



## Michigan Chapter SLA Executive Board Meeting Teleconference on July 14, 2006

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:30AM by Past President, Joel Scheuher. Also in attendance was President Charlene Stachnik; Secretary Joan Martin; Treasurer Linda Strand and Director Alicia Biggers.

### **1) DONATION FOR GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

Past President Joel Scheuher set forth the motion, 'I move that the Michigan Chapter should allocate \$500 to the Indiana Chapter for the Great Lakes Regional Conference.' The motion was seconded by Alicia Biggers. A voice vote indicated no opposition, therefore the motion carried.

### **2) POSSIBLE MERGER WITH WESTERN MICHIGAN / UPPER PENINSULA CHAPTER (MWUP)**

President Charlene Stachnik reported on a meeting that took place on June 13, 2006 during the SLA Annual Convention between Board members from the Western Michigan / Upper Peninsula Chapter (President Elect, Leslie Burke and Lisa Abbott) and Board members from the Michigan Chapter (President Charlene Stachnik, President Elect Laura Mancini and Director Alicia Biggers). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss possibly folding the MWUP Chapter into the Michigan Chapter. Concerns raised by Leslie and Lisa, on behalf of their chapter were the following:

- a) **Remote access to programming** – Would donate their entire treasury (currently around \$4,000) to purchase/rent equipment needed. Donated monies would go into a special fund for this purpose alone.
- b) **Alberta Brown Lecture Series** – Would like continued sponsorship of this biennial event, administered by Western Michigan University via a \$500 donation. The next lecture will take place in May 2007. Leslie Burke would serve as liason.
- c) **Support of local programming** – Would like the ability to schedule programs in various parts of the state, with remote access available to members who cannot attend.
- d) **Representation on the Chapter Board** – Would like the Nominating Committee to solicit nominees from current members of the MWUP Chapter so they can participate on the Board.

The MWUP Chapter would like integration of the two chapters completed by December 2006.

#### **Action Steps:**

No vote will be taken at this time, but the following prep work will be done before the next Executive Board meeting:

- Charlene will email a copy of June Van Wingen's letter summarizing the June 13<sup>th</sup> discussion to the entire Board so everyone is aware of their proposal.
- Charlene will check with SLA headquarters to see if there is a formal process that needs to be followed in order for the chapter merger to take place.
- Joel Scheuher will look at technology alternatives for virtual meetings such as Net Meeting and report back.

### **3) STATUS OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Director Alicia Biggers reported that the survey of current Board members is now completed and several have indicated that they would like to step down. She will email that information to the Executive Board. In addition, a Nominating Committee has been formed, however no one on the Committee is agreeable to serving as Chair. Joel will check with other Chapter Members to find a chair for this Committee. President Elect Laura Mancini will contact Leslie Burke to see if she would like to be the incoming President Elect (serving as President in 2008). If the answer is negative, Leslie will be asked about her interest in chairing the Nominating Committee.

Alicia would like to present a slate of candidates at the November Chapter meeting. General discussion followed and included a reminder that the Treasurer and Secretary serve 2 year terms (also the Bulletin Editor is strongly encouraged to serve for 2 years for continuity).

#### **4) ATTENDANCE AT GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

Linda Strand asked who would attend the Great Lakes Regional Conference in Indianapolis. She will attend, however all other Executive Board members on the call were currently uncertain of their attendance. Linda will check again later in the year.

12:05PM. Joel moved to adjourn the meeting. Alicia seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Martin, Secretary  
July 17, 2006