Engineering Libraries
Division Newsletter

Message from the Chair   Larry Thompson

The months of July and August are transition times for ELD. We pay the bills from one conference and begin planning for the next. The committee chairs that have stepped down turn over materials to the newly installed chairs. The officers take another step further down the Secretary – Program Chair – Division Chair – Past Chair gauntlet. And so, before I look at future ELD issues, I'd like to take a moment to comment about the Nashville conference.

In a word, Nashville was GREAT!

Everyone who took part did a fantastic job. As Program Chair, I was anticipating at least one moment of pure panic when something went completely wrong. But, it never happened! The rooms were spacious, the speakers arrived on time, the microphones worked, the computers didn't crash. For the most part, it was glitch free. And the reason it went so well was because of the efforts of all of the participants who worked on the conference during the year.

The Get Acquainted / SIG session featured a continental breakfast for the first time, and Alice Trussell did a great job of organizing nearly 100 noshing ELDers into interest groups.

The technical session moderators had lined up full slates of interesting speakers. A special thanks to all of them: Honora Nerz, Linda Martinez, Tracy Gabridge, Jay Bhatt, Suzanne Weiner, Mel DeSart, and Jill Powell.

Kate Lee organized the poster session and commandeered adjacent poster display boards for easy viewing.

The New Members Reception on Monday evening was held at Vanderbilt. Kudos to Amy Van Epps, the Membership Chair. Organizing an offsite event, with the related transportation and catering issues, requires a lot of time and effort.

Greg Raschke picked a winner for the ELD Annual Banquet. The Merchants Restaurant provided good food, a convenient location, and enough room to hold the 110 people in attendance.

In a behind-the-scenes role, Ann Morgan's team reviewed all of the submitted ELD papers and made editorial recommendations that were very helpful to the authors.

In addition to all of the above organizers and moderators there were those ELDers who presented papers and posters. Thanks to Beth Smith, Jeanine Williamson, James Ottaviani, Rachel Callison, Jay Bhatt, Nestor Osorio, Kate Lee, Carol Brinkman, Ibironke Lawal, Barbara Williams, Deborah Kegel, Jill Powell, Bob Kackley, Amy Van Epps, Michelle Potter, Jiabin Wang, Martin Boemeke, David Radcliffe, Greg Raschke, Virginia Baldwin, Karen Grigg, Elizabeth Mengel, John Napp, and Maliaca Oxnam.

I'd also like to thank the two previous Program Chairs, Gretchen Sneff and Mel De-Sart. Both of these individuals took the time to give me advice about the program content and scheduling.

News from the Program Chair   Andy Shimp

Planning is well underway for the ELD program at the ASEE Annual Conference in Salt Lake City (June 20-23, 2004). A highlight of the program will be a talk by Roy Tennant of eScholarship and the California Digital Library. Roy will address methods to develop user-centered library systems, and share his insight regarding the present challenges and potentials for libraries. Roy, who is known as an entertaining and engaging speaker, is an internationally recognized pioneer in digital library development and Internet training. Moderator: Christy Hightower, University of California at Santa Cruz.

The topical sessions we are planning include:

- Libraries as a place/Planning innovative scitech library facilities and services for the 21st century. Moderator: TBD.

- Assessment & Statistics. Moderator: Liz Mengel, Johns Hopkins University

- Federated searching. Moderator: Bill Mischo, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Engineering ethics case studies/Teaching engineering ethics as a collaborative effort between faculty and librarians. Moderator: Jay Bhatt, Drexel University

- Instruction/Information Literacy. Moderator: Najwa Hanel, University of Southern California

- Collection Issues/Building collections for new programs. Moderator: Julia Gelfand, University of California at Irvine

Call for Papers

We are looking for people to present papers on the topics outlined above. **Please note that the deadline for submitting abstracts is October 29 at 3:00 pm, EST.** ASEE members must submit an abstract via CAPS, the ASEE online system, by the deadline in order to present at the conference. Access CAPS at < http://www.asee.org/conferences/caps/ >

Call for Papers FAQ

Do I need to publish a paper in the proceedings in order to make a presentation?

It is not necessary to submit a paper for peer review in order to present in a session.

> Abstracts due:
> **October 29 at 3:00 pm, EST**
>
> If you have any questions about participating in the Salt Lake City program, please contact:
>
> Andy Shimp
> Program Chair
> andy.shimp@yale.edu
> 203-432-7460

If I submit an abstract, am I guaranteed an opportunity to speak?

It may not be possible for everyone who submits an abstract to present in a technical paper session. ELD often receives more abstracts than it has room for, and often receives abstracts that don't "fit" the session topics. Another alternative is the ELD poster session. Presenters in the poster session must submit an abstract via CAPS and can submit papers for peer review.

