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Message from the Chair
Kate Thomes

Kate Thomes, ELD Chair

September – what an evocative word! Back to school, end of summer, beginning of a new year of opportunities for ELD. For those of you who participated in the Chicago conference, this may be a time to reflect back on last September, and on the anticipation and challenges you faced last year as you began to formulate your ideas for your presentations. For those of you who were inspired by the Chicago conference, this September can be a time to prepare to participate in our 2007 conference. In his Program Chair notes in this issue Jay Bhatt will describe his plans for the coming Hawaii conference and how you can get involved.

Chicago was, well – a Blast! As Program Chair for the conference my perspective is no doubt biased, but I thought it was great. After the hotel got the electricity thing worked out and stopped having blackouts, most everything else went very smoothly. And most of the credit for that goes to all the ELD members who participated in posters and presentations and in attentive attendance at the sessions. As Program Chair, you set the event in motion, but then it takes off under its own momentum and you see it unfold, and participate in it, just like everyone else there. I took away valuable insights from poster presentations, from guest speaker presentations, from the main plenary of the conference, and from the sage wisdom of ELD members.

My thanks again to session moderators, presenters, the program committee, our generous sponsors, and to ASEE staff who all contributed to making our program happen as it did.

So, what's ELD up to in the coming year? The division's responsibilities toward ASEE headquarters are completed and in order for the present. That means that this year most of our attention can be on ELD programs and initiatives that support engineering librarians in their various roles and duties.

A key group to be aware of, and take advantage of, is the Mentoring Committee's writing support service. The goal of this service is to provide constructive review of draft papers by ELD members to help them improve the quality of their written work. I strongly encourage members to use this service as they prepare papers for the next ASEE conference and before they submit their draft paper to SmoothPaper. Another set of eyes during the development stage of an article could make all the difference in getting your article published in the ASEE proceedings. The service is also available for articles you are preparing for other venues. Requests to have a draft publication reviewed should be submitted to Karen Andrews (*klandrews@ucdavis.edu*).

You can find more information on the Mentoring Committee from the ELD homepage, or by clicking on the following link: *http://eld.lib.ucdavis.edu/mentoring.php*

Members of other ELD committees are also working energetically in a variety of ways to monitor and influence key issues (Scholarly Communication Committee), to enhance communication between important professional organizations (Liaisons Committee), and to improve access to engineering resources (JSTOR Taskforce, and the Publications Committee), just to cite a few examples. ELD is growing in sophistication, experience, influence, and size. There is bound to

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be something of interest to all engineering librarians given the range of current committee activities. You just need to peruse the ELD home page to start to take advantage of this support and inspiration.

I look forward to working with you all in the coming year and am especially excited about the opportunities we face as we prepare for the conference in Hawaii. Jay is already working hard to prepare an exciting program.

My thanks again for everyone's past contributions, and now let's look to the future: I wish you all a productive and rewarding academic year!

Kate Thomes
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Scenes from Chicago

Fran Staples (IEEE), Amy Van Epps (Purdue), and Julie Cook (U of Washington)

Call for Nominees for Secretary/Treasurer and Director

You've been attending the conference year after year - and you've presented a poster or presentation. Perhaps you've been on a committee. Why not take it to the next level and run for Secretary/Treasurer or Director?

The best way to network with more ELD members is to be in a leadership role where you are communicating with everyone about programming or social events. Networking leads to more knowledge about our jobs, patrons, and libraries, and it enables us to share problems, solutions, and get advice.

Being an ELD officer is a great learning and rewarding opportunity. There are so many willing ELDers ready to assist. There are instructions from previous chairs, help from ASEE headquarters, and colleagues helping on email. The process has been fine-tuned over the years. I found it helpful to drop a couple committees at my home institution while I was program chair to make time for the commitment during the 2nd year, which is the most intense. The other years are more reasonable.

You will gain problem-solving and organizational skills in the process that you can use in your current job. Some of the tasks may be very different from your current job - like reviewing papers and abstracts, and organizing a conference, which is interesting if you like taking on varied tasks. You also have the opportunity to advance common interests and goals of the division.

Election to the ELD Secretary/Treasurer is a four-year job

assignment, with the workload heaviest during the program chair year. The person is Secretary/Treasurer for the first year (leading up to and including 2008, Pittsburgh), program chair for the 2nd year (2009, Austin, Texas), division chair for the 3rd year (2010, Louisville, Kentucky), and then chair of the nominations committee for the 4th year (2011 Vancouver, Canada).

The Director serves a 2-year term. Not to be confused with the division chair, the director is an additional member of the executive committee who organizes the banquet for 2008 in Pittsburgh and helps organize (with the membership chair) the ELD Welcome reception for the 2009 conference in Austin.

If interested, please nominate yourself by emailing me at jhp1@cornell.edu. To nominate someone else, please check with that person first to confirm his or her willingness to serve.

A detailed list of the duties and responsibilities of the positions is at *http://eld.lib.ucdavis.edu/bylaws.php*. Contact me or previous program chairs at *http://eld.lib.ucdavis.edu/pastdirectors.php* if you have any questions. The members of the nominating committee are Jill Powell (chair), Paige Gibbs, and Bob Heyer-Gray.

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News from the Program Chair

Next year's **ASEE Annual Conference & Exposition will be held during June 24-27, 2007 - Honolulu, Hawaii.** So, get ready for all the fun and excitement. With your crucial help, the program is in the process of being developed. The Abstract submission is open till 5:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, October 4, 2006. ELD is the most dynamic and active organization that I am involved with and by having a stimulating program, we will continue to go beyond this reputation. The deadline is only a few weeks away. I always felt that the 'Get Acquainted Session Handout' represents important projects, ideas and thoughts that ELD members have shared with the entire membership. It also provides members interest topics and both together provide ample opportunities for members to share their projects, ideas and results with the ELD during the Annual ASEE conference.

Planning for the ELD program in Honolulu next June is currently underway. The program committee and I have identified several topical areas for proposed technical sessions. Several people have contacted me expressing interest in presenting on a topic. I will be working with them to see where their topic fits so that all topics are properly organized. Several other members have expressed their interest to be moderators. I will be coordinating with them to organize topical themes and speakers for the sessions identified.

Seven broad themes for technical sessions have emerged so far:

- **Applications of Course Management Technologies in Engineering**
  How are WebCT, Blackboard and other course management systems used by engineering librarians? Use of RSS, Wikis, and ipods in distance learning. (Combining these two areas in one session; This depends on the number of abstracts received and accepted)
- **Managing and Mentoring (such as breaking into engineering librarianship and related issues)**
  Panel discussion with new librarians and senior librarians on Challenges and Opportunities for New Engineering Librarians, Budget and Strategic Planning, International library job exchanges.
- **Emergency Preparedness**
  Use of libraries in Emergency Preparedness Experiences of real events and recommendations to ELD members based on those experiences.
- **Entrepreneurship, business, and engineering information**
  How are engineering librarians meeting business information needs of engineering students?
- **Nanotechnology Information Access**
  Session co-sponsored by other divisions including Materials and Manufacturing, Mechanical Engineering and ELD on Nanotechnology research and teaching. USPTO, European Patent and the new patent classifications that address the interdisciplinary nature of nanotechnology.

