



**Michigan Chapter SLA Board Meeting
Teleconference
November 15, 2011**

President Karly Szczepkowski called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order by President Karly Szczepkowski, Bryce motioned; seconded by Jennifer. In attendance were: Karly Szczepkowski, Bryce Rudder, Barry Puckett, Carla Brooks, Nancy Yee, Jennifer Zimmer, and Vicky Bellon.

2. Secretary's Report – Jessica Enget

Minutes for October were sent out this afternoon; however just prior to this evening's meeting I received additional feedback for revisions. Revised minutes for October will be sent out via email to the board to be reviewed for approval at December's meeting.

3. President's Report - Karly Szczepkowski

The last remaining volunteer position for archivist has been filled by Rebeca Befus. New volunteers and elected officers will be invited to attend our December meeting. Business cards are not yet created, a generic email address will be created for Carla to have printed on the cards.

SLA HQ emailed everyone about strategic vision and are providing an avenue for feedback from members through the Future Ready blog Nov 28th -Dec 2nd

4. President-Elect's/Programming Chair Report – Breezy Silver

as presented by Karly on Breezy Silver's behalf

- Holiday Party is coming up on Saturday Dec. 3rd at 11am at Weber's in Ann Arbor. We have 9 people so far RSVP'd but number is expected to grow.
- A group of people are working on the silent action and putting together a list of additional activities for people to do while in Ann Arbor.
- We will be implementing the buddy system for first-timers at the Holiday party. People will be introduced and partnered together at the event.

5. Treasurer's Report – Randy Dykhuis

As presented by Karly on Randy's behalf

Balances are as of November 14, 2011:

Checking Account	\$16,959.17
Pooled SLA Savings	\$6,205.47

Chapter Savings	\$3,993.23
Grand Total:	\$27,157.87

I received the \$250 sponsorship check from cSubs on Monday and we're starting to get payments through Paypal for the holiday party. Thanks to Joel, we have Paypal working on the new website.

6. **Director's Report – Jennifer Zimmer**

Slate of candidates for the upcoming elections at the annual holiday party, 3 people, President Elect: Joe Anteau; he has been involved with SLA for a couple years; Director: Jennifer Zimmer is running again; Secretary: Angela Jones from Jones agency, Inc.; she has been with SLA for a year.

7. **Publicity Report - Beth Spencer**

as presented by Karly on Beth's behalf

The LinkedIn Group now has 54 members!

8. **Career Guidance Report – Barry Puckett**

After changing strategies of not pushing membership versus to simply reaching out, we now have nine people looking for mentors and two more looking to volunteer.

The librarians at the Wayne County Library for Visual Impairment, also responded after contact with someone looking for a mentor.

Met with the WSU SLA group, they are facing much of the same issues we are having with getting people together for meetings/events (though there are 30 students that may identify as interest in special libraries, only 5 may make it to a meeting). There are others interested, but difficult to get others together. We are now in regular communication with them and have another venue to make postings for SLA news

Also the SOLIS newsletter at WSU, the all-purpose library student newsletter, we will also be able to make postings there.

9. **Special discussion items:**

a. Tuition awards

The Board reviewed applications from the University of Michigan for the tuition award and selected Jessica Kahan as the recipient. There were no applications from Wayne State University.

b. Increasing membership

Karly suggests including the below signature line in all our electronic communications:

Not a member? Join today! Go to: <http://tinyurl.com/2hfra4> and remember to select

"Michigan" as your chapter.

Breezy, Beth, Bryce and Barry agree it is a good idea; this is one more way we can make it easier for others to join.

Jennifer asked if this would be added just on direct email correspondences, or if will also be added as a footer to all SLA messages posted to the listserv? If it can be done, the board is in agreement that we would like this to be included in the footer of all messages and our pages online (website, LinkedIn, and Facebook).

Nancy suggested to have a 2012 programming event on WSU's campus to help attract members from the University. Karly will pass this idea onto Joe Anteau, the 2012 President-Elect candidate. This may be something we could coordinate with the faculty liaison, to see if we could schedule it at the same day and time as an SLA class so it could be proposed to a specific set of students.

We will continue discussing increasing membership at December's meeting.

10. Any comments, questions, additions?

Bryce announced the next newsletter deadline is Dec. 1

11. Next meeting

Tuesday, December 13th 6:30pm; 2012 volunteers will be invited to join us

12. Meeting Close

Karly moved that the meeting be closed and Nancy motioned, Bryce seconded. Karly adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted,
Jessica Enget, Secretary
November 15, 2011