What if I want my abstract to be considered specifically for the poster session?

It would be helpful if you include in the abstract wording such as "Poster presentation on…" or "In this poster presentation…"

I have an idea for a presentation, but I'm hesitant to submit an abstract because I might not get funding to attend the conference.

By submitting an abstract, you are informing us of your interest to present. If you do not submit an abstract by October 29 at 3:00 pm EST you will not be able to present. We can assign presenters to sessions until February 18, 2004, so you can withdraw your abstract before that time if necessary.

Nominations Sought!

Nominations are being sought for the positions of Division Secretary/Treasurer and Division Director. Please nominate yourself if you are interested and willing to serve. Please nominate someone else if there is someone you think would be great for either position. If you nominate someone other than yourself, please contact that person first to confirm their interest.

For more information about the duties and responsibilities of these positions and terms of office, etcetera, please consult the Division Bylaws: < http://www.englib.cornell.edu/eld/bylaws.html > and position descriptions: < http://www.englib.cornell.edu/eld/jobdescriptions.html >

Please note that the Secretary/Treasurer position is a four-year commitment. In the second year the person serves as Program Chair, then Division Chair, then Past Chair, at which time they chair the Nominating Committee.

The Division Director is a two-year commitment, and includes organizing the Annual Banquet at the Annual Conference.

A slate will be prepared by the nominating committee, and nominations will be announced no later than six weeks before the 2004 Annual Conference.

—Gretchen Sneff, for the ELD 2003-04 Nominations Committee

Please send all nominations to Gretchen Sneff, Division immediate past chair and current chair of the nominating committee, at gsneff@temple.edu. Please put *ELD Nomination* in the subject line.

2003-04 Nominations Committee:

Gretchen Sneff, Chair

Godlind Johnson
Science & Engineering Library
SUNY Stony Brook
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Kate Thomes
Bevier Engineering Library
University of Pittsburgh
kthomes@pitt.edu

New Members

Bob Kackley is a Reference Librarian for the Engineering and Physical Sciences Library (EPSL) at the University of Maryland located in College Park, MD. His subject areas include Civil & Environmental Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Materials & Nuclear Engineering, and Meteorology. He has been there for eight years. Before that he was a Science Librarian at the US Department of Energy in Washington, DC for four years. His BA is in History from Virginia Tech, and his Masters is in Library and Information Services from the University of Maryland.

He really enjoys getting exercise through such sports as softball, "light" weight lifting (nowadays, that is), walking, and jogging.   (Bob says, "I have a reputation here as the only person known to ever go jogging with their CAT each morning"!)

—Eileen Dorschner

Lise Doucette will complete her MLIS at Dalhousie University in the spring of 2004 and has an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from the University of New Brunswick. She has worked in the engineering libraries at both of these universities in circulation and reference positions.

Lise spent this summer working with the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI) and fell in love with Montreal.

In the limited time not devoted to work, school, or sleep, Lise enjoys racquet sports, all types of engineering outreach activities, and weekends of hiking and camping.

—Linda Whang

Extended Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Nashville, Wednesday, June 25, 2003

Present: Mel DeSart, Karen Greig, Christy Hightower, Linda Martinez, Ann Morgan, Jill Powell (recorder), Greg Raschke, Mark Shelton, Andy Shimp (recorder), Gretchen Sneff, Mary Steiner, Andy Stewart, Larry Thompson, Amy Van Epps

I.   Committee reports and updates

A. Awards: Greg suggested drafting a formal letter to send to recipients of the Homer Bernhardt award to explain the history of the award. A description of the award could also be posted on the ELD website. The EEC approved this suggestion. Greg will also investigate including the award winner in the ASEE media kit and the Bowker Annual.

B. Publications:

i. Ann suggested sending a formal letter of acknowledgement to authors whose papers have been accepted for publication in the proceedings. The EEC agreed to have the Publications chair send such a letter.

ii. Should ELD seek to digitize older literature guides? Ann has disks for new guides, and they should be relatively easy to convert to PDF format. The ASEE Publications Department does not have master copies of the older guides and the information contained in them will be outdated. The EEC decided not to seek to digitize the older guides.

C.   JSTOR Task Force: Gretchen asked whether the task force had issued a report. Larry will check with John Saylor.

D. Liaisons:

i. Christy asked for a decision on length of appointments. The EEC approved a two year appointment for liaisons.

ii. The committee will investigate the issue of publisher liaisons. The goal would be to promote common interests of the ELD membership.

iii. The ACRL STS is planning to conduct a continuing education needs assessment. Does ELD want to participate? Christy will consider this issue

E. Newsletter: Karen asked whether liaison reports should continue to be published in the newsletter. The EEC decided to keep publishing them in the newsletter.

