

# Engineering Libraries

division newsletter

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## Message from the Chair

I cannot believe this is my fourth "communique" to you. Although it must have been four years ago, I can still hear Paige Gibbs' voice as she asked me to consider being nominated for Secretary/Treasurer. "Ahhhh, the good old days!" But seriously, think of the dramatic changes which have occurred in all of our workplaces in a short time!! One simple example: when I began work at UM-Rolla in 1987, we had *no* computer-based indexes. I remember the pride we felt after buying, installing, and displaying for use our library's first (stand-alone, of course) *Applied Science and Technology Index* on Wilson disc. Today, I haven't even stopped to **count** the ones we make available to library users! The same is true, I am sure, for your libraries. The information environment in which we work has changed dramatically as well; this certainly isn't news to any of you. For example, does anyone remember the "fee-or-free" debate which raged in our literature not too many years ago? I think access to all kinds of information via the WWW (and other electronic formats) has changed that to "fee-and-some is free." Greater access to electronic information (index-type databases, in particular) by students and faculty has vast implications for user education, equipment requirements, resource sharing arrangements, budgets, and on and on--in short, almost everything we do! And there is probably even *more* uncertainty in the future. Our users will absolutely need continued training and guidance as they navigate through the thicket (or is it a jungle?) of

information. Perhaps even more importantly, some library users frequently "don't know that they don't know" and seem hesitant to ask for assistance. Therefore, it is extremely important for us to reach out to our clientele, determine their needs, appropriately balance those needs with our resources, seek innovative and effective solutions to new problems, and decide how we can best meet those needs. The upshot is that I emphatically believe there is a substantial--and continuing--role for engineering and science/technology librarians. In the midst of this turbulence, there are both challenging crises and outstanding opportunities for us as librarians.

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It bears repeating that the Engineering Libraries Division is undeniably the **right group at the right time** to assist these activities and ventures, plus "normal" library operations, by:

- \*allowing members to share problems and expertise,
- \*keeping an eye on the national and international scene of science and technology information,
- \*providing a unified voice to publishers of information (as needed),
- \*continuing to present valuable, relevant programs to benefit both ELD members and engineering faculty,
- \*encouraging communication among engineering and science-technology librarians, and
- \*maintaining a vital and vibrant membership organization--ELD--full of interested and interesting participants.

The most gratifying part of my service as an ELD officer has been the cooperative attitude of everyone with whom I had dealings. Thank you for all your assistance and understanding! It has certainly been my privilege to serve and I look forward to a continued relationship with ELD and its fantastic members for a long time. I want to conclude with this quotation from Shakespeare as observed by me on the ceiling of Library of Congress main building last June. My additions are bracketed: "This is the state of man: Today [Secretary/Treasurer] he puts forth the tender leaves of hope, tomorrow [Program Chair] blossoms and bears his blushing honors thick upon him. The third day [ELD Chair] comes a frost, and nips his root, and then he falls." *Henry VIII* (Act iii, Scene 2)  
I hope to see as many of you as possible in Milwaukee!!

Andy Stewart, ELD Chair, 1996-97  
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## Milwaukee--from a librarian who lives and works there

I'm sure you will find Milwaukee to be a charming city. As you fly in to Mitchell International Airport, the city's beauty is evident below you -- lots of trees and a lovely Lake Michigan shoreline. Milwaukee has one of the prettiest harbors you'll see anywhere. (As an unsolicited plug -- if you're flying in from a major city, check to see if Midwest Express is available. All passengers fly first class (at coach prices), only 2 seats across, champagne breakfast or complimentary wine with dinner, and warm chocolate chip cookies as a snack. Their slogan is "Best care in the air" and that's the truth.)

If you are driving into Milwaukee, particularly from the south, you will notice we are a city of churches. To get a preview of some of Milwaukee's finest buildings, check out the following site:

<http://www.msos.edu/~reyer/mke/index.html>

In addition to being on Lake Michigan, three rivers flow into the Milwaukee Harbor. The Milwaukee River separates "East Town" from "West Town". Still in the "work in progress" stage, is Milwaukee's Riverlink - a walkway system leading to great entertainment, shops and sightseeing destinations.

The Milwaukee Public Museum and the Milwaukee County Historical Society are within easy walking distance of the Wisconsin Center (soon to be named the Midwest Express Center, maybe - you know how city government works).

