



Michigan Chapter SLA Board Meeting (corrected minutes)
Paula Storm's Residence, Canton, MI
January 17, 2007

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM by President Laura Mancini. In attendance were Maria Catalfio (PR Chair), Nancy Yee (Archivist), Melissa Behrens (Webmaster and Employment Chair), Sophia Guevara (Diversity Chair), Paula Storm (President Elect), Marie Fraties-Block (Hospitality Chair), Linda Strand (Treasurer), and Charlene Stachnik (Past President). Introductions were made.

2. **Approve November minutes:** Charlene Stachnik, on behalf of Secretary Joan Martin, presented the minutes of the October 9, 2006 Board Meeting at Bryant Information Group, Canton. There were no suggested changes. Melissa Behrens moved to approve the minutes. Linda Strand seconded the motion and the minutes were approved without further discussion.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Linda Strand passed out a copy of the Chapter Balance Sheet. The Chapter had a healthy balance of \$13,532.54 as of January 17, 2007. She also distributed an income/expense spreadsheet for past programs and the 2005-2007 Chapter Budget. Paula Storm moved to approve the reports. Nancy Yee seconded the motion and the reports were approved without further discussion.

4. **Old Business:**

Chapter Merger - For the sake of new Board members, Charlene Stachnik reviewed the chain of events leading up to the December Chapter vote on the proposed merger of our Chapter with the Western MI/Upper Peninsula Chapter. At the December 2006 Chapter meeting, the merger was presented to members who voted verbally to proceed with the plan. Charlene prepared an online ballot which was emailed to Chapter members with open voting taking place between the dates of December 11 – 20, 2006. She reported that 93.8% of those voting were in favor of the proposal; 2 were opposed and 4 abstained.

On December 21, 2006, a formal petition was sent to Anne Caputo, Chapter Chair to meet the December 22nd deadline for the item to be brought forward at the Chapter Board Meeting at the Leadership Summit in January 2007. Anne responded that everything was in order and the proposed merger will be on the agenda. If all goes OK at this meeting, final merger approval will take place at the Board Meeting during the annual conference in June 2007.

5. **New Business:**

--February Chapter Meeting – Laura Mancini announced that Mary Ellen Bates would be the speaker at the next Chapter meeting on February 1st. She asked for suggestions to promote the meeting. The goal is to have at least 50 attendees. Maria Catalfo will advertise the meeting through the PR Committee contact list. Other suggestions were a blurb in the *Detroit Free Press* and Southfield newspaper.

--Paypal – A subcommittee was formed of Linda Strand, Melissa Behrens and Sophia Guera to research the possible use of Paypal and other forms of payment for Chapter meetings. This group will report their findings in April 2007.

--Alternate Programming Times – There was discussion concerning experimenting with different meeting times and days such as breakfast, lunch or Saturday meetings. Paula Storm has scheduled a Programming Committee meeting for January 31 to discuss these suggestions.

--Officer Transitions – To assist with transitions, former Board members and Committee Chairs are encouraged to turn over materials and to share tips with the newcomers replacing them.

--Audit – There will be an audit of the Chapter's treasury before February 15 conducted by an independent, financial professional, not affiliated with the Chapter.

--Membership Project – following up on a suggestion from Judy Field, Karen Kuhn, Chair of the Membership Committee, will review the membership list to identify those members who have left the Chapter. Efforts will be made to contact them and document the reason why they did not renew.

--Chapter Web Site – Melissa Behrens made a call for any new content to be added to the web site or changes to existing content. She will investigate usage statistics via the SLA server. She will contact the past webmaster, Joel Scheuher for guidance.

--Leadership Code of Responsibility – This code needs to be signed by all new Board members and returned to Laura Mancini as soon as possible.

--SLA's Leadership Summit – Laura Mancini will attend the Leadership Summit.

--SLA's Annual Conference – Marie Fraties-Block announced that Al Gore would be the keynote speaker at the annual conference in June. Scott Adams, Dilbert cartoonist, will be another featured speaker.

--Archives – Nancy Yee will notify Board members of materials that should be moved to the chapter's archives housed at the Detroit Public Library, Main Branch. She will pick up materials from the previous archivist.

6. **Adjournment:** Nancy Yee moved to adjourn the meeting. Maria Catalfo seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned by President Laura Mancini at 8:20 PM.

Submitted, January 24, 2007
Joan Martin, Secretary Michigan Chapter SLA
(from notes taken by Charlene Stachnik)