Engineering Libraries Division Newsletter

September 2005

Message from the Chair

Jill Powell

Jill Powell, ELD Chair

I found the conference in Portland to be an amazing experience, both professionally as a librarian and as the program chair. I'm glad Mel DeSart called me several years ago to ask me to run for office, even if I was the 7th person he had to ask! While many of you think of it as sheer work, the most difficult aspect is not in recruiting people to speak, moderate, or volunteer. ELD is a great organization in that many members actively seek out roles and volunteer to do things. Previous program chairs have created a great schedule and to do list, so everything goes smoothly. For me the most difficult was dealing with last-minute crunches and the unexpected -- dealing with papers submitted at the last minute, late registrations, and getting quick help for the auditorium lights at Lawrence Lessig's speech, but even these problems got resolved.

Nancy Linden's speech "Mid-Career Malaise? Let's Put on a Show" in the session on Innovations in Library Management struck a cord with me, since I had just organized a large show. To quote Nancy, "by organizing a conference you meet everybody." I became fully immersed with many aspects of ASEE operations, talked to more ELD members than I ever had in past years, and felt fully engaged. Yet I still had time to enjoy the conference presentations. The tasks I took on were very different than my year-round day-to-day responsibilities, and I found them to be interesting and rewarding. Seeing the whole program come together after months of planning was wonderful, and I got lots of help and advice from past officers.

I'm grateful to all of you who attended and participated in Portland. Kudos to everyone for their efforts, including the program committee (Andy Shimp, Jeanine Williamson, Kate Thomes, Amy Van Epps, Larry Thompson), moderators Rachel Berrington (ELD SIG, compiled all the member news into a giant spreadsheet and gave us Portland recommendations on accommodations, restaurants, and activities), Craig Beard (Digital Libraries for Engineering Education, coordinated the paper review process), Ibironke Lawal (for hosting 12 different poster presentations at the poster session), Lisa Dunn (Re-energizing the Mid-Career Professional), and we

Nominations Sought!

Nominations are being sought for the positions of Secretary/Treasurer and Director. You may nominate yourself, or someone else. If you nominate someone else, please check with that person first to confirm his or her willingness to be nominated for the position. Please send nominations to Andy Shimp at andy.shimp@yale.edu.

Election to the position of Secretary/Treasurer begins a four-year commitment. In the second year, the successful candidate will serve as Program Chair for the 2008 annual conference in Pittsburgh, then Division Chair, and finally Past Chair/Chair of the Nominating Committee. The Director serves a two-year term. During the first year, the Director organizes the ELD

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missed Frank Elliott, who was supposed to co-moderate but couldn't make it due to health reasons.

Other moderators include Amy Van Epps (ELD Welcome Reception at Powell's bookstore), Mel DeSart (Welcome Reception at Powell's Bookstore, CUEBALLS events, ELD banquet, gave invaluable advice to the program chair concerning many other details), Bruce Neville (Lawrence Lessig's session), Jay Bhatt (Vendor Partnerships with Engineering Libraries), Anne Graham (ELD Technical Papers Session), Liz Mengel (did an enormous amount of preparation work for the ELD banquet), Stephen Stich, (banquet co-coordinator, development officer), Alice Trussel (Innovations in Library Management), Eileen Dorschner (Digital Vaults in Academia), and Tom Turner (Patent and Trademark Information workshop after the conference).

I'd also like to thank Andy Shimp and Larry Thompson (past chair and past-past chair, respectively). Both were very generous with their time in mentoring me and giving me advice on scheduling. Bob Heyer-Gray, ELD Webmaster, was very prompt in updating my program pages and keeping the ELD site running smoothly.

We are very fortunate to have a long list of sponsors and events who were already in place before I came to my responsibilities: CSA (speaker expenses), Elsevier (ELD banquet), IEEE (ELD welcome reception), Inspec (speaker expenses), IOP (CUEBALLS), Knovel (SIG breakfast), and Morgan and Claypool (business meeting breakfast). My heartfelt thanks to them and the organizers.

I thank all the speakers (and authors who couldn't come) for sharing their presentations with us: Bill Mischo, Joe Tront, Jackie Sullivan, John Saylor, Sandy Lewis, Susan Boyd, Bruce Reid, Lawrence Lessig, Jay Bhatt, Karen Clay, Judy Luther, Charles Paulsen, Lisa Dunn, Amy Van Epps, Rachel Berrington, Andrew Wheeler, Ruth Wolfish, Russell Bausch, Kate Thomes, Bob Kackley, Dorilona Rose, Joanne Ferroni, Michael Powell, Beth Mohler, Honora Nerz, Suzanne Weiner, Nancy Linden, George Porter, Hema Ramachandran, Tracy Gabridge, Deborah Helman, Anna Gold, and Randy Wallace. Some of these speakers are authors of papers in the conference proceedings – I encourage you to look these up.

I also thank the poster session presenters for sharing their work with us: Jay Bhatt, Peggy Dominy, Andrew Wheeler, Carol Brach, Sherri Jones, Carole Pilkinton, Dorothy Byers, Kevin Drees, Helen Clements, Kiem-Dung Ta, John Forys, Barbara MacAlpine, James Ottaviani, Orion Pozo, Bruce Reid, Cristina Sewerin, James Van Fleet, Barbara Stockland, and Sheila Young.

The meeting minutes from both the annual business meeting and the executive committee meeting have been posted at the ELD website and are included in this newsletter. Here are some highlights:

Scholarly Communication Committee – The Executive Committee has approved the transformation of ELD's Best Practices for Electronic Resources Task Force into the ELD Scholarly Communication Committee. Mel DeSart is chair, and their charge is listed on the website.

Electronic Voting – the ELD membership voted online for the first time in the last election. Thanks to Amy Van Epps for her programming expertise in making this happen. This will move up the process of officer nominations, elections, and committee chair appointments, so officers will know by the first week in April their time commitments for the conference.

Awards - The awards committee and I are drafting text for creating a **best poster session award** for ELD posters every year. This will need approval from the ASEE Board of Directors.

Karen Andrews won the Homer I. Bernhardt Distinguished Service Award for 2005 (congratulations, Karen!); see the ELD website for the other awardees.

Get Acquainted news – Compiling this information in Excel is very labor intensive for the SIG moderator. Amy will investigate the possibility of creating a webform so that each ELD member can fill out his or hers individual information.

Mentoring — The Mentoring Committee is considering creating a dynamic electronic mentoring web where members can add ideas on a wide range of topics such as instruction, career opportunities, management, and outreach, etc. The concept is based on the Wiki Community Portal.

Chicago Conference — Kate Thomes, program chair, is already planning the next conference in Chicago for 2006. See her message in this newsletter, and stay tuned to ELD-L for the latest messages.

We had 24 new members attend the Portland conference, and we're hoping to welcome these new members fully into ELD. If you're wondering how to become more involved, or perhaps you're an established member who wants to become more active, one of the best ways to get involved is to answer emails when you see a call for volunteers. Kate will need moderators and speakers for the Chicago conference. Committee chairs will send out emails asking for volunteers when they need members, and a call will go out around December listing vacancies for chairs. When you see these messages, don't be shy, just reply.

Please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions for the Engineering Libraries Division.