F.   Accreditation & Standards: Mark reported on an idea generated during the committee meeting to create an outline for librarians to use in reporting for the ABET self-study report and talking points for a conversation with the dean about ABET and the

library. This material could be posted on an ABET web page for ELD. Mark will ask for volunteers for a task force for this project

II. Fundraising/Sponsorship of ELD activities

ELD receives significant donor support, and maintaining good relations with donors is increasingly important. Larry suggested several options, including creating a position of development/fundraising director for ELD. This position should be distinct from publisher liaisons that are being considered by the Liaisons Committee. The EEC decided to establish a development director position. The recommendation will be brought to the Executive Committee.

III. Lapsed memberships

When should a member be ineligible to hold office if that person's membership has lapsed? The EEC decided that three months past lapse date, the Membership chair will notify the Division chair of lapsed memberships of committee chairs. The chair will draft guidelines. Lapsed members get 3 paper reminders from ASEE headquarters.

IV. Officer position descriptions and FAQ

A. Officer position descriptions are in two places now on the web– we need to consolidate and update. The one place will be Addendum 1 in the bylaws < http://www.englib.cornell.edu/eld/bylaws.html#addendum1 >. There will be links from the officers' page job titles to these descriptions.

B. Officers are to update their own position descriptions and send to the Executive Committee, who will send them to the webmaster.

C.   Outgoing chair should over these descriptions one a year (also the FAQ) and send changes to Executive Committee.

V. Addendum 2 of Bylaws - Criteria and Procedures for Review of Papers for the Annual Conference Proceedings

Incoming program chair to revise Addendum 2 of bylaws to improve paper submission procedures. Change to insure this process is double-blind (neither reviewer knows the author, nor the author knows the reviewer). Papers are in PDF, but the names can be removed with full Acrobat reader program. Decision made that the Publications chair is to remove the names and name the files anonymously.

VI. ELD and SIGs, Listservs

A. Information Literacy SIG not started yet. Purpose is to facilitate discussion on information literacy and brainstorm what should be presented at next year's conference. Greg will do some research on this issue and report back to EEC.

B. Mel to check with ASEE to see verify if listserv is moderated or only chair can send messages. [Mel did this already and it appears only the chair can send messages. So we will not move the list to ASEE web space.]

VII. Nashville Conference after the fact notes from Larry:

A. We got what we wanted. We had ~90 members attend – which, based upon figures from last year's conference, should place us among the highest attendance of any division. Member complaints ranged from no time for lunch (see reason below) and no time to attend other sessions. Members should feel free to attend other sessions if they wish.

B. If we don't schedule something for each time slot, ASEE will bump other sessions there. That's why the lunch hour session was scheduled. ASEE won't double schedule ELD committees and technical sessions. ASEE won't double schedule with picnic, plenary and mini-plenary.

C. There is no formal mechanism for cosponsoring, it counts against both divisions. Most other divisions don't have many outside speakers, they have too many internal candidates.

D. EEC meeting – Most felt it was best on Wed afternoon because new officers have already been selected and can attend. Also, many other attendees have left by then and will result in low attendance at a technical session if we had one scheduled. Our last session on Wed ended at 2:00 pm and it had good attendance – 60.

E. Get Acquainted session – need more food, the sponsor (Knovel) has indicated they will contribute more money next year.

F. Tuesday – committees met in a reserved room, which worked well. Committee chairs need to notify members in advance of this meeting.

VIII. Andy Shimp - Program planning for Salt Lake City in 2004

A. NSDL update
B. Building collections for new programs (Biomedical)
C. Planning library facilities in 21st century, libraries as place (Steve Gass?)
D. Invite Roy Tennant, California digital libraries, he would be the whole 1.5 hours
E. Focus on graduate students
F. Assessment and statistics
G. Engineering ethics and case studies in collaboration with libraries (Jay Bhatt, to include 2 professors)
H. Local Utah speaker? Instruction LEAP at U of Utah, freshmen curriculum, Mews Global is engineering firm
I. Blackboard faculty get grants through library (Duke?)
J. Federated search engine – can present reserve search list on course web pages
K. Workshops are more problematic now that ASEE charges $25 per person, makes it hard to recoup fees. We can apply for funds to pay for a workshop (mentioned – marketing, Cold Fusion). Bus for Endnote workshop alone cost $500.

