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Greetings from the Chair

To my great surprise, it's April already, and the Nashville Conference is just two months away. It's hard to believe it's been almost a year since the New York conference (and my occasional attempts to make eye contact with Hugh Jackman from my balcony seat at the 2003 Tony Awards!)

It's been a very busy, challenging and eventful year, as our merger with Geography and Map was finalized in October and our other three sections, Public Policy, Nonprofit Sector, and International Relations, all continued to expand. Each section now has more than fifty members, and we hope to see them grow and become more dynamic in the year ahead. Our session programming for Nashville is varied and reflective of the diverse interests that make up our division. And as usual we have our open house with the Education and Museums, Arts, and Humanities divisions on Sunday evening. This is a wonderful way to meet division members you might not see otherwise and to network and form alliances with new colleagues. Wonderful ideas can come from casual meetings over wine or chocolate!

I am very grateful for the opportunity afforded me by the division to participate in its governance during the past year. It has been a marvelous learning experience as well as a chance to appreciate all the hard work that goes on at every level. There are many wonderful people in our division, and it begins with our own board members, both executive and advisory. Thank you all for your assistance this year; everyone contributed in so many ways. The phrase "behind the scenes" originated because it isn't always easy to see from the outside all the work that is involved in making an undertaking a successful one. However, it takes time and effort to chair a section, monitor a discussion list, organize archives, or sit on a committee. Most especially, Heidi Yacker and Greta Ober devoted large chunks of their time to making our web site and bulletin so outstanding; Iris Anderson worked tirelessly on planning our conference programs; and Hetty Barthel expanded our coffers with conference fund-raising. To say a simple thank-you to executive board members Ann Sweeney, Nancy Minter, and Heidi Yacker seems very inadequate for all the help and advice they've provided.

Truly, the rewards for getting involved in division activities are many. I urge everyone to consider volunteering on a section or division level, even if it's simply sharing ideas. Our section leaders want to know your thoughts and professional concerns: nonprofit librarians have unique interests from both ends of the philanthropic spectrum; government and national institute librarians work daily with different aspects of public policy; geographic and map librarianship is a specialty with its own set of expected competencies to meet the needs of scientific and demographic research; and the demands on librarians working with international affairs grow with each day as the world becomes more global. DSOC has a lot to offer, but member involvement is the key to its success. Our discussion list, which is so ably managed by Linda Richer, is there to promote information sharing. Even if it's a question regarding a narrow section interest, fire away; you never know who else is out there to contribute to and/or profit from the discussion.

Once again, thank you all for your good will this year, sometimes expressed in e-mails that were very much appreciated. I hope to see as many of you as possible in Nashville in a couple of months. And one special note to Nancy Minter, our incoming chair: The first thing I'm packing is the gavel!

Beth Hansen, Chair

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Report of the Nominating Committee

Social Science Division Executive Board Nominations May 2004

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following nomination for Chair-Elect/Chair, 2004-2006:

Linda S. Richer

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As Chair-Elect and Chair, Linda no doubt will handle her duties as efficiently and effortlessly as she has the Social Science Division's discussion list since 2002. Though only a Division member since 2000, Linda has already served as an Annual Conference speaker and DSOC Finance Committee member.

Linda is also a member of the Labor Issues Caucus, the Conference of Industrial Relations Librarians, and the American Library Association.

Prior to assuming her position at the W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research in 1998, Linda worked in academic libraries for 16 years: Oberlin College, Cleveland Institute of Music, Pennsylvania State University, and Goshen College.

Linda holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music from Goshen College, a Master of Arts Degree in Music History from San Francisco State University, and her MLS from the University of Michigan.

Linda's enthusiastic commitment to the Social Science Division at this dynamic juncture is stellar.