Jill Powell
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News from the Program Chair

What's so important about October 5th at 5:00 pm, you ask? Well, it's the last moment to submit your abstract if you wish to be included in the 2006 ASEE Annual Conference & Exposition in Chicago on June 18-21st and, it's only a few weeks away. So, if you have ideas about issues, topics, or experiences you'd like to share at ASEE, now is the time to act! To be sure your abstract gets uploaded successfully it would actually be wise to submit it by October 4th and avoid the server overload that occurs as people from across all the ASEE divisions try to make deadline at the last minute.

Planning for the ELD program in Chicago next June is still in its early stages. ASEE hired a new Program Coordinator over the summer and switched the online paper submission software from CAPS to a new system called SmoothPaper. All those pieces have just recently fallen together and we're now ready to roll. I have identified several topical areas for proposed technical sessions but nothing is yet locked in place, so you still have the opportunity to get involved.

Several people have contacted me expressing interest in presenting on a topic, or interest in moderating a session. I will be working with those people to identify additional topics and speakers in the coming weeks.

Six broad themes for technical sessions have emerged so far:

- Assessment (including techniques and/or experiences applied to various areas such as reference services, collections, library instruction)
- Mentoring (such as breaking into engineering librarianship and related issues)
- Scholarly Communication Update (what's hot, what's not)
- Technology Update (New acronyms? New systems?)
- Unique/Unusual Content or Resources (examination of some content areas that may not be in the main stream of current digital collections)
- General Technical papers (for presentations too good to miss that may not fit into any of the above thematic sessions)

These technical sessions, and any other themes that surface, will be in addition to the SIG/Get Acquainted Breakfast, the Welcome Reception, the Annual Business meeting, committee meetings, Poster Sessions, and the ELD Banquet. ELD will also be looking to sponsor a Distinguished Speaker again this year.

ELD is not a "publish to present" division within ASEE. That means that you do not have to write a formal paper in order make a presentation at the conference. As a division, we love to have ELD authored papers included in the conference proceedings, but it is not a requirement. Also, Poster Sessions are strongly encouraged. Posters are an excellent way, especially for newer librarians, to make a professional contribution in a social and highly interactive manner.
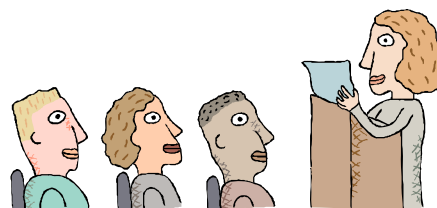
Please feel free to email me directly to discuss your ideas if you like, and then you'll still need to formally submit your abstract online as described below.

To submit an abstract, go to the ASEE homepage (*http://www. asee.org*) and scroll down the What's New at ASEE section of the page click on the "2006 Abstract Submission" link. Instructions for preparing your abstract are included in the Author's Kit for Abstract Submission and the link to SmoothPaper is also on that page.

All proposals, whether for papers, presentations or posters, must go through the Abstract Submission process and adhere to the October 5th at 5:00 pm deadline. Let's try to get all ELD abstracts in by October 4th and beat the rush.

That's what's so important about October 5th! I look forward to reading your abstracts and working with you to create another stimulating program for ELD in Chicago next June.

Kate Thomes,
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Nominations Sought! (cont'd)

banquet for the 2007 annual conference in Honolulu. In the second year, the Director organizes the ELD Welcome reception for the 2008 conference in Pittsburgh.

For more information about the duties and responsibilities of these positions, please consult the ELD Bylaws at *http://eld. lib.ucdavis.edu/bylaws.php*.

A slate of candidates will be announced by the Nominating Committee no later than Friday, February 17, 2006. The members of the Nominating Committee are Andy Shimp (chair), Beth Brin, and Mary Steiner.

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ELD Business Meeting Minutes

ELD Business Meeting
Portland, Oregon
June 14th 2005, 8:30 – 10:15 am

Agenda
- Call to Order
- Agenda Additions
- Approval of Minutes
- Announcements
- Officer/Committee Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Awards Presentations
- Adjournment

Andy thanked outgoing chairs for their service: John Napp, Christy Hightower, John Saylor, Liz Mengel, Linda Martinez, Sandy Lewis.

Call to Order: Division Chair Andy Shimp called the meeting to order and thanked Mike Morgan and Joel Claypool, of Morgan & Claypool publishers, for their sponsorship of the ELD Annual Business Meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made to approve the minutes from Salt Lake City, June 22, 2004. It was seconded and approved with no changes.

Announcements:
- Andy announced that the 2010 ASEE annual conference will be held in Louisville KY.
- Stephen Stich and Mel DeSart handed out directions to the ELD Annual Banquet that will be held at the Governor's Hotel, featuring cocktails in the library followed by dinner in the billiard room.
- Julia Gelfand announced that she is looking for chapter editors for the series "Books for College Libraries."
- Maliaca Oxnam announced that she is starting a project to organize legacy technical reports.

Special Guest: Andy introduced PIC IV Chair, Sarah Rajala. ELD is in the Professional Interest Council (PIC) IV. Sarah described PIC IV as an eclectic group of 11 divisions. She said that 7 of the 10 ASEE divisions with the highest participation of women are in PIC IV (ELD is one of those 7). Sarah said that ELD is recognized in ASEE as a very active division, and a division that ensures opportunities for new leadership from within its membership. She reported that the theme for the annual conference next year in Chicago will be "Advancing Scholarship in Engineering Education: Launching a Year Dialogue." She encouraged ELD to look for a distinguished lecturer again for that conference. All divisions will be allocated fewer technical sessions for the Chicago conference but are invited to request additional sessions. We will need to justify additional sessions, and partnering with other divisions may be helpful in that process. Sarah also said that poster sessions are highly regarded in ASEE and that ELD should continue to support an active posters program. Lastly, Sarah announced that ASEE has added a new division, K-12 Division, and that it has 400 members.

Officer and Committee Reports:
Andy announced the new appointments for committee leadership for the coming year:
- Accreditation And Standards – Kevin Drees
- Archivist – Paige Gibbs with Cecelia Mullins as co-chair
- Task Force on Best Practices – Mel DeSart
- Listserv – Mel DeSart
- JSTOR – Larry Thompson
- Liaisons – Liz Mengel
- Membership Directory – Jim Van Fleet
- Mentoring – Karen Andrews
- Newsletter – Linda Whang

Program Chair: Jill Powell reported that ELD had 29 author/presenters at the Portland conference and 14 events, including technical sessions, poster session, and business meetings. ELD also sponsored the Distinguished Lecturer Lawrence Lessig. This was the first year for a morning Annul Business Meeting and the time change was well received by the membership.

Treasurer: Kate Thomes reported that as of June 9th the ELD Operating Account had $53.95 and the BASS account had $19,360.20.

Accreditation And Standards: Kevin Drees said that this committee will focus on how to set standards for the colleges and universities represented by the membership and how to communicate those ideas to ABET.

Archivist: Paige Gibbs invited members to send ELD memorabilia to her for the archives.

Awards: John Teleha noted that the award for Best Paper has been broadened to include other types of publications, and is now called the Best Publication Award. The Awards Web page was updated to include Karen Andrews' 1993 ASEE Centennial Certificate for Distinguished Service.

Task Force on Best Practices: Christy Hightower said 14 people volunteered to join this group and was very pleased to see this level of interest in the topic. After much discussion 4 new members were added to the group: Alesia McManus, Binghamton University; Beth Mohler, Wichita State University; Don Richardson, Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Mike White, Queens' University. Bob Heyer-Grey will also serve as webmaster and technical consultant to the group. Christy thanked the founding members of the "Punchlist" group: Karen Andrews, Mel DeSart, Liz Mengel, Jim Ottaviani, Kate Thomes, and Tom Volkening.

