of a moving picture and to sell confections during Christmas. Both of these suggestions were adopted, and it was reported at the next meeting that the chapter had made $64.18. The candy sale continued to be an event for many years. Finally, after a call for membership dues, the group seemed satisfied with its operating budget.

During the late 1930s the chapter continued community interaction and held meetings at places such as Vernon Manor, the Milcroft Inn, and the Cincinnati Business Woman’s Club. At the February 1938 meeting Mr. Arthur R. Frey of the Globe-Wernicke Company was introduced. He gave a most interesting and helpful talk on filing. He defined filing as: ‘Housing of records so they can be found.’ He presented materials which included information on different types of filing methods. In 1939 it was announced that the chapter intended to publish a bulletin in time for the Christmas party that year. In 1940 they began a revision of the Union List, but World War II had a grave impact on further activities.

WAR PROJECTS

During the mid-1940’s, the war movement deeply affected the entire SLA. There was a Special Libraries Association Wartime Conference held June 22-24, 1943 during which officials of the organization made a call to the local chapters to help with the food conservation campaign and with the sale of war bonds. The Cincinnati chapter noted its activities in helping with the Victory Book Campaign and in rationing food and supplies when the occasion demanded. They donated money from the treasury to buy books for soldiers and decided not to have a Christmas party or hold a national convention during the 1943-44 year because of the expense.

“It was suggested that we send a five dollar gift of food to Mr Olah, our past president, now in the armed forces” at the December 1, 1942 meeting. The WAACS were featured speakers at a presentation on January 5, 1943, an event which demonstrates the interest of the association in the role of women in the military during war time. Other consequences of the war were mentioned. For instance it was noted that “the Hebrew Union College dormitory
could not have us for dinner next meeting because of rationing” (chapter minutes April 6, 1943). Only spring and fall meetings were planned the next year because of food and gas rationing. It also seems jobs were harder to find during the war. The record notes that “the employment committee stated that ... another prospect was seeking employment and again urged members to communicate with her upon learning of any available positions.” During this era there were two members on the National Membership Committee from the Cincinnati Chapter. Corine Simms of Lloyd Library served the 1943-44 term and Helen C. Little was active 1944-45.

In the October 1947 issue of the National Special Libraries publication it was noted that “because of the current high prices and continuing transportation difficulties, the meetings of the Cincinnati chapter were limited to four during the past year. No activities of importance can be recorded for 1946-47. Discussion of revision of the 1934 Union List of Science and Technological Journals was delayed. Nationally the organization stated that many chapters were having difficulty finding members to run for office during the 1945-46 term. This time span in the Cincinnati chapter is most lacking in records and shows little trace of an official slate of officers or members. The Archives Committee of the Special Libraries Association had been founded nationally in the spring of 1941. Kathryn Strong was chosen as Cincinnati’s archivist, yet the record keeping and organization of the position was not well established until after the difficult war years were over.

By the later part of the 1940s financial and war situations improved and the membership of the Cincinnati chapter grew to 94 in 1947. The group continued to appreciate the cooperation of various library organizations and encouraged membership throughout Ohio and neighboring states. They again started to travel to Kentucky and Tennessee for meetings with fellow librarians in order to share their knowledge and abilities. Chapter minutes noted that by the year 1946 an active publicity and membership campaign had drawn members from Ohio Libraries in Chillicothe, Cuyahoga Falls, Dayton, Columbus, Findlay, Osborn, Portsmouth, Springfield, and Yellow Springs. Members even came from Frankfort and Winchester in Kentucky and Oak Ridge and Nashville in Tennessee. There was even discussion of changing the chapter’s name to reflect the range of residence of its members. Eventually the Tennessee members formed the Oak Ridge Chapter, which was associated in 1953.