Respectfully submitted,

2004 Nominating Committee:

- Ann R. Sweeney
- Hetty Barthel
- Lyle Minter
- Joe Hovish

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DSOC Bylaws Revision

After five years, the time has come to tell our division bylaws an official goodbye. Having served us well ever since their last revision in 1999, they now bite the dust for good. The new chapter and division governing documents, revised and approved by the SLA Board of Directors at January's Leadership Summit, became effective in February 2004. These brief documents, which can be customized as needed for each chapter and division, are intended to coordinate and streamline unit governance, and will operate in conjunction with SLA's new recommended practices document. This latter document will also be customized according to each division's unique unit procedures.

We all remember high school essays beginning with "compare and contrast," and that's as good a description as any for the task that lies ahead. Our old bylaws and our existing procedures manual will be studied closely, and their operating requirements will be revised or incorporated within the framework of the new documents. A committee of four has been appointed to oversee this project: past chairs Hetty Barthel and Ann Sweeney, incoming chair Nancy Minter, and current chair Beth Hansen. Every aspect of our past operating procedures will be studied carefully in order to ensure that all division requirements for a smooth operation remain intact and meet the new SLA directives.

After this project has been completed, the new governing document will be sent to SLA for association approval and subsequently placed on our division web site. We hope to have the final result of these labors posted sometime during the summer months. In the meantime, the pencils are out and --- let the scribbling begin!

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DSOC Programs in Nashville



Kick-Start your Nashville Conference Days

By late Sunday afternoon on June 6th, hopefully, you have checked into your hotel room, unpacked and relaxed a bit. It's time to get out and socialize, I mean network!

First stop is business, of course. Join us at the Social Science Division's first Board Meeting in Nashville. We will convene in Room Jackson C, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

All division members who would like to become more involved in activities and planning are invited to attend. Past year's activities and upcoming conference events will be reviewed. Dutch-treat dinner at a local restaurant will follow the meeting, most likely....

Second stop is taking the Opryland shuttle bus or other transport to the Wildhorse Saloon in downtown Nashville for the All Sciences Reception! This is a ticketed event, so please register in advance. For a mere \$15. you receive entry, two drinks, music and dance lessons from 8:30 to 11:30 pm! Join your SLA colleagues from the following divisions: Science & Technology; Biomedical & Life Sciences; Engineering; Food Agriculture & Nutrition; Social Science; Transportation and the Kentucky Chapter. Wow!

However, pull yourself away early to get to:

Third stop is for dessert. Yes, ice cream and cookies will be served at the DSOC's joint Open House with Museum Arts and Humanities Division and the Education Division in Room Canal C from 9:00 to 11:00 pm. Time to cool off, unwind and relax!

Bonus for following this program: You have only 17, out of 25, Divisions left with which to network during the conference!

Iris Anderson, DSOC Program Planner

Experience Counts: Learn from Three Librarians Who Have Added New Dimensions to Information Management at their Organizations

A special program awaits you on Tuesday, June 8th from 3:45 – 5:00 pm, Room Canal B. Hear three highly experienced information managers talk about their career responsibilities in The Three Pillars: Managing Your Library, Archives, and Records. Susan Fifer-Canby, Vice President at National Geographic, will speak about how she merged three divisions into one. In the process, her group supports the editorial and business staff and partners of the National Geographic Society with a staff of 26 librarians, archivists, records managers, and indexers. They also support the Intranet/Portal Team at National Geographic. Pamela Tripp-Melby, Chief of the Information Services Division at the International Monetary Fund, manages the Joint World Bank-International Monetary Fund Library as well as the IMF Archives and internal IMF Records Management. Library staff are actively supporting the IMF and World Bank Intranet/Portal teams. In her talk, she will explore strategic reasons for merging external and internal information within an organization and how this benefits end-users. Kevin Manion is Associate Director of the Strategic Planning and Information Services Department at Consumers Union in New York. They are publishers of the acclaimed Consumer Reports Magazine. Kevin's responsibilities include research coordination and oversight, administering the corporate records program and overseeing the archives at Consumers Union. His staff has over 20 members including a three member management team that supports all the research needs of the organization.

