



# Engineering Libraries Division Newsletter



## September 2008



### Message from the Chair

Amy S. Van Epps

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Here I sit, in the middle of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the semester at Purdue feeling a bit overwhelmed by the start of another semester. Juggling the regular meetings, the instruction requests and adding to the mix my own coursework as I begin a PhD as a part-time student is keeping me quite busy. Lately I have been part of several discussions about the value of reflecting, on activities, publications, future directions, etc. that are part of academia and it leads quite well into spending a bit of time in this message reflecting on events since the last newsletter in May.

Primarily this means thinking about the conference, this year held in Pittsburgh. It was GREAT! Now, I'm probably biased as the program chair for that event, but I received comments from a number of you after returning home which lead me to believe many of you agree. Everything ran very smoothly, including our travel between the Westin and the Convention Center, which was not a direct as the maps lead me to believe it would be. I expect only 2 or 3 of you had any direct experience with the couple of technical glitches we faced, one projector problem on Sunday afternoon, and a major set-up issue for Wednesday morning. A huge thank you to the Pittsburgh Convention Center's excellent support staff, who took care of getting the distinguished lecture set-up, bringing in extra tables, mics, etc., which wasn't done before 8 am on Wed. morning. By the time everyone showed up to attend the 10:30 session, things were working without a hitch.

My thanks to the session moderators, presenters, program planning committee and sponsors, and ASEE staff who all participated in making the conference a success.

Just a couple of highlights, it was great to return to the informal setting for the Welcome reception and spend time in the library of one of our long time ELD members. Also, the banquet location was perfect. There was plenty of space for the meal and the opportunity



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to explore the very extensive exhibits at the Heinz History Center, which had a bit of something for everyone from sports to glass making and coal mining history. The Wednesday distinguished lecture given by Richard Sweeney was a huge hit and standing room only! We received comments from non-ELD folks like the following on some of the session evaluation forms: “My favorite at the conference!!” and “Great session!”

During the program planning for the last year, Craig Beard, chair of the publications committee, and I worked through using the paper review process for the division using SmoothPaper. Thus, in the future all authors should expect to receive feedback regarding their paper to arrive from the SmoothPaper system.

Some upcoming events and issues for the division include getting our newly revised bylaws approved by the Board of Directors at their February meeting and initiating a review of the bylaws for this coming year in light of the publish to present decision by ASEE. There are still ongoing issues surrounding the publish to present requirement and the possibility of a copyright addendum, but with our PIC chair on sabbatical this fall, I'm not sure we'll see a resolution to that conversation for this conference year.

ELD has a new task force which will be coming out of the Scholarly Communication committee and will be doing work similar to that of the electronic resources best practices punch list of the past. The idea was presented that a similar discussion and creation of best practices to be distributed could be created surrounding the “care and feeding” of digital conference proceedings. So look for that group to be formed.

And now we begin the planning and preparation for next June in Austin, TX. John will take his experiences and reflections, combine them with what has already been discussed as possible directions for the next conference, and begin planning. See his message below for more information.

Unfortunately the conference in Austin is in direct competition with SLA next year, and while I don't expect that will diminish our program quality at all, I know it means some of you I've gotten accustomed to seeing each year will not be with us so you can attend SLA.

Once again, my thanks to all for your past contributions to the workings of ELD, because of you we are a wildly successful division. May you all have a productive and enjoyable year.

Amy Van Epps  
ELD Division Chair



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# ELD Business Meeting Minutes

John C. Teleha

## ELD Business Meeting Session 2441 Tuesday, June 24, 2008 Pittsburgh, PA

### Agenda:

**Call to Order**  
**Agenda Additions**  
**Approval of the Minutes**  
**Announcements**  
**By-Laws and Amendments**  
**Officer / Committee Reports**  
**Old Business**  
**New Business**  
**Awards Presentations**  
**Adjournment**

### Call to Order:

Kate Thomes (University of Pittsburgh), outgoing Nominating Chair and unofficial hostess, called the meeting to order at 12:40 pm. (ELD Chair, Jay Bhatt, had asked Kate if she wanted to run the meeting "one last time" since she is retiring on June 30, 2008.)

Kate thanked Morgan & Claypool for sponsoring the food at the Annual Meeting. Kate also thanked the staff at the Westin for their catering service and hospitality.

**Agenda Additions:** None

### Approval of the Minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting in Honolulu:

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2007 Annual Business Meeting in Honolulu, HI. It was seconded and the minutes were approved.

### Announcements:

The PIC IV Chair Report will happen when the outgoing PIC IV Chair arrives. We may have to suspend our normal order of business to accommodate Mary Anderson-Rowland. ELD Banquet information: (Julie Cook for First Year Director, Linda Whang) - "happy hour" begins tonight at 6:00 pm. Check in and you will receive two drink tickets. Dinner will be served about 7:00 pm. Location: John Heinz History Center, 1212 Smallman Street. This location is just a short walk from the convention center and most hotels. Check the map on your ELD Program. After dinner, feel free to wander among the exhibits until 10:00 pm.

