



PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

Minutes of the December 14, 2017 Annual Business Meeting –
Sorrells Library, Carnegie Mellon University

I. CALL TO ORDER

Carrie Wardzinski called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was emailed prior to the meeting and distributed at the meeting. It was approved without any changes. Lynn Berard moved to approve the agenda, and Nancy Carlson seconded.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM December 8th, 2016

Minutes of the 8 December 2016 Annual Business Meeting/Awards Presentation at Dave & Buster's were approved. Eve Wider moved to approve the minutes, and Lynn Berard seconded.

IV. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. President – Carrie deferred her report until later in meeting.
- b. President-Elect – Ryan noted that 7 events were held in 2017 with an average of 16 people per event. Carrie answered the question that we have 44 members currently, with one institutional member. There was significant discussion about membership and how difficult it is to find member details.
- c. Past President – Leslie Poljak submitted no report, and thanked the team for a great year.
- d. Treasurer
 - i. Report – Jennie Crowley presented her report. Jennie noted that the allotment was larger this year. As of December 13, 2017, our checking account stands at \$2,390.03, our SLA Pooled Fund stands at \$7176.84, and total assets are \$9,566.87. At the end of last year, it was \$9,368.66, so we are positive from last year. Our allotment was \$677 and last year's allotment was \$585.40. We had \$300 more in our pooled fund at the start of the year due to an SLA balance readjustment that worked in our favor. And so, our total income of \$2,352 is more this year because of the anniversary celebration and the trivia event, compared to 2016 total income of \$1,010.40. But on the flip side, due to our anniversary celebration, our meeting expenses were more this year at \$2,425.18 compared to \$1,457.88 in 2016. We are in a deficit of \$73.15 compared

to a deficit of \$447.48 in 2016. The Pitt iSchool agreed to contribute \$250 towards the Anniversary celebration but we haven't received this yet. These numbers do not include the pizza tonight or the awards. All in all, we're running similar to last year. No questions were asked.

e. Secretary – Liz Hogan submitted no report.

V. COMMITTEE TEAM REPORTS (as of February 2017, below are the standing teams)

a. Member Relations Team

i. Awards

Margarete Bower presented the Awards Committee report. Margarete, Eve Wider, Deb Martin, and Marge Rhodes reviewed nominations for the Promising Professional; Something to consider next year is to publicize and promote professional activities of chapter members, like papers published and/or present the info for the Confluence; We will solicit nominations for Promising Professional award in the Spring.

ii. Employment

Olivia Glotfelty noted that everything is going well with the employment alerts.

b. Communications Team

i. Confluence

Leslie Poljak reported that she and Brooke Hyatt just submitted the Summer/Fall issue in late November, and she'll be looking for stories in January/February for the Winter issue. Please submit articles, including member news to the Confluence.

ii. Archives

Donna Beck contacted Ed Galloway regarding the archives digitization project, and the publishing of our bulletins/newsletters on Historic Pittsburgh. Ed asked for our patience and noted that they would be putting up past issues in early 2018. Donna also noted that she is stepping down as archivist after many years, and reached out to the CMU archivists to see if there were any potential new people interested in being our Archivist. Donna has a set of the print archive keys to the cabinets to pass on to the new archivist when a new person is ready. We thank Donna for her service.

iii. Webmaster

No report was submitted by Rachel Callison, and she informed Carrie that she is stepping down as webmaster after serving many years. Carrie thanked her for her service.

iv. Social Media

Stefanie Maclin-Hurd presented the Social Media report. With continued discussion on whether we're reaching members because of issues with SLA Connect, it was decided to expand our social media profile this year. We joined Twitter in April 2017 – currently have 175 followers, follow 123 (includes both institutions and individuals), and sent 381 tweets. Not all of our followers are Pittsburgh Chapter members; Stefanie explored and noted the furthest follower is a librarian in Denmark; We also have a Facebook page and have 24 members. Stefanie urges all those members with a Facebook profile to join SLA Pittsburgh. Stefanie listed a few ideas for 2018: former SLA President Kate Arnold left her job to go back to school to teach geology. Stefanie thought it might be interesting to interview her after she has a semester under her belt, to hear about her transition; Continued promotion of members, especially a short Q&A with incoming board members, as well as book discussions, around what are you reading this week;

Stefanie noted that Olivia Glotfelty and Liz Hogan have been helping out with keeping our profiles up to date. Stefanie is primarily handling Twitter and Olivia, Facebook; Stefanie asked if anyone is interested in helping, to contact her.

Anyone with ideas or suggestions, Stefanie would love to hear from you. Carrie asked about a LinkedIn group; Stefanie noted that it will definitely be considered for 2018.

c. Partner & Community Relations Team

i. Mentoring, Networking & Consultations

Denise Callihan presented the report. On November 30, 2017, a student pizza party was held at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Computing & Information (SCI), 3rd Floor Collaboration Space.

Denise and Lynn worked with Alex Sanford, President, Student Chapter of ALA (SCALA) to plan the event. (There is no active SLAPSG this semester). 9 students attended the event.

The event started with an etiquette review discussion provided by Lynn while eating pizza. After, Denise presented on overall tips and reminders regarding resume preparation (with lively Q&A discussion) and a short

overview on developing an “elevator pitch” to help prepare for impromptu discussions with stakeholders. The featured event was a “Speed Dating” style resume review. This allowed all students to have their resume quickly reviewed by 7 area librarians to gain first impression feedback. The panel consisted of the following SLA members & friends: Lynn Berard, CMU; Margarete Bower, Pitt; Denise Callihan, PPG; Rachel Callison, SEI; Kim Gregory: K&L Gates, LLP; Leslie Poljak, Pitt; Eve Wider, Pitt. Thank you for your support. Lynn and Denise subsidized the pizza/cookies/refreshments for the evening, as a donation to the Pittsburgh Chapter (and Pitt Alumni Association) (in kind: \$100: \$78(pizza) + \$10 (tip) - \$10 soda/water – plates/napkins (\$2).)

The group had great discussion about previous student events, and the level of engagement with this set of students. Lynn noted that we are seeing more and more non-traditional students becoming librarians, and it’s important that we continue to work with all, not just library science students, or those who may need help with networking or resume review.

ii. Student Groups (open)

There is no SLA Student group this year.

d. Program & Events Team

- i. Carrie will detail this later in the meeting during her announcements.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Election of Officers for 2018

Slate of Candidates included the following people: Jennie Crowley for President-Elect and Olivia Glotfelty for Treasurer

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Carrie recalled her time as President, having served as President-Elect for 2 terms:

- i. Held elections in November
- ii. Christine Slippy passed away unexpectedly earlier this year; Chapter members donated \$250 to the Carnegie Library in Christine’s memory, with a \$250 match by the PPG Foundation.
- iii. In June we had 8 chapter members attend the Annual Conference in Phoenix, including Olivia, our Promising Professional Award winner;
- iv. We had a terrific turnout in July for our Rick Sebak Trivia event, which we partnered with Beta Phi Mu.

- v. In September, we celebrated our 95th year as a Chapter with 34 former and current chapter members attending, including every single person of our Chapter who has won a national SLA award (Ange Pollis, Barb Spiegelman, Mary Vasilakis, Lynn Berard, and Denise Callihan).
- vi. Carrie passed the torch to Ryan and Jennie; and Carrie thanked the Board and members for their guidance, support and for trusting her to be president for two years with very little leadership experience. Carrie thanked everyone for giving her this opportunity.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Jennie called for the motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Olivia seconded. Award presentation and cookie exchange followed.

Respectfully submitted, Denise Callihan on behalf of Liz Hogan.