The Milwaukee Public Library is close to the Wisconsin Center. It is a gorgeous facility and is worth seeing. The Marquette University Campus is also within walking distance. You may want to visit the Joan of Arc Chapel. It was built in the 15th Century near Lyon, France and moved to the MU campus in 1966. MU has three libraries - Memorial, Science Library, and the Law Library.

The Milwaukee School of Engineering is also within walking distance of the convention center. It is across the river in East Town. There is one library which serves the university. The address is 500 East Kilbourn. Stop in and we'll show you around.

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee campus is located quite a ways north of downtown Milwaukee, but it is an easy drive or bus ride to the campus. They have

an outstanding collection of geographic materials -- it was formerly the American Geographical Society's collection.

The food in Milwaukee is great!!! Obviously the German food is world renowned, but there are epicurean delights from all regions of the world. There are outstanding restaurants within walking distance of the convention center. Water Street is known for its bar-hopping crowd. One of my favorites is the Water Street Brewery which has its own micro-brewery and serves wonderful food.

Old World Third Street is distinctly European. In addition to Mader's German Restaurant, there is the Wisconsin Cheese Mart, the Spice House, and Usinger's Famous Sausage.

For more information about Milwaukee, go to: <http://www.exploreMilwaukee.com> There are also some other sites about Milwaukee found on the ASEE conference home page.

I hope Milwaukee leaves you with a "warm fuzzy feeling." In addition to major league sports, we have major league arts. We have a world class symphony orchestra, ballet, repertory theater, opera companies, art museums, fine art galleries, and a lot more.

See you in June!!  
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## **ASEE/ELD Ford Motor Company's Digital Librarian Award**

The Engineering Libraries Division of the American Society for Engineering Education is pleased to announce that the Ford Motor Company is again sponsoring a new science/engineering librarian for attendance at the ASEE Annual Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 15-18, 1997.

Ford Motor Company recognizes the valuable contribution information professionals provide to academia and to industry. The growth of information technologies has fostered the development of corporate, academic, and public information networks. Ford believes that the future success of these

networks depends upon the involvement of information professionals. The Engineering Libraries Division of the American Society for Engineering Education has helped educate librarians in the use of information technologies and has served as a forum for collaboration for science and engineering librarians throughout the world. In order to help new librarians get established in science and engineering librarianship and to help ensure the continuing evolution of the profession, Ford will support new librarians with interests in technology in attending the ASEE annual meeting. This award, which will defray the cost of registration at the meeting, will be given based upon submission of an essay which best demonstrates an understanding and vision of the digital library.

### **Ford Motor Company's Digital Librarian Award**

**Description and Requirements:** The award, consisting of a check for \$320 (the cost of conference registration) and a plaque, will be presented at the ASEE Annual Meeting in Milwaukee. Awardees must register and attend the meeting to receive the award.

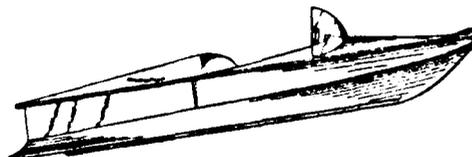
**Selection Criteria:** Selection of the winning entry will be based on the clarity and originality of a 500-1000 word essay describing the concept of the digital library.

**Eligibility:** Individuals employed as a science or engineering librarian in an academic institution, with less than four years of professional experience; or library school students within one semester of graduation who anticipate a career in science or engineering librarianship.

**Submission:** A brief letter of application along with resume and essay should be sent to:

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**Deadline:** Applications must be received no later than May 20, 1997.



## People & Places

From the University of Southern California, **Najwa Hanel** writes, "As of Monday March 17th, I have been acting head of the Science and Engineering Library and Chair of the Science Libraries Center. This came up suddenly, so I have had to plunge in head first! This is a busy time of the year for everyone, but more so for us here at USC. My ASEE Source Guide "Statistical Information for Engineers" was sent to press in December, 1996. I have not seen a copy yet, but hope it will be available to be sold at the Conference. I am very sorry that I will be missing the conference this year, but will plan to join you next year in Seattle."

**Bob Schwarzwald** is writing the "Internet Watch" column for *Automotive Engineering* magazine. "Internet Watch" is a new column devoted to highlighting web resources of value to the 80,000+ readers of *Automotive Engineering*. The column, which started in January, will appear monthly.