- **Marketing/Outreach—innovative approaches**
  Theme: 'Getting to know you' — relationship building/collaboration in Engineering Librarianship'; new and innovative ways of connecting with faculty and students.
- **Scholarly communication/Institutional repositories**
- **ELD Technical Papers Sessions**
  The Technical Papers session is designed for papers that don't fit into the other categories. If your idea for a presentation doesn't fit in the above list, you are still encouraged to submit an abstract.

In addition to this, we are also envisioning two workshops on accreditation and digitization. All of these will be in addition to the Welcome Reception, the Annual Business meeting, Poster Sessions, and the ELD Banquet.

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 beforehand 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 conference homepage: *http://www.asee.org/conferences/annual/2007/index.cfm* and click on the 'SmoothPaper: Submit all abstracts here!' link. Instructions for preparing your abstract are included in the Author's Kit for Abstract Submission. All proposals, whether for papers, presentations or posters, must go through the Abstract Submission process and adhere to the **October 4th at 5:00pm** deadline. The server response time may be slow the last day, so don't wait until the last minute to submit your abstract.

I will keep you updated on all program activities on the ELD-L listserv. I am looking forward to reading your abstracts and together we hope to develop an exciting program for ELD in Honolulu next year.

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ELD Business Meeting Minutes

ELD Business Meeting
Chicago, IL
June 20th 2006, 8:30 – 10:15 am

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made to approve the minutes from Portland, Oregon, June 14th, 2005. It was seconded and approved with no changes.

Special Guest: Jill introduced PIC IV Chair, Sarah Rajala. ELD is in the Professional Interest Council (PIC) IV. Sarah has served as the PIC IV chair for two years. Sarah described PIC IV as an eclectic group of 11 divisions. PIC IV is the largest council within ASEE. She announced that Mary Anderson-Rowland as the new PICIV Chair. She thanked ELD for its dynamism and appreciated for being one of the most active divisions of ASEE. She encouraged ELD to look for a distinguished lecturer again for the conference.

Announcements: Carol Brach reminded ELD members to bring boarding passes with them to be able to board the cruise for the banquet. She also pointed out that those members who did not have tickets and who wish to have them could contact her to receive them.

Jean McKenzie, Bob Schwarzwalder, Michael White, and Deb Kegel announced position openings at their institutions. For more information, contact them directly.

Jill announced locations of the future ASEE conferences upto 2013. These are:

2007 Honolulu, Hawaii
2008 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
2009 Austin, Texas
2010 Louisville, Kentucky
2011 Vancouver, Canada
2012 San Antonio, Texas
2013 Toronto, Canada or Seattle, Washington

Officer and Committee Reports: Jill also announced the new appointments for committee members for the coming year:

Awards - John Teleha, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University (reappointment)
Development - Stephen Stich, Johns Hopkins University (reappointment)
Liaisons Program - Tom Volkening, Michigan State University
Membership - Julie Cook, University of Washington
Nominating - Jill Powell, Cornell University, 2006-2007; Kate Thomes, University of Pittsburgh, 2007-2008
Publications - Craig Beard, University of Alabama at Birmingham (reappointment)
Webmaster - Bob Heyer-Gray, University of California, Davis (reappointment)

Program Chair: Kate Thomes reported that ELD had 32 author/presenters at the Chicago conference and 15 events, including technical sessions, poster session, and business meetings. There were a total of 19 posters this year. This year is the first time when the Best Poster Award will be announced. This was the second year for a morning Annual Business Meeting and the time change was again well received by the membership. Highlights of the Program include: Scholarly Communication in Engineering, Engineering Librarianship 101, Staying Relevant to Our Users, Assessment of Information Literacy Programs for Engineers, and a Forum on Collaborative Information Literacy Programs.

Treasurer: Jay Bhatt reported that as of May 31st the ELD Operating Account had $511.00 and the BASS account had $16,705.15.

Accreditation and Standards: Kevin Drees said that there were no updates to his report in the May 2006 ELD Newsletter.

Archivist: Paige Gibbs invited members to send their memories of past conferences to her for the archives.

Awards: John Teleha thanked Jill Powell and Kate Thomes for their support and encouragement to the Awards committee.

The **2006 ASEE Meriam/Wiley Distinguished Author Award** was presented to Roger G. Harrison, Paul W. Todd, Scott R. Rudge, and Demetri P. Petrides for the book titled *Bioseparations Science Engineering*.

Bioseparations Science and Engineering. Roger G. Harrison, Paul W. Todd, Scott R. Rudge, and Demetri P. Petrides. New York: Oxford University Press, 2003. ISBN: 0195123409

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The Meriam/Wiley Distinguished Author Award recognizes published *"work that contributes to the advancement of technical and professional competence at the undergraduate or graduate level."*

John also thanked Jill Powell for her inspiration in establishing the Best ELD Poster Award this year. There were a total of 19 posters presented this year.

Linda Musser accepting the Homer I. Bernhardt Distinguished Service Award

The **2006 Homer I. Bernhardt Distinguished Service Award** was presented to Linda Musser for her strong professional service, assistance to colleagues, energy for management and committee work, her wisdom, her inquisitive mind and her sense of humor. **Homer I. Bernhardt Distinguished Service** recognizes work that contributes to the advancement and development of excellence in engineering libraries. Two examples of cited comments are included below:

"In her career, Linda has taken the brave path - choosing to stay where we as a profession so desperately need colleagues and friends - middle management ... She is an outstanding individual who evokes admiration and respect."

"Linda is not just active at the ASEE annual meeting; she is an inspiration ... role model to me with her positive outlook and cheerful support of others.... it is her openness, approachability, positive attitude, and mentoring skills that have made me a fan.... her support of members outside the meeting rooms ... endears her ... and this supportive collegiality may be her greatest contribution to our profession."

The **2006 Best Reference Work Award** was presented to *Information Sources in Engineering*, 4th edition, edited by Roderick A. MacLeod and Jim Corlett (Series Title: Guides to Information Sources) and published by K.G. Saur, 2005. Roddy MacLeod flew all the way from Scotland to receive the award. The **Best Reference Work Award** honors the best new reference work in engineering information.

Roddy MacLeod accepting the Best Reference Work Award from John Teleha

The **2006 Best Publication Award** was presented to Gül E. Okudan-Kremer, Ph.D. and Bonnie A. Osif, Ed.D. for their article "Effect of Guided Research Experience on Product Design Performance," *Journal of Engineering Education* 94, no. 2 (2005): 255-262. The Best Publication Award honors the best new paper or non-reference monographic work in engineering information.

Electronic Discussion Lists: Mel DeSart mentioned that there were no updates to report in addition to what was reported in the May 2006 issue of the ELD Newsletter.

Development: Stephen Stitch thanked the development liaisons and our sponsors for their work during the past year. He also encouraged ELD members to visit their booths in the Exhibition Hall.

Duplicates Exchange Program: Orion Pozo had no updates to report.

JSTOR: Larry Thompson reported that the Task Force had a meeting planned with the JSTOR representative during the scheduled committee meeting.

Liaisons: Elizabeth Mengel appreciated all the liaisons for successfully promoting the Punch List to all other organizations.

Membership: Amy Van Epps reported that there were 110 ELD members including 18 new members present at the conference this year. Amy also requested members to confirm their name and affiliation with Jim Van Fleet who maintains the ELD Directory listing. Jill Powell suggested that the Mentoring page that lists membership experts can be updated on the an ELD wiki to be developed. Members can also include past committee affiliations and years of service information on the wiki.