June 20 – 23, 2004

**ASEE Annual Conference & Exposition
Salt Lake City, Utah**

http://www.asee.org/conferences/annual2004

ELD Business Committee Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the ELD Annual Business Meeting
Nashville, June 24, 2003

The meeting was called to order by the ELD Chair, Gretchen Sneff. The chair called for additions to the agenda. No additions were offered. The chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the June 18, 2002 annual business meeting in Montreal. The motion being made and seconded, the minutes were approved with no changes.

Announcements

Information Literacy Special Interest Group: Suzanne Weiner announced that the Information Literacy Special Interest Group electronic discussion list is being established. Angie Locknar and Stephanie White will serve as moderators. The list will be open to non-members. An announcement will be made when the list is ready.

Banquet Update: Greg Raschke provided directions to the banquet at Merchants Restaurant. The restaurant is within walking distance from the convention center.

Officer and Committee Reports

ELD Chair: No additions.
Program Chair: No additions.

Treasurer: Andy Shimp summarized the report published in the May newsletter. The current account balance for the ELD Operating Account is $715.06. The balance for the BASS account is $12,410.05. Andy noted donations from sponsors: $1,000 from IEEE for the New Members Reception; $750 from Inspec for technical programs; $500 from CSA for technical programs. Elsevier Engineering Information again will fund the ELD banquet. In addition, ASEE will add income to the ELD BASS account for publication royalties: $110.90 (FY01) and $67.70 (FY02). ASEE also will add $285 in income earned from the EndNote preconference workshop in Montreal.

Accreditation & Standards: Mark Shelton noted that because of a miscommunication, the information competency standards were not dealt with this year. The standards will be evaluated in the coming year.

Bylaws: Mel DeSart distributed a ballot asking members to approve in a single vote four items: (1) The "new text" for the bylaws proper (not the text of the addenda) as it appeared in the attachment to the May 23rd email, and as it currently appears on the ELD Web site; (2) Renaming of existing Addendum 1 (Criteria and Procedures for Review of Papers for the Annual Conference Proceedings) to become Addendum 2; (3) Creation of a new Addendum 1, titled Descriptions for Officers, Committee Chairs, etc.; and (4) Movement of position descriptions/duties/ responsibilities text currently in Article V of the bylaws proper into the new Addendum 1. The bylaws revisions were approved by a vote of 74-0.

Duplicates Exchange: No additions.
Electronic Discussion Lists: No additions.
JSTOR Task Force: No additions.
Liaisons: No additions.

Membership: Amy Van Epps reported 92 attendees for the Get Acquainted session. ELD currently has 223 members.

Membership Directory: Andy Stewart reported that he is circulating copies of the directory for updates.
Mentoring: Linda Martinez reported that the committee plans to create a searchable database to mentors and experts.

Nominations: Mel DeSart distributed the ballot for Director and Secretary/Treasurer. The nominees for Director were Honora Nerz, Beth Smith, and Mary Steiner. The nominees for Secretary/Treasurer were Jill Powell and Mary Schlembach. When the votes were tallied, Mel announced that Mary Steiner was elected Director and Jill Powell was elected Secretary/ Treasurer. A suggestion was made to include biographies for future nominees.

Publications: Ann Morgan reported that the committee had a productive meeting, the results of which will be published in the next newsletter.

Literature Guides Subcommittee: Jan Kulkarni reported that new guides will be produced in electronic format and that six guides will be produced in the next two years. Literature guides are planned on the following topics: data mining/warehousing, rapid prototyping engineering, nanotechnology/nanoengineering, optoelectronics, engineering ethics, mining engineering, and gear engineering. The guidelines will be revised.

Newsletter: No additions.

Union List: Mary Schlembach reported that later this year she would begin coordinating revisions to the Union List. The next Union List will be in database format only, searchable by title and institution.

Mary requested that members contact her to add technical report, standards, or patent holdings. A suggestion was made to add proceedings series to the Union List. Mary recommended that this topic be discussed at the EEC meeting.

Reference 24/7: Jim Ottaviani noted that the task force report is available on the ELD Web site. The task force is exploring service standards, information products and software standards for collaborative tools.

Webmaster: Jill Powell reported that Power Point presentations for sessions were posted on the Web site.

Awards: Greg Raschke presented the Homer I. Bernhardt Award to Christy Hightower, University of California, Santa Cruz.
"The ELD Awards Committee is pleased to present Christy Hightower with the 2003 Homer I. Bernhardt Distinguished Service Award. Christy is Engineering Librarian at the University of California Santa Cruz. Christy has been an active member of the engineering librarian community for over 15 years and has distinguished herself through her service to ELD, her contributions to the literature, and her support of her profession and her colleagues. She has served in the past as ELD Director and currently promotes collaboration among science and technology librarians by directing ELD's liaison program. Beyond her service to ELD, Christy's achievements in the profession: as a leader in developing web usability, her pioneering work in federated searching, and as an influential evaluator of electronic resources, have made her an asset to Engineering Librarianship.