Mel DeSart will take over as chair of the group in June, and Jim, Kate, and Christy will step down because of other duties.

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During the weeks just before the Portland conference the Best Practices group created an executive summary of the document to serve as an introduction, and created 2 one-page flyers to promote the document, one for librarians and one for publishers. These documents reside at: *http://eld.lib.ucdavis. edu/punchlist/.*

Development: Stephen Stich thanked the development liaisons and our sponsors for their work during the past year.

Listserv: Mel DeSart reported that ELD-L and ELDnet have both successfully moved to a new platform.

JSTOR: Larry Thompson invited potential new members to join him during the Committee Meetings time period to discuss strategies for getting engineering journal backfiles added to JSTOR.

Liaisons: Christy Hightower announced that Mel DeSart will take over as the new ELD Liaison to SPARC effective immediately. Other new liaisons, who will begin their terms on January 1st, are Patricia Kirkwood for the American Chemical Society and Paula Storm for SLA's SciTech Division. The liaison position for the American Society for Information Science (ASIS) is still open. A new organizational liaison that was recently created is to the Patent Information Users Group, and Michael White will be the ELD liaison to that group.

Membership: Amy Van Epps reported that as of June 8th ELD had 221 active members, 9 members in non-current status. She also reported that there were 24 new members in Portland attending the ASEE annual conference for the first time. There were a total of 110 ELD members in attendance at the conference in Portland.

Nominating: Larry Thompson announced that the incoming Secretary/Treasurer is Jay Bhatt, and the new 1st year Director is Carol Brach. Larry explained that the Director serves for 2 years. The 1st Year Director organizes the Annual Banquet at the following conference, and the 2nd Year Director organizes the Welcome Reception at the following conference. Larry reminded the members of the progression of officers through ELD from Secretary/Treasurer to Program Chair to Division Chair to Past Chair (and chair of the Nominating Committee). Each position is a one-year appointment.

Publications: Craig Beard invited people to please talk with him about ideas for Literature Guides.

Old Business: Andy reported that results from the continuing Education Survey are posted on the ELD website. This survey is a joint project with ASEE/ELD, SLA's Science and Technology Division, and ACRL's Science and Technology Section. The results are linked from the Programs and Resources section of the ELD website under the heading 2004 Continuing Education Survey.

New Business: The members present at the meeting unanimously approved the proposed revision to the by-laws, moving the date of elections and announcement of results earlier in the year (by the first Friday of April), to facilitate conference planning by newly elected officers. A suggestion was also made that the same time frame should be considered for committee head appointments.

Awards Presentations: John Teleha presented the Best Publication Award to Don King and Carol Tenopir for their book *Communication Patterns of Engineers* published by IEEE and Wiley. Kate Thomes accepted the award on behalf of the authors. The Best Reference Award went to Hari Singh Nalwa for the *Encyclopedia of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology* published by American Scientific Publishers. Dr. Nalwa donated a set of the encyclopedias to the winner of a drawing held at the ELD Annual Business Meeting. Jill Powell of Cornell University was the winner of the drawing.

The Homer I. Bernhardt Distinguished Service Award was presented to Karen Andrews for her strong professional service, assistance to colleagues, energy for management and committee work, her wisdom, her inquisitive mind, and her sense of humor. This year marks her 29th straight year for attending ASEE conference!

Two letters included personal testimonials of how Karen emulates the standards for which he [Homer] was known:

"For those of us who remember Homer, we think about the wry sense of humor and keen wit coupled with a strong professional dedication to information service and to helping his colleagues learn and grow."

"Karen and I both had the privilege to work with Homer Bernhardt in ASEE, and I think Homer would be very pleased with the breadth and depth of Karen's activities. Homer was a kind and caring person, and I find that Karen has both of these valuable traits. She is enthusiastic and full of plans and has definite opinions, but she is always willing to listen to others, as was Homer. Those working with Karen are inspired to do their best. They are made to feel good about themselves and their activities."

The committee cited as determining factors Karen's professional perspective; philosophy of leadership; recruitment and mentoring of new engineering librarians; work with scholarly communication and publishing; and extraordinary service to ELD.

"Karen's career embodies the best of librarianship: energy for carrying out difficult management and committee tasks; wisdom for knowing how to accomplish work and develop the best in others; and an inquisitive mind that searches for new solutions and recognizes the need to be a constant learner even while leading."

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"Karen fosters and encourages an atmosphere of creativity, support, and an expectation that PSE library staff will excel …. She leads with a sense of purpose and, when necessary, a sense of humor."

"Throughout her career Karen has been, and continues to be, an active and influential mentor to new librarians just entering the field, and a sought-after advisor to mid-career librarians and to her peers in library management. Her sincere interest in people and their well-being, her vast knowledge of the field of librarianship and publishing, her generosity with her time, and her respectful style all combine to make her an unusually effective mentor and advisor …. She is personally devoted to fostering in others and actively practices that whenever she can as personal commitment to the profession." "A dedicated librarian who has been central to the very positive experience other engineering librarians have felt when joining ASEE/ELD …. in honoring Karen, ELD also holds up the best in itself."

The May 2005 ELD Newsletter contains the complete text of this announcement in the Awards Committee Annual Report.

Karen spoke eloquently about who Homer Bernhardt was and said that this distinguished Service award stemmed from his courage and commitment to engineering librarianship. Karen mentioned Homer's caring nature to others in ELD but bulldog tenacity in regards to the "Kent Study" from the University of Pittsburgh School of Library and Information Science. Homer discredited the 1977 study point by point, showing how the data collection was incomplete and faulty and explained how conclusions drawn from such data could not be valid.

John Teleha called for a submission of testimonials, personal memories or memorabilia, photographs, or other such items relating to Homer I Bernhardt and his career at Pitt. The Awards Committee would like to expand the web page discussing the Distinguished Service Award named in his honor.

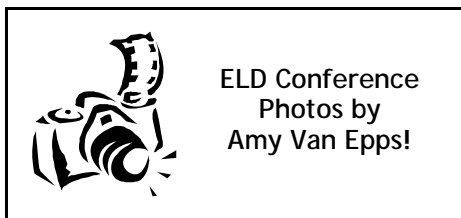**<u>Adjournment</u>**: The Annual Business meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Kate Thomes, ELD Secretary/Treasurer (2004-2005), kthomes@pitt.edu

Karen Andrews, winner of the Homer I. Bernhardt
Distinguished Service Award, with "the Hat."

ELD Conference
Photos by
Amy Van Epps!

