



**Michigan Chapter SLA Board Meeting
Teleconference
February 23, 2010**

President Nathan Rupp called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

- 1. Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by President Nathan Rupp. In attendance were Karly Szczepkowski (President-Elect/Programming Chair), Randy Dykhuis (Treasurer), Arjun Sabharwal (Director), Nancy Yee (Archivist), Bryce Rudder (Bulletin Editor), Colleen Lyon (Membership), Ashley Patterson Smith (Webmaster), and Joel Seewald (Secretary).
- 2. President's Report:**
 - Nathan attended the SLA Leadership Summit. He reported that, even though the name change was not approved, alignment continues to move forward. One of the next steps is a uniform visual identity for divisions and chapters. The Michigan Chapter has much less of a problem with our visual identity with regards to the national organization than many other chapters and divisions.
 - The SLA budget of approx. \$6.7 million was missed by about \$1.5 million. Services to members were not cut, but some positions at the head office were.
 - Early bird registration to the SLA Annual Conference continues until April 2. Keynote speakers will be James Carville and Mary Matalin.
 - The student travel award letter is ready to send out.
 - Paula and Nathan are contacting the University of Michigan School of Information advisor.
- 3. Treasurer's Report –** Checking account balance is \$14,493.17; pooled savings account balance is \$5,396.99 (money SLA has invested on our behalf); savings account balance is \$3,989.72 (money that came from merger with Western Michigan Chapter). Total balance is \$23,879.88.
- 4. Member Chair's Report:**
 - Members as of the end of December: 182. This includes 6 new members in December.
 - There are problems getting into SLA membership area. If they continue, Nathan offered to look into it so we can get numbers for January and February.
 - New materials are available on the SLA web site that we can send out to new members to reinforce the value of SLA membership, including member benefits. Colleen will share this information with the Board.

5. Director's Report:

Arjun suggests trying to put together a new, earlier elections timeline this year that was accepted by the board:

- Arjun will send a draft of the call for volunteers to the chapter board for board members to read before the next board meeting, which is April 6. When OK, the call will be sent to the chapter e-mail list and the newsletter by April 15. An announcement can be made at chapter events, too.
- Assemble the Nominating Committee and have a chair by May 15 (this was in July last year). The committee will send out a Call for Nominations by May 31 and present a slate of candidates to the chapter board by June 30.
- By September 30, hold elections and count votes.
- Announce the new chapter board members at the Holiday Dinner.

6. Program Chair's Report:

Upcoming Events

- February 24 - Rescheduled February Roundtable is at 6:30 p.m. at Michigan State. This is for sharing information about best practices, tips, etc. Karly offered a call-in option. No one responded to this offer, so there won't be a conference call.
- March 24 - Presentation by Mary Ellen Bates at UM-Dearborn. All arrangements have been made. Information should be sent out to members before March.
- September – Randy has offered to host the September event at the MLC office in Lansing. Talk will be about the coordination of databases, etc. with regard to the merger.
- Programming is being scheduled for the remainder of 2010. Information about other events will be presented at a later date.

NOTE: The next chapter board meeting is April 6 and the Mary Ellen Bates event is March 24. E-mail Nathan if you think the board should meet either the week before or the week after.

Survey Results

- Preferences
 - Best time: evenings (after 6:00 p.m.)
 - Best day: Wednesday or Thursday
 - Best location: metro Detroit/Ann Arbor
 - Best topics: instruction sessions (this will be included in November event), special speakers (reason for Mary Ellen Bates in March, Randy in September, and attempt to get SLA President to speak that was denied), networking events (reason for event in February and trying to do another in July), library tours (reason for Clements tour in January and BASF tour in June).
 - Registration fees: they don't influence participation in chapter events. Quality of programming is more important than fees.
 - Payment: provide as many options as possible.
 - No show fees: many don't want the fee, but many think it should be \$5.
 - Virtual events: many want to have this option, but there are issues with this (speakers may set limitations such as live only and there may be an annual fee with some products)

- Discussion/questions:
 - Randy has reservations about no show fees. It's hard to enforce.
 - Randy set up a PayPal account. It could be used for the March event. Randy will send the code to Karly for inclusion in SurveyMonkey registration.
 - Is it possible to charge just for major events like the Holiday Party? Most events do not have a significant cost.
 - Current No Show Policy seems to specifically address the Holiday meeting, but could be used for other meetings. Decision: Keep the current No Show Policy. Karly will include a link to Now Show Policy in event registration.

7. Newsletter – If you have any committee or event articles to include in the newsletter, send them to Bryce. Karly will submit an article about the survey results. Karly suggested contacting UM and WSU student organizations for suggestions. Nathan will write something about the Holiday Party. Nancy said the Washington DC Chapter newsletter has a lot of pictures.

8. Meeting Close – Motion was made to adjourn and was seconded. Nathan closed the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Joel Seewald, Secretary
February 25, 2010