

Michigan Chapter SLA Board Meeting Teleconference December 14, 2015

President Randy Dykhuis called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order and agenda was accepted by President Randy Dykhuis, Merle motioned; seconded by Jane. In attendance were: Randy Dykhuis, Jennifer Zimmer, Merle Rosenzweig, Judy Smith, Anne Herron, Jane Potee, and Sheila Bryant.

2. Secretary's Report - Jennifer Meekhof

Minutes for the October 19, 2015 meeting were put to vote for approval, Merle motioned; seconded by Judy. These minutes have been approved.

3. President's Report - Randy Dykhuis

Randy reviewed the changes happening at the national level. The SLA building has been removed from the market. Rather than selling the building, the SLA board decided to advertise for renters. The board is continuing the search for an association management company and some interviews have been held. In August, another information industry association approached the SLA board about their interest in a merger. After a few informal discussions, the board decided not to pursue a merger at this time. However, they did form a task force to look at the question and determine the circumstances under which a merger may be desirable and what characteristics a likely merger partner ought to have.

Testing has begun for the new technology infrastructure. Currently, SLA HQ expects to implement the new system before the end of the year. Information about how it will work and the changes taking place are still forthcoming.

Randy encouraged everyone to attend all or part of the virtual leadership boot camp that is scheduled for January 26 and 27. The meeting is four hours each day: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday January 26 and 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday January 27. The meeting will be recorded for those who wish to review it after the live dates.

4. President-Elect's/Programming Chair Report – Merle Rosenzweig

The holiday party turned out to be a great success. There were about 25 attendees. Some of them only paid through PayPal and did not register through SurveyMonkey so we had a few more attendees than appeared on the registration form. Merle congratulated Judy for working with the hotel staff to make sure everyone got served.

Merle also singled out the Marriott staff for their outstanding service. She is planning to send them a thank you note. The silent auction raised \$800 for the student/new professional travel stipend. Merle also thank Celia Ross for once again staging a great auction.

5. Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Zimmer

The Michigan SLA Chapter remains in good financial health with an overall balance of \$27,548.48. As of December 14, the checking account had a balance of \$16,429.51. Total Checking Debits (October 1 – December 14) were \$1,427.03, and credits were \$0. The savings account has a balance of \$4,419.56. There was a \$225.00 sponsorship from Automotive World and \$0.12 from interest deposited into the account. The investment account, managed by SLA and pooled with other chapters, has a balance of \$6,909.51.

Jennifer still need to move funds from the PayPal account to the bank and has a few checks to deposit. These are from holiday party registration fees and the silent auction.

6. Director's Report - Jane Potee

Jane announced that the slate of officers had been approved at the annual meeting. The 2016 officers will be: Merle Rosenzweig, President; Jane Potee, President-elect; Randy Dykhuis, Past President; Sheila Bryant, Secretary; and Bryce Rudder, Treasurer. Randy said that most of the committee volunteer positions have been filled and he will send the list to Jennifer for posting on the website. He is still looking for a newsletter editor and an archivist.

7. Other Reports

The first program for 2016 will be tour of the Opera House, home of the Michigan Opera Theater. Merle and Jane will work to get information out about that.

The board discussed supporting Quasicon again in 2016. This is one-day conference sponsored by the library students at UM. Merle motioned to donate \$200 to the conference. Judy seconded. Motion passed. Jane said the programming committee will work to get a panel together for the meeting.

8. Meeting Close

Merle will be setting meeting dates for 2016. Merle motioned to adjourn meeting. Jennifer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:27 pm.

Submitted, Randy Dykhuis, acting Secretary December 14, 2015