**Tom De Petro** at the Wichita State University in Kansas will meet with WSU Assistant to the Dean Sheila O'Connor, MSIE, EIT-Kansas, to plan the library component of the "Academic Success Course" starting this fall at WSU. There will be two engineering sections, one standard and one honors. Tom hopes they can schedule four class sessions at the Library to introduce services, skills, and tools, including COMPENDEX\*WEB and other Internet links. He welcomes any thoughts, suggestions, or experiences.

On March 24, **Mel DeSart** was notified that he has been awarded tenure and promotion from Librarian I to Librarian II, effective the start of the next academic year. The Librarian ranks at KU are on a scale of I to III - it was set up to mimic the assistant, associate, and full professor teaching ranks. Congratulations, Mel!

**Michael White**, science and engineering librarian and Patent and Trademark Depository representative, has been awarded a one-year fellowship in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Depository Library (PTDL) Program Office, located in Arlington, VA. After training and orientation at the Patent Academy, Mike will specialize in trademark information resources. Some of his duties will include: day-to-day support in the Program office; conducting training seminars at PTDL libraries across the country; liaison to the Trademark Office; and product development and testing. The fellowship is funded under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act and will begin at the end of June.

## Thinking ahead to Seattle...

"Seattle?? I just got my airline tickets to Milwaukee...!" I know this newsletter is FULL of 1997 Annual Conference/ Milwaukee information, but I'm here to put a short plug in for program ideas for NEXT year. We'll be heading to the lovely Pacific Northwest city of Seattle, Washington. And to continue the tradition of Program Chairs before me (you know, planning/ coordinating great conferences), I need YOUR help. So please begin thinking about sessions you would like to attend at the conference in 1998...New trends in the information and library world? Serving library users better with new products/ services? Educating our users? Training our staff? Collaborations with engineering faculty or other units on campus? Specific applications of information technology? Research projects you know of or have done? Are there sessions you would be interested in chairing, or in presenting a paper? Are there ideas of sessions for ELD to co-sponsor with other divisions? All suggestions are welcome! Please take a few minutes (isn't it time for a break?!), jot down your ideas, and send them to me. I'll compile a list for further discussion at this year's conference. Thanks so much!

**Beth Brin**, Soon-to-be ELD Program Chair  
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## 1997 Slate of Candidates

As the head of the ELD Nominating Committee I would like to submit the following slate of candidates for the ELD annual election of officers:

**Sheila Curl**, Purdue University, for Secretary/  
Treasurer

**Mel DeSart**, University of Kansas, for Director 1997-1999.

I would like to thank Christy Hightower and Ann Ward for their sage advice and valuable assistance in the execution of our committee's responsibilities. The election will be held at the ELD business meeting during this year's conference.

**Bob Schwarzwald** Ford Motor Company

## New Member Bios

**Karen Clay** has joined the ASEE and the Engineering Libraries Division just in time for the upcoming annual conference in Milwaukee. She has an undergraduate degree in Systems Design Engineering (University of Waterloo) and a Master's degree in Bio-Resource Engineering (University of British Columbia). After all these engineering degrees, she got sidetracked (hooked on library research) and took a Library and Information Studies degree from Dalhousie University. In January, 1997, Karen started work as the Engineering/Agriculture Librarian at the University of Manitoba. Prior to that, she was the reference librarian and online searcher for Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd.

**Andy Shimp** has been the Engineering and Applied Science Librarian at Yale University since December 1996. He is Head of the EAS library and is coordinator of instruction for the Yale Science Libraries. For more information, the EAS Library home page is at <<http://www.library.yale.edu/eas>>. Previously, Andy worked as the Science & Engineering Librarian/head of public services at the University of Bridgeport Library for 4 years. Andy received his BA from Carnegie Mellon University and his MLS from the University of Pittsburgh. He is serving as the ELD poster session chair for the ASEE Milwaukee conference. He is a Continuing Education Committee member of the ACRL New England Chapter.

## New Awards

These two award proposals will be discussed at the Annual Business Meeting. Comments may be sent to the Chair of the ELD Awards Committee, Linda Musser at [Lrm4@psu.edu](mailto:Lrm4@psu.edu).

### Best [Engineering] Reference Work Award

Purpose: To recognize the best new engineering reference work

Criteria: 1) Single or multiple authors are eligible. Works authored by Awards Committee members are ineligible during the member's term of service. 2) Reference works must have been published/released during the two years prior to the year in which the award will be made. Works may be considered more than once but may receive the award only once. 3) Reference works should represent a significant contribution to the field of engineering information. 4) Works in all media are eligible.