In the meantime, with a total of 91 members present, the Cincinnati chapter celebrated it’s Twentieth Anniversary in 1947. The Cincinnati Chapter Bulletin to be published regularly again the next year after suffering a sporadic history in the early 1940s. Its publication has been constant since the 1948-49 issues. Eventually its name was changed to The Queen City Gazette. Initially, Chapter bulletins were published four times a year and contained messages from officers, meeting announcements, and a membership list. National officials, feeling it was a relevant activity, initiated the publication of bulletins in local chapters. There had previously been the Associate Members’ Bulletin (1932-1940) and the chapter Activities Bulletin (later the Chapter Town Crier) which ceased to be published in October 1948. These bulletins which were provided by the association for all the chapters, eventually developed into individual newsletters.

**MORE PROSPEROUS YEARS**

During the next decade, the 1950s, there was more money for all library professionals, and this incited a return to more activities and a growth of treasuries. Locally, meetings and
organized workshops were held often and the Chapter Bulletin became a monthly publication.

At the beginning of this era, there was a great deal of fear concerning the atomic bomb and the possibility of nuclear attacks. On November 8, 1950 the Cincinnati Chapter of the Special Libraries Association and the Public Library of Cincinnati “sponsored a lecture session [to] clear up many questions concerning the possibility of an atomic bomb attack on Cincinnati” (Atomic Energy Bulletin). The program discussed the four classes of people in society at the time which included those who are deathly afraid, those who were indifferent, those who were not indifferent, but felt there was nothing they could do, and those who belonged to the Civil Defense Committee and planned to do something about it. There were also instructions for those in attendance regarding what to do when the bomb hit.

In May 1954 Cincinnati was host to the national convention of the Special Libraries Association. During this time our former President, Gretchen Little, was serving her term as the national president, which made the convention more exciting for local members. Other noteworthy speakers were present, including another former Cincinnati president, Eugene B. Jackson, who had moved on from Wright Patterson to the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics in Washington, D.C. and Verling M. Votaw director of product research, Drug Products Division, The Procter & Gamble Company. Votaw was later to become the national president in 1960. [The convention was well attended, and a specific breakdown of activities and comparison with our recent National Convention held in June of 1993 can be found in the appendix.]

Also in the fifties the chapter activities were enhanced by the rebuilding of the Public Library of Cincinnati which was officially relocated on February 13, 1955. “Most of us here in Cincinnati have had various reactions concerning the outward appearance of the new building, and many have not been too greatly impressed with the ultra modern styling of architectural design,” a disgruntled patron commented.

During this year preparations were beginning for the national Fiftieth Anniversary celebration of the Special Libraries Association. Miss Jean Orr of the Public Library was appointed as Chairman to help compile a historical outline of chapter and national activities since 1909. In the publication of the fiftieth national anniversary, several energetic chapter members are lauded. Harry Pence, librarian at the Cincinnati Enquirer in the 1930s, was a founding member of the national newspaper division. The Cincinnati chapter was the 10th affiliation to be founded within the national organization. In the list of non-serial SLA publications Gertrude Bloomer, 1962 chapter president, is listed as editor of the 1952 Union List of Serials in Pharmaceutical Libraries.

**CHAPTER ACTIVITIES, 1960-1990**

In the early 1960s the Cincinnati chapter became very active in the medical field and projects associated with health information. A directory of Cincinnati area special libraries and the services they provided was being developed, and a survey was sent focusing on medical libraries. SLA was working in conjunction with the Public Health Federation of the Cincinnati Area and used this joint effort as their entry in the SLA national H.W. Wilson Award contest. Apparently Cincinnati did not win this award, but they maintained their programs and activities and compiled “Putting Health Knowledge to Work” (Copyright 1964). This publication compiled information on the literature of health professions, government documents, and the holdings of Cincinnati area health library collections. The intent of the
the publication was to bring to light a large portion of information that was formally unknown to most patrons. (Appendix B)

Another H.W. Wilson Award entry was also placed by the Louisville, Kentucky group of the SLA Cincinnati, Ohio Chapter in May, 1965. This entry centered on recruitment, local special libraries activities, and contact and cooperation with schools and universities in the Louisville area. Apparently this entry was an offshoot of the Cincinnati chapter efforts and, while no reference was given to it in the local archives, it was kept as a Cincinnati report by the national archives.