Jill Powell and Bob Schwarzwalder, chatting at the ELD Welcome
Reception at Powell's Technical Bookstore in Portland, OR

Entrance Arch to the Portland Japanese Garden
(a pre-conference ELD field trip)

Extended Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

ELD Extended Executive Committee Meeting
Portland, Oregon
June 15th 2005, 4:30—6:30 pm

Present: Karen Andrews, Craig Beard , Jay Bhatt (recorder), Carol Brach, Mel DeSart, Kevin Drees, Paige Gibbs, Bob Heyer-Gray, Sandy Lewis, Linda Martinez, Jill Powell, Orion Pozo, Andy Shimp, Stephen Stich, John Teleha, Kate Thomes, Amy Van Epps, Jim Van Fleet, Jill Powell, Larry Thompson, Linda Whang

Agenda:

Part I (chaired by Jill Powell)
A. Portland Conference Review
1.   Questions, comments, complaints
2.   Do we like having the Annual Meeting at breakfast time?
3.   Banquet—procedure of inviting guests that ELD pays for (vendors, ASEE employees). Director has to pay up front with credit card.
4.   Electronic voting– how did this go
5.   Funding for travel—several requests, nothing to offer

B. Committee Reports & Updates
1.   Standards Archive Task Force (see Linda Musser's May 2005 report)
2.   Punch List Task Force (should it become a standing committee called ELD Scholarly Communications Committee or remain as a task force?)
3.   Best Poster Award—should we pursue this idea?

Part II (chaired by Kate Thomes)
Chicago conference planning
1.   Session topics to consider
2.   Scheduling ideas

Part I (chaired by Jill Powell)
A. Portland Conference Review
Questions, comments, complaints
The new 3-fold ASEE ELD conference program was very well liked by members and it was decided that Jill Powell will send the template to Kate Thomes for planning the Chicago conference.

Andy will be sending revised bylaws that will need to be approved by the ASEE Board of Directors.

Annual Meeting
Annual Business Meeting slot will be in the morning during the breakfast time since it was generally perceived to be the ideal time for the meeting. Morgan and Claypool will sponsor it again next year.

Banquet
ASEE Credit card? Jill to contact ASEE to see if we can charge catering fees to ASEE directly instead of using mem-ber credit cards. This credit card could be used to support expenses of those attending the Banquet who are not members of ASEE ELD Division. If the ASEE credit card is not approved, the organizers of the banquet and reception may request personal checks from those not covered by ELD to cover their expenses.

In the past years anywhere from $450 to $1500 is required to charge for the Welcome Reception and the Banquet, causing the officer to float this charge until they are reimbursed. The first year director, Carol Brach was notified that such a charge may be necessary if we aren't allowed to charge it to ASEE directly. Amy said she has had use her personal credit card for Welcome Receptions. The total cost was $8600 this year on the banquet, but Elsevier pays the bulk of that.

During this year's banquet, more than two participants from some sponsors attended. Since ELD supports only two persons/sponsor, the additional attendee(s) will need to be charged. The liaison should make sure the sponsors understand this when inviting them.

Banquet receipts - Jill asked Carol Brach to have a receipt typed and prepared to give to people at next year's banquet. Vendors who have to pay for themselves often ask us for a receipt so they can get reimbursed.

The EEC thought that it is still useful to extend invitations to ASEE staff (Conference Planner, Membership Chair, Treasurer, and Program Chair) from PR perspectives.

Electronic Voting:
It worked fine and went without any major problems. 47% of the total ELD members voted.

Bylaws
There was a discussion on whether we amend bylaws electronically and whether those amendments can be approved electronically. Mel stated that we amended the bylaws a while ago so that the votes on changes don't have to take place at the annual meeting. From the bylaws: "Amendments to the bylaws shall become effective upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members voting" and it doesn't say whether it needs to be electronic or paper. He felt we should leave it "fuzzy" on purpose. Proposed changes can be made at the annual conference (including the EEC meeting), discussed on ELD-L, and votes can be taken either electronically or in paper.

Changes to the addendum, however, can be made by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. From the bylaws: "Amendments to the addenda to the bylaws shall become effective upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the Executive Committee." So the Best Poster Award, which is discussed below, can be approved and awarded next year if EC approves.

Extended Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
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Funding for Travel:
Neither BASS (Banking and Accounting Services) nor Operating Account can be used for travel by ASEE/ELD members. Home institutions may support their members who are presenting at the conference.

Hot Topic Survey
Jill will let Ginny Baldwin know that ELD is willing to continue participating in the hot topic survey. This type of participation in other organizations increases ELD's visibility in those organizations.

B. Committee Reports and Updates:
eld-ilit List
eld-ilit list - Jill will notify Angie Locknar that the eld-ilit list may be discontinued. It was not getting traffic, and requires work to delete the spam. Since Information Literacy is most likely of interest to most ELD members, use ELD lists to have conversation on that topic. If Information Literacy topic or any other topics such as Collection Development gets a huge traffic on eld-l, another list for those topics can be considered. The information literacy SIG will continue.

Standards Task Force
Jill will notify Linda Musser that ELD will discontinue the Standards Task Force.

Punch List Task Force
It was recommended that role of the The Punch List Task Force be broadened and that it be renamed the ELD Scholarly Communications Committee (thanks to Mary Steiner for the suggestion). Mel DeSart will be the new chair. The EEC decided to hold off renaming for the time being since the current members signed on specifically to fulfill designated objectives of the Punch List Task Force. There will be a discussion among the Executive Committee and the Extended Executive Committee on defining and recasting those parameters which are beyond those of the Punch List to determine the content of a charge for the expanded Scholarly Communications Committee. Once the Executive Committee approves the charge, the Scholarly Communications Committee will become official. At this point, Mel DeSart will discuss with the existing Punch List members to see if they would like to remain on the new committee, given that the scope and responsibilities will be broader than what the current members originally agreed to participate in.

Awards Committee
Best Poster Award
Earlier, the Awards committee had unanimously approved for originating the Best Poster Award in future ASEE ELD conferences. Jill will apply to ASEE Board of Directors (via the Pic IV chair) to be allowed to offer a best poster award for

ELD. She will coordinate any wording with John Teleha and the awards committee. This will require an amendment to the Bylaws Addendum, which requires only the majority approval of the ELD Executive Committee.

At present, Criteria for the Best Publication Award include 'Work must have been published during the year prior to the year in which the award will be made'. A suggestion was made to change this to 'Work must have been published during the ***previous two years*** prior to the year in which the award will be made.' Jill will work on revising the addendum bylaws wording and getting the executive committee's approval.

Mentoring Committee
The Mentoring Committee met during the conference and is considering creating a web page which will be called 'ENGR101'. This will be a dynamic page where members can be able to add ideas on wide range of topics such as instruction, career opportunities, management, and outreach, etc. It is envisioned that this page will be some kind of electronic mentoring consisting of contributed comments and informational tips. The concept is based on Wiki Community Portal where one can edit and create articles.

Additional Items
ASEE Blog - Jill to contact John Hunter, Information Technology Program Manager, ASEE regarding ELD's involvement in the new ASEE blog.

Get Acquainted news - Filling this out in Excel is very labor intensive. Amy will investigate the possibility of finding a webform so that each ELD member can fill out his or hers individual information.

Part II (chaired by Kate Thomes)
Chicago conference planning

1. Session topics to consider
2. Scheduling ideas

Kate has received several suggestions for the session topics to consider for the Chicago conference next year. She will identify potential items from this list and will post on ELD lists for more feedback later.

This year there were 24 new members attending the conference. Mentoring is crucial for the new members and therefore she is considering a session on that topic. New members will also be encouraged to become moderators for various sessions during the conference. They can also provide some insights into issues and concerns they are facing on the job that they can seek guidance from experience members.