Mentoring: Karen Andrews reported that the new conference buddy program was well received by the participating members. The Mentoring Committee will continue to work on the wiki and is in the process of identifying a list of key topics where the members can contribute their ideas. The committee plus selected ELD volunteers will continue to offer their expertise in giving authors feedback on their papers prior to submission to journals and conferences for publication. Those members desiring this help should email a copy of their paper to Karen Andrews, *klandrews@ucdavis.edu*, who will forward the paper to a reviewer. Their comments do not guarantee publication. The experts list will also be updated. The list and consultations are available only to ELD members.

Nominating: Andy Shimp announced that the incoming Secretary/Treasurer Amy Van Epps, and the new 1st year Director is Michael White. Andy explained that the Director serves for 2 years. The 1st Year Director organ-

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izes the Annual Banquet at the following conference, and the 2nd Year Director organizes the Welcome Reception at the following conference.

Publications: Craig Beard invited people to please talk with him or Janardan Kulkarni about ideas for Literature Guides. Some proposed ideas included Cryptography, and Engineering and the Law.

Scholarly Communications: Mel reported that there were going to be a few openings in the committee. Those interested were also invited to come to the meeting during the scheduled slot for all committee meetings.

Webmaster: Bob Heyer-Gray reminded presenters to send all presentations to him to be uploaded on the ELD web site.

Old Business: There were no items.

New Business: See above under individual reports.

Adjournment: The Annual Business meeting was adjourned.

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Scenes from Chicago

Jay Bhatt (Drexel) and Nancy Linden (U of Houston)

John Teleha (North Carolina A&T), Kate Thomes (Pittsburgh), and Stephen Stich (Johns Hopkins)

Erica Mobley (Inspec), Bruce Cary (Elsevier), Kate Thomes (Pittsburgh), and Colby Ellis (Elsevier)

The gals from the "other" UW (Wisconsin): Amanda Werhane, Diana Wheeler, and Nancy Spitzer

Photos by Stephen Stich and Linda Whang

Thanks to our Sponsors!!!

Front row: Amy Van Epps (Purdue), Judy Brady (IEEE), Wendy McCarville (IEEE). Back row: Mel DeSart (U of Washington), Rachel Berrington (IEEE), Liz Mengel (Johns Hopkins), Kristen Fitzpatrick (IEEE), Fran Staples (IEEE)

Erica Mobley (Inspec), Karen Andrews (UC Davis), and Remi Goncalves (Inspec)

Carol Brach (Notre Dame) and Ross Graber (Elsevier)

Martin Nowicki (CSA), Marianne Stanczak (CSA), Tony Lenti (CSA), and Amy Van Epps (Purdue)

Joel Claypool (Morgan & Claypool) and Amy Van Epps (Purdue)

Jeri-Anne Larson (Knovel), Lisa Dunn (Colorado School of Mines), and Bryan Keane (Knovel)

Extended Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

ELD Extended Executive Committee Meeting
Chicago, IL
June 21 2006, 4:30-6:30 pm

Present: J. Van Fleet, O. Pozo, A. Van Epps (recorder), L. Thompson, T. Volkening, J. Powell, K. Drees, C. Brach, M. White, J. Bhatt, J. Teleha, K. Thomes, A. Shimp, C. Beard, M. DeSart, B. Heyer-Gray, B. Schwarzwalder, S. Stich, J. Cook, L. Whang, K. Andrews

Meeting called to order at 4:27 pm

Reading of the agenda:
1) feedback on this conference
2) status of the information literacy SIG
3) possibility of salary survey
4) conflict of interest issue
5) writing/mentoring group
6) next program ideas

New additions:
- identifying EEC members
- awards committee members for poster judging (only for that session)
- update about services to Canadian membership meeting on Sunday

The goal is to finish with agenda items by 5 pm so the rest of the time is available for discussion of Hawai'i program.

1) Thoughts and/or comments and reactions about this conference. Several issues were raised, including:
   - ASEE seeming to have a memory lapse about the size of our group and the room sizes we need, we continue to work at getting rooms large enough to handle the group and get assurances from ASEE that they are doing the best they can
   - For sessions where we have a sponsor providing a meal, we need a place for everyone to sit at a table to eat. There were some folks on the edges in just chairs during the business meeting.
   - Committee meeting session, we need to have enough space to accommodate groups. This year was sort of an experiment. We could discuss if this worked well. There were enough chairs. The ability to move things around was helpful.
   - Requesting that all of our posters during our session time be kept together and that there be tables available at the posters for papers, etc.
2) Information Literacy SIG
   We disbanded the listserv, but there was some interest in having a web space for training tools, web objects, etc. that would be available for other members to use/adapt, etc. We could make it happen fairly easily. We're looking into having parameters created for what would go in the space.

3) Salary survey possibility
   There has been some interest expressed for getting benchmarks on salaries of Engineering Librarians. We'd want to be sure to collection information anonymously and include certain information that affect salary, such as: 9 mo / 12 mo; tenure-track; public / private; yrs of experience; standard statistical measures. Jim Van Fleet would be willing to develop an instrument. General interest was expressed. Jim will begin pulling together some parameters and send to the group for review.
4) Conflict of Interest (COI) issues
   In past years some people were not attending the banquet due to support of vendors and university COI statements. Do we need to have a larger discussion about this / is this an issue? A suggestion as a way to air this issue and concerns, without actually taking away the sponsorship option.
   - For the people who have a conflict of interest, they may pay for themselves to avoid having to accept the gift
   - We already have a mechanism in place for handling non-ELD people, so we need to enunciate this clearly for the membership so they know there is this option
   - This seems to be a good plan and Kate thinks we should move ahead in this direction
5) Writing/mentoring group
   Came about as several members became more sensitized about the writing level all of us possess. The intention of this group is not to point fingers or make people uncomfortable. The mentoring committee has a new service where they will provide some initial reviewing of papers. There will be a call for these reviewers at a later date. What we see is that the SmoothPaper timeline is directing the program in odd ways. When abstracts are submitted to SmoothPaper they go to a panel of judges for conference inclusion. If a paper goes first to the mentoring committee, then we are getting feedback from colleagues prior to submission. The mentoring committee discussed this for several months. They will be putting together a website that describes the service, to be clear that it's a review service, not a rewrite service.

   Posters – The awards committee was hoping for a criteria or checklist of what makes a good poster. Most of the content was very good, but some of the display was not as strong as they could be, and the criteria could be posted on the mentoring page as well. There is also a potential for creating/adding a blind review process as part of this.

   A concern was raised that it should be made clear what the paper submission process is, there is a mentoring aspect and a review process. We need to make sure people know which parts are mandatory (SmoothPaper and reviewing) and which are voluntary (mentoring and preliminary review).

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Issues we anticipate having to deal with in the next year
One suggestion about Get Acquainted Session: at least one group had some people who didn't contribute due to other dominant people in the group. Ideas for the next Get Acquainted Session moderator:
- pre-assign group facilitators
- enforced note taking wasn't positively received
- possible ground rules of everyone speaking once – round-robin style
- have everyone introduce themselves, not just the new people

Accreditation And Standards committee
There was a request for a potential bylaws revision to clean up working and explain a little more about what they're doing. It was clarified that committee descriptions are in the addendum to the bylaws and final vote on acceptance is with the EC. Kevin will draft the proposed new language and send that to the EEC for review.

