



## PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

### Minutes of the 8 March 2016 Board Meeting at 207 Hillman Library

**Executive Board Present:** Leslie Eibl, President; Carrie Wardzinski, President-Elect; Margarete Bower, Past President; Ryan Splenda, Secretary; Jennie Crowley, Treasurer; Sharon Palchak, Director (phoned in)

**Committee Members Present:** Rachel Callison, Web Manager; Donna Beck, Archives

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Leslie Eibl brought the meeting to order at 6:32PM.

#### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was emailed prior to the meeting and distributed at the meeting. It was approved without any changes. Rachel Callison moved to approve the agenda, and Carrie Wardzinski seconded.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of 23 July 2015 meeting held at 207 Hillman Library

Minutes of the July 23, 2015 board meeting at 207 Hillman Library were approved after corrections were made to the wording of the "New Business" section. Margarete Bower moved to approve the revised minutes, and Carrie Wardzinski seconded.

#### V. OFFICER REPORTS

**President (Eibl):** Provided the 2016 Strategic Plan and reaffirmed our chapter's mission. We will be focusing our attention on new membership and membership retention by increasing membership engagement and value through expanded communication. Some ideas on how to do this include: sending out more announcements, putting together a digest of events every Friday, and creating a Google doc to send out every week with upcoming events.

**President-Elect (Wardzinski):** There are both social events and professional development events that are scheduled for the rest of the year. We should be bringing in some money from these events as well. 10 people signed up for the March event (Pop Craft Pittsburgh) including several students. Some future events that we are looking into include an information session in April, supercomputing in May, and the Warhol Archives in July.

**Past President (Bower):** No Report.

**Treasurer (Crowley):** As of January 16, 2016 the Pittsburgh Chapter's pooled statement sits at \$6,326.49. Our checking account stands at \$3,285.69. We lost around \$300.00 based on poor performance in the financial markets. After submitting our financial statements at the end of January, we had a deficit of \$351.76 for the year. The majority of expenses came from the Promising Professional Award and other

annual awards. We generated income from two events: \$95.00 from the ALA President, Courtney Young event and \$20.00 from the Heinz History Center event. We received an allotment of \$719.05 from SLA HQ. Our 2-year Flickr renewal (\$44.95) will be coming up this year and we are considering switching to Google Photos as a replacement. We are looking at an approximate deficit of \$800.00 this year with our current budget.

**Secretary (Splenda):** No report.

## VI. COMMITTEE TEAM REPORTS

### Member Relations Team

**Awards (Eibl & Bower):** The Awards chair position is still open. The decision was made to send out invitations for the Promising Professional Award and that both Leslie Eibl and Margarete Bower will serve as acting co-chairs of the Awards Team. They will work together with the rest of the Awards team on the Promising Professional Award and then re-visit the open chair position afterwards.

**Employment (Wardzinski):** No report.

**Membership Data (Watson via Wardzinski):** The Pittsburgh Chapter now has 60 members and none are students. Total SLA membership has dropped 12% since June of 2015. Our chapter is comparable to other chapters of our size. We have lost 12 members since January of 2016.

### Communications Team

**Archives (Beck):** There is an interest in scanning and digitizing old issues of the SLA Pittsburgh Chapter Newsletters/Bulletins. This would include bound volumes from 1934-1973 and loose/unbound issues from 1973-1998. Everything from 1998 to the present is available on our website. The Archives Service Center at the University of Pittsburgh has offered to do this for us. In order for this to happen, our records would be gifted to the Pitt Archives and they would be the official repository. The SLA Pittsburgh Chapter would be the intellectual property owner and the records would be copyright protected even though there is no copyright indicated on the issues. Pitt would not be the copyright owner. Once Pitt digitizes the records, they would be available to the public but not in the public domain.

**Confluence (Hyatt & Eibl):** The most recent issue was published in January. One member wanted to use old pictures from one of our articles in a presentation. A call for new articles will be coming in the next couple of weeks. The next issue will hopefully be published in May.

**Discussion List (Watson via Wardzinski):** The discussion list will be updated using new software and will now be called SLA Connect. This will hopefully be done by March 1, and is supposed to replace Lyrus (our archived content).

**Website (Callison):** No news on new platform change yet.

## **Partner & Community Relations Team**

**Mentoring, Networking & Consultations (Berard & Callihan via Eibl):** Denise Callihan, Kim Gregory, and Lynn Berard participated in the Pitt iSchool's iFest. They helped library students with interview questions and reviewed resumes, including SLAPSG President, Olivia Glotfelty. Denise volunteered and was appointed to the SLA Advocacy Task Force and also sent out Association of Independent Information Professionals (AIIP) event invites to the SLA Pittsburgh Chapter. Our members can participate in social events and some seminars at AIIP member rates for their upcoming conference here in Pittsburgh.

**Student Groups (TBD):** This position is still open. There was discussion of filling this position with a student member or both a student and non-student member.

**Program & Events Team (Wardzinski):** See President-Elect Wardzinski Officer Report section.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

No report.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

SLA HQ has hired association management company MCI USA to coordinate SLA's operations as well as implement the "Road Map for the Future." SLA HQ is currently looking for a new executive director, and is focusing on the following priorities: engagement, knowledge management, partnerships, and success. The Leadership Summit will be put on hiatus for 3 years. SLA HQ is focusing its time and effort on the upcoming Annual Conference in Philadelphia this June. Most of the old management is gone SLA HQ, and there will be a pulled resources initiative that is coming in 2016. This will include creating a bank of webinars in a toolkit that members can re-watch them for a fee. A new form of communicating with members (and new software) will soon be coming and will be called SLA Connect.

Our chapter will be celebrating its 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary in December of 2017. There were initial discussions of possible events that we could host, including inviting the President of SLA to celebrate our anniversary.

## **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Leslie Eibl made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Ryan Splenda moved and Carrie Wardzinski seconded.