



# Engineering Libraries

## Division Newsletter

May 2003

### Chair's Message

It's hard to believe that the Nashville Conference is only a few weeks away. Larry Thompson and his crew of moderators and planners have come up with a great program that offers the intellectual challenge and the professional support that we expect from this organization! In addition, there are some wonderful informal social and networking opportunities to enjoy - and lots of food! I am appreciative of the generous corporate sponsorship we have received that has enhanced the quality of our programs and events. Also, please plan on attending the Annual Business Meeting at 4:30PM Tuesday. The vote on the revision to the Bylaws to take place then is an important one.

I am thrilled to hear that Angela Locknar (MIT) and Dee Magnoni (Olin) will co-lead our new Information Literacy Special Interest Group, or SIG. Plan to discuss, advise, and inform this new initiative at the Conference. Kudos go to Director Suzanne Weiner for her efforts in enlisting these two volunteers.

There is a call for Committee Chairs in this newsletter. In addition, many opportunities to serve on committees should be announced at the Annual Conference.

As this is my last column, I'd like to thank you for the opportunity I've had to serve this outstanding group of people. It's been an interesting and challenging three years and I've learned a lot from both the experience and from the people I've had the opportunity to work with.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Nashville!

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### News From the Program Chair

#### NASHVILLE June 22 – 25, 2003

#### ELD Activities for 2003 Annual Conference

Below are two schedules for the ELD Program. The first shows the schedule in terms of daily time slots, while the second gives a list of presenters in the various sessions. The moderators and presenters are working diligently on the last minute details, and the sessions are shaping up nicely.

Although the "official" ELD schedule runs Monday through Wednesday, ELDers often gather for activities on Saturday evening, Sunday, and Wednesday evening. Watch for announcements from the CUEBALLS (Completely Unofficial "Early Birds" And "Leftovers" Line-up Squad) on ELD-L.

There are a few sessions that I want to particularly draw your attention to:

1341 – Get Acquainted and ELD Special Interest Groups Meeting – Be sure to send in your information for this session to Alice Trussell, [alitrus@lib.ksu.edu](mailto:alitrus@lib.ksu.edu). Continuing with the same format as last year, there will be no opportunity to orally expound on the great deeds accomplished by your library in the past year. There's one small change for this year: we'll have food.

1541 – ELD Poster Session – Stop by and view the poster presentations. This is a great opportunity to interact with ELDers regarding the projects they've been involved with. And, as always, the Poster Session takes place during the Focus on Exhibits, and they'll have food.

1741 – ELD New Members Reception – This is the third year we've had this event. It will be held at the Stevenson Engineering Library at Vanderbilt University. Bus transportation will be provided. And of course, we'll have food.

2441 – Special note to committee chairs. We've reserved this room in case you need a place to hold your committee meetings. Sometimes the lunchtime crowds make it difficult to find a table at a local eatery. This room

provides a place to meet and eat your take-out pizza, sub, or salad, so you have a chance to have food.

2641 – NO! ELD business meetings are not boring. Be sure to attend. No, we don't have food.

2741 – Please be sure that you've registered for the ELD Banquet on Tuesday. If you haven't yet registered, do so now! This is a great event, and it's FREE to ELDers. Spouses and significant others will need to pay \$50. If you have questions about it, be sure to contact Greg Raschke, [greg\\_raschke@ncsu.edu](mailto:greg_raschke@ncsu.edu). Yes, we'll have great food!

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you in Nashville.

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Schedule on Next Two Pages:

## ELD PROGRAM FOR NASHVILLE June 22 – 25, 2003

	<u>Monday</u> June 23, 2003	<u>Tuesday</u> June 24, 2003	<u>Wednesday</u> June 25, 2003
<b>8:30 – 10:15</b> x241	Session 1200 ASEE Function <b>ASEE Main Plenary</b>	Session 2241 Tracy Gabridge <b>Innovations in Web Design</b> NCC – Room 204	Session 3241 Mel DeSart <b>Marketing: How far “Out” do we “Reach”?</b> NCC – Room 205
<b>10:30 – 12:00</b> x341	Session 1341 Alice Trussell <b>Get Acquainted and ELD Special Interest Groups Meeting</b> Sheraton Hotel – Davidson Room Continental Breakfast	Session 2341 Jay Bhatt <b>Using Web-based Engineering Information</b> NCC – Room 204	Session 3341 ASEE Function <b>Mini-plenary</b>
<b>12:30 – 2:00</b> x441	Session 1441 Honora Nerz <b>Information Literacy</b> NCC – Room 205	Session 2441 Gretchen Sneff <b>ELD Committee Meetings</b> Renaissance Nashville Hotel – Center Ballroom	Session 3441 Jill Powell <b>ELD Technical Papers Session</b> NCC – Room 205
<b>2:30 – 4:15</b> x541	Session 1541 Kate Lee <b>ELD Poster Session</b> NCC – Exhibit Hall Also <b>ASEE Focus on Exhibits</b>	Session 2541 Suzanne Weiner <b>Value Added Collection Management</b> NCC – Room 204	Session 3541 Larry Thompson / Andy Shimp <b>ELD Extended Executive Committee Meeting</b> Renaissance Hotel – Directors 3
<b>4:30 – 6:00</b> x641	Session 1641 Linda Martinez <b>BI and Freshman Engineering Students</b> NCC – Room 205	Session 2641 Gretchen Sneff <b>ELD Annual Business Meeting</b> Sheraton Hotel – Suite 4AB	Session 3641 <b>ELD EEC Business Meeting Continued</b> Renaissance Hotel – Directors 3
<b>6:30 – 8:30</b> x741	Session 1741 Amy Van Epps <b>ELD New Members Reception</b> Vanderbilt University	Session 2741 Greg Raschke <b>ELD Annual Banquet</b> Merchants Restaurant	Session 3805 ASEE Function <b>ASEE Banquet</b>

## Session Schedule for Nashville

Session #	Time	Location	Moderator	Title	Speakers
1341	<b>Monday 10:30-12:00</b>	Sheraton Hotel – Davidson Room	Alice Trussell	<b>Get Acquainted and ELD Special Interest Groups Meeting</b> – with continental breakfast.	NA
1441	<b>Monday 12:30-2:00</b>	NCC – Room 205	Honora Nerz	<b>Information Literacy</b>	Marian G. McCord Elizabeth Smith Jeanine Mary Williamson
1541	<b>Monday 2:30-4:15</b>	NCC – Exhibit Hall	Kate Lee	<b>ELD Poster Session</b> This is also the “Focus on Exhibits” time slot, so there will be food available in the exhibit hall.	James Ottaviani Rachel Callison Jay Bhatt Nestor L. Osorio Catherine Lee Carol S. Brinkman Ibironke Lawal Barbara Williams Frank Elliott Deborah Kegel
1641	<b>Monday 4:30-6:00</b>	NCC – Room 205	Linda Martinez	<b>BI and Freshman Engineering Students</b>	Jill Powell Bob Kackley
1741	<b>Monday 6:30-8:30</b>	Vanderbilt University	Amy Van Epps	<b>ELD New Members Reception</b>	NA
2241	<b>Tuesday 8:30-10:15</b>	NCC – Room 204	Tracy Gabridge	<b>Innovations in Web Design</b>	Amy Van Epps Michelle Potter Jiabin Wang
2341	<b>Tuesday 10:30-12:00</b>	NCC – Room 204	Jay Bhatt	<b>Using Web-based Engineering Information</b>	Linda Kerr Martin Boemeke David Radcliffe
2441	<b>Tuesday 12:30-2:00</b>	Renaissance Hotel – Center Ballroom	Gretchen Sneff	<b>ELD Committee Meetings</b>	NA
2541	<b>Tuesday 2:30-4:15</b>	NCC – Room 204	Suzanne Weiner	<b>Value Added Collection Management</b>	Greg Raschke Virginia Baldwin Karen Grigg
2641	<b>Tuesday 4:30-6:00</b>	Sheraton – Suite 4AB	Gretchen Sneff	<b>ELD Annual Business Meeting</b>	NA
2741	<b>Tuesday 6:30-8:30</b>	Merchants Restaurant	Greg Raschke	<b>ELD Annual Banquet</b>	NA
3241	<b>Wednesday 8:30-10:15</b>	NCC – Room 205	Mel DeSart	<b>Marketing: How far “Out” do we “Reach”?</b>	Tina Chrzastowski Elizabeth Mengel
3441	<b>Wednesday 12:30-2:00</b>	NCC – Room 205	Jill Powell	<b>ELD Technical Papers Session</b>	John Napp Maliaca Oxnam Barbara Williams / Paul Blowers
3541	<b>Wednesday 2:30-6:00</b>	Renaissance – Directors 3	Larry Thompson Andy Shimp	<b>ELD Extended Executive Committee Meeting</b>	NA