Feedback on what went well for poster judging
- Working as a group so all judges saw the same presentation of the information
- Having a timekeeper to keep them moving since they only had 5 min on each poster so they could get through them all
- May have an upper limit of 20 posters in that session for purposes of sufficient interaction for judgin
- Having the opportunity to go back to them when there was no one else around
- Could be better:
  - Let the person know they only have 5 minutes so they can be ready when the committee gets there
  - Coordinate a bit more with the poster session moderator about some of these things
  - Identify the committee members in some way
  - When in the paper submission process do things get designated as a poster or presentation?
    - some people actually stated they wanted only a poster
    - ASEE has no distinction between the poster presentations and papers
    - Kate was able to pull out some of the abstracts for John and the committee for a bit of pre-review, which also helped

Online voting: we had 88 of 249 members voting
While this is not a significant difference from what we would have had in person at the business meeting, there is still a benefit to having this done in advance, including the ability for active members who can't make the conference in a given year, to vote. Pictures of candidates on the webpage were quite helpful.

Update on the Canadian members meeting
Council of zones meeting with the topic of how ASEE can enhance services to Canadian members. Currently only 350 members are from Canada of the 13,000 members in ASEE. Some ideas for increased Canadian participation:
- Canadian members didn't feel much ownership
- Very low visibility
- Prism articles are very American centric
- ASEE needs to collect more data before taking any real action
- We lost members at one point because of the exchange rate, and when it was not in their favor a lot and it's not their primary group, they drop

Do we need to identify the EEC and who the members are? Perhaps the need is for further description of the organization, rather than just identifying a particular subgroup. There is nothing wrong with little stickers to identify the group. Ideas to help:
- Have the conference buddy program participants to create a list of what makes sense for these people to know.
- Include information as part of the welcome packet to new members
- First time attendees can get some kind of information to orient people to the process
- Bring back the ribbons or some way to identify the new attendees
- For some of the receptions we have: lets try and find quieter locations

6) Planning for Hawai'i
Jay opened this section of the meeting by having Bob Schwarzwalder provide some information about options and venues in Honolulu.

Bob has an interest in setting up some workshops and a reception at the library. The University is about 2.5 miles from the convention center.
Things to think about:
- side trips – lots of nature opportunities: recommendation: Hanauma Bay
- Historical stuff: Pearl Harbor
- Lots of shopping

Meal Options:
Figure out what ASEE is doing – probably a luau for the picnic. If ELD does a luau, it's about $100-$125 a head; it would be cheaper going the University. Keep in mind that lots of people don't like Hawaiian food, so really look at the menu.
- Monday reception option – at the University, in the library with a tour; also there is a little restaurant about a mile away – Wai'oli Tea Room – could probably get the whole place.

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- Banquet – Waikiki beach; hotel spaces looking out at the water

Program options : local stuff
- Greenstone digital repository program
- Disaster planning: Bob is a little tired of this – could get locals for this; New Mexico; Washington; New Orleans
- Distance and distributed education
  - Additional thought: outside perspectives/speakers – could be limited due to travel expense to Hawai'I
  - Perhaps once we have better program ideas, Bob could really help us find local expertise and good speakers, thus limiting travel expenses for ELD.
  - Since Hawai'i is centrally located in the Pacific Rim, so can look at other speakers we wouldn't be able to draw to a continental location

Question from Carol – from Elsevier as a sponsor
Do we think the number will be up or down in Hawai'i? We have no way to predict the number of attendees. The last couple years have been pretty consistent, so provide those numbers.

Ideas about travel to Honolulu and information ELD could provide:
- Let people know some real cost estimates so people don't think the travel costs are too high.
- Would it make sense to try and set up a site for this year? Going to Hawai'i tips, planning ideas – wiki would be a good application for this

Jay got more than 20-25 suggestions
- Mentoring session – panel discussion between expert and new librarians
  - How do you do various things about the job, etc.
  - Challenges and opportunities for new engineering librarians
- Marketing and liaison work — how to make the contacts
  - Relationship building
- Systematic downloads and problems with areas (IP ranges) cut off
  - Agreement between publishers and librarians on what this is
  - Some researchers do this as part of their research, to find patterns, not because they're trying to steal content
- National Engineering regional library
  - Fragmentation of engineering literature and how the silos are related to what the students are trying to do

- In the past we had a full conference on this issue – this concept comes up periodically and now it's digital not print
  - this may just be possible now
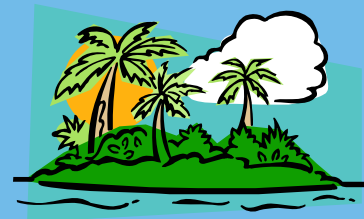 - perhaps a mini-plenary idea/topic
- Information resources in engineering
  - Gray literature
  - Sources of technical reports and how faculty and students can use them
  - Business information needs of engineering students – how do we address this need. E.g. Collaboration with entrepreneurship, etc.
- Scholarly communication
  - Panel or presentations from our division committee
  - The committee group passed that along as well and has some ideas
- Emergency preparedness
- Faculty status and if librarians should have this
  - "done in the 70s"
  - What 'counts' toward preparing your document
- Information literacy
  - Future of instruction
  - Still want to see a session on this
  - Integrating course management systems in to instruction and teaching – techniques
  - Distance education

Group reaction to a workshop before the conference: review of pedagogies that are effective for engineers and engineering students
- review of what is known about that research body
- exploration of applications of those pedagogy

Bob S. said things get booked quickly, so we need to move rather quickly. Get a space booked with at least rough numbers early.

Amy Van Epps
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New Members

Elizabeth Hassemer is Science and Engineering Reference and Instruction Librarian and library liaison to the School of Engineering and the Departments of Biology, Botany, Plant and Soil Science, Animal Science, Geology, Chemistry, and Physics at the University of Vermont, a position she has held since July 2006. While in graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Elizabeth worked as a graduate assistant at the Steenbock Memorial Library where she provided reference and instruction for the agricultural and life sciences. Elizabeth has a BA in Anthropology and Classics and an MLS from the UW-Madison.

John Meier has been the Engineering Librarian at the University of New Orleans since June 2006 after being hired just before Hurricane Katrina as Science Librarian. As a subject specialist at Earl K Long Library, he does everything from reference to collection development to information literacy to department liaison work. John has a BS and MS in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University. After working for a short time in the industry, he earned his MLIS from the University of Pittsburgh in 2003. He is currently the ACRL Science and Technology section's liaison to ELD and hopes to keep communication between the two organizations active. John has interests in graphic novels and popular culture, especially in academic libraries, and in Japanese culture.

Julie Mitchell is the engineering librarian at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities campus. She is responsible for selection, reference, library instruction, and faculty liaison work within Aerospace, Biomedical, Civil, & Mechanical Engineering. She just started this position in July, after graduating in May from the MLIS program at the University of British Columbia (UBC), in Vancouver, Canada. While pursuing her MLIS, she worked as a Graduate Academic Assistant for two years in the Science & Engineering Division of UBC Library and as a student assistant in the Library's Learning Commons throughout her undergraduate program. Both her undergraduate (BA) and graduate degrees (MLIS) are from the University of British Columbia. Julie is a vintage Vespa enthusiast and enjoys riding her 1965 Vespa scooter in her spare time.