Some sessions can use an interactive format such that part of

New Members

Julie Cook is the Information Services Librarian at the University of Washington Engineering Library, a position she has held since 2000. She does primarily reference, on the desk, email, and chat, and she hires and trains graduate reference assistants and maintains the "Reference Manual." Julie also selects and does library instruction for the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. She occasionally facilitates a five week virtual reference training class developed by the Washington State Library. In her previous life, Julie was a professional chef and worked in a variety of restaurants and bakeries in Seattle for 12 years. Julie has a BA in French from Carleton College and an MS from the University of Washington Information School. In her spare time, Julie still enjoys cooking and baking (although she doesn't have as much for it with two young children), traveling, and gardening.

Scott Curtis is Reference Librarian/Search Service Coordinator for the Linda Hall Library of Science, Engineering, and Technology in Kansas City, MO, a position he has held since February 2005. In addition to general reference responsibilities, Scott manages the fee-based search service, provides bibliographic research for a wide range of clients including academics, practicing engineers, scientists, writers, and lawyers. Prior to entering the library profession, Scott worked for 12 years in various quality and management functions at manufacturing companies, spending the past eight years as Quality/Process Coordinator for Thermal Ceramics (a manufacturer of refractory ceramic fiber) in Emporia, KS. He has also held various positions (Technical Writer, Manager of Technical Documentation, Quality Engineer, Manufacturing Lead/Semiconductor Group) for HIAC/Royco Division, Pacific Scientific (a manufacturer of micron and sub-micron particle detectors) in Silver Spring, MD. Scott has a BS in Physics from the University of Pittsburgh, an MS in Engineering Management/Manufacturing Management from George Washington University, and an MLS from Emporia State University. In his spare time, Scott enjoys running and has completed several marathons. He also enjoys spending time with his wife and two sons, dabbling in photography, and learning woodcarving.

Stephen Fairfield is the Reference/Liaison Librarian for Engineering, Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Connecticut, Storrs (main campus). He provides specialized reference in those subjects, is responsible for maintaining and growing the collections in those fields, and provides instruction to students in those departments. He has served in that position since January 2000. Prior to arriving at UConn, he worked as a contractor for Telcordia (then Bellcore) and later for AT&T Laboratories. Stephen has a BS in Astronomy from the University of Massachusetts (Amherst) and a MLS from Texas Woman's University, which he points out is co-ed these days.

Richard Lewis has recently taken over as the bibliographer for the Aeronautical, Electrical, and Computer Engineering Departments at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott Campus. He is also the Acquisitions Librarian and the bibliographer for the Math and Natural Sciences Departments. He has been with ERAU for a year and a half, and previously taught computer networking at Yavapai College. Rich earned his BA in English at the University of Washington, and received his MLIS from the University of Arizona in 2003. He enjoys playing ultimate Frisbee and is looking forward to next year's ASEE Conference.

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the session time can be used for discussion. Jill suggested that during the call for papers guidelines may include a statement like, 'We are looking for interactive papers for one session, one where the audience actively participates in a live discussion on the subject(s) related to the presentation.'

Scheduling a tour of a local library in the location of the conference is an important recommendation that the Program Chair may want to consider for future conferences. This year the program chair focused on getting an event at Powells bookstore so members would have a chance to go there.

Collaborating with other ASEE Divisions such as the ERM (Educational Research Methods) can increase ELD's visibility among other divisions. One suggestion was to continue encouraging ELD members to present in other division sessions when possible, and publicize it on eld-l to make members aware.

All divisions will be allocated fewer technical sessions for the Chicago conference but are invited to request additional sessions. We will need to justify additional sessions in writing to the PIC IV chair. Partnering with other divisions may be helpful in that process.

Submitted by Jay Bhatt, ELD Secretary/Treasurer (2005-2006), bhattjj@drexel.edu

Welcome to ELD!

People & Places

David E. Hubbard (hubbardd@umr.edu) joined the reference department at the University of Missouri-Rolla.

Beth Roberts has joined the Penn State Earth & Mineral Sciences Library as the earth sciences librarian.

John Teleha was named Chair of the ASEE Meriam/Wiley Distinguished Author Award Committee.

Hal Wiren, former Head of the Engineering Library at the University of Washington, and lifetime member of ASEE/ELD, passed away on June 3, 2005.

ASEE Meriam/Wiley Distinguished Author Award

Ronald Barr, ASEE President, has asked me to serve as the Chair of the "ASEE Meriam/Wiley Distinguished Author Award." A Call for Nominations for this biennial Award will issued in November, but President Barr has requested that the Committee be proactive this year, as no award has been issued since 2000.

With this in mind, I am asking the members of ELD to contact their engineering faculty, tell them about this prestigious award, and encourage them to submit nominations of innovative text books once the nominations are open.

A full description of the history, honorarium, and qualifications for this award and criteria can be found at *http://www. asee.org/members/awards/special.cfm* . Scroll down to the "Meriam/Wiley Distinguished Service Award." The following is from that page:

Qualifications:
The award is to be given for work that contributes to the advancement of technical and professional competence at the undergraduate or graduate level.

1. Although intended primarily for books written for use in professional engineering schools, books that contribute to the advancement of engineering technology are not ruled out, provided the treatment contains a strong component of analytical contribution.
2. Excluded, on the other hand, are works that represent descriptive or how-to-do activities.
3. The award encourages new contributions rather than recognizes previous contributions of proven merit. For this reason only first edition books published within four years of the award deadline are eligible.
4. Strong consideration is to be given to the excellence of illustrations that portray or explain engineering components or systems relevant to the subject of the book.
5. Finally, student reaction to the book will constitute an important element in the evaluation process.

I repeat, President Barr expects this Award to be presented in Chicago and I am asking for ELD member's help in contacting your engineering faculty.

Thank you for your time and effort in this matter.

Submitted by John Teleha, Chair, ASEE Meriam/Wiley Distinguished Author Award Committee, teleha@ncat@edu

In Celebration of Hal Wiren's Life (1924-2005)

I met Hal Wiren at the first ASEE conference I attended, in 1977 at Grand Forks, North Dakota. I was totally new to engineering librarianship, coming from the University of Oklahoma. Hal was Head of the Engineering Library at the University of Washington. It was a much bigger library than my small collection at OU. Hal immediately sought me out and introduced me to everyone, making sure I was included in group activities and showing me the ELD ropes. He made me feel comfortable and connected. He did the same thing the following year, and every year thereafter. Hal was an inspiration. He demonstrated how to network with faculty at the ASEE meeting. He encouraged me to seek out some non-ELD sessions to learn about issues of interest to the engineering faculty. I learned that in Seattle, he attended local chapter meetings of engineering

professional societies and was an active volunteer and participant. He was also very interested in jazz, and gave me tips on great places to go hear jazz whenever we met in locations like Vancouver and New Orleans. He introduced me to a variety of jazz musicians he enjoyed listening to, even occasionally sending a letter to let me know of someone he had just heard in person. After he retired from UW, when ASEE met in Seattle, we arranged a get together for breakfast at one of Hal's favorite Seattle hangouts. Hal Wiren epitomizes for me the lasting friendships and genuine caring that ELD members have for one another. It is because of people like Hal that I came back year after year to ASEE and ELD in particular. I will miss his supportive, gentle manner, his genuine friendship and sage advice.

--Karen Andrews, UC Davis

Committee Reports

Awards Committee

Jill Powell and the Awards Committee are drafting a proposal to establish a "Best Poster Award." If the proposal is accepted by ASEE soon enough, then this award could be handed out in Chicago next June. Criteria being considered include: to qualify for the Award, the Poster abstract would have to be submitted by the 5:00 pm October 5th, 2005, the deadline for all abstracts for the Chicago conference, and the Poster must be presented during the Monday afternoon ELD Poster Session. The Award winner would be announced along with the other 2006 Award winners at the ELD Annual Meeting Tuesday Morning.