## People & Places

**Ruth K. Seidman**, Communications Coordinator for the **Massachusetts Institute of Technology Libraries**, will retire from MIT June 30, 2003. She served as Head of MIT's Engineering and Science Libraries from 1988 to 1999, and previously held positions as Director of the Air Force Geophysics Laboratory Research Library, and Region I (New England) Librarian for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. President of the Special Libraries Association 1990-1991, Seidman is the author of the 1993 SLA monograph *Building Global Partnerships for Library Cooperation* and was editor of the Haworth Press, Inc. quarterly *Science & Technology Libraries* 1994-2001. She plans to continue following the always exciting developments in the information world, but will now have more time for her many interests including creative writing, the arts, women's and children's issues, and her family.

**Jay Bhatt** has received **Drexel University's** Harold Myers Distinguished Service Award. This is the University's most prestigious service award. It is given to someone on the University administrative staff:

- 1.) who has performed service above and beyond normal expectations of their position;
- 2.) whose service on one or more occasions has been recognized as truly significant in the life of the university;
- 3.) who is a contributor to the work of the University and its mission.

Dean Guceci, and many other administrators, faculty and students in the College of Engineering supported Jay's nomination for this award.

A formal presentation of the award plaque and accompanying \$2,000 check will be made on June 4th. Jay will also be recognized at Commencement.

**Nestor L. Osorio**, **Northern Illinois University**, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Illinois Library Association for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2003.

## New Members

**Carol S. Brinkman** has been Director of the University of Louisville's Laura Kersey Library of Engineering, Physical Science and Technology for 20 years. The Kersey Library's primary clientele are the faculty and students in six engineering departments (chemical, civil, computer, electrical, industrial, mechanical) and three

science departments (chemistry, mathematics, physics). Carol holds a BS in Library Science from West Virginia Wesleyan College and an MLS from the University of Kentucky. An active member of the Kentucky Library Association, Carol has served on numerous committees and in various leadership positions, and was President of the Association in 1999.

## Call for Volunteers to Chair ELD Committees

Please consider volunteering to lead one of ELD's committees! This is an opportunity to work alongside your professional colleagues and serve the profession in an aspect of engineering librarianship that you especially enjoy!

ELD committee chairs serve two-year renewable terms. The committee chairs listed below will be completing their current term of office this Spring.

The Process:

To be considered for one of these positions please send an email to me, Gretchen Sneff, at [gretchen.sneff@temple.edu](mailto:gretchen.sneff@temple.edu) by Monday, June 9th, 2003, 5PM EST. If you have special qualifications or interest that you would like considered, please make that known in the email.

Chair appointments are made by the ELD Executive Committee, with the advice of the Extended Executive Committee. This will be done starting Tuesday, June 10th. Please be advised that these are renewable terms and in some cases the EC may feel that due to extenuating circumstances it is not feasible to turn over a chairship at this time. In such cases, the EC may implore the current chair to stay.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Current Chair</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
Archivist	Don Richardson	2001-2003
E-Lists Editor	Mel DeSart	2001-2003
Liaisons Program	Christy Hightower	2001-2003
Membership Directory	Andy Stewart	2001-2003
Webmaster	Jill Powell	2001-2003
Mentoring Task Force	Linda Martinez	2001-2003
JSTOR Task Force	John Saylor	2001-2003
Newsletter Editor	Karen Greig	2001-2003

For more information:

Description of chair responsibilities:

<http://www.english.cornell.edu/eld/jobdescriptions.html>

List of current officers and committees:

<http://www.english.cornell.edu/eld/officers.html>

Please contact me also with any questions, comments, or concerns about ELD Committee Chair positions or the above process.

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ELD Chair, 2002-03  
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## News from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

### New Product: 2002 Annual Index to the Electronic Official Gazette – Patents

The USPTO is pleased to announce that the 2002 *Annual Index to the Electronic Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark Office - Patents* (eOG:P) is now available on DVD. This electronic annual index is unique from previous paper annual indexes in that the indexes and bibliographic records for the year are now included in this one source. The 2002 Annual Index provides all records contained in the weekly issues of the eOG:P for 2002, including January through June, which were previously not available electronically.