After the Three Pillars program, the Retired Members Caucus (KRET) of SLA will hold a short meeting and reception to which all guests are invited. Join us for a memorable afternoon!

Iris Anderson, Program Planner and Moderator for this session.

For a **complete listing of our programs**, go to <http://www.sla.org/division/dsoc/Conference%20Archive/2004programs.html>

And if you'd like to re-read the **minutes of the last business meeting** as you prepare to attend *this year's* business meeting on Monday, June 7 at 7:30, go to <http://www.sla.org/division/dsoc/Minutes/minutes030609.htm>

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Reports from Sections

Geography and Map

Learn About Geographic Information Systems (GIS) at SLA in Nashville through Geography and Map Section Programs!

On Sunday, June 6th, the G & M section will offer a continuing education course on GIS taught by Angela Lee from ESRI (Environmental Systems Research Institute) along with two G & M members, Anita Oser and Jim Gillispie. No previous knowledge of GIS software is necessary to take the course. It is designed to provide basic GIS concepts, but also give participants the opportunity to gain hands-on experience using the ArcView software to make maps. If you're wondering what GIS is all about, this course is for you. In addition, on Wednesday, June 9 from 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM, the G & M Section is offering a panel presentation/discussion on how to begin GIS services in a special library. The three panel members, Anita Oser, Jim Gillispie and Linda Zellmer, all have direct experience with starting GIS services in libraries. Come and learn about the hardware and software needed for GIS as well as staff training and working with users. If you've ever thought about including GIS in your library, this program will help you understand how to go about it and the pitfalls to avoid.

The G & M Government Mapping Update on Tuesday, June 8 from 9:00 - 10:15 AM, features information on Tennessee state and city offices that deal with geographic information in many formats. Dr. Peter Lemiszki from the Geology Division of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation will speak on "The Tennessee Division of Geology: Past & Future." Kim H. McDonough from the city of Nashville Metropolitan Planning Department will speak on how Nashville uses GIS in city government functions.

The Mary Murphy Contributed Papers Session on Monday, June 7 from 2:00 - 3:15 PM will offer presentations by Linda Zellmer, Head of the Geology Library at Indiana University, and by David McQuillan, Head of the Map Library at the University of South Carolina. Linda will speak on Homeland Security and Spatial Data, and David will speak on Geography and Map activities at the IFLA meeting in Berlin. On Wednesday afternoon, June 9 from 1:15 - 2:30 PM, Kelly Blessinger from Louisiana State University will speak as a part of the Division program on Best Social Science Web Sites. Kelly will cover best geography web sites, along with speakers on demography and immigration web sites.

The Geography and Map section will also have a business meeting on Monday afternoon, June 7 from 3:45 - 5:00 PM. The agenda will include discussion of the G & M archives, as well as programming for the Toronto conference. Along with continuing education courses and programs, take time to have some fun and meet friends and colleagues. Join in the All Sciences Reception (ticketed event) on Sunday evening at the Wildhorse Saloon, the joint open house Sunday evening from 9:00 - 11:00 pm and International Reception on Monday, June 7 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.

Nashville promises to be an educational, fun and exciting conference! See you there!

Vanette Schwartz, Chair, Geography & Map Section. vmschwa@ilstu.edu

International Relations

The International Relations Section of the Social Science Division is in its first year as a section, and membership is now at 56. Prior to this year it existed as the International Relations/Peace and Conflict Management Roundtable. The focus of both the section and the roundtable has been on international affairs, foreign relations, economic development, and peace and conflict management.

The International Relations Section always sponsors at least one program at the Annual Meeting. Nashville will mark the fourth year in a very popular series, "One-Dot Shopping: Best International Business Websites." The presentations are on doing business in the countries of choice, based on sources of country statistics, news, company, industry, and "fun" Web sites. This year's speakers are Sylvia James, Terese Terry, and Jen Venable who will cover the United Kingdom, China, and India, respectively. The program will take place on Tuesday, June 8, at 9:00 A.M.