### Best Paper Award

Purpose: To recognize the best new paper in engineering information. Criteria: 1) Single or multiple authors are eligible. Works authored by Awards Committee members are ineligible during the member's term of service. 2) Paper must have been published during the two years prior to the year in which the award will be made. Paper may be considered more than once but may receive the award only once. 3) Paper should represent a significant contribution to the field of engineering information. Paper should be scholarly, show evidence of thorough research, documentation, and critical evaluation. It should be clearly written and well-organized. 4) Longer works relating to engineering information may be considered for this award, to allow for books on engineering information.

## Publications of Interest

"Librarians as teaching team members in a mechanical engineering senior design course" by Suzanne T. Weiner. *Science & Technology Libraries* 16(1):3-10 (1996).

## Obituary

Henry Barschall, 1916-1997. Dr. Barschall, a nuclear physicist, was known to the library community for his investigations of the cost-effectiveness of journals. Many of us recall Dr. Barschall in connection with the lawsuit brought against him and the American Institute of Physics by Gordon & Breach Publishers over his findings on journal costs.

submitted by Linda Musser

## Annual Reports from Officers and Committee Chairs, 1996-97

### Archives

There were no major donations of materials to the archives this year. Due to a very busy year in my library, I have not been able to devote as much time to organizing the existing materials as I would have liked. Next year I will attempt to do a better job of that.

Respectfully Submitted, **Don Richardson**, Archivist

## Awards

The Awards Committee has drafted two proposals for new awards for discussion at the Annual Business Meeting (text of the proposals appears in this newsletter). The two proposals are for a Best Paper Award and a Best Reference Work Award. The Ford Motor Company has graciously offered to provide an award this year, titled the Digital Librarian Award. The Awards Committee worked with Robert Schwarzwald, Ford Motor Company Librarian, in administering this award. The award consists of a plaque and funds to cover registration costs of the ASEE annual meeting. The Call for Applications appears in this newsletter and will be announced via the Internet and other venues. There were no applicants for the Homer I. Bernhardt Award this year.

**Linda Musser**, Chair, ELD Awards Committee (Linda Musser, Larry Clemens, Kelly Jordan)

## Listserv ELDNET-L

ELDNET-L is the ELD-sponsored electronic (listserv) discussion list addressing issues related to or of interest to engineering and related subject area libraries and librarians. ELD members constitute the core of the list membership, although subscription is open to anyone.

ELDNET-L subscriber history:

Start-up (August 1991): 62

1991/92 annual report: 119

1992/93 annual report: 187

1993/94 annual report: 314

1994/95 annual report: 436

1995/96 annual report: 477

1996/97 (a/o 04/18/97) 464

As predicted previously, the total number of ELDNET-L subscribers has plateaued (although it did so one year sooner than I guessed last year). However, this does not mean that the list is not adding new subscribers. Rather, a more core subscriber list appears to be forming. New subscriptions continue at a reasonably high rate, but the percentage of new subscribers who **maintain** their subscriptions has

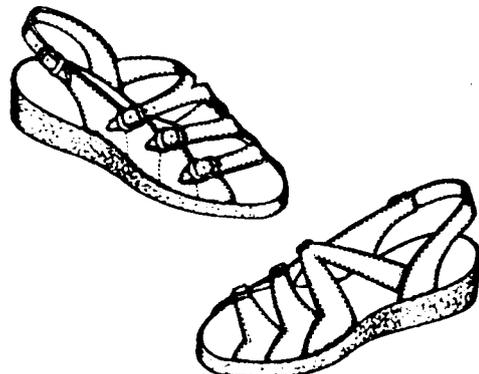
decreased noticeably. As a core subscriber list firms up, existing subscribers for whom ELDNET-L was of tangential/marginal interest seem to be leaving the list, and a much higher percentage of new subscribers seem to fall into that same category. The result is a list of subscribers who are more centrally interested in the topics and information available on ELDNET-L.

The number of messages posted to the list has increased only slightly during the last year. Many people have taken advantage of the list's broad reach and quick dissemination of information to post requests for material needed in a short time frame plus requests for information on a particular topic. Posters generally seem to receive rapid and successful results to such posts. I do wish that more topical questions would be posted which would prompt a dialogue on the list, rather than the preponderance of informational/reference questions which currently make up the bulk of the postings.

It would appear that a number of new subscribers to ELDNET-L have, in turn, joined ASEE and ELD, as I hope our Membership Committee Chair's new numbers will show. The activity increases are posing no known monetary or other burdens to ELD, ELDNET-L, or myself. I hope that list traffic will continue to increase, particularly posts which will generate dialogue and debate, and I hope that ELDNET-L, along with the ELD Home Page, will continue to sway newcomers to join ASEE and ELD!