I finish with a quote from a long-time colleague, "Christy's contributions to ELD and to the profession would be sufficient, in my opinion, to merit the Homer Bernhardt Award. However, her true contributions go far beyond. For many of us in the profession, Christy has provided insight, advice, and sound counsel. Her pragmatic understanding of the profession, innovative spirit, and uncompromising sense of fairness have helped provide guidance through difficult times. Christy has made and continues to make, a major contribution to our profession." Congratulations Christy!"

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

The Best Paper Award went to Ibironke (Ronke) Lawal, Virginia Commonwealth University, for her paper "Scholarly Communication: The Use and Non-Use of E-Print Archives for the Dissemination of Scientific Information," Issues In Science & Technology Librarianship (Fall 2002).

< http://www.istl.org/02-fall/article3.html >.

"Ms. Lawal is Engineering and Science Librarian at the James Branch Cabell Library at Virginia Commonwealth University. I would encourage anyone who has not read the article to do so. It provides valuable early research on the use of e-prints in a variety of disciplines, including engineering, and will be useful as we continue to analyze alternative avenues of scholarly communication such as repositories and e-prints. Congratulations Ronke!"

Comments by Barbara Olds, PIC IV Chair:
Barbara thanked Gretchen for serving as liaison to the ASEE Board of Directors. She encouraged ELD to bring issues to the Board.

Barbara reported on the Sunday Board meeting. The picnic was improved this year following considerable discussion at the last board meeting. Upcoming conferences will be in Salt Lake City, Portland, Chicago, and Honolulu. The 2008 conference will be held in Pittsburgh. Starting next year, there will be a discount for Internet registration. A task force of Board members is considering quality issues. They will be looking at each division's number of papers published vs. number of conference sessions, and variations in quality of papers. There will now be an opportunity for unexpended operating funds to be pooled and distributed based on requests.

Barbara was asked about provisions for one-day attendance and responded that the issue has not been resolved. An ELD member commented that exhibitors were geared toward engineers. Barbara asked that ELD forward a list of potential exhibitors of interest. She will work to make sure all divisions are included in advertising. She noted that ASEE staff has been responsive to our request for larger rooms. She encouraged ELD members to email her at bolds@nsf.gov.

Old Business
Picnic: Given the improvements for this year's picnic, we will not pursue an alternative for next year.

New Business
Committee Chair Appointments: Gretchen announced two new appointments: Sandy Lewis was appointed Newsletter Editor and Liz Mengel was appointed Membership Directory Editor. Volunteers are still needed for the positions of Archivist and chair of the Accreditation & Standards Committee. An email solicitation will go out to seek nominations for these positions.

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm.
Minutes submitted by Andy Shimp, Secretary/ Treasurer

Literature Guides Subcommittee

The Literature Guide Committee is reviewing the Guidelines for publishing the Literature guides. From now on all guides will be published in electronic format. Once the revision is completed we would like to publish them in the newsletter. The topics of the guides that are to be published in future are:

1. Data Mining and Data warehousing
2. Rapid Prototype Engineering
3. Nanotechnology and Nanoengineering
4. Optoelectronics
5. Engineering and Ethics

Some other members of the ELD have lukewarmly committed to work on other topics which will be announced when some firm commitments have been received from them. Anyone who is interested in preparing a guide is requested to contact me as soon as possible. Jay Bhatt, Susan Boyd and Jean McKenzie are new members of the committee.

—Janardan Kulkarni

People and Places

Alice Trussell, Director of the Fiedler Engineering Library at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, presented a paper at the 38th Annual ASEE Midwest Section Conference and Workshops meeting in Rolla, MO, Sept 10-12.

The paper was entitled "ABET 2000 and Ethics: Using Library Instruction to Embed Ethics into Course Curricula". The Proceedings Publication version of the presentation was co-authored by Daryl Youngman, Interim Assistant Dean, Kansas State University Libraries. Contact Alice at alitrus@ksu.edu.

Linda Hall Library Receives Telecommunications Collection

The Linda Hall Library of Science, Engineering, & Technology recently received a unique collection on telecommunications standards from Ken Krechmer and Elaine Baskin of Palo Alto, California. The collection includes a complete file of *Communications Standards Review* (from 1990-2002), in both print and electronic formats, plus a file of related standards committee documents. "We chose the Linda Hall Library as the archival repository for this collection based on the strength of its collections of standards and specifications as well as its extensive holdings in related areas of electronics and the history of technology," states Krechmer.

