



**Michigan Chapter SLA Board Meeting  
Teleconference  
May 18, 2015**

President Randy Dykuis called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

**1. Call to order**

Meeting was called to order and agenda was accepted by President Randy Dykuis, Anne motioned; seconded by Leanna. In attendance were: Randy Dykhuis, Alexandra Briseno, Jennifer Meekhof, Matt Tansek, Leanna Simon, Kathy Ratliff, Anne Herron, and Jane Potee.

**2. Secretary's Report – Jennifer Meekhof**

Minutes for the March 16, 2015 meeting were put to vote for approval, Anne motioned; seconded by Jane. These minutes have been approved.

**3. President's Report – Randy Dykhuis**

First Randy referred to stipends the student stipends for SLA Annual conference. The Executive Committee approved giving the \$750 stipend to Tina Na Qin, a new professional working as a Chemistry Librarian at Michigan State University. There is one stipend unawarded. It will be carried over until next year, when the Board will get information out to members sooner and give the stipend more publicity.

Randy also referred to the SLA Leadership Summit. In the March meeting, the Board voted to expand the stipend to also include the President elect. The SLA Board voted in their April 2015 meeting to place the Leadership Summit on hiatus for three years beginning in 2016. In place of the Leadership Summit, SLA intends to offer webinars and conference calls, and move some parts to the Annual Conference. The MI chapter will decide at the next meeting what to do with the allocated funds. Discussion included using the allocated funds to send the President and President elect to the annual conference instead.

Next Randy discussed outreach to UM and Wayne State students. He suggested putting together an event (on campus at UM and online for WSU) to meet with students and provide information about careers in special libraries. Anne mentioned previous discussion within the programming committee and positive feedback to support the idea. It gives the chapter a chance to share information and learn what is being taught in the programs. Kathy mentioned her recent visit to the Wayne State winter orientation. The school is 80% online/20% on campus. She spoke to the Dean and to Matt Fredericks

who suggested the chapter get more faculty engagement. She was invited to return for the Fall 2015 orientation.

Randy suggested reviewing charging non-members for chapter events. There is no official policy to charge non-members, but it takes the chapter time and effort to arrange events and suggested establishing a policy to formalize charging non-members for chapter events. Anne agreed events are a visible benefit of being a chapter member. The chapter could offer one or two free events to entice people to become new members. Jane suggested the fee might encourage people to keep their commitment to event. If a non-member is losing out on money, they may be less inclined to skip events to which they RSVP. Kathy suggested fees be waived for students or to make costs equal to membership, to encourage new members. Leanna expressed concerns about fees being a deterrent to membership, given the high cost of national membership to SLA. Randy will post pros and cons on the list and a formal proposal will be given at the July meeting.

Randy referred agenda items, Guidelines for requests for donations and Past president and programming committee, which will be discussed at the next meeting.

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

N/A.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Zimmer**

N/A.

#### **6. Director's Report – Jane Potee**

Jane is working towards getting a nominating committee together. She is looking for ideas to get new members interested in serving on the Board and reaching out to student members to get them involved with the Board.

Open positions in 2016 include: President, Director, Secretary, and Treasurer

#### **7. Meeting Close**

Randy moved that the meeting be closed, Jane motioned; Kathy seconded. Randy adjourned the meeting at 12:40 pm.

Submitted,  
Jennifer Meekhof, Secretary  
May 18, 2015