Preview of coming attractions: It is VERY likely that in the coming year, ELDNET-L will move to a new machine here at KU. No info at this time on any effects that might have for the list or its subscribers. You'll know more as soon as I do.

**Mel DeSart**, ELDNET-L Editor



## Membership

As of April 1, 1997, the ELD roster from ASEE headquarters lists 172 members, approximately the same number as were listed for this same date last year. By June 30, this number should top the 180 mark because first-time conference-goers will be picked up as members as a result of their conference registrations. This will be the first year in four years that we have not added 20 more members to the ELD tally from the previous year, probably as a result of a decrease in non-librarian divisional members that can be attributed to the recent divisional dues increase from \$1 to \$5. Also, several long-time members neglected to renew their memberships, so when they make the effort to do so, the tally will increase. It should be noted that the division's membership remains at an all-time historical high, and there is still quite a global representation within our membership. As the membership directory indicates, ELD now includes a very strong Canadian contingent (approximately 15 members), as well as members in Bulgaria, Finland, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, and Portugal. The major recruitment goal is to ensure that every academic librarian who is involved in engineering or computer science librarianship who wishes to receive the benefits of ELD membership is informed of the opportunity. Deborah Kegel, Gretchen Sneff, and Jim Van Fleet continue their enormously popular inclusion of brief biographies of new ELD members in the Division's newsletter. Fred O'Bryant produced the ELD 1996-1997 membership directory for distribution to all members, and works tirelessly throughout the year to track all membership address changes to be reported to directory recipients via the newsletter. As of April 1st, the Chair had mailed out a total of 108 "Invitation to Join ELD" packets to prospective ELD members throughout the world. The recruitment packets are sent out in response to: new ELDNET-L subscriptions (these seem to have slowed down a bit since we seem to have MOST engineering librarians on-line these days); "leads" from messages posted to other discussion lists or "people and places" listings in other professional organizations' newsletters; gentle prodding from the ELDNET-L moderator in various messages he posts to the list; leads from other membership committee members, as well as other extended executive committee members; and, of course, the invaluable leads from the general ELD membership. Additionally, the Chair continues with all-out "in-your-face" bombardment on several online fronts to attract additional new (and lapsed) members. These recruitment strategies include: publicizing the

distribution of the new membership directory; publicizing contact info for membership in EVERY ELD conference announcement mailing; publicizing "the ELD conference experience" commentaries solicited from the ELD membership; and posting a "scouting report" on the upcoming conference site. Each of these efforts flush out yet more "lurkers" on ELDNET-L (and STS-L, in the case of the ELD conference announcement that will be posted to that list) who finally decided to give ELD membership a go. It is expected that there will be, as is customary, MANY new faces at the ELD sessions in Milwaukee and, because of its Midwest location, we will undoubtedly see an all-time high in ASEE annual conference attendance by the ELD membership. The behind-the-scenes membership work is conducted smoothly thanks to the marvelous teamwork of the scouts/liaisons, the membership directory editor, the newsletter editor, the ELDNET-L moderator, the new member biographers, and the program chair. 1996/97 Membership Committee Members: Norma Godavari (Canadian Liaison), Deborah Kegel (New Member Bios), Fred O'Bryant (Membership Directory Editor), F. Orion Pozo (Chief Scout), Gretchen Sneff (New Member Bios), Jim Van Fleet (New Member Bios), and Glee Willis (Chair)

Respectfully submitted by **Glee Willis**

## Membership Directory

The following are the actual costs for the 1996-1997 ASEE Engineering Libraries Division Membership Directory:

Printing (200 copies)	\$228.86
Binders	81.51
Mailing Envelopes	7.92
Domestic Postage	176.96
Overseas Postage (Surface & Air)	33.17
Total Cost:	\$528.42
Total Mailed 178 (159 US & 19 Foreign)	

The total cost above represents a savings of \$165.33 or 23.8% over last year's costs. The ELD continues to add new members throughout the year, and I expect to mail an additional 15-20 copies of the Directory between now and the end of 1997. I would expect production and mailing costs for the 1997/98 edition of the Directory to be about the same as for this edition, barring unforeseen changes in postal rates or any decision that affects production costs. With production of the 1996/1997 edition of the Directory, the