The CSR collection complements and extends the library's ability to provide information on the process of developing standards. The collection has two components: *Communications Standards Review*, a journal that abstracts and references reports on standards committee work-in-progress, and an accompanying file of the full committee reports referenced by the journal. The committee reports provide detailed technical information on tests and discussions that influenced choices among alternative approaches in the course of bringing various standards to the marketplace. Together these records document the process of developing telecommunications standards for network access technology for wireless (1990 – 1996) and wireline (1990-2002) technologies (including modems, facsimile, DSL receivers, structured cabling, home gateways, etc.)

Beginning September 2, 2003, all issues of CSR will be accessible at no charge via the library's online catalog, LEONARDO

http://leonardo.lindahall.org

The CSR journals reported on the some or all of the work in the following organizations for various periods between 1990 and August, 2002:

- Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions/TIA Joint Technical Committee 1, air interfaces & AVMMS
- Canadian Standards Association committee: T-510
- DSL Forum
- European Telecommunications Standards Institute committees: AT, ATA, DTA, NA, STQ, TE, TM6, TIPHON
- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)/International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) Joint Video Team (ISO/IEC MPEG Video + ITU-T Q6/16)
- International Telecommunications Union (ITU) TSAG and WTSC
- ITU -T (telecommunications) Study Groups: SG8 (previously SGVIII), SG9, SG15, SG16 (previously SG14 & SGXVII)
- ITU -R (radio) Study Groups: 8A
- Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) technical committees: TR-14, TR-29, TR-30, TR-41, TR-42, TR-45, TR-46.

Beginning September 2, 2003, all issues of CSR will be accessible at no charge via the library's online catalog, LEONARDO, at < http://leonardo.lindahall.org >. Keyword searching of the contents of the journal issues will also be available. Copies of specific committee reports identified through the CSR files may be requested through the library's document service web page. Requests will be filled at the library's prevailing rates and subject to issuing committee distribution restrictions.

"These files will be of particular interest to those researching the standardization process, the history of technology and prior art as well as those interested in the influence of standards on technical markets. We are very grateful that Ken and Elaine have chosen the library as the recipient of this distinctive collection. We look forward to preserving these files and to making them accessible to the worldwide research community," states Nancy Day, Information Resources Officer, at the library.

The Linda Hall Library, opened in 1946, is the world's largest privately supported, public research library of science, engineering, and technology. The collection includes 45,000 serial titles, 1.9 million technical reports, 250,000 standards and specifications, and 60,000 conference proceedings.

Located in Kansas City, Missouri, the library processes more than 100,000 requests annually to individuals throughout the world.

—Kathleen L. Alshouse

Organizational Liaison Reports: SLA Physics Astronomy Math Division

SLA Annual Meeting, New York City, June 7-13, 2003
Report by Karen Andrews, ELD SLA PAM Division Liaison

PUBLISHER LIAISONS

The PAM Division has publisher liaisons, just like we do. [Editor's note: ELD currently only has organizational and meeting liaisons, not publisher liaisons. However, the ELD Executive Committee is considering the concept of starting a publisher liaison program in ELD.] I went to an informal meeting of this liaison group and suggested that our respective liaisons communicate with each other and share action items so that there might be two professional organizations asking for the same things from the same publishers.

The group discussed the need to send a formal letter about the liaison appointment from PAM to each publisher. Sometimes, publishers appoint a "Library Advisory Committee" and the PAM member may or may not be a participant in this group. When PAM liaisons contact publishers or try to keep in communication with them, they are sometimes seen only as being "the Physics Librarian from XYZ University" rather than as someone speaking on behalf of a much larger organizations of science librarians.

ACTION ITEM: Do we send a formal letter to each publisher announcing our ELD Liaisons? If not, do we want to send one?

COMMON AGENDA/WISH LIST

One way in which our societies could be more effective is by advocating a common set of "best practices" which we could communicate to publishers. Examples would be: cover-to-cover content digitization (not just major articles and letters), open URLs, model license terms, quality digitization of photos and high resolution images, specify the kinds of usage data desired, etc. PAM's Liaison group will work on developing such a list. Publishers are not always aware of what we think is a best practice.

ACTION ITEM: Do we want to develop a list of best practices for publishers, and work with PAM to come up with a joint list? This way, publishers would be hearing the same requests from two major professional organizations.

COMMUNICATE WITH PUBLISHER LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO ARE ALSO SLA PAM MEMBERS

In cases where publishers have an advisory committee of librarians, we could see if anyone is a PAM member. Sometimes this person could serve as the PAM rep to the publisher. If there is a separate PAM liaison, these two people could communicate on issues of mutual benefit. Publishers usually pay the expenses of advisory board members to come to meetings, but we can't expect them to pay for a liaison they didn't appoint. Informal communication could be a way to increase PAM's visibility and influence the discussions in the direction that members want.