The eOG:P records contain bibliographic information, including classification, inventor and assignee, as well as a representative claim and drawing (if applicable). Consistent with the weekly eOG:P issues, patents are indexed and browsable by classification and type of patent (utility, plant, etc.), as well as by patentee name and geographical location of the inventor. Links are provided from all indexes to the eOG:P record for that patent.

Librarians from the Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program will be providing demonstrations of the Index at the ASEE Annual Conference and Expo in Nashville (Booth 809). For more information about USPTO information products, visit the USPTO Web site at <http://www.uspto.gov>.

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## Computing Reviews New Look

Computing Reviews (CR) has come a long way in the last 2 years. CR now publishes over 100 reviews per month (between 3 and 10 per day on the web), the reviews are more current, the coverage is broader and the reviews are getting more interesting to read. In the next few months CR will be getting a new look.

Please take a look and vote at:

<http://www.reviews.com/NewLook/newlook.cfm?CFID=372540&CFTOKEN=41165073>

Bruce Antelman  
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## Annual Reports from Officers and Committee Chairs, 2002/2003

### Chair's Annual Report

ELD Committees accomplished much this past year. To get an overview of the activities of the Division, please read their impressive annual reports in this newsletter. In addition, the Executive Committee dealt with a number of issues this past year, some of which are highlighted below.

### Some New Initiatives-

#### InfoLitSIG

Director Suzanne Weiner enlisted Dee Magnoni and Angela Lockner to lead initial efforts to get an ELD Information Literacy Special Interest Group (SIG) off the ground. This SIG will provide a lively discussion forum in support of member's info lit efforts. ELD as a whole will benefit if an active and cohesive group contributes to the conference planning committee the most substantive topics and important speakers for us to hear in this area at the Annual Conference.

#### Conference Planning Committee

Program Chair Larry Thompson chaired a conference planning committee that included Robert Schwarzwald, Beth Smith, Andy Shimp, and Linda Martinez. The goal in forming such a committee was to share and distribute planning responsibilities among dedicated individuals. The committee will evaluate their experience at this year's conference.

#### Bylaws Review

The EC appointed Past Chair, Mel Desart, to chair a bylaws review committee. Though their report appears in this newsletter, I want to highlight this initiative because the revisions will be voted on at the upcoming Annual Conference. One of the proposed changes would allow for electronic voting, which would enable all Division members to vote, not just those in attendance at the conference.

#### Committee Appointments

In addition to scheduled end-of-term appointments the following committee or subcommittee chair positions fell

open during the year and new appointments were made or approved by the Executive Committee: Membership Chair (Amy Van Epps), Literature Guides Chair (Janardan Kulkarni), Publications Chair (Ann Morgan), Accreditation and Standards (Mark Shelton). In addition, the Bylaws review chair was appointed, as above. Volunteers formed a Picnic Alternative Committee and explored alternative events to the All Society Picnic until the Executive Committee decided to take a different tack.

#### Other Activities

Each year the Division Chair reviews the Best Paper nominees from another PIC IV division, under the direction of the PIC IV chair. I reviewed eight papers this year.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I wrote a letter to ASEE HQ detailing member complaints about the All Society Picnic. The text of the letter, recipients and a summary of the responses received was published in the March 2003 ELD Newsletter.

Other correspondence from the Executive Committee and Past Chair, included: outreach to potential sponsors; communication with the PIC IV chair on a variety of issues; invitation to library students to be our guests at the Annual Conference; and invitations to sponsors and ASEE staff to join us at the Annual Banquet.

#### Sponsors

Andy Shimp's Treasurer's report shows that we have continued to receive generous corporate sponsorship for Division activities at the Annual Conference, for which we are grateful. This support has improved the quality of Division activities in all sorts of ways: providing food at our Get Acquainted Session for the first time this year; funding some speaker transportation and equipment costs; funding the Annual Banquet completely; and funding refreshments at the New Members Reception.

It has been my pleasure to serve. Congratulations to the committee chairs and members on their accomplishments during the year. Thank you to everyone who, through their involvement, has contributed to keeping ELD relevant.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **ELD Accreditation and Standards Committee - Annual Report**

The committee has been planning to begin work on a project at the Annual Conference. The project looks to

create a Spec Kit/working paper/document that will make it possible for:

1. Libraries to report to ABET in a standardized way via a form and report.
2. Faculty and Deans to know what kind of information is being reported, why it is being reported, how it relates to ABET.
3. ABET to better understand the role of the library in the education at a particular institution and how that role and information about the library compares to other institutions.