Alison Ruger is Director, Technical Publishing Business Development, at IHS (formerly known as Information Handling Services). Alison is responsible for negotiating copyright licenses with Standards Developing Organizations so that IHS can include the documents in their information products. She teaches courses on standards and represents IHS in a number of external organizations, such as the ANSI company member forum, Standards Engineering Society, etc. She is currently developing a program for sales of IHS products to academic institutions - hence her interest in ASEE. Alison is a native Australian and has a Dip. Ed. From North Brisbane College of Advanced Education. She also has a 90 year old mother in Australia whom she visits as often as possible.

Khurrum Siddiqi is the Engineering Librarian with Texas A&M University at Qatar, a position he has held since August 2005. Khurrum manages reference services for the students, faculty, staff and community users within Education City and out of Education City in Doha, Qatar. He is also an integral part of instructional services by teaching classes and creating instructional support materials, and he works as a subject specialist in collection development for science and engineering areas and liaison with faculty members to promote library resources. Khurrum has a bachelor degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Engineering and Technology in Lahore, Pakistan, and a Masters of Information Studies from the University of Toronto, Canada. He is presently a member of ASEE and ALA. In his spare time, Khurrum enjoys dining out, socializing, swimming, and traveling.

Welcome to ELD!

People & Places

Karen Clay has left her position at the Stanford University Engineering Library to become Library Director at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, OR, on July 19th, 2006. Karen Greig will be Acting Head of Engineering at Stanford University.

Beth Mohler has resigned from her position as Engineering Librarian at Wichita State University, upon the request of her daughter Abigail and sons Sean and Devon. Two weeks before Abigail was born, Beth received notice of her tenure and promotion, and she credits ELD and its members for making this achievement possible.

Stephanie White left her post as Reference Librarian at Olin College as of August 31, 2006. She is relocating to Apex, NC in September to be closer to extended family. She may look for work in the greater Raleigh area when she arrives in NC. But in the meantime, she'll be enjoying some extra time at home with her son, Deacon, born in November 2005. Stephanie plans to continue as a member of ASEE ELD, and she hopes to be back in an engineering library again. Stephanie can be reached at librariansteph@gmail.

People & Places, cont'd

Hema Ramachandran left Caltech in March 2005 to take up the position of Access Services Librarian at Pasadena City College. She is in-charge of Circulation and Reserves and is liaison to the Engineering, Natural Science and Mathematics Division. Hema rejoined ASEE a few months ago to get re-connected with the Association. Given that she is working with engineering faculty members infusing information literacy into the curriculum, it seemed natural to rejoin ASEE. More recently, Hema co-authored a chapter with Renee McHenry on "Computer Engineering" in the recently published book *Using the Engineering Literature* edited by Bonnie Osif (published by Routledge and part of their series "Studies in Library and Information Science" series).

Linda Ackerson, Assistant Engineering Librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, passed away on July 17, 2006, after a long battle with cancer. Linda was a member of ELD from 1998 to the present and attended almost all of the annual meetings until this year's conference in Chicago. She is survived by her husband Barry and son Sean.

Nestor Osorio has published two chapters in *Using the Engineering Literature*, Bonnie Osif, editor, New York: Routledge, 2006, p. 614. (Routledge studies in library and information science). The first chapter "Industrial and manufacturing engineering" is co-authored with Dr. Andrew Otieno (NIU Tech. Dept.), and the second "History of Engineering" is co-authored with Mary Osorio (North Aurora, IL PL).

George Porter published a column in *Issues in Science and Technology Librarianship* giving advice on filling institutional repositories.

George S. Porter, Let's Get it Started! Issues in Science and Technology Librarianship, Summer 2006.
http://www.istl.org/06-summer/viewpoints.html

A couple of interesting threads of discussion about the column followed on the SPARC Open Access Forum:
https://arl.org/Lists/SPARC-OAForum/List.html

Open access jeremiads, archivangelism and self-archiving mandates:
https://arl.org/Lists/SPARC-OAForum/Message/3266.html

Practice what you preach:
https://arl.org/Lists/SPARC-OAForum/Message/3276.html

In a previous newsletter, I sent an announcement that I will be missing the ASEE/ELD conference in Chicago because I will be in Lebanon at the American University in Beirut as a partial fulfillment of my Sabbatical. I had a great time visiting the country and the city of Beirut which were rebuilt after the previous 20-year crisis. The American University of Beirut campus was as beautiful as I remembered. I visited the

AUB Libraries and librarians, and attended the University's 137th Commencement when a nephew of mine graduated. I left Lebanon just 5 days before the bombing started, but I left behind several family members behind. Some live there, others were visiting from the US and London. My nephew who graduated and his younger brother ages 18 and 20, were among the last to be evacuated. I am very sad and disheartened to watch the country, the city, and the infrastructure destroyed all over again. I have tried to communicate with the librarians since, only three have replied. They are devastated! Please keep our colleagues and all the people affected in the entire region in your thoughts and in your prayers.

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Wendt Library fully functional after flood

All resources and services are back to normal after a flood on July 27th forced the Kurt F. Wendt Library of the UW-Madison College of Engineering to temporarily close its first floor. Affected areas included the offices of Wisconsin TechSearch, the office of Engineering Outreach, an office of the UW Police Department, two computer classrooms, all journal shelves, all small group study rooms, mail/delivery rooms and storage rooms. Water damage also occurred on other floors of the library.

Classes and staff that were relocated have all returned to their regular locations. Replacement of damaged carpet, baseboard, ceiling tiles and drywall will continue during the school year. A subsequent, smaller flood that occurred on August 25th thankfully did not result in closures. Photographs of the flood and recovery process are available to the public at *http://www.flickr.com/photos/wendt-library/*. Contact Sarah Calcese (608-265-4078, calcese@engr.wisc.edu) with questions.

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Drying tubes coming out of Wendt Library

ASEE Meriam/Wiley Distinguished Author Award Update

In July 2005, the President of the American Society for Engineering Education, Dr. Ronald E. Barr, invited me to serve as the Chair of the ASEE Meriam/Wiley Distinguished Author Award Committee, a standing committee of the ASEE. Offered biennially, the **Meriam/Wiley Distinguished Author Award** is presented to the author(s) of the most innovative, highly regarded, first edition engineering text book published in the last four years.

Established in 1986, the award honors Professor James L. Meriam and his relationship to the publishing house of John Wiley & Sons. In the 1950's, Dr. Meriam recognized the need to emphasize integration of theory and practice in basic engineering courses. His engineering mechanics textbooks set the standard nationally and internationally. Qualifications for the award included the following:

- Only first edition textbook within four years of the deadline are eligible;
- Textbook must include strong analytical theory components and present its subject clearly and concisely;
- Textbook must provide relevant, contemporary, real-world examples and/or problem set that translate this theory in practice;
- Strong consideration is to be given for excellent illustrations that portray and/or explain relevant engineering components or systems;
- Other professors' and their students' reactions to the textbook will be an important factor in the evaluation process;
- Review copies must be furnished to each member of the committee.

The committee was comprised of four Ph.D. engineering professors and one engineering librarian. Three of the four professors were also past winners of the award. The last two award cycles (2002 and 2004) resulted in no award being presented. One explanation is that in 2004, there were only three nominees. Utilizing the ASEE distribution lists, I sent out a "Call for Nominations" that resulted in eleven (11) textbooks being nominated across all Divisions of ASEE.

After committee members had a month to examine the textbooks, three were reported to ASEE Headquarters before the March 15, 2006 deadline. The reason for reporting three "winners" is that the winning author(s) must attend the ASEE Awards Banquet at the ASEE Annual Convention.