The H.W. Wilson award was outlined in a July 10, 1963 announcement. An entry had to include “a summary, not to exceed two typewritten pages, describing the manner in which the project was carried out, the groups contacted, and the results achieved, and a visual display not to exceed 12 square feet and to include samples of materials used and a presentation of results.” These visual displays were then presented at annual conferences. It seems competition for the awards was strong and it prompted chapters to get involved with their communities and the national organization at the same time.

During the late 1960s and 1970s the membership of the Cincinnati Chapter of SLA again began to drop. There were 79 members in 1960-1961 and only 62 in December 1966. The activities that were continued during these years were mainly meetings of speakers and joint activities with ASIS. The Gazette only came out twice, in November and March. The annual report noted work on a new Union List for Cincinnati, but membership was lacking to complete the project. In April of 1968 the count was at 67. The 1968-69 annual report to headquarters states that one of the problems was the extensive area the chapter was required to cover, reaching “some 300 miles from east to west, from Charleston, West Virginia to Owensboro, Kentucky, and 100 miles north to south, from Oxford, Ohio to Lexington, Kentucky” (Special Libraries). Joint meetings with other organizations continued to be held on suggestion from the association past-president, in order to find more local participants and a wider variety of activities. “Computer System Fundamentals” was a topic for one of these meetings, representing the dawn of the new era of technological influences in the library sphere.

The by-laws were revised in 1971 and a new Union List published in April, 1973. Cincinnati SLA became a member of the Ohio Library Association in 1974 and the Ohio Regional Library and Information Systems group was beginning to take shape. Dennis Hamilton, who is still very active in the chapter, was on OLA’s Development Committee and worked on the Ohio Library Development Program, which, once established, was intended, to “give new emphasis and direction to library development so that libraries can make an effective contribution to Ohio’s cultural, technological and economic growth.”

Later, in April of 1977, Olgo Carmen, the Cincinnati member of the Ohio SLA Chapters on the Ohio Multitype Interlibrary Cooperation Committee (OMICC), submitted a report on the activities of that committee. “The goal of the committee is to have a statewide multitype interlibrary and cooperation program endorsed by library and trustee organizations, the State Library Board, the Board of Regents, and the Ohio Department of Education.”

Advancement, automation and the Copyright Act were big meeting issues in 1976. A speech “Implications for the New Copyright Act for Libraries,” was presented at a meeting in the spring of that year. Many of the chapter activities focused on inciting familiarity with new technology from this point onward, especially because of the establishment of OCLC and the introduction of more online searching. Mead Data Central representatives and Lexis/Nexis
usage were an examples of a typical meeting topics. Speakers were recruited in response to
the changing needs of members.

The 1980s were another leveling out time for the Cincinnati chapter’s membership. The
numbers were down to 84 in 1980 and 78 in 1982. There were celebrations for the 50th and
60th anniversaries in 1977 and 1987 and the enthusiasm of the organization was ready to
be rekindled. During the time period of the late 1980s and early 1990s, an active
membership campaign and the hosting of the national convention helped to boost the
morale of the local chapter. The number of people currently involved in the chapter is 190.
Holding the 1993 Special Libraries Association National Convention drew many members
together, and helped to bring more recognition to the organization throughout the city.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES, 1990-Present

The past decade, the 1990s, was a busy and productive one for the Cincinnati Chapter of
the SLA. The Cincinnati Chapter instituted an awards program to honor its members and
friends for their contributions. Such awards include Meritorious Achievement, which
recognizes a member’s notable and enduring contributions to the chapter; Information
Management, which recognizes an organization that has made an outstanding and lasting
contribution to the special librarianship; and the Horizon Award, which honors a Cincinnati
Chapter member for the promise of becoming an outstanding member.