SUMMARY: PAM is looking for ways to make their Liaison effort more effective and to use their professional judgment to influence publisher decisions and directions. By combining efforts, perhaps ELD and PAM can have greater influence and a stronger voice.

Organizational Liaison Reports: SLA Engineering Division

SLA Annual Meeting, New York City, June 7-13, 2003
Report by Eileen Dorschner, ELD SLA Engineering
Division Liaison

The Special Libraries Association has about 13,000 members. The Engineering Division of the Special Libraries Association has just over 500 members. Included in this number are about 95 members of the Aerospace Section of the Engineering Division. Incoming Chair is Cheryl Hansen cahansen@esi-il.com. More information about other officers etc. is at http://www.sla.org/content/chdiv/divisions/division.cfm

A. Programs offered by the Engineering Division at the 2003 Annual Meeting:
1. Guerilla Marketing : Strategy Sharing for Agile Action
2. Information in Space An astronaut speaker followed by a reception (sponsored by the Aerospace Section)
3. International Standards: Harmony, Dissonance or Something Else?

B. Board Meetings
There were meetings of the out-going and incoming boards and a luncheon business meeting where two awards were given. The Aerospace Section also had a breakfast business meeting at which an award was given.

The Incoming Board announced preliminary plans for sessions at next year's annual meeting on: historical standards, nanotechnology, ebooks, 24/7 reference in a small library, and an exploration of engineering database vendors and the small library. Not all of these may take place. The Aerospace Section hopes to bring in a female fighter pilot as a speaker.

I introduced myself as the liaison to ASEE at the meeting of the Incoming Board of the Engineering Division. I explained the program as a chance to explore possible joint programs or other ventures. The Board was very receptive to the idea in general although there were not a lot of suggestions at the meeting. Some suggestions on their part :

* Link to the ELD web site from the Engineering Division web site. Their own web site is very much under construction due to the resignation of the web master this year just as the site was undergoing a major revision. The web site is a priority for this coming year with a new volunteer web master. Perhaps ELD might want to eventually link to the Engineering Division's web site.
* Use each other in an advisory role when seeking speakers for meetings.
* Consider advertising a call for nominee's for their awards (EI/SLA Engineering Librarian of the year and INSPEC Award for a library student, Aerospace Section's Mandel Award) in ELD Newsletter. Winner of the Engineering Librarian award needs to be a member of SLA/Engineering Division. The student winner must be a student member of SLA attending their first SLA conference. The Mandel award winner must be a member of the Aerospace Section.

Organizational Liaison Reports: IATUL Annual Meeting

IATUL Annual Meeting, Ankara, TURKEY June 2-5, 2003
Report by Vladimir Borovansky, ELD Liaison to IATUL for 2003

The theme of the conference was "Libraries and Education in the Networked Information Environment". I moderated the second part of the keynote addresses by Norbert Lossau from Bielefeld U. (Germany) "Decreasing resources - new services for university libraries?" about e-learning and Maria Heijne from Delft TU "DARE to keep e-material ready for the future" (Digital Academic Repositories). The other keynote addresses were presented by Alan Bundy, U of South Australia "Changing the Paradigm: Libraries, Education and Networking (quite thought provoking - have a copy of it if anybody's interested. BTW, the conference proceedings comes out on CD-ROM) and by Hans Roess from Tilburg U., the Netherlands, E-learning and Libraries: Trends and Opportunities. Among the recommendations from those two keynote speakers: Librarians should team up with teachers and information literacy is more crucial than most people realize. One couldn't disagree with that, right? Otherwise, IATUL conferences are always interesting, meeting kindred colleagues from all over the world.

Also during the conference we visited a small private university, Bilkent. The director and most of the department heads were women, so much for one Islamic country. And METU, trying to become the MIT of Turkey is quite impressive too. The campus is huge and modern, language of instruction is English. The next IATUL conference will be at Jagellon U., Cracow, Poland, May 30 - June 4, 2004.

After the conference I and my wife traveled around Turkey, I had the opportunity to see two other libraries, the Library of Celsus in Ephesus (still standing) and the remnants of the library at Pergamon, the second largest collection in the ancient world, over 200,000 scrolls that were transferred to Alexandriana as a gift from M. Anthony to Cleopatra, where it was later burned down.