International Relations Section members are also encouraged to attend the International Reception, which is sponsored by Factiva and organized by three SLA groups: Social Science Division, the European Chapter, and the International Information Exchange Caucus. The moderator will be Ann Sweeney, past Chair of the Social Science Division. The Monday evening reception is open to all SLA attendees.

Historically, the International Relations Roundtable (now Section) has covered not only international business but also a range of other international topics. International programs sponsored by the Social Science Division have included the European Union Trans-European Network Program (1999), International Conflict Resolutions (2000), and Social Science Research from an International

Perspective (2002). As we consider ideas for next year's program in Toronto we need to decide whether to continue the "One-Dot Shopping" series and/or cover other topics that are of interest to the section.

Come to the Annual Meetings – and to our section programs – with ideas and suggestions for next year!

Karen Shaines, Chair, International Relations Section, kshaines@imf.org

Non-Profit Section

Hello again. The rush is on to prepare for Nashville. I hope that I'll get to meet many of you there. Looking over the program, there are lots of good sessions, including the Nonprofit Section's very own Spotlight: The Best Social Sciences Websites, Part Two (Geography, Demography, Immigration), Wednesday, June 9th: 1:15-2:30 pm, in Canal A.

Kelly Blessinger from Louisiana State University will cover geography; Zuali Malsawma from the Population Reference Bureau will handle demography, and Elana Broch of Princeton University will guide us through immigration. I'll be moderating and learning. My thanks go to Sage Publications for their sponsorship.

Another Nonprofit Section member (and Chair-elect of DSOC), Nancy Minter, will also be moderating a session, Let Us Save What Remains: Archiving as Though the Future Matters, Monday, June 7th: 2:00-4:00 pm, in the Governor's Ballroom D.

Looking forward on the program front, we are already looking for ideas next year's conference. Let me know if there are any programs you would like to see whether they are Best Social Science Website, Part Three related or other topics.

Program ideas or not, come to the Spotlight session or look me up at the one of the other Social Science Division gatherings. I'll be at most of them.

Speaking of "look me up", did you know that you can search and get a list of the Nonprofit Section's members through the SLA Membership Directory http://www.sla.org/ecommm_phase1/member_search/WhosWhosearch.asp ?

Just use the drop down list under "Unit Membership". Scroll way down past the Chapter and Division listings to the Section entries, and there we are. Leave the rest of the form blank; click on Search, and you'll get a list of your Nonprofit Section colleagues. We're currently 58 members and counting. (Hint: when you renew, remember to highlight the sections you wish to join.) The list of section members provides a way of getting in touch with your colleagues or simply finding out who they are.

As always, if you have any ideas, questions, concerns, or comments about the Nonprofit Section, please let me know, Liz Green, Chair, Non-Profit Section. lgreen@hewlett.org

Public Policy Section

Greetings all. There has been little activity for this new section this year but I am going to attempt to change that this coming year. As you may know, SLA has created "Communities of Practice" for like minded librarians and information professionals to share information and ideas. I have requested a COP be set up for our Section and once it has been approved I will try and market the group to SLA members regardless of Division affiliation. You can check for it here <http://cop.sla.org/COP/>. It does require your SLA log in and password so is limited to SLA members. Through this COP there will be areas for News, Links, Community Resources & Best Practices and Community Discussions. I am hoping that this community will develop into a sharing resource for everyone involved in this topic of interest.

Please take a moment to subscribe for this COP and please let me know your thoughts on what else the Section can be doing for you.

Ailya Rose, Chair, Public Policy Section. speciallibrarian@mindspring.com

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Some Interesting Government Web Sites

U.S. Blue Pages

<http://www.usbluepages.gov/gsablupepages/default.aspx>

You can search the federal government's U.S. Blue Pages for directories of offices within federal departments and agencies. You can also search for phone numbers of individual federal employees. Searching capabilities include:

- city, state, and keyword searches
- quick links to popular government Web sites, such as Social Security and the Department of Homeland Security
- employee search link. Not all employees are listed, but there are approximately 300,000 who are.

