



Michigan Chapter SLA Board Meeting

October 9, 2006, Bryant Information Group, Inc.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:20 PM by President Charlene Stachnik. Also in attendance was Laura Mancini, Joel Scheuher, Linda Strand, Sue Pritts and Joan Martin.

1) Approval of Minutes

Secretary, Joan Martin presented the minutes of the March 8th and July 14th Board meetings. There were no suggested changes. Laura Mancini moved to approve the minutes. Sue Pritts seconded the motion.

2) Email Updates

President, Charlene Stachnik distributed an list of current Board members with updated email addresses. Joel Scheuher will add the new email addresses to the chapter's web site.

3) Chapter Merger

President, Charlene Stachnik and President-Elect, Laura Mancini reported back on a teleconference they had with Anne Caputo of SLA headquarters, concerning the possible merger between our chapter and the Western Michigan/Upper Peninsula chapter. Since the merger requires a vote by SLA's Executive Board, the potential merger could be finalized in January 2007 or in June 2007. Charlene outlined the steps in the merger working document, highlighting what has already been done and what still needs to be accomplished by both parties.

There was a brief discussion on what our chapter could do to make our programming accessible to members of the Western MI/ Upper Peninsula chapter even before the merger is completed. Laura Mancini offered Anne Caputo's example of 'sub-groups' meeting in various cities around the state, in lieu of a single monthly meeting in one city. Linda Strand will do research on a related concept called 'Dine-Around' that the Chicago chapter is currently using.

Nest steps:

- Charlene will email the merger working document to Leslie Burke, President-Elect of the Western MI/ Upper Peninsula chapter, along with an accompanying timeline that documents open and closed tasks.
- Charlene will check with Anne Caputo to see if the Western MI/ Upper Peninsula chapter's first chapter vote on the merger can stand as a formal vote.

4) Officer/Committee Member Recruitment

President Elect, Laura Mancini reviewed open positions to fill by January 2007:

- President Elect and Director (to be done by the Nominating Committee)
- Membership Chair, Public Relations Chair, Diversity Chair, additional members for Program Committee (to be done by Laura)

The Chapter has an immediate need for a Nominating Committee (chair and 3-4 members). Charlene charged Laura with organizing this as Laura makes phone calls to fill other open positions in the Chapter. Board members made suggestions on current members who might

be able to serve on, or head, the Program Committee. A suggestion was also made to roll the Public Relations Chair position into the Program Committee.

5) Sponsorship

Vendor Relations Chair, Laura Nielsen was not able to attend the meeting, but emailed a sponsorship report in advance of the meeting. She has already garnered a \$750 contribution from Global Insight for the December meeting and a \$500 contribution from the National Archive Publishing Company for the February meeting. The Board gratefully acknowledged her efforts to secure funding which supports the chapter's goal of offering high-quality programming for its members.

6) Old Business

None

7) New Business

- Laura Mancini and Charlene presented details of the forthcoming November 9th chapter meeting in Ann Arbor. Meeting charges were discussed and agreed upon (\$15 for members; \$10 students; \$20 guests).
- Charlene and Sue reported on a recent meeting they had with Molly Kleinman, President of the SLA Student Chapter at the University of Michigan's School of Information and Library Science. Molly volunteered to run the registration table at the November chapter meeting in Ann Arbor. She expressed an interest in a mentoring program with our chapter, however we currently do not have one in place.
- Joel will be transitioning his webmaster duties to Melissa Behrens by year end. He has already begun training her. The Board acknowledged Joel's enormous contribution over the past years in creating and updating a professional-looking chapter web site.
- Laura Mancini has been invited to speak at the next meeting of the Michigan Library Association's Membership Committee in November. Her topic will be, "What is a special librarian?"
- Sue Pritts inquired about the current SLA representative to the Library of Michigan Foundation. At one time, it was Elaine Logan. Laura will research who the current representative is and report back.
- Treasurer, Linda Strand presented the Treasurer's Report. As of 10/9/06, we have an ending balance of \$13,167.03. Laura moved to approve the report. Joel seconded the motion.

8:02 PM, Charlene moved to adjourn the meeting. Laura seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Martin, Secretary
October 10, 2006