In September 1997, the Chapter celebrated its 70th Anniversary at the annual membership meeting. Guest
speaker Judith Field, SLA Association President, spoke about changes in the library profession and the
importance of involvement in professional organizations such as SLA. The 70th Anniversary celebration also
attracted the attention of the Cincinnati Enquirer, which profiled the Chapter in a prominent article. The PR
section of the SLA’s Information Outlook also featured a peace about the chapter’s 70th Anniversary.

The late 1990s were especially busy for the Cincinnati Chapter. The advent of the Internet
affected the environment of the libraries as well as librarianship. The Chapter had a leading
role in the professional growth of its members by focusing on locally organized meetings and
workshops designed to elevate member capabilities through networking and education of
the rapidly changing environment of librarianship. For example, Mary Lynn Wagner,
published an article on June/August issue of the Queen City Gazette, entitled “A Library
Without Walls Does not Mean A Library Without Librarians”. This article discusses the role of
librarians as information professionals in the electronic and increasingly challenging
information management age. At the same time, the affirmative Action/Career Guidance
co-sponsored a meeting with the Greater Cincinnati Library Consortium. The program
featured a presentation entitled, “Information Work in Digital Age”, by Dr. Blaise Cronin,
Dean, School of Library & Information Science at Indiana University. Dr. Cronin spoke
about what digitization will mean to libraries and librarians.

Also in 1997, the Cincinnati Chapter showed its presence on the World Wide Web. With
Rosemary Young as Web administrator and Debra Oswald as her assistant, the Chapter
unveiled its web site at its 70th Anniversary celebration. This web site was mentioned in
SLA’s Information Outlook as one of the three most accessible chapter sites in the country.
In December 1998, with Fred Marcotte, as the editor of the Queen City Gazette, the first
issue of electronic edition of the QCG was published on the on the chapter’s web site. In
1999, the Chapter activated its listserv, which enabled members to communicate with one
another in a timely and efficient manner. Debbie Bogenschutz, who implemented the
listserv, acted as its administrator.
In May 1999 the Strategic Planning Committee’s Proposal to restructure the Chapter committees was unanimously approved; these changes took place in the 2000-2001 program year. Also, in 2000, led by Past President Pam Klein and her predecessor Edith Starbuck, the executive board reviewed changes to the Chapter Operating Procedures (COP) Manual. The Committees that were the backbone of the chapter were changed to minimize committee chair positions, while maximizing member participation. The Executive Board consisted of six members elected by the Chapter membership: President, President-Elect, Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and immediate Past-President. The Board consisted of the members of the Executive Board, along with appointed committee chairs of both standing and ad hoc committees. The committees were: Awards Selection, Employment, External Relations, Membership, Mentoring, Nominating, Operations, Program, Publication/Gazette, Strategic Planning and Web Administration.

In 2002, the Cincinnati Chapter celebrated its 75th Anniversary. At that time, the Chapter has over 105 members who work in diverse information environments: Knowledge managers, Web producers, information architects, researchers, analysts, database designers, library directors, reference librarians, technical services specialists, archivists, consultants and students.

In 2007, the Cincinnati Chapter celebrated its 80th Anniversary.
Governing Document

March 17, 2011

CINCINNATI CHAPTER GOVERNING DOCUMENT

January 21, 2004

NAME AND MISSION

The name of this unit is the Cincinnati Chapter, Special Libraries Association.

The mission of this Chapter shall be that of the Special Libraries Association.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Chapter shall be those members of the Association who reside or work within the geographic boundaries of the Chapter, defined on the West, the Ohio-Indiana border; on the South, the Ohio River; on the East, the Ohio River and the Western counties of West Virginia as far as the eastern borders of the West Virginia counties of Wood, Wirt, Roane, Kanawha, Boon, Wyoming and McDowell; on the North, the northern borders of the Ohio counties of Butler, Warren, Clinton, Highland, Pike, Jackson, Gallia, Athens and Washington, or who elect to affiliate with the Chapter.