Federal Register Alerting Service

You can receive daily email copies of the table of contents of the *Federal Register*. Sign up for this alerting service and keep up to date on the new regulations.

<http://listserv.access.gpo.gov/>

(Click on the FEDREGTOC-L link).

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News from SLA

SLA MOVES TO ALEXANDRIA (VA)

Washington, D.C., April 22, 2004— The Special Libraries Association (SLA) will relocate its international headquarters to Alexandria, Virginia, from Washington, DC. The move is projected to occur over the weekend of May 8-9.

The new 15,000 square-foot, state of the art facility features:

- a technology-focused information center that will serve as an evolving model for the worldwide community of information professionals;
- modern facilities for meetings and small conferences;
- a telecommuting center for members, visitors, and contract personnel;
- an updated technological infrastructure for enhanced communications;
- and ergonomically designed workspace to promote greater collaboration and interaction among SLA staff.

"The move to Alexandria represents a milestone in the Association's long and proud history," noted SLA Executive Director Janice R. Lachance. "Our new headquarters will serve as a tremendous resource to our staff, board of directors, members and the Association community at large. I'm pleased that SLA and other associations have recognized Alexandria as prime location for businesses."

The SLA Web site will be offline during the move.

Questions or concerns should be directed to SLA staff by telephone to 1-202-234-4700.

The new SLA Headquarters is located at:
331 South Patrick Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Since 1985, SLA has been headquartered in the Dupont Circle neighborhood of Washington, DC. Prior to 1985, the Association was located in New York City.

SLA 2004 Annual Conference



The 95th Annual Conference will be held in the music city of, Nashville. Visit the Nashville site (<http://www.sla.org/nashville2004>) for information on hotel and travel, copies of Nashville logos and much more.

Career Development Series

The Influential Networker:
Networking to Get Things Done
May 5, 2004
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Donna Scheeder is currently the Deputy Assistant Director for Information Research, Congressional Research Service, U.S. Library of Congress. In that capacity Donna provides leadership for the provision of a wide range of information services to the U.S. Congress. This seminar will explore the creation of a network assessment. Discover how to grow and maintain your networks and develop cross-network networking. Learn how to identify decision-making processes that will achieve success. Explore the creation a power map of your organization, and discuss how to build alliances avoid behaviors that undermines trust and weakens your ability to influence others.

Critical learning questions:

1. How do I build and grow my networks?
2. How do I maximize the use of my contacts?
3. What is influence and how do I get and keep it?
4. What strategies do I use to exercise influence in a decision-making process?

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Virtual Learning Series

Web Design & Usability:
Tips, Techniques & Best Practices
May 19, 2004
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm ET

Darlene Fichter, Data Library Coordinator,
University of Saskatchewan

Building a value-driven library Web site is a mission-critical success factor for information professionals today. How do you know that your library site works and is easy to use? This seminar provides usability tests and techniques qualifying "user-focused" design. Explore real life examples of library navigation systems testing, virtual reference services assessment, and subject portal analysis. You'll get take-home tips, exercises, examples and guidelines for carrying out your own testing and making your site better for users.

[Complete Description & Pricing Information](#)

SLA Vision, Mission, and Values

The SLA Board of Directors recently adopted new **Vision, Mission, and Values statements**. The statements are based on the values that shape and inspire SLA's operations and clearly articulate its purpose and desired state of the organization and are at the hub of the its strategic branding initiatives. "The vision and mission statements bring a new perspective and focus to the way the Association will be operated in the future," remarked SLA Executive Director Janice R. Lachance. "Having these securely in place, we have taken a bold step forward, positioning ourselves as a leading organization of global information professionals who are interested in advancing their careers."

To view the Vision, Mission and Core Values, please click here: <http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/index.cfm>

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