The winner of the 2006 Meriam/Wiley Distinguished Author Award was: Harrison, Roger G., Paul W. Todd, Scott R. Rudge, and Demetri P. Petrides. *Bioseparations Science and Engineering*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2003. This textbook has been adopted by over 30 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada and is recognized as the premier text in this emerging field. Dr. Harrison is an Associate Professor of Chemical, Biological, & Materials Engineering at the University of Oklahoma. His co-authors are now in industry.

I would like to thank Dr. Barr, Jill Powell, and Kate Thomes for extending me the opportunity to chair this distinguished ASEE Award Committee.

For more information about the ASEE Meriam/Wiley Distinguished Author Award please visit: *http://www.asee.org/activities/awards/special.cfm#Meriam/ Wiley_Distinguished_Author_Award* .

John Teleha
Chair, ASEE Meriam/Wiley Distinguished Author Award

Scenes from Chicago

Deborah Helman (Wisconsin), Andy Shimp (Yale), Angie Locknar (MIT), Tracy Gabridge (MIT), and Amy Stout (MIT)

Committee Reports

Awards Committee

The ELD Awards Committee is pleased to make known that the first ever **ELD Best Poster Award** was presented to Theresa Barker, Julie Cook, and Linda Whang, from the University of Washington. Theresa Barker is a PhD Candidate in Industrial Engineering and Julie Cook and Linda Whang are Engineering Services Librarians. The Committee considered a very competitive pool of nineteen (19) posters. All the posters exhibited many of the qualities listed on the ELD Awards web page, but their poster, *Desperately Seeking Information: Where and Why Engineering Students Find the Information They Need*, put "the entire package together." Their poster layout was simple, clear, and easy to read. Their research is relevant to engineering librarianship, easily reproducible, and encourages modification of their study. The Award was presented at the last ELD Technical Session on Wednesday, June 21, 2006. Congratulations, again, Theresa, Julie, and Linda!

FYI! To be eligible for the 2007 ELD Best Poster Award, you must submit your abstracts for the 2007 ASEE annual conference by **5:00 pm EST on Wednesday, October 4, 2006**.

I would like to thank Craig Beard, Larry Schmidt, Julia Gelfand, and Stephanie Hartman for their outstanding, early morning work this year!

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JSTOR Task Force

The JSTOR Task Force has submitted a proposed list of journals for an Engineering Collection to JSTOR. Representatives from JSTOR are in the process of contacting publishers in order to determine if they are interested in having their backfiles archived in JSTOR. It could take several months before negotiations are completed and we know what publishers are interested, and what the final JSTOR Engineering Collection will look like.

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Membership Directory

ELD September 2006 Directory of Members is now available. Our webmaster Bob Heyer-Gray has posted the pdf file, and an announcement on ELD-L will include instructions on accessing the Directory. Our Membership Directory is password protected. Current ELD members can also re-quest that a copy of the pdf be sent to them directly, just drop an email to the Directory Editor Jim Van Fleet.

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Mentoring Committee

The new version of the Mentors/Experts list is now live at the following web addresses. There are now two lists, an A-Z list by name and an A-Z list by speciality.

Experts list by name: *http://eld.lib.ucdavis.edu/experts.php*
Experts list by speciality: *http://eld.lib.ucdavis.edu/subjects.php*

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Webmaster

Looking for a few good testimonials! Do you have anything you might like to share about ELD and the ASEE conferences that could be used to update the ELD Testimonials [*http://eld.lib.ucdavis.edu/conf/testimonials.php*] page? It has been a long while since the page has been updated and it might be nice to get some fresh perspectives and thoughts for the page. The Web Committee will choose among the (hopefully many) responses and update the page. Please send any and all potential testimonials to rheyer@ucdavis.edu.

In an effort to help reduce spam, all e-mail links on the ELD web pages have had the mailto: links encoded so that they cannot be read by spambots or e-mail harvesters. The e-mail links still work fine from the pages themselves. For those of you that maintain external ELD web pages, if you would like me to help with the encoding of e-mail addresses on those pages, just drop me a line.

Also, just a reminder to check the officers and committees page [*http://eld.lib.ucdavis.edu/officers.php*] to make sure that there are no additions or deletions to be made.

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Liaison Updates

ACRL Science & Technology Section (STS)
ALA Annual Conference
June 23-27, 2006

The American Library Association held its 2006 Annual Conference beginning Friday, June 23rd through Tuesday, June 27th in New Orleans, LA. The Science & Technology Section (STS) was off to a great start offering a pre-conference titled *Assessment and Beyond: Starting It Off, Pulling It All Together, & Making Decisions*. Following the pre-conference, STS offered a Welcome Reception to allow members to meet and greet and get into conference mode after what was for many a long day of travel. The first day of the conference, STS was off to a power-packed start by offering a New Members Orientation & Welcome session followed by meetings of its 12 different committees. The first day concluded with the STS 45th Anniversary Dinner held at Tujagues Restaurant in the French Quarter.

The second day of the conference began with STS's first membership meeting and breakfast to enable STS members to learn more about the different activities and committees of the Science & Technology Section. The membership breakfast was followed by a well attended and lively discussion on *The Science Library as the Third Place*. The discussion group featured Lori Critz (Georgia Tech) and ELD's own Stephanie Hartman (MIT) to help kick off the discussion! Following lunch was a discussion on *Geographic Information Systems (GIS): Support at the College Level* which helped to demystify how to provide and support GIS on liberal arts campuses. Continuing its strong agenda, STS offered its Research Forum which aims to promote research related to Science and Technology librarianship. Selected for presentation were two excellent research studies: *Assessment of Chemical Information Literacy Skills using the ACRL Standards as a Guide* (Ada Emmet & Judith Emde, University of Kansas) and *Open Access to Legacy Taxonomic Literature: The Biodiversity Heritage Library and Index Animalium* (Suzanne Pilsk & Martin Kalfatovic, Smithsonian Institution Libraries).

The third day of the conference opened with the STS Program themed *Kaleidoscope of Scientific Literacy: Fusing New Connections*. The program brought leaders in a variety of science learning communities together to discuss how to promote the role of librarians in enhancing scientific literacy. The program was followed by a reception and poster session highlighting activities of science librarians around the theme of scientific literacy. STS also co-hosted with ALA's Government Documents Round Table a session titled *Information Literacy is the Destination, Government Information is the Road: Using Government Resources to Illustrate Literacy Concepts* featuring Stephen Hayes (Notre Dame), Barbara Mann (Univ. of Southern Maine) and ELD's Sheila Young (Arizona State Univ.). Finishing the conference was a meeting of the STS committee chairs. Activities reported that may be of interest to ELD included the sharing of a draft brochure aimed at recruitment of Science Librarians, the results of the continuing Education Survey (done jointly between STS, ELD and SLA) and the establishment of a liaisons program for STS which is modeled very closely after ELD's own. The next meeting for STS will be held at the ALA Midwinter Conference to be held January 19th-22nd 2007 in Seattle, WA.

Those interested in learning more can view posted presentations and posters on the STS Website at *http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlsections/sciencetech/sts.htm* or contact me directly at maliaca@u.arizona.edu.