The Best Reference Work Award criteria has been changed to include Reference Works published in the **two years** prior to the year the Award is given.

Submitted by John Teleha, Chair, Awards Committee, teleha@ncat.edu

JSTOR Task Force

Two months ago when I became chair of the Task Force I would never have believed that things could move so fast. At the Task Force meeting in Portland, we mapped out a plan that would have had us contacting JSTOR in the spring, after we'd identified titles that would be appropriate for a JSTOR engineering collection. We didn't even know if JSTOR was interested in such a collection.

How things have changed!

In July, JSTOR sent out a survey indicating that, yes, they might have an interest in an engineering/ computer science collection. Follow-up phone calls confirmed that they were very interested. In the past month JSTOR has indicated that if a suitable collection of titles can be identified, and if the negotiations with the publishers are favorable, that there will be a JSTOR engineering collection.

We've got a long road ahead of us, (it will be at least 2007 before anything appears online), but we're optimistic that we'll eventually have a collection. JSTOR is delighted that ELD is working on this project and that there's a group of knowledgeable librarians helping them to identify the core journals that should be in the collection.

Also, thanks to all of you who responded to the JSTOR survey. Bruce Heterick, Director of Library Relations at JSTOR

was here at Virginia Tech, and I had a chance to talk to him about the engineering collection. He specifically mentioned that there was a large, favorable response to the survey about the possibility of an engineering collection. I have no doubt that this was due in large part to the ELD community.

Thanks.

Submitted by Larry Thompson, Chair, JSTOR Task Force, larryt@vt.edu

Liaisons Program

Incoming Organizational Liaisons
The term of office for incoming liaisons does not officially start until January 1st but I want to welcome them now, before they begin their two year assignment.

SPARC Liaison - Mel DeSart, University of Washington
ACS Liaison - Patricia Kirkwood, University of Arkansas
SLA Sci/Tech Division Liaison - Paula Storm, Eastern Michigan University
PIUG Liaison - Michael White, Queens University, Canada (this is a new program so we are excited to see what comes from the meetings)

Additional thanks to Ibironke Lawal past ACS liaison, Kate Thomes past SPARC liaison, Virginia Baldwin past SLA Sci/Tech liaison.

We have an opening for a liaison to ASIST. If anyone is interested please send me an email emengel@jhu.edu. Information on what the duties and responsibilities of a liaison are can be found on the updated Web site *http://www.library.jhu.edu/departments/rsc/mengel/eld/eldliaisons.html.*

I look forward to working with everyone on the program.

Submitted by Liz Mengel, Chair, Liaisons Program, emengel@jhu.edu

Liaison Updates

ACRL

ACRL 12th National Conference and Exhibits: Currents and Convergence: Navigating the Rivers of Change
April 7-10, 2005, Minneapolis, MN

ACRL Conferences emphasize academic librarianship and, thus, can be valuable to many engineering librarians solely for that focus. This report attempts to introduce a typical ACRL Conference to those who have never participated and identify those features of the 12th National Conference that might be especially useful for ELD members. The three chief aspects of the conference, the preconference and conference sessions, the exhibits and vendor presentations, and opportunities to meet with librarians from throughout the United States, are discussed briefly.

The Minneapolis ACRL conference had the largest attendance of any ACRL conference with several thousand attendees and over 175 exhibitors. In addition, this is the first ACRL conference to provide an online component to the conference. Called the Virtual National Conference, this Internet-based resource provided live Webcasts for selected speakers, access to speaker materials before, during and after the conference, text-based discussion boards, blogs, and updates. The virtual conference, sponsored by ProQuest and hosted by LearningTimes, has proven to be a valuable supplemental conference resource and an easy way to obtain copies of materials, especially from the poster sessions, that were unavailable during the conference.

Preconference and Conference Sessions Seven preconferences were held on April 7, with Information Literacy in the Disciplines: Librarian/Faculty Collaboration for 21st Century Research Skills, the most likely to be useful to engineering librarians. This session was presented by Patricia Senn Brevick, San Jose State University; Mark Emmons, University of New Mexico; and Virginia Baldwin, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

The Opening Keynote was of particular interest to engineering librarians. Dr. William J. Mitchell, Professor of Architecture and Media Arts and Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, presented, "Libraries, Cities, and Networks," and showed a series of slides that highlighted changes in buildings and networks, based on various applications of technology.

- Architectural traditions such as the monolithic Los Angeles Public Library contrasted sharply with the inconspicuous Internet hub in San Jose, CA. Both represent access sites for huge amounts of information, but as the technology has changed, so have the physical requirements for the buildings and the networks that connect them to users.
- Mitchell also used the example of the old public bath house with its local well that served as the community

social hub. With the advent of pipes, the social network of the community was altered as water could be transported to homes and bathing became a decentralized activity. Implications for today's world include wireless networks that free students and faculty from the confines of buildings but still provide richness of content, previously accessible primarily in classrooms and libraries.

- Mitchell's slide of MIT students, with their laptops and PDAs, studying alone and in groups outside one of the newer campus buildings, reminded the audience how much the academic environment has changed. Even the urban book store has a new presence as it competes with Amazon.com and its decentralized sales, storage, and distribution system.
- Wireless Internet access also impacts face to face classroom interactions, as MIT students google the topic during a lecture and then interject their own comments, questions, and perspectives. Mitchell says, "This provides for a very intense class time. As an instructor you need to change your teaching style."

For the engineering librarian, using a laptop and wireless connectivity allows the librarian to interact in real time, face to face with users, wherever they are. Maybe this is one version of the future that provides a balance to the decreasing importance of the library building.

Another keynote session was entitled "Women of Mystery," a panel discussion by three women mystery writers, Carolina Garcia-Aquilera, J.A.Jance, and Valerie Wilson Wesley, moderated by Liane Hansen from National Public Radio, who described their experiences becoming writers and the impact of social context on their writing. The final conference event on Sunday was a session by Sylvia Hurtado from the Higher Research Institute at UCLA. She spoke on changes in the student body and on campuses throughout the country as a result of September 11.

In addition to the keynote sessions, there were several invited papers, many panel sessions and four-hour workshops, plus 155 poster sessions. Of particular interest were "Trends in Higher Education and Impact on Libraries," "Connecting with the Net Generation: Learning Styles and Technology," and "Googlelization, Visualization, Metasearch, Mapping, and Other Disruptive Technologies: Implications of Revolutionary Change for User Education and Information Literacy." Several sessions were also presented on various aspects of LibQUAL and institutional/digital repositories.

