



**Michigan Chapter SLA Board Meeting
Teleconference
April 6, 2010**

President Nathan Rupp called the meeting to order at 6:35 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), Arjun Sabharwal (Director), Nancy Yee (Archivist), Bryce Rudder (Bulletin Editor), Colleen Lyon (Membership), and Joel Seewald (Secretary).
- 2. Minutes Review:**
 - The Director's Report and Program Chair's Report both indicate that the next board meeting will be March 23. The board meeting was rescheduled for April 6, so that we wouldn't have a chapter event and the board meeting on consecutive days.
 - The original meeting minutes sent to board members who attended the February conference call mentioned Ashley twice in the attendance report. This was updated in the amended minutes that were posted on the web site.
 - Bryce moved to approve the minutes and Nathan seconded the motion and the motion was carried.
- 3. President's Report:**
 - Student Travel Stipend to SLA Annual Conference – 4 applications were received, but only 1 stipend can be awarded. Applications were received from Susan Murphy, Arielle Sokol, Chad Groenhout, and Sylvia Ranspach. Those board members in attendance selected Chat as the recipient, but Nathan will request a response from other board members by the end of the week. If there is a consensus, Nathan will notify the recipient on Friday.
 - Co-sponsorship of Midwest Open House – The chapter was asked to contribute \$100 for this event at the 2010 SLA Annual Conference. It was agreed that we should make this contribution.
 - Alberta Brown Lecture – When the Michigan and Western Michigan Chapters merged, it was agreed that the chapter would continue to help sponsor this event. Since this is a biennial event, it is about time to schedule another event. Nathan told coordinator at Western Michigan University that the Michigan Chapter SLA is willing to help with the planning, funding (\$500), and advertising of the event. WMU needs to let us know when they want to schedule the event.
- 4. Treasurer's Report** – No report available.

5. Member Chair's Report:

- Current number of members: 183.
- No new members since January. If new report doesn't show new members, we might want to investigate ways to get the word out about the chapter.
- Lost 4 members since the beginning of the year.
- Still working on a one-page "brochure" for new and lapsed members that we can send out to reinforce the value of SLA membership, including member benefits.

6. Director's Report:

- Arjun wants to complete the nomination process by June 30. This includes posting the call for volunteers in the April newsletter, on the chapter e-mail list, on the chapter Web site, and Karly will send call to WSU and UM students.
- The call for volunteers was approved with some modifications.
- This week Arjun will e-mail the board the proposed changes to the nomination calendar for board review. Voting on the recommended change will take place at the next board meeting.

7. Program Chair's Report:

- March 24 – The presentation by Mary Ellen Bates at UM-Dearborn was well attended. About 40 people attended in person and 4 attended virtually. Comments from the virtual attendees were positive.
- April 28 – Webcast by the U.S. Census Bureau about the validity, accuracy, and methodology of the U.S. Census. 13 people are already registered. The event is sponsored by AROQ Ltd., a U.K. company, and there is no charge. People can attend virtually through WebEx or attend at Ford World Headquarters. If you attend at Ford, you must register through SurveyMonkey.
- Future – Still working on ideas for May through December, but those events aren't confirmed.

8. Vendor Relations Report (submitted by Alicia via e-mail):

- Secured two "gold" level sponsors (\$750 each)
- Please send names/contact details of sponsors anyone thinks should be approached
- Second round of vendor requests for ads/sponsorship coming by third quarter 2010

9. Other:

- Newsletter – Newsletter is nearly finished.
- WSU and UM tuition scholarships – Should WSU scholarship be awarded in June and UM scholarship in December? Nathan wants to get out a call for applications so we can vote for scholarship winners. Nathan will contact Judy Field and Paula Storm because this might not be the process that was used in the past, especially for Wayne State.
- Reschedule next board meeting? – In April, the board meeting is again scheduled for the day before an event. The board meeting was rescheduled for May 4.

10. Meeting Close – A motion was made to adjourn and was seconded. Nathan closed the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Joel Seewald, Secretary
April 8, 2010
(updated June 3, 2010)