Our objective, therefore, would be to create something that all three bodies would find acceptable. For ABET and the Deans/Faculty, it would provide clarification on the library's role and its relationship to the ABET accreditation process. It would also make it possible for all three groups to compare one engineering library and its services to the School/College of Engineering with what is done at other institutions. ABET would also be able to understand the types of materials available in the library and understand its relationship to a particular program and the larger sphere of information available. To clarify this point, it would be possible to provide a checklist of resources considered core to a program so the library could identify which they had.

The committee is in need of additional members in order to accomplish this and hopes to add people at the conference in Nashville.

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### **Awards Committee**

The ELD Awards Committee is pleased to announce that the **2003 Homer I. Bernhardt Distinguished Service Award** will be presented to **Christy Hightower**, Engineering Librarian at the University of California Santa Cruz. Christy's achievements in the profession: as a leader in developing web usability, pioneering work in federated searching, and as an influential evaluator of electronic resources, have made her an asset to Engineering Librarianship. "In terms of her intellectual, service, and collegial contributions, Christy has made, and continues to make, a major contribution to our profession." **Congratulations Christy!**

The **2003 Best Paper Award** goes to **Ibironke (Ronke) Lawal** for her paper "Scholarly Communication: The Use and Non-Use of E-Print Archives for the Dissemination of



Scientific Information," *Issues In Science & Technology Librarianship* (Fall 2002): <http://www.istl.org/02-fall/article3.html>. Ms. Lawal is Engineering and Science Librarian at the James Branch Cabell Library at Virginia Commonwealth University.

The **Best Reference Work Award** goes to the *Encyclopedia of Polymer Science and Technology*. Edited by Jacqueline I. Kroschwitz. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. John Wiley: Hoboken, NJ, 2002 & 2003. Its rich content, usability, and dynamic indexing make the Encyclopedia of Polymer Science and Technology the ideal candidate to receive ELD's 2003 Best Reference Work Award.

I would like to thank Tamika Barnes, Larry Clemens, and Kelly Jordan for their excellent work. This has been a rewarding year for the committee and we look forward to seeing you all in June.

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## Electronic Discussion Lists

List subscriber statistics for both ELDNET-L and ELD-L (as of late April/early May for each year):

### ELDNET-L

Start-up (August 1991):	62
1991/92:	119
1992/93:	187
1993/94:	314
1994/95:	436
1995/96:	477
1996/97:	464
1997/98:	428
1998/99:	423
1999/00:	392
2000/01:	396
2001/02:	387
2002/03:	390

### ELD-L

Start-up (September 1998):	169
1998/99:	174
1999/00:	164
2000/01:	167
2001/02:	188
2002/03:	208

As predicted in a previous annual report, the number of ELDNET-L subscribers finally seems to be steady state at this point. I anticipate that this subscriber base will not vary appreciably over the next few years.

For ELD-L, the number of ELD members with e-mail addresses directly determines the number of subscribers to the list. Given that a number of retirees retain their ELD memberships but do not have ready e-mail access, and that some ASEE members who are not librarians choose to join ELD but do not want to be subscribed to ELD-L, the number of ELD-L subscribers will always be lower than the number of total ELD members. However, the overall numbers are up substantially because of the large increase in ELD membership over the last two years.

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## ELD Webmaster Report, May 2003

The ASEE Engineering Libraries Division website continues to be located at <http://www.engl.lib.cornell.edu/eld/>. The pages contain the new logo, meeting minutes, conference information, officers and their job descriptions, bylaws, awards and award recipients, FAQs, listserv information, the duplicates exchange, and publications including the ELD newsletters and information on Literature Guides. ASEE links to our pages from theirs in two spots - in the list of divisions, and as a choice from <http://www.asee.org/members/divisions>.

The 2003 conference program page for Nashville at <http://www.engl.lib.cornell.edu/eld/conf/03/nashville03.html> will contain links to individual poster sessions and presentations, when available. Presenters, please send me your links or PDF files (I prefer you host the files, but if that is not possible, we can store them on our server). If you send these by June 11 I will have them up before the conference. If you can't make this deadline, send them later and I'll post them after the conference.

My thanks to Angela Locknar, Michael White, Karen Clay, Godlind Johnson, and Bob Heyer-Gray for their help with redesign issues.