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Patent Information Users Group (PIUG)
2006 Annual Conference
May 20-25, 2006

The 18th annual meeting of the Patent Information Users Group (PIUG) was held in Minneapolis, May 20-25, 2006. (See the 2005 conference report for the history and mission of PIUG.) Approximately 300 information professionals and patent searchers, representing independent search firms, corporations, law firms, universities and commercial vendors, from Canada, France, Israel, Korea, the U.K., and U.S attended. The theme of the conference was "Patent Information: Overcoming Pitfalls and Enhancing Productivity."

The annual PIUG business meeting was held on Sunday, May 21. As of April 2006, PIUG has about 500 members, a 10 percent increase over 2005, and an active e-mail list with 1,500 subscribers. The winner of the 2006 Brian Stockdale Memorial Award is Meredith Saba, a student at the School of Library and Information Science, Indiana University at Bloomington. The Stockdale Memorial Award is given annually to an individual new to patent information.

PIUG and vendor-sponsored pre- and post-conference workshops covered commercial patent databases, chemical reaction and substance searching, visual data mining techniques, patent legal status information and strategies for searching the reformed International Patent Classification (IPC), also known as IPC2006.

Exhibitors included Questel-Orbit, Thomson Scientific, STN/CAS, IP.com, Korean Institute for Patent Information (KIPI), PatentInformatics, Eleseiver MDL, IFI Patent Intelligence, Minesoft, European Patent Office, TEMIS, Swedish Patent Office, Prous Science, BizInt Smart Charts, and VantagePoint. There were no major product announcements from the vendors.

There were also few official announcements and little new in-

Liaison Updates (cont'd)

formation from the major patent offices. The European Patent Office (EPO) sent two representatives who spoke about the impact of IPC2006 reform on EPO classification practices and information systems, specifically esp@cnet, the public database containing 50+ million patents. The EPO also had booth in the exhibition hall where staff provided demonstrations of esp@cenet, the EPO Register Plus, a public patent register and file inspection system, and the new ECLA hybrid classification schedule for nanotechnology. (See the esp@cenet Forum for more information.) The Japan Patent Office (JPO), U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) did not send official representatives.

Pasquale Foglia of the EPO spoke about the implementation of the IPC. The 8th edition of the International Patent Classification, also know as IPC2006, was officially implemented on January 1, 2006 without significant problems. IPC2006 has a Core and Advanced level that gives patent offices some flexibility in classifying patent documents. Smaller offices will use the Core level while major patent offices will use the Advanced. There were a few problems: some countries began classifying patent documents under IPC2006 in late 2005; some are still using IPC7 or a mix of codes from both IPC7 and IPC2006. In the past, the IPC was updated every five years. In IPC2006, the Advanced level will be updated on an ongoing basis while the Core level will be updated every few years. The first update is expected in December.

Joe Ebersloe, the counsel for the Coalition for Patent and Trademark Information Services, a lobbying group representing major commercial information vendors, gave an update on the USPTO's emerging policy of requiring a pre-filing patentability search for all applications. The USPTO continues to struggle with a tremendous backlog of about 970,000 pending applications; 406,000 new applications were filed in fiscal year 2005. The USPTO believes that a mandatory pre-filing search requirement would help stem the rise in new applications and improve patent quality. The policy would require applicants to submit prior art with a detailed discussion of its relevance to the disclosed invention. Ebersole noted that there are several barriers to this policy. First and foremost, the policy would increase the cost of filing an application. Applicants already pay a $500 search fee (highly subsidized) to the USPTO. Commercial patent search firms would charge much more. And it's unclear whether there are enough firms to meet the expected demand. There are legal barriers that must be overcome. The USPTO's proposal will be outlined in an Advanced Notice for Proposed Rule Making (ANPRM) in the *Federal Register* sometime this year. Ebersole encouraged the audience to submit comments when the ANPRM is published.

In other developments, the USPTO's 21st Century Strategic Plan, released in 2002 and revised in 2003, called for outsourcing patentability searching to commercial search firms. This proposal did not sit well with the patent examiners un-

ion, which argued that searching was an integral part of the examination process, or Congress, which passed legislation severely restricting the program. (No surprise given the public's current anxiety over outsourcing.) Despite this opposition, the USPTO in 2005 launched a small-scale pilot international application searching project with contracts awarded to two U.S.-based firms. It has also entered into agreements with IP Australia and the Korean Intellectual Property Office for PCT search and examination services.

The technical sessions covered a variety of topics related to enhancing search productivity and optimizing search results. (Abstracts are available at the PIUG web site.)

The highlights included Paul Stieg's session on the art of mechanical/device searching. Jane List of The Technology Partnership gave an excellent talk called "Pumps, valves and dispensers: tools and techniques for finding device patents." In "To Pastures New: a Searcher's Guide to Less Well-used Fields of Data," Stephen Adams covered tips for the use of attorney names, inventor addresses, opposition data and quasi-legal status data.

William McGinnis, IP law counsel for IBM, gave a presentation on the Community Patent Review, a joint-project between the USPTO and private industry that aims to create web-based communities of expert reviewers who could discuss the merits of published patent applications. The system would allow the public to set up searches in the USPTO's databases and receive periodic updates on newly published applications. (See "USPTO proposes pilot of peer to patent review," *Federal Computer Week*, May 12, 2006 and "US patent office ponders peer scrutiny," *news@nature.com,* May 15, 2006.) Other related projects include the Patent Quality Index, which aims to create a numeric index that represents the quality of a patent, and the Open Source Initiative, which is providing patent examiners and the public with access to open source materials.

Michael White of Queen's University (Kingston, Ontario) chaired a session on the role of patent information in academic research, learning, teaching and technology transfer. Susan Patow, a senior licensing associate from the University of Minnesota's Patents & Technology Marketing Office, provided an overview of academic patenting and technology transfer (T^2). Nancy Spitzer, technical reports and patents librarian at the University of Wisconsin's Kurt F. Wendt Engineering Library, gave a presentation on teaching engineering students how to use patent information.

Evening social events included tours of the new Minneapolis Public Library on Monday, an ice cream social and the IFFI Players on Tuesday and dinner hosted by Thomson Scientific at the Minnesota Museum of Science on Wednesday.

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Conference Reports

**Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program
Annual Training Seminar
April 2-7, 2006**

Some ELD members are also Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program (PTDLP) Librarians. Some of you who are not may have heard about the annual trainings these members attend and wondered "what was up with them." For the second year in a row the Patent and Trademark Depository Library (PTDL) Program's Annual Training Seminar was held in the new United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) facility (campus) in Alexandria, VA. Renderings of the campus can be seen at *http://www. turnerconstruction.com/washington/content.asp? d=3159&p=2080* and of the beautiful atrium with the Madison East and Madison West buildings on either side at *http:// www.mcguirewoods.com/departments/real_estate/images/ brownfields1.jpg*. After a shortened 2005 seminar on the new campus, the 2006 training seminar returned to its Sunday through Friday format from April 2 through April 7, 2006. As usual, the "First Time Attendees Training" was held on Sunday, along with a session on "Basics of Intellectual Property". An optional training on PubWest Searching was repeated later in the week. PubWest is a highly robust search engine that is used by the USPTO Patent Examiners to uncover prior art related to a patent application. PubWest is now available at all PTDLP Libraries through online secure id access to the USPTO.

On Monday after introductions and brief reports from each PTDL librarian, USPTO sessions covered U.S. and international patent classifications, the USPTO's Electronic Filing System for securely filing patents online and reviewing, by registered users, patent application document status. Commissioner for Patents, John Doll, gave an overview of the Patent Office. Highlighted was the new hiring plan: hire, train, and send home to work from home, 100 new patent examiners per year in an attempt to reduce the backlog of patent processing. As an example there can be four to six years of pendency before the first office action in the biotechnology field. Patent classification trainings filled the afternoon.

