



Michigan Chapter SLA Board Meeting
Bryant Information Group, Canton, MI
August 10, 2005

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by President Charlene Stachnik. Also in attendance were Christopher Bloodworth, Joel Scheuher, Joan Martin, Laura Mancini, Alicia Biggers, Karen Bacsanyi, Sue Pritts, Marie Fraties-Block, Kathy Irwin and Tory Cariappa. Each person introduced themselves. Charlene distributed the new Chapter Contact List and discussed the open Bulletin Editor position.

2. Approve April minutes: Joan Martin presented the minutes. Kathy Irwin moved to approve the minutes. Christopher Bloodworth seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved without discussion.

(Note: The April Chapter minutes were mistakenly approved at this Board meeting, thus they will be presented again for approval at the September Chapter meeting.)

3. Treasurer's Report: Laura Mancini reported that the Chapter's ending balance was \$11,814.59.

4) Committee Chair Roundtable:

President Charlene Stachnik announced details of the September 28th meeting which will take place at the Gerald Ford Library in Ann Arbor. The speaker will be Elaine Didier speaking on the history of presidential libraries. The \$500 room fee may be waived for us. Charlene will work towards continued student involvement in our Chapter.

Program Chair, Pres-Elect Christopher Bloodworth has added two more members to the Program Committee: Tracy Hughes, Incoming President of the SII Chapter and Stephanie John, PALNET Director. Janice Webber will be invited to join, also. It was suggested that the second meeting of the year take place the first week of November. Chris is looking for a downtown Detroit location for the December meeting. The Board liked Alicia Biggers' suggestion to have the Wayne County Juvenile Detention facility be the recipient of our annual charity book drive held in conjunction with the December meeting. Per a request from Kathy Irwin, Christopher will contact SLA headquarters to see if we can receive a membership report broken down by sex, race, type of library etc.

Past President Joel Scheuher announced that we have 170 people on the Chapter listserv. This high number facilitates electronic voting. He will work on

updating the new Recommended Practices created last year. He recommended that Jennifer Hassell, last year's WSU scholarship winner be invited to help organize our chapter's archives as a special project. Everyone was in agreement so he will follow up with her.

Secretary Joan Martin announced that she will make an ongoing effort to recognize the achievements of students, faculty and fellow information professionals with congratulatory letters when appropriate.

Treasurer Laura Mancini reminded all Committee Chairs to complete a Budget Projections Report even if they are not requesting funds for this year.

Director Alicia Biggers will assist Joel Scheuher with the review of the Chapter's Recommended Practices. She will continue to solicit donations from vendors, and will help recruit members for the Nominating Committee.

Student Relations, WSU Karen Bacsanyi announced that several Wayne State University LIS students won a 2nd place SARC award for their web site. Judy Field accepted the award on their behalf. Karen will pass out SLA membership forms at the Sept. 17th orientation. She has several volunteer mentors and students lined up and asked that we contact her if we would like to mentor a LIS student.

Student Relations, UM Sue Pritts will attend the UM orientation. She and Karen will try to arrange a meeting with student representatives from both library schools as was done last year.

Hospitality Marie Fraties-Block will look for additional members for her committee especially LIS students. All students will be recognized at each chapter meeting this year.

Membership Kathy Irwin announced that we have 250 members in the chapter of which 40 are students. Last year she sent letters to relapsed members and had a 50% re-signup rate. During a discussion on how to attract and retain members, Joan Martin moved that each New Member Packet contain a \$5.00 off coupon to be used at any meeting during a specified time frame. (Expiration date of 6/30 for members who join July – Dec; Expiration date of 12/31 for those who join Jan – June). Alicia Biggers seconded the motion and it was carried by a verbal vote.

Public Relations Tory Cariappa asked for suggestions concerning other groups to whom she would send chapter meeting notices. She will follow up with TLN, PALNET and an archivist group.

Strategic Planning Joel Scheuher will review our strategic plan. He will continue to explore electronic access to our meetings for members in far-flung locations.

5) **Code of Responsibility:** Charlene Stachnik passed out the Code to be signed by each Board member and returned to her.

6) **Old Business:** Charlene shared a communication from Global Best Practices, an operating unit of PWC, who offered to help underwrite a meeting. The email will be forwarded to Alicia Biggers for follow up.

7) **New Business:** Joel Scheuher suggested that we consider emailing meeting notices rather than mailing them to save costs. There was much discussion on the pros and cons of doing that. It was agreed that the September meeting would continue with mailed notices since members need forewarning of the change. Joel also raised the issue of possibly offering Pay Pal as a payment option. This topic will be placed on a short, online membership survey along with other questions. Alicia Biggers volunteered to organize an adhoc survey committee. Charlene announced 6 new task forces created by SLA headquarters that are seeking volunteer members. She will email everyone the details.

8) **Adjournment:** Alicia Biggers moved to approve the adjournment. Laura Mancini seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Submitted, August 23, 2005
Joan Martin, Secretary Michigan Chapter SLA