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## Bylaws Review Task Force Report

The suggested revisions to the ELD bylaws are available on the ELD Web site at <http://www.engl.lib.cornell.edu/eld/revisedbylaws.html>. Language that has been changed from the existing version



of the bylaws is indicated primarily in blue, with recent updates to the text in green. At the business meeting at this year's conference, members will be asked to vote to either accept or not accept, in one vote on one ballot, the following four things:

- 1) The "new text" for the bylaws proper.
- 2) Renaming existing Addendum 1 (Criteria and Procedures for Review of Papers for the Annual Conference Proceedings) to become Addendum 2.
- 3) Creation of a new Addendum 1, titled Descriptions for Officers, Committee Chairs, etc.
- 4) Movement of position description /duties / responsibilities text currently in Article V of the bylaws proper into the new Addendum 1.

Mel DeSart, Kelly Jordan, Liz Mengel, Cecilia Mullen, John Napp,  
ELD Bylaws Review Task Force

## ELD Liaison Program Annual Report 2003

Last year's annual report was written when the Program was only four months old and we had barely started. Now, a year later, the Program has a lot of accomplishments to its credit.

- Twelve Organizational Liaison reports were delivered in 2002, and two so far in 2003 (all liaison reports are sent out via the listserv, posted on the program web page at <http://library.ucsc.edu/science/ELD/>, and printed in the ELD Newsletter.)
- Three Meeting Liaison reports were delivered in 2002, and one so far in 2003.
- Four new liaisons were appointed in 2003 to fill vacated positions. This means we now have a staggered roster of liaisons serving two-year terms. So about half of the positions will be up for reappointment each year, rather than all the positions ending at the same time every two years, which is a logistical improvement.

The liaisons met in person as a group at the annual conference in Montreal in 2002. At that meeting we clarified some of our procedures and those have been documented on our website (see <http://library.ucsc.edu/science/ELD/>). We also brainstormed ways in which the Liaisons might become more proactive. It's difficult to be proactive for many reasons, one of which is inherent in the liaison's role which is to act as a catalyst to bring together ideas and opportunities for collaboration between ELD and the other organization, but it is not usually the liaison's role to take the collaboration all the way to its conclusion. In most cases the liaison hands the opportunity off to the

appropriate ELD committee chair or officer, and it is up to them to take it the rest of the way, or to decline the opportunity if that is more appropriate. While we have had some successful collaborations (more about that below) it remains a challenging and time consuming task for the liaisons to find collaborations that will be a good fit for ELD.

Here are a few collaboration and communication highlights from the last twelve months:

- Jay Bhatt, IATUL Liaison for 2002 showed a PowerPoint presentation about ELD at the IATUL business meeting in 2002, and plans to show a revised presentation at their business meeting in Turkey in June 2003.
- Ibironke Lawal, ACS Chemical Information Division Liaison showed a modified version of Jay's presentation at the business meeting of her organization in 2002.
- Mention of Kate Thomes' SPARC Liaison report from the 2003 ALA Midwinter meeting was recommended reading on the front page of the SPARC website in February 2003, along with a link to her report on the ELD Liaison web page.
- Deborah Helman, American Society for Information Science & Technology Liaison brought an opportunity for ELD to cosponsor a summit conference on digital archives in Fall 2003 to the attention of the ELD Executive Committee. This opportunity is currently under consideration.
- Jay Bhatt made connections between IATUL and ELD's common interests in the areas of 24x7 reference and JSTOR and facilitated people talking to each other on these topics. He also used the contacts he developed to invite three IATUL members to present a session at the 2003 Nashville conference. (This is Session 234, moderated by Jay Bhatt, "Using Web-based Engineering Information" on Tuesday June 24 from 10:30-12 noon).

All of our liaisons have worked very hard to make connections and to communicate with appropriate people in their organizations about ELD. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their work during the past year.

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## Membership Committee

As of April 28, 2003, the ELD roster from ASEE headquarters lists 223 members from all over the world. We've been adding new members, but it seems to be at precisely the rate people are retiring or changing jobs and leaving ELD, so we've held steady since I picked up the reins in October. Our current geographical division now includes: 21 members from Canada (having met in Montreal last year seems to have helped this number), as well as one each from New Zealand, Kuwait, Trinidad and Tobago, the Netherlands, Puerto Rico and Argentina. Within the states, California continues to have the most members, with a grand total of 29.