Exhibits One of the strengths of this conference is the chance to meet with exhibitors from a variety of companies. Besides visiting vendors at their booths, conference attendees had two other ways to learn about products. Product Update Sessions were scheduled at 45 minute intervals throughout the two main days of the conference and provided a public forum for product demonstrations in a comfortable environment. Also,

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several major companies held breakfasts or lunches for conference participants and presented highlights of their products and plans for the future. Major vendors present at ACRL were OCLC, EBSCO, ACM, ACS, AIP, IOPP, CISTI, American Scientist, Annual Reviews, BioOne, Blackwell, , IEE/INSPEC, IEEE, , Knovel, Nature, Wiley, CSA (who demo'd their new interface, Illumina), Elsevier (demo'd Scopus, Scirus, and Engineering Village 2), Springer (who demo'd Zentralblatt Math, the European counterpart of MathSciNet and discussed the process for incorporating the Kluwer content into their interface and contracts), ProQuest (showing off their software for institutional repositories called DigitalCommons), and Thomson Scientific (highlighting 100 years of content in Web of Science.) Of potential interest to the engineering community was a new company and product, both called NanoVantage (www.nanovantage.com), which provide monthly reports, based on the content of nanoscience journals and patents, prepared by nanotech experts and organized by subject area and innovation potential, with information on funding opportunities in nanotechnology (pulled from government information.)

Opportunities to meet other librarians were plentiful. ACRL conferences typically include a reception at a major museum, with transportation provided to/from conference hotels. In Minneapolis the event was held at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, a delightful museum with many more treasures to enjoy than the time allowed. Tours of various Minneapolis highlights were also available through the conference planners.

ACRL is a biennial conference. ACRL 13th National Conference will be held in Baltimore, MD, March 29-April 1, 2007.

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IATUL

26th IATUL Annual Conference, Information and innovation, May 29-June 2, 2005, Quebec City, Canada

During the General Assembly Meeting and conference, the following points were highlighted:
IATUL – ELD (ASEE) future activities, plans and suggestions:

- IATUL members think about contributing at the ASEE conference
- Information Literacy – We need to continue discussion on this very important issue. I recommend the use of IATUL-L to share new ideas and developments in member institutions. Assessment of instruction? How do we know what we are teaching is effective?
- IATUL and ELD members jointly present at conferences or publish papers through collaborative partnerships –

This year Bob Kackley (ELD member) is presenting a paper with me at the conference. Any others, please let me know. I will add them to my list and post it on IATUL-L list.

- Scholarly communication related issues – Open Access. Discussion on how to increase Engineering journals into initiatives such as SPARC. At present, not many engineering journal titles are in SPARC. There is a significant potential for both IATUL and ELD to work together on this issue and identify some engineering titles which can be represented in SPARC. How do we communicate to SPARC that STM also includes engineering?
- Science and engineering related informative blogs and RSS feeds *http://www.library.drexel.edu/archives/misc/ blogsposterhandout.doc* . *http://englibrary.blogspot.com/2005/05/rss-club-meeting-learn-all-about-blogs.html* - See number of blogs and RSS feeds in Science and Technology areas
- IATUL-L can be used to share ideas. Are there any blogs created by IATUL members? Please send the links to me. I will compile them and post it on the list
- Any thoughts on the Impact of Google Scholar on Federated Search Engines and Library Instruction? Please share your views on the list.
- Collaborative approaches in teaching with faculty. Projects where faculty and librarians have worked together in teaching
- Virtual Reference Assistance- Online chat with students – Is it working? Perceptions?
- Best Practices for Electronic Resources *http://eld.lib.ucdavis.edu/punchlist/PunchlistRevision.pdf* I recommend that the Best Practices document be linked from IATUL site.

Please see the summary and report of some of the sessions posted at *http://www.library.jhu.edu/departments/rsc/mengel/ eld/liaisonreports2005.html*. This article will be published in Library Hi Tech News, September/October 2005.

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CHICAGO 2006!

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PIUG (Patent Information Users Group)

PIUG Northeast Meeting, Sept. 27-29, 2005

The 2005 PIUG Northeast Meeting will be held September 27-29 at the Hilton Woodbridge in Iselin, New Jersey. Topics will include, among others, the intellectual property landscape of the human genome, biosequences in patent literature, patent searching in the electrical engineering and computer science arts, and patent classification search tools. Commercial vendors will also be conducting free patent searching workshops. Meeting details are available at *http://www.piug.org/NorthEast/2005/ne05meet.html*.

International Patent Classification Reform

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has released the 8th edition of the International Patent Classification (IPC8), which will go into effect on January 1, 2006. More than 100 countries, 4 regional industrial property offices and the WIPO assign IPC codes to patent documents. More information about IPC8 and IPC reform are available at *http://www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/en/*.

USPTO Reform: New Report Recommends Government Corporation Status

The National Academy of Public Administration has issued a new report on the future of the USPTO that recommends transforming the agency into government corporation. The report, which was written at the request of Congressman Frank Wolf (R-Va.), is called *U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: Transforming to Meet the Challenges of the 21st Century*. The academy panel recommends that Congress create a U.S. Patent and Trademark Corporation that will operate like a business under the policy direction of the Secretary of Commerce. The report is available at *http://www.napawash.org/*.

New Commissioner For Patents

John J. Doll was named commissioner for patents on August 18, 2005. Doll, a 30-year veteran of the USPTO who has served in several senior management positions, replaces Nicholas P. Godici, the former commissioner, who retired in March. See USPTO press release #05-41 for more details: *http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/speeches/05-41.htm*.

USPTO Statistics

The USPTO expects to receive approximately 376,000 new patent applications in FY 2005 (Oct. 1, 2004 – Sept. 30, 2005). Since January 1, 2005, the USPTO has issued approximately 106,000 patents and published 188,000 pending applications.

THE FUTURE OF PATENT INFORMATION: TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES FOR ADDING VALUE
Patent Information Users Group (PIUG)
Annual Conference, May 21-26, 2005

How do you turn patent information into gold?

That was the question on the minds of approximately 325 patent information professionals, including more than 100 vendor representatives, who met at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia, May 21-26, for the 18th annual meeting of the **Patent Information Users Group (PIUG)**. Established in 1988, PIUG is a "volunteer international organization of patent information professionals dedicated to the improvement of the retrieval, analysis and dissemination of patent information worldwide." It has approximately 452 members representing 250 corporations, law firms, patent offices, consulting firms, universities and patent information vendors. About 85 percent of the members are from the U.S. The PIUG e-mail list, which is open to non-members, has 1,400 subscribers. Annual dues are $30.00 and benefits include a subscription to the PIUG newsletter, reduced meeting registration fees and access to the membership directory. PIUG is in the process of creating a "members-only" web site that will include additional services and resources. The current web site is *http://www.piug.org*.

Vendors exhibiting this year included **Chemical Abstracts Service**, **Elsevier MDL**, **FIZ Karlsruhe/STN**, **IFI Claims** (Wolters Kluwer Health), **IP.com**, **Questel-Orbit**, **LexisNexis Univentio**, **Minesoft**, **OmniViz**, **Paterra**, **WIPS Global** and the **Thomson** companies **Dialog**, **MicroPatent** and **Thomson Scientific**. Not-for-profit patent information suppliers included the **European Patent Office (EPO)** and **Korea Institute for Patent Information (KIPI)**. For the first time, vendors were allowed to make brief presentations, i.e. "commercials," about their products and services during the general sessions.

Patent information vendor associations also attended. Washington attorney and registered lobbyist **Joseph Ebersole** represented the **Coalition for Patent and Trademark Information Dissemination**, which includes **Derwent**, **Dialog**, **Micropatent**, **Questel-Orbit**, **Reed Elsevier** and **Thomson Scientific**. **PATCOM**, a European commercial patent information association formed in 1999, was represented by **Willem-Geert Lagemaat**, CEO of Netherlands-based **Univentio**, a **LexisNexis** company. PATCOM's membership includes **FIZ Karlsruhe**, **IFI Claims**, **INCOM**, **Questel-Orbit** and **Thomson Scientific**. PATCOM's objectives are "to define and maintain a clear distinction between free and commercial patent information services."