The Association’s Board of Directors shall define the classes of members.

Chapter membership falling below 25 members for more than one Association year will be reported to the Chapter Cabinet Chair.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The executive board (“board”) with a minimum of four members shall have the authority and responsibility to manage the Chapter’s property and to regulate and govern its affairs. A majority of board members in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the board.

No member shall serve in the same office for more than two consecutive terms.

Should the office of president become vacant, the president-elect shall assume this position for the remainder of the term. All other board vacancies, including a vacancy in the office of president-elect, occurring before the conclusion of a departing member’s term will be filled by majority vote of the remaining members of the board.

OFFICERS

The president, subject to the executive board, shall have general supervision and control over Chapter affairs.

The president-elect shall have duties as specified by Chapter Recommended Practices and the needs of the Chapter.

The secretary shall keep an approved record of all meetings of the Chapter and board and sign legal documents jointly with the president.

The treasurer shall have custody of the Chapter funds.
The Chapter may elect additional officers as specified by the Chapter Recommended Practices, and the needs of the Chapter.

MEETINGS

The Chapter annual business meeting shall be held prior to the Association annual conference. At least one business meeting shall be held during the term of office of each elected board. Adequate notice of meetings shall be provided to the membership.

COMMITTEES

The board may establish committees, which shall be responsible to the board.

The board may authorize funds for committee expenses.

No Chapter member may serve on any one committee for more than six consecutive years.

SUBUNITS

Subunits may be established and disbanded by the Chapter, according to Chapter Recommended Practices.

FUNDS, CONTRACTS AND PROPERTY

Funds for Chapter expenses shall be derived in part or in whole from the Association as an allotted share of the annual dues paid by Chapter members.

Any agreement, contract, or obligation entered into by the Chapter, including the purchase of property such as office machines, filing cabinets, computer equipment, etc., shall have advance approval of the board. Any agreement, contract or obligation must be in compliance with Association liability limits as prescribed in Chapter Recommended Practices.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

A Nominating Committee for each election of members to the board shall be appointed by the board. Nomination of candidates for each office and the election of candidates shall be determined by Chapter Recommended Practices.

DISSOLUTION AND MERGER

The Chapter may petition the Association Board of Directors for dissolution, or for merger with another Chapter, by vote of its membership in accordance with Chapter Recommended Practices.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chapters shall institute suitable mechanisms to facilitate communications with and between its members regarding Chapter activities, affairs, issues, and other matters.

CHAPTER REPRESENTATION AND AFFILIATION

Chapter representatives to joint committees and meetings of other societies having objectives allied to those of the Chapter and of the Association may be appointed by the President.
AMENDMENTS

This governing document may be amended by an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present at any Chapter meeting. Revisions in, or amendments to, the Chapter governing document shall be reviewed by the Association Bylaws Committee, prior to presentation to the Chapter membership.

Approved by Chapter Cabinet: June 10, 2003

Approved by Board of Directors: January 21, 2004

Effective Date: February 1, 2004
Chapter Recommended Practices

March 17, 2011

The documents below outline the Chapter Recommended Practices (CRP) for the various officers and committees.