A continuing goal is recruitment of all academic engineering librarians in the world, and to that end your help is always welcome. We continue to do our best to ensure that all academic librarians involved with engineering or computer science are aware of ELD and their opportunity to join us. The virtual "invitation to join" is still available, although now on a server at Purdue. The address for the page is [http://www.lib.purdue.edu/engr\\_new/ELD/eldwhyjoin.html](http://www.lib.purdue.edu/engr_new/ELD/eldwhyjoin.html)

Once again, a hearty thanks to Glee, our departed membership chair, who provided me with procedures, form letters and web pages to make the transition as smooth as possible. With the change of leadership came a few changes in membership. A hearty thanks to Joanne Goode and Orion Pozo for their years of service on the committee, and a warm welcome to Linda Whang who is picking up Joanne's duties as a new member bio writer.

Deborah Kegel (west coast), Linda Whang (middle coast) and Eileen Dorschner (east coast) are the current regional biographers for new ELD members in the Division's newsletter.

2002/2003 Membership Committee Members: Eileen Dorschner (New Member Bios), Norma Godavari (Canadian Liaison), Deborah Kegel (New Member Bios), Andy Stewart (Membership Directory Editor), Amy Van Epps (Chair) and Linda Whang (New Member Bios).

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## Mentoring Task Force Update

The Mentoring Committee is seeking feedback on our "under construction" web site at [www.lib.duke.edu/egr/eld.html](http://www.lib.duke.edu/egr/eld.html). Our goal is to create a site that is practical and useful to ELDers and to enhance

our networking options. Thanks to all who have already responded.

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## Nominating Committee Annual Report

The Nominating Committee for 2003 discussed a number of good potential Secretary/Treasurer and Director candidates. The committee was pleased to present to the membership the previously announced slate of (in alphabetical order):

For Secretary/Treasurer:

Jill Powell, Cornell University  
Mary Schlembach, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

For Director:

Honora Nerz, North Carolina State University  
Beth Smith, Wichita State University  
Mary Steiner, University of Pennsylvania

Mel DeSart, Chair  
Beth Brin  
Steve Gass

## Publications Committee Annual Report

In January and February the Publications Committee chair worked with the Program chair to coordinate the peer review of ELD papers submitted for publication in the annual conference proceedings. Nine papers were submitted, each requiring at least two reviewers.

ELD's first electronic literature guide was published in November 2002, *Selective Guide to Literature on Industrial Ergonomics*, by Nestor Osorio. It can be accessed on the ELD website. The ASEE website also provides a link to the new guide, but it is difficult to find (<http://www.asee.org/publications/eld/>). The ASEE Publications website seems to be designed as a sales catalog, so if we continue to add electronic literature guides we will need to work with ASEE to find a better way to provide access to our free publications.

The committee chair has been looking into digitizing the previously published guides. It appears that ASEE's master copies are not available so we will have to work with the disks and copies that we have. Four guides have recently been converted to PDF format and we will work with ASEE to get these on the website. If we cannot locate electronic copies of the other guides, they will have to be scanned.

In April the Division's BASS account was credited for royalties of \$110.90 and \$67.70 for publication sales in FY2001 and FY2002.

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## Secretary/Treasurer Annual Report

The ASEE fiscal year runs from October through September. I have included summaries for the 2002 fiscal year and a second quarter report for the current 2003 fiscal year.

ELD has two accounts:

- 1) BASS (Banking and Accounting Services Systems). The BASS account contains funds that ELD accumulates through dues, sales, contributions, etc. These funds are carried over from year to year and earn interest.
- 2) Operating Account. The Operating Account is allocated annually by ASEE headquarters, and cannot be carried over from year to year.

### ELD Operating Account FY2002 (October 2001-September 2002)

	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Allotment	\$704.00		
Speaker registration (Freeston)		\$352.00	
Speaker registration (Dagenais)		\$352.00	
Ending balance			\$0

### ELD BASS Account FY2002 (October 2001-September 2002)

	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Beginning balance			\$10,510.49
Membership and Division dues	\$1,015.00		
Donation (IEEE)	\$1,000.00		
Donation (CSA)	\$750.00		
Interest	\$87.81		
Classroom rental (Session 0441)		\$330.59	
New members reception		\$796.16	
Awards		\$50.65	
ELD ribbons		\$184.50	
Speaker reimbursement (Freeston)		\$2,046.74	
Conference AV charges		\$1,108.00	
Shuttle (Session 0441)		\$442.17	
Ending balance			\$8,404.49

