



**Michigan Chapter SLA Chapter Meeting
Eastern Michigan University
December 6, 2007**

President Laura Mancini called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

1. **Hospitality Chair Report** - Hospitality Chair Marie Fraties-Block recognized students who were in attendance as well as first-time attendees.
2. **Secretary's Report** - Secretary Joan Martin presented the minutes of the November 1, 2007 chapter meeting. Leslie Burke pointed out a misspelled company name which will be corrected. Judy Field moved to approve the minutes. Charlene Stachnik seconded the motion and the minutes were approved without further discussion.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Laura presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Linda Strand. As of December 6, 2007, the Michigan SLA checking account had a balance of \$9,837.85. The SLA Pooled Fund had a balance of \$5,289.42 and the Michigan SLA savings – Technology Fund had a balance of \$3,978.35. Judy Field moved to approve the report. Leslie Burke seconded the motion and the report was approved without further discussion.
4. **Announcements from President Laura Mancini:**
 - On behalf of Employment Chair, Melissa Behrens, Laura announced that there were job openings at Cooley Law School and Eastern Michigan University. Please see the chapter's web site for additional open positions.
 - President's Report - Laura reviewed highlights of the past year which included :
 - Implementation of SLA's new calendar year covering January through December
 - The chapter meeting with Mary Ellen Bates as a guest speaker which drew over 80 attendees
 - Our first daytime program, in a long time, which was a tour of the EPA Library.
 - Our successful merger with the Western MI & Upper Peninsula Chapter

- The introduction of online registration with the December meeting
- The valuable career information event for Library/Information Science graduate students held in the Fall
- The silent auction, held at the December meeting, to raise funds to send a graduate student to the 2008 SLA annual conference in Seattle

Laura thanked members for their ongoing participation and support during the past. A tremendous amount of progress was made during a year of change!

5. **Old Business** - none

6. **New Business**

- Leslie Burke presented the 2008 slate of candidates:

Paula Storm - President
 Sophia Guevara - President Elect
 Kerri Otto - Secretary
 Kathleen Gamache - Director

The election will take place at the annual business meeting to be held in January. (Location, date and time to be finalized)

- Laura announced two volunteer slots that remain to be filled: Co-Editor of the bulletin and Diversity Chair. Interested parties should contact Paula Storm.
- Laura announced the death of Patricia Parker, a Grand Valley State Librarian. Leslie Burke spoke of Patricia's contributions to the Western MI & Upper Peninsula Chapter and of her courage during her longterm illness.
- Three members were congratulated on their retirement during the past year: Sue Petre (General Motors); Karen Bacsanyi (WSU) and Paulette Groen (Visteon).
- The annual University of Michigan scholarship was awarded to Jessica Duvernay.
- Upcoming programs were presented by Paula and Laura:
 - Jan 15 or 16, 2008 - The annual business meeting and an overview of the Archives, Business and Patent collections at Detroit Public Library

- May (?) 2008 - Alberta Brown Lecture in Kalamazoo. This will be a full day or half day event. Past speakers have included Gary Price and Greg Notess. Please contact Paula with any speaker ideas.
- Other program ideas include an overview of free international business web sites; and a tour of the recently renovated Detroit Institute of the Arts.

7. **Announcements** - Laura thanked Gale/Cengage Learning, the evening's sponsor. She also introduced Dr. Stephen Bajjaly, Head of WSU's Graduate LIS program. Dr. Bajjaly spoke briefly of progress made towards moving some classes online and the planned introduction of a Records Management Certificate. The program currently has 600 students. Lastly, attendees at the meeting were invited to take a first-hand look at EMU's fascinating ARC (robot-driven automated retrieval collection).

8. **Adjournment** – A motion was made by Judy Field to adjourn the meeting. Barry Puckett seconded the motion and the business meeting was adjourned by President Laura Mancini at 7:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Martin, Secretary
December 10, 2007