The theme of this year's conference was "The Future of Patent Information: Tools and Techniques for Adding Value." Presentations were grouped into five sub-categories: "The USPTO

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PIUG Annual Conference Report continued

Goes Paperless," "Post Processing Tools, Techniques, and Philosophies," "Current and Future Trends in Patent Analysis," "Hot Topics" and "Updates from the Patent Offices." Pre and post-conference vendor training workshops covered chemical structure searching in CAS and Derwent databases, IP portfolio management, locating patent statistics and searching patent families.

Technical sessions provided attendees with practical tips for preparing patent search reports, manipulating and analyzing patent data, glimpses of experimental patent text mining and analysis tools and updates from national patent offices and the World Intellectual Property Organization.

For complete details, see the PIUG report on the ELD Liaison Program web site at *http://www.library.jhu.edu/departments/ rsc/mengel/eld/liaisonreports2005.html.*

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SLA/Engineering

SLA Annual Meeting, Toronto, June 4-9, 2005

At the SLA annual conference in June I attended the incoming and outgoing advisory board meetings in addition to the annual business and awards breakfast of the Division of Engineering (DENG). I also attended the various sessions sponsored by DENG, the INFO-EXPO, and an informal discussion of vendor relations.

Advisory Board/Business Meetings
The outgoing Chair, Mary Steiner welcomed the new Chair, Kathy Nordhaus. Don Welch is the new Chair-Elect. Marcia Rodney is the new Chair of the Aerospace Section and Ginny Jarvis is the Incoming Aerospace Section Chair. The new board voted to increase the funding of Chairs, Chairs Elect, Treasurer, Secretary and Director to attend the SLA meetings during their tenure.

The Elsevier Engineering Information/SLA Engineering Librarian of the Year Award was presented to Joan Dubois of Boeing. The Inspec Travel Stipend Award was presented to Debbie Letterman of the University of Washington. Speaking of awards, the Awards Committee is exploring the possibility of DENG sponsoring an additional award, open to all members that would provide the winner with the opportunity of attending a SLA continuing education (CE) session. DENG would pay the tuition and provide a stipend for housing.

The topic for this year's CE class was "Systems Thinking for Librarians". Next year's class will be about patents. SLA is

now providing the opportunity of incorporating the CE sessions into it's new program, Click It University. It is free for members to attend a Click It University course, but nonmembers must pay.

The discussion at each of the meetings included the change of the SLA calendar and how it was going to effect the 2006 meeting in Baltimore. The SLA membership voted to adjust the SLA's governance year to coincide its fiscal year starting in 2007, i.e instead of July thru June the governance year will now be January thru December. As a result, there will be no need for an outgoing board meeting in 2006 since the newly elected officers will serve for 18 months. SLA is rearranging the conference schedule. Full day CE courses will only be held on Saturday while half day CE courses, the opening keynote address and board meetings will be held on Sunday.

Sessions
The Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (better known as CISTI) was discussed at Vendor Update. In addition to being Canada's national science library (since 1924), the information resource for the National Resource Council and a publisher of science and technology information, CISTI provides current awareness services and document delivery. See *http://cisti.nrc.gc.ca* for additional information.

The Standards Roundtable, an update of the world of standards, had 30 speakers or 25 speakers more than I could keep up with. DENG also sponsored a program with the Chemistry Division on finding property information, but I was chair of a roundtable and presenting a paper for the Environment and Resource Management Division (ERMD) so could not attend. I did, though, rush from my session to the next session, which was Open Access: Evaluating and Participation.

Open access (OA) is on the minds of many librarians. We heard about OA from the perspective of faculty, thanks to Peter Suber. Faculty are interested in OA, but librarians understand the process and problems better than faculty. Faculty may actually have more control over OA, but they need to be guided into this new publishing model. Librarians can increase faculty incorporation of OA into their publishing regime by (1) incorporating OA journals into library catalogs and branding them as OA, (2) setting up an institutional repository on their campus, and by (3) educating faculty. Faculty need to understand how to retain copyright privileges for their works (see *http://www.arl.org/sparc/author/addendum.html*) and how to submit works to repositories. Librarians should (1) provide faculty with titles of OA journals in their subjects, (2) make sure faculty realize that OA journals have the same standards, editors, referees and authors as non-OA, and (3) that both journals and articles are increasingly receiving high impact factor levels. The problem is newness and not OA.

Marie McVeigh of Thomson Scientific presented on citation

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analysis of OA journals and of OA articles. The number of OA journals indexed by Thomson has increase from 192 in May of 2005 to 270 titles in May of 2005. Open access journals are found at all impact factor levels, but their respective immediacy index levels are higher - meaning a quicker incorporation of OA journals into the literature. Concerning OA articles - 60% of all articles (2004) were available electronically and 20% of those were OA. For articles published in electrical and electronic engineering the impact factor for OA articles in 2003 was 2.35 as compared to 1.56 for non-OA articles.

The Science and Engineering Resources 101 session focused on technical reports, patents, standards and codes of both Canada and the United States. The "101" meant beginners, but the audience included many individuals who were experts in one or more of the topics. The speakers (Mary Frances Lembo and James E. Manasco) admitted to not being experts, but their charge was to present an overview (see their presentation at *http://www.sla.org/division/deng/SciEng101_2005. pdf*). This was okay because with the audience contributing everyone one got an overview or a refresher and, in addition, learned something. Might be something to try at ASEE-ELD.

Punch List Discussion

I discussed the Punch List of Best Practices for Electronic Resources and handed out flyers at each of the board and business meetings, with vendors (about 25) at the INFO-EXPO and at an informal discussion of vendor relations with members of PAM and other interested parties. Members of PAM are considering holding a summit/conference on the island of Hawaii with vendors. I mentioned this at DENG's business meeting and was met with skepticism because of the expense of holding a meeting in Hawaii. So, I mentioned ASEE was meeting in Hawaii in 2007 and was asked for information on membership.

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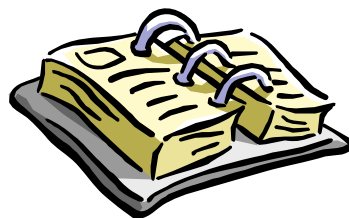

HAWAII 2007!

SLA/PAM

The SLA Conference was held in early June in Toronto, Canada. The meeting of most importance to ELD was that held by the PAM Publisher Relations group. Although the Chair was unable to attend the conference this year, Liz Bryson convened a meeting. The main topic of discussion was the ELD's *Punchlist of Best Practices for Electronic Resources*.

The PAM Liaisons to Publishers and Associations group endeavors to fulfill Goal 4 of their strategic plan, to "strengthen liaison relationships with vendors and publishers" (information taken from their web page). The group attending the committee meeting went over the full *Punchlist* document, discussing each point. There is a link to the *Punchlist* under "Resources" from the Publisher Liaison webpage, *http://www.sla.org/division/dpam/manual/staff/publiaisons. html.*

Awareness of the punchlist seems high among PAM members. I distributed the two handouts prepared by the ELD committee, one for librarians on why they should support the Punchlist, and one for content providers.

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Mark your calendar!

OCTOBER 5th @ 5 pm

is the deadline for submitting an abstract for a paper, presentation, or poster session for the 2006 ASEE Conference!

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