Tuesday was PTDL Association Day with an open Q&A forum and the association's business meeting in the morning. A speaker and the "Best Practices Round Tables" session filled the afternoon. The speaker, Glennor Shirley, Library Coordinator for the Maryland Correctional Education Libraries, gave insight into delivering library services to inmates. Roundtable presentations were given by PTDLP staff, representatives from other USPTO agencies, and from PTDL librarians. Topics included a computer based tutorial for using the USPTO's Electronic Filing System, an overview of the Inventor's Assistance Center, where phones are "manned" by retired USPTO experts, and discussion of how it can assist PTDL customers, and a comparison of patent information coverage in science and engineering periodical indexes.

Wednesday was devoted to USPTO Web site trainings, with the afternoon trainings divided among beginner, intermediate, or advanced.

A session on electronic filing of trademark applications, and a choice between beginner, intermediate, or advanced Trademark Web site Trainings gave attendees ample opportunities for in depth learning on Thursday, "Trademark Day." Among the speakers were three attorneys and the Commissioner for trademarks, Lynne Beresford.

Attorney for International Relations, Office of External Affairs, Susan Anthony, highlighted the USPTO's "Stop Fakes Program" (*http://stopfakes.gov/*) in a Friday morning session. Their Web site includes links to Intellectual Property (IP) Rights "Toolkits" for China, Brazil, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Russia, and Taiwan where browsers can obtain information regarding various forms of IP protection afforded in these countries. This is a valuable Web site in this time of widespread concern regarding piracy of intellectual property. Another Stop Fakes Program Web site *http://www.uspto.gov/ smallbusiness/* offers intellectual property protection information for small businesses. Ms. Anthony also highlighted the *Respect Copyright* Web site at *http://www.respectcopyrights. org/* for parents, educators, and consumers to learn the personal value of understanding copyright protection. Be sure to check this one out, its links are very cleverly done. One of the links gives sources for educators to use in teaching. One of these sources is the *Parent-Teacher Resource Page* at *http:// copyrightkids.org*. The remainder of this final day was filled with in-depth training opportunities and a choice among five guided tours that included the Public Search Facility and the Scientific and Technical Information Center. As usual, attendees at the seminar went home newly armed with a wealth of information and perspectives for use in library patron assistance.

If you are not aware of the location of the PTDL nearest you, check the USPTO Web site at *http://www.uspto.gov*. Select "patents" on the left, then "search aids" and you will see the link "PTDL – depository libraries" toward the bottom right side of the screen. Or go directly to *http://www.uspto.gov/go/ ptdl/*. Many PTDL representatives provide training sessions to librarians outside of their institution through local, state, and national venues. Watch the PTDL Web site under "Trainings and Events" for local seminars and events and for programs at SLA and ALA if you are interested in a training session. Contact your nearest PTDL representative to see if a program is being planned.

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Learn from Your Peers!

At the ASEE conference in Chicago the Special Interest Group: Get Acquainted Session offered the opportunity to break into groups and discuss issues. Many interesting ideas were generated and many people shared information about the innovative and creative projects they are working on. For example, did you know that the library at UCSC is creating a new collection on video gaming to support students of the computer science faculty? Read about further innovative ways of collaborating with faculty in the notes to the Collaborating with Faculty/Liaison group. In the Evaluation of Services group it was reported that one University had students keep a diary of any information activity, such as screenshots, notes, etc. for one week, to look at their information seeking behavior. Interviews with students afterwards derived some very useful insights. Loads of interesting suggestions, ideas and thoughts on how to work with faculty, bring people into the library, evaluate our services, teach information literacy, and more, are contained in the meeting notes available on the ELD web site at *http://eld.lib.ucdavis. edu/conf/conf06.php.*

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Hawaii 2007: Should You Attend?

Aloha, as ELD's only member in Hawaii, I thought I would write a series of newsletter articles about next year's ASEE meeting. Hawaii is more far flung than many of the ASEE venues and, perhaps, has caused you some concern about the expense or difficulty of the travel. While next year's meeting is still a while off, I would like to begin with some of the reasons for attending and options for keeping your costs in check.

Hawaii is Just Too Expensive?
Actually, the negotiated hotel costs are not that much different from most other large US cities. The Hilton Hawaiian Village is one of Waikiki's premiere properties. While the negotiated rate of less than $200/night is high, it is a steep discount over the normal costs. Sharing a room is one option to reduce costs. Also, our island has a large number of unofficial B&Bs, many in the beach town of Kailua on the other side of the island (30-45 minutes from Honolulu depending upon traffic), that are far more affordable than the hotels on Waikiki. You can also find real bargains on airfare if you know how to work the system. Sure, you can find round-trip airfares to Honolulu for $1,200, but if you shop around using websites like *http://www.bookingbuddy.com*, you can find flights for around $700-$900 from the Midwest or east coast. For members on the west coast, the costs are much less. For those of your traveling from east of the Mississippi, consider flights into or out of Vegas ... these are often cheaper than other options. For west coast travelers, consider using Hawaiian or Aloha Airlines which, sometimes, offer lower prices and more amenities. Plan EARLY, watching for lower fares and room rates early on can yield good results. Look for housing options in the period between mid-January and April when occupancies lag. Call airlines to determine when they will add seasonal flights to Hawaii and check prices when these new routes open up ... the prices may surprise you.

OK, So it's not as expensive as I thought, it still will Cost More than a Meeting in North Dakota!
Hey, I like North Dakota...it was the first place I saw the Northern Lights!.... but Hawaii has nicer beaches! Let's face it, this is a great chance to visit Hawaii. If you like beautiful beaches; swimming, snorkeling or scuba; hiking; history (US and Hawaiian); shopping; warm romantic nights; an exciting entertainment district (Waikiki); and so on ... this is an incredible place to visit. Hawaii is like few other places in the world and nowhere else in the United States. We have tropical vegetation and reefs, but the trade winds keep June temperatures in the mid 80s (day) to mid 70s (night). You can learn to surf, visit Pearl Harbor, swim with tropic reef fish, or dine in a fine restaurant. Nowhere can you find nature and luxury in such close proximity. People are friendly (except maybe for me before my morning coffee) and nearly everyone speaks English. If you have never visited, you owe it to yourself to take this opportunity to see the place at least once in your life. If you have already been here, you will probably want to come again.

OK Already, It sounds really Nice. What do your suggest I plan?
Well, Jay is busy developing a conference that will be informative and interesting. Others are looking into some fun side activities for the group. It should be a great conference. You may want to consider extending your stay to see more of O'ahu or to visit a neighbor island. Flights between islands are cheap and numerous. Maui is beautiful, but expensive. The Big Island (Hawaii) offers Volcanoes National Park, beaches with green or black sand, and more reasonable accommodations. For a more rustic experience, and a chance to get the feel of old Hawaii, you might want to visit Molokai. This is one of those meetings that could double as a great family vacation.

In my next installment, I will provide a list of some activities you might want to explore when you visit.

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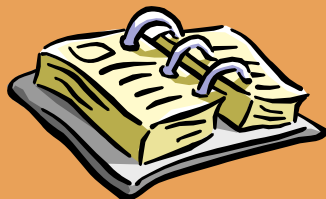
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