Executive Board

Board

Officer

President

President-Elect

Past President

Secretary

Treasurer

Auditor

Committees

Awards

Employment

External Relations

Membership

Mentoring

Nominating

Operations

Program

Publications

Strategic Planning

Web administration

Appendices

Appendix A (Annual Reports)
Appendix B (Budget Reports)

Appendix C (Strategic Planning Process) – Not currently available

Appendix D (Travel Reimbursement)

Appendix E (Procedure for Revision of Governing Document)

Appendix F (Record Retention Policy) – Not currently available

Chapter Governing Document
Board Minutes

March 15, 2011

2018 meetings

- Board Minutes 1-29-2018
- Board Minutes 3-29-2018
- Board Minutes 5-15-2018
- Board Minutes 10-26-2018

2017 meetings

- Board Minutes 2-17-17
- Board Minutes 4-14-17
- Board Minutes 6-9-17
- Board Minutes 8-11-17
- Board Minutes 10-20-17
- Board Minutes 12-6-17

2016 meetings

- SLA Cincinnati Chapter Executive Board Minutes 2-22-16
- SLA Cincinnati Chapter Executive Board Minutes 6-6-16
- SLA Cincinnati Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 8-1-16
- SLA Cincinnati Chapter Executive Committee Minutes 12-5-16

2015 meetings

- Board Minutes 03-30-2015
- Board Minutes 04-27-2015
- Board Minutes 06-29-2015
- Board Minutes 08-31-2015
- Board Minutes 10-26-2015

2014 meetings

- Board Minutes 01-27-2014
- Board Minutes 03-24-2014
- Board Minutes 05-19-2014
- Board Minutes 07-28-2014
- Board Minutes 09-29-2014

2013 meetings

- Board Minutes 02-13-2013
- Board Minutes 04-24-2013
- Board Minutes 06-12-2013
Board Minutes 08-14-2013

2012 meetings

- Board Minutes 03-12-2012
- Board Minutes 04-01-2012
- Board Minutes 06-15-2012
- Board Minutes 08-30-2012
- Board Minutes 10-25-2012
- Board Minutes 12-4-2012

2011 meetings

- Board Minutes 02-24-2011
- Board Minutes 04-14-2011
- Board Minutes 06-30-2011
- Board Minutes 08-18-2011
- Board Minutes 12-8-2011
Membership

March 17, 2011

Interested in becoming a member of SLA?

Contact our Membership Committee Chair: Jennifer Chase
Mentoring

July 7, 2011

Mentoring is a highly important educational facet for anyone learning the ways of a new profession. Library school classes or actually working in a library may not be enough to survive in the profession. Mentors help ease students into the ways of the profession. Mentors can help bring out the joy and excitement of why we’re doing what we’re doing in the first place! It is an experience that should be taken advantage of by both students and professionals.

Mentoring relationships exist for many reasons, not just for student to professional relationships. For instance, a “seasoned” professional may mentor a “newbie” professional, or even vice-versa. Or experienced SLA volunteers may mentor new SLA volunteers. Mentoring relationships may also take on many different forms. They can be official and unofficial. With all of today’s convenient technologies, you do not have to live in the same town as your mentor/mentee. The main idea with mentoring relationships is that we all have something to learn from each other, no matter what experience levels may be. Give it a shot! You might be surprised by what you’ll get out of it!

If you would like further explanation on mentoring, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Membership chair. Links to the mentor/mentee forms are below.

Cincinnati Chapter Mentor Application Form
Cincinnati Chapter Protege Application Form

Please send completed mentee/mentor forms by email to the Membership chair:

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Discussion list

March 21, 2011

This discussion list has now been discontinued. For SLA Members, please sign up for SLA Connect and join the Cincinnati Chapter group there.

Thank you...

Chapter members and LIS students are welcome to subscribe to the discussion list. To subscribe, follow these instructions:

SUBSCRIBE
To subscribe to the list send an email as follows to lyris@sla.lyris.net

Leave the subject line blank and in the message body type

subscribe SLA-CCIN your email “First Name Last Name”

(e.g. subscribe SLA-CCIN SlaFan@yahoo.com “Elizabeth Bennett”)

POST MESSAGE TO LIST
Send your message by e-mail to the list address: sla-ccin@sla.lyris.net
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March 17, 2011

Here’s our upcoming chapter meetings and events:
Officers 2012

March 16, 2011

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