



**Michigan Chapter SLA Board Meeting
Teleconference
November 16, 2009**

President Sophia Guevara called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by President Sophia Guevara. In attendance were Nathan Rupp (President Elect), Nancy Yee (Archivist), Karly Szczepkowski (Career Guidance – Wayne State), Senovia Guevara (Diversity Chair), Colleen Lyon (Membership), and Joel Seewald (Secretary).
2. **President's Report:**
 - Voting on the SLA name change is underway and continues until December 9. See the [SLA Web site](#) for more information. If you voted between 12:00 and 2:05 a.m. on November 16, you need to vote again because there was a problem with the system that has been corrected.
3. **Program Report:**
 - The September meeting at Ann Arbor with SLA President Gloria Zamora and the October meeting at the Upjohn Institute for Employment Research in Kalamazoo were both fairly well attended. Many liked having a meeting on the west side of the state.
 - The December meeting is the holiday party at Schoolcraft College (Monday, December 7).
 - Nathan is still waiting to hear about vendor sponsorships.
 - Question: Should we increase the cost this year?
 - Discussion: Last year, the cost was \$20/students, \$25/members, \$30/non-members. If we charge \$25/\$30/\$35, we should pretty much break even based on expected attendance (30) and room fee. Maybe we can charge the same as last year and have the chapter cover an estimated \$300 shortfall. A lower cost could also allow more people to come and leave people more money to use on the auction.
 - Decision: Use last year's prices and have the chapter cover the anticipated deficit.
 - Silent auction – We have about 12 items for the silent auction, so far. We are still trying to get items from UM and WSU library schools.
4. **Wayne State Student Chapter:**
 - Wayne State's SLA Student Chapter President Nikki Elert, with a group of other student organization officers, will be presenting to introductory library

science classes. This sounds like the new way to introduce student organizations to library science students.

- No activities this semester. Ideas for events include: tour of John King Rare Books on December 5. Also trying to arrange a workshop of social media in libraries. Karly will try to work with the student chapter to plan more programs for next semester.

5. **Mentorship Program** – Karly says that there are 19 Wayne students as mentees and there are 14 mentors. 11 student reviews were returned. 9 gave very positive reviews of their mentors/mentorship program; 2 said they're too busy to take advantage; of those 2, one added that their mentor's area of expertise is in the mentee's least area of interest.
6. **Treasurer's Report** – Checking account balance is \$14,300.02; pooled savings account balance is \$5,296.48; virtual programs savings balance is \$3,898.40. Total balance is \$25,585.90.
7. **No-Show Policy** – Randy is getting push-back from people who don't know about the policy or say that they should only pay a portion to cover food.
 - Options to consider:
 - Prepayment for meeting attendance (maybe use PayPal on the web site), but walk-ins welcome.
 - Make regular meetings free. The annual SLA contribution can cover most expenses for food at meetings, 2 scholarships, and an occasional outside speaker. Exception may be made for the holiday meeting.
 - Change the policy that no-shows pay the entire fee for a missed meeting.
 - Establish a flat fee for no-shows of \$5-\$7 - a nuisance fee to try to encourage attendance by those who registered.
 - Discussion: No fee might encourage more to attend meetings. No fee might make it difficult to get accurate count for food. We could set up a PayPal account for meeting payments, but that shouldn't be the only payment option. We could have people send in their payments 2 weeks before an event. PayPal may not work so well if people are reimbursed through work. There may be resistance to charging a fee in the future if we start a no-charge policy. No fee might cause employers to think there is no value to meetings. More people from farther away and more students may attend meetings if there is no charge. We could start a trial of no-charge meetings and see how it goes. We could mention, at the holiday party, that we are thinking of starting a no-charge meeting system and see what people think.
 - Decisions:
 - Continue to charge for meetings and adjust no-show policy to \$7 (except for holiday party).
 - Nathan will work with Randy to set up a PayPal account.

- Nathan will add a question about not charging for meetings to the holiday party registration.
8. **Voting for Officers** – Bryce is accepting nominations until the end of November. We're still looking for a President-elect candidate; we have candidates for all other positions. Do we need to present a slate 30 days before election? If slate is presented in December, does that mean we have to vote in January? Nathan will check with Bryce to try to speed things along.
9. **Meeting Close** – Sophia closed the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joel Seewald, Secretary
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