### ELD Operating Account, Second Quarter FY2003 (October 2002-March 2003)

	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Allotment	\$715.06		
Balance as of March 2003			\$715.06

### ELD BASS Account, Second Quarter FY2003 (October 2002-March 2003)

	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Beginning balance			\$8,404.49
Membership and Division dues	\$540.00		
Reimbursement (ISI ResearchSoft)*	\$442.17		
Donation (IEEE)	\$1,000.00		
Donation (Inspec)**	\$500.00		
Donation (Inspec)	\$750.00		
Donation (CSA)	\$750.00		
Interest	\$23.39		
Balance as of March 2003			\$12,410.05

\*ISI ResearchSoft reimbursement for the cost of the shuttle for Montreal Session 0441

\*\*Inspec donation from the previous year. The original check was lost.

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### Liaison Reports:

#### **Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) 11<sup>th</sup> National Conference Charlotte, North Carolina, April 10-13, 2003**

Helen Spalding, ACRL President, and Larry Hardesty, ACRL National Conference Executive Committee Chair, welcomed approximately 2,240 attendees to the 11<sup>th</sup> National Conference, "Learning to Make a Difference," April 10-13, 2003, in Charlotte, North Carolina. While I found this year's program interesting and thought provoking, I attended few sessions that were particularly and practically relevant to the science and engineering sector.

Paul Duguid, co-author of *The Social Life of Information*, who "became interested in information when he worked at the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center with extraordinary scientists", engaged his audience with an opening keynote address that called for libraries to assume more of education's community building role - the coffeehouse of the future. He spoke of a socializing of readers and texts that is hard but community bound. A library's purpose is access to a community of users - as either intermediary or as interface.

Featured presentations and conference highlights included:

John Gardner - *The Reform Movement for the First-Year Experience: What is your Role*

Joan Frye Williams - *They're from Mars; We're from Reference - Bridging the Culture Gap Between Library and Technical Personnel*

John Shumaker - *The Higher Education Environment and Role of the Academic Library*

Shumaker identified five challenges that face educators today. Educators should 1) embrace students first, 2) become more accountable, 3) never lose sight of the overriding importance of public agenda, 4) conduct their business through institutional cooperation, and 5) be increasingly entrepreneurial. He spoke of the imperative of increased collaboration and the importance of digital library initiatives that "comprehensively embrace campus scholarly content." Shumaker urged all librarians to remember that the student centered digital library incorporates "easy to navigate content as well as services for that content". I found this point particularly critical at this time. Easy content navigation was the focus of a panel presentation of which I was a member, *Beyond Usability: Not Just a Pretty Interface*, and I was encouraged to see more ACRL libraries focusing on end-user usability testing of web sites and database interfaces.

See John Shumaker's presentation at <http://acrl.telusys.net/acrl/charlotte/program/shumakerpaper.pdf>.

George Kuh – *The Role of the Academic Library in Promoting Student Engagement in Learning*

Kuh discussed the results of the College Student Experiences Questionnaire (CSEQ) which 'examines the nature and value of undergraduate students' experiences with the academic library'. Find his paper at <http://acrl.telusys.net/acrl/charlotte/program/kuhpaper.pdf>

One of the more provocative sessions I attended challenged our assumptions as to how academic libraries are organized and how we do our business. Alan Guskin, Antioch University President Emeritus and Codirector and Senior Scholar of the Project on the Future of Higher Education in *Facing the Future: Enhancing Student Learning and the Vitality of Academic Professionals in a Climate of Budget Cuts*, projected that the cost of higher education would go up four percent annually while tuition would increase by only two percent, eroding the work-life of academic professionals and the quality of student learning. He emphasized that institutions of higher education must make the transition from "muddling through" to "transforming the institution". Part of this transformative action includes "new learning environments that directly involve librarians and student services professionals in educating students" and "integrating technology into the core of the instructional process." Librarians should see that they are not marginalized but push to be at the "table" as their institutions deal with the future and attempt to create a vital campus in a climate of restricted resources. After Guskin's presentation, Carla Stoffle, Dean of Libraries at the University of Arizona, invited the group to divide into groups to discuss Guskin's vision, to respond to the changes predicted, and to speculate on what that library of the future would look like. My group focused on the IT/Library divide at many of their campuses and the difficulty of achieving the goal of integrating information technology resources. Unfortunately, time would not allow us to report out or engage in extensive dialogue.

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