Resource Guide, listing job descriptions for the Division officers and committee chairs and the ELD By-Laws, was omitted to conserve paper and postage. I have received no requests so far from members for these omitted documents and suggest that the Resource Guide continue not to be included in future editions of the Directory but become a part of the ELD web site. A question I think the membership should address at its next meeting in Milwaukee is whether the Directory should continue to be made available in FTP form, either by the ELDNET-L listserv editor or the Directory editor. My own opinion is that, as far as I know, few if any requests for this file are made each year and updates to the Directory are just as readily made available via the Newsletter. Members may also request the file directly from the Directory editor via E-mail. Respectfully Submitted,

**Fred O'Bryant**, Membership Directory Editor

## Newsletter

Four issues of the ASEE/ELD newsletter were produced and mailed to the membership. My institution, the University of New Mexico, supported duplication and paper costs, so the only cost to ELD is postage, which varies by issue due to size of issue, and to membership numbers.

Sept./Oct. 1996	\$71.75
December 1996	121.64
March 1997	72.19
May 1997 (est.)	120.00
Total	\$385.58

Many thanks to all the contributors!

**Dena Thomas**, Editor

## Publications

In addition to the second edition of the *Union List of Technical Reports, Standards and Patents in Engineering Libraries*, the following three new guides are now available, or will be available very shortly: *Statistical Information for Engineers*, *Applied Optics*, and *Aerospace Engineering*. All three will be advertised in various listservs as soon as I have copies in hand. I will have a sales report at the Annual Meeting, and for the next newsletter.

**Godlind Johnson**, Publications Committee Chair

## Directory corrections/additions

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## Secretary/Treasurer

### ELD Operating Account

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
6/25/96				\$89.67
(As of Treasurer's Report at the 1996 Annual Conference)				
7.31.96	Photocopies (conf)	67.88		21.99
8.16.96	Newsletter (partial)*	21.99		0.00
	Account. See 8.16.96 below			
10.1.97	New Fiscal Year			750.00
02.2.97	Newsletter (Dec)	121.64		\$628.36

The 96-97 fiscal year's allocation to the Operating Account shows a 6.25% decrease from last year. This account is for the communication functions of the division, typically newsletters and the directory, with some expenses from Divisional photocopying at the Annual Conference. This year's Directory, and 3 newsletters are still to be expended. Expenses that could have been taken from the 95-96 Operating Account, if there had been additional funding, were \$280.96 (they were taken from the BASS Account ... see entries on 8.16.96 below, and the 9.30.96 Newsletter entry). Part of the overage was due to 5 newsletters being paid from last year's budget rather than the usual 4 (this had to do with the dates on the receipts). The Directory expenses will be less this year, and only 4 newsletters, so the amount of Bass Account money used for operating expenses should decrease, even with the lower allocation.

### ELD BASS Account

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
6/25/96				\$4,443.60
(As of Treasurer's Report at the 1996 Annual Conference)				
6.30.96	3rd Quarter Interest		26.10	4,469.70
6.30.96	Literature Guides-add'l		78.60	4,548.30
6.30.96	3rd Quarter Dues-add'l		110.00	4,658.30
7.29.96	Speaker expenses	349.15		4,309.15
7.31.96	Ford Award/Lun&Din	62.00		4,247.15
7.31.96	Banquet Expenses	2,372.59		1,874.56
7.31.96	Banquet Revenues		1,960.00	3,834.56
8.16.96	Newsletter (Rem.)	142.44		3,692.12
8.16.96	Division Photocopies	66.77		3,625.35
9.30.96	Newsletter (Sept)	71.75		3,553.60
9.30.96	4th Quarter Interest		20.93	3,574.53
9.30.96	4th Quarter Dues		160.00	3,734.53
10.1.96	New Fiscal Year			
12.31.96	1st Quarter Interest		21.99	3,756.52
12.31.96	1st Quarter Dues		175.00	3,931.52
3.2.1.97	ELD Badge Ribbons	141.24		3,790.28

The Bass Account is in good financial health this year, as we prepare for the 1997 Annual Conference (expenses yet to be incurred). Your membership dues, the Literature Guide royalties, and corporate donations (conference support from EI Inc., Knight-Ridder, and ISI was very appreciated last year) continue to strengthen the ability of ELD to provide quality conference programming. These accounts are as of April 10, 1997. I will update this report and answer any associated questions at the Annual Business Meeting in Milwaukee.

Beth Brin, ELD Treasurer