Organizational Liaison Reports: SLA Sci-Tech Division

SLA Annual Meeting, New York City, June 7-13, 2003
Report by Virginia Baldwin, ELD SLA SciTech Division Liaison

A. Business and Board Meeting Activities

Before the conference I contacted incoming Chair of the SLA Sci-Tech Division, James Manasco, about possibilities for coordination of SLA Sci-Tech, ASEE/ELD, and ALA/ACRL/STS (Science & Technology Section). Specifically, we discussed the possibility of an Internet survey partnership between the three Sci/Tech organizations. The survey would be on the topic of continuing education needs of SciTech librarians and would replicate the survey described in the article by Christina M. Desai "Continuing Education Needs of Science and Technology Librarians: Results of the 2001 STS Continuing Education Committee Survey" in the Spring 2002 issue of *Issues in Science and Technology Librarianship* at < http://www.istl.org/02-spring/article5.html >. The survey questions are in the article appendix.

The idea of a joint survey was raised with ELD board members last year, but more information was needed before the idea could be considered. At the outgoing SLA Sci-Tech board meeting during the SLA 2003 conference I raised the possibility of participation in a joint survey. In addition to being ELD's liaison to SLA's Sci-Tech Division, I am also SLA Sci-Tech liaison to ALA/ACRL/STS along with Leila Fernandez who shares that liaison role with me. Leila will follow through on this idea with STS Council at ALA in June. The survey could be coordinated with the Continuing Education Committee of ACRL/STS to produce a list and ranking of topics that are of interest for workshops, programs, etc., to conference attendees. Incoming Sci-Tech Chair, James Manasco, is very interested in coordination of a survey and suggested that each organization would designate one or two individuals to work out the details of the survey and its implementation. We may be able to use SLA's Survey Monkey to perform the survey online. Leila suggested the possibility of also coordinating the continuing education and workshop offerings of the three organizations. The "Learn with SLA" continuing education web site URL is:
< http://www.sla.org/content/learn/index.cfm >.

Sci-Tech Division board members discussed the considerations and problems with the use of online voting for officers. An updated email list continues to be a problem. This year 700 ballots were sent out and 300 bounced back. Other issues are anonymity, identification/authentication, multiple votes, and filtering out corporate, associate level memberships and others who do not have voting privileges. Paper ballots were sent to those whose email bounced back. Incoming chair Manasco will look into SLA's Survey Monkey to see if it resolves these problems.

Later in the conference, at the Incoming board meeting Eleanor MacLean, member from Canada, reported that New York State Laws preclude the use of electronic balloting. The return must be done by mail. Board members discussed the possible reasons for not voting and decided to survey the membership on why they did not vote.

The next annual SLA conference is in Nashville, June 5-10, 2004. The 2005 conference will be in Toronto, June 4-9, 2005. The Board is looking into the Wild Horse Saloon for a farewell party!

B. Programs and Events for SLA 2004 were discussed at the incoming board meeting. A slate of topics for sessions is in the planning stages, including:

- Nanotechnology
- LOCKSS < http://lockss.stanford.edu/ >
- Sci-tech sources for non-science librarians
- Status of E Books

C. Programs and Events at the 2003 SLA annual conference that were sponsored or co-sponsored by the Sci-Tech Division are the following:

- Newcomers Brunch for first time attendees as well as current members.
- Science and Technology Division Annual Business Meeting – a breakfast meeting with awards
- Computer Science Literature Roundtable
- Academic Science Roundtable Breakfast
- "Serials Pricing: What do we pay? What do we get?"
- "Information in Space"
- "Visualization of Data in Science and Social Science"
- "Proteonomics, Genomics and Legal Licensing"
- Sci Tech Contributed Papers Session: Needs Assessment: Exploring Techniques & Studies of Needs Assessment. The first two papers are available on the Sci-Tech web site at
  < http://www.sla.org/division/dst/2003papers.html >
    - **"Mapping Output of Topical Searches in the** *Science Citation Index, Social Sciences Citation Index, Arts and Humanities Citation Index* **"- Eugene Garfield,** Chairman Emeritus, ISI, Philadelphia, PA. < http://www.sla.org/division/dst/garfield062003.pdf >
    - **"Information Audit as A Holistic Approach: A Case Study" Emily A. Langley**, Information Services Manager, Miller Brewing Company, Milwaukee Wisconsin.
      < http://www.sla.org/division/dst/LangleySLA062003.pdf >
    - **"Information Use and Needs of Biology Faculty"** Joe Kraus, University of Denver

D. Science –Technology Division Officers and Committee Chairs Contact Information can be found at
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4. The conferences, the Division's quarterly newsletter, the Division's email discussion lists and the Division's activities provide a forum for networking with other academic engineering librarians worldwide and for liaison with entities involved in the development of information products.

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For more information:
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