Membership Directory: (James Van Fleet) Two copies of the ELD Membership Directory will continue to circulate. Please check your information and please include a Campus Address.

Incoming Program Chair for Austin 2009: (John Teleha) Please remember to pick up and fill out the Suggestion Forms for next year's conference in Austin. In addition to providing feedback and suggestions for next year, the forms are also used to collect names of folks who may wish to serve as moderators. Amy Van Epps has placed copies at every table – please take one – even if you cannot return it to John this week, his contact information is on that form.

Incoming PIC IV Chair (Noel N. Schulz, Ph.D., Mississippi State University): ASEE is comprised of about 50 Divisions divided into 5 PICs (Professional Interest Councils). She will be our conduit to the ASEE Board of Directors for the next two years. If we have any business to bring before the Board (new awards, by-law changes, etc.) or any questions or concerns about ASEE policies or procedures please let her know. The ASEE Board had met on Sunday, will meet again tomorrow (Wednesday), and will not meet again until February. She will be on sabbatical for the Fall Semester in Spain. Noel excused herself to attend another PIC IV Business Meeting.

### By-Laws Amendments:

Mel DeSart opened the discussion concerning By-Laws changes that will be voted on later this summer. Four copies of the proposed changes have been placed at each table and copies were distributed to the ELD membership 30 days prior to this meeting.

- Two of the three changes are mandates from the ASEE Board of Directors. Article XI, Sections 4 and 5, provide language required by the ASEE Board. "Amendments approved by the Division (in section 4)/ Executive Committee (in section 5) shall be submitted through the PIC IV Chair for approval by majority vote of the ASEE Board of Directors and shall take effect only upon such approval."
- Article XI, Section 3 includes language regarding the distribution of proposed amendments to the ELD membership. Current wording ties any consideration of these amendments to this Annual Meeting and ties the distribution to the ELD electronic discussion list, ELD-L, and the mail. These proposed changes would permit the ELD Executive Committee more flexibility and simplify the language.
- Addendum 1, Section 11: Liaisons: Language has been adopted by the Executive Committee to place the

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Liaisons chair on track with the other Committee Chairs.

- The first question from the floor addressed the need for ASEE approval. Does this not take away some autonomy we have as a Division? As the question was being asked, Mary Anderson-Rowland, outgoing PIC IV Chair and representative to the ASEE Board of Directors, arrived and Mel turned the podium over to her for her answer. Mary explained that all Divisions of ASEE have been required to include such language in their By-Laws. ELD is not being singled out. The ASEE Board believes that this consistency of language will strengthen the Society as a whole and not weaken any Division.

### **PIC IV Chair Report:**

After answering this one question, we then went out of the normal order of business to allow Mary Anderson-Rowland to proceed with her PIC IV Chair Report:

- Statistics for this conference:
  - ◇ Just fewer than 3,000 attendees had registered by Sunday. (There were 3,401 and 3,509 attendees in Hawai'i and Chicago, respectively.) Out of the 117 exhibiting companies, 32 were new this year. Out of 21 sponsors, six were new this year.
  - ◇ There were 2,720 abstracts submitted and 2,422 abstracts accepted. Out of 1,684 papers submitted, 1,583 papers were accepted, and 1,414 papers were published. There were 146 abstract only presentations. One thousand two hundred and fifty four (1,254) different authors published.
  - ◇ There were 386 Technical Sessions, 126 Business Meetings, and 32 workshops.
- There were 45 rooms available for concurrent technical sessions in Pittsburgh. Next year, there will only be 37 rooms. The number of abstracts submitted and the number of papers submitted factor into how many sessions ELD could receive next year. One member asked why attendance at sessions was not factored into the criteria for determining the number of sessions? Mary explained that attendance at a 7:00 am session is never as large as at a 10:00 am or afternoon session. Using attendance could skew the weighting.
- Mary suggested using Division monies to secure a monetary amount for a Division's "Best Paper Award." She suggested using the \$500.00 from the Division's operating account. There is a model such a Best Paper Award on the ASEE website. [Editor's note: ELD would need to establish such an award, since our "Best Publication Award" cannot take into account papers published during the current conference. These operating account monies sometimes never get touched and are returned to ASEE every year. ]
- Eleven out of the twelve Divisions that make up PIC IV (including ELD) submitted nominations to Mary for the PIC IV Best Paper Award. Mary submitted the PIC IV Best Paper to the ASEE for consideration for the Overall 2008 Best Paper Award and this paper was selected for this honor. Actually, all twelve Divisions in PIC IV had submitted nominations, but the authors of the 12th Division did not pay their author's fee and so their paper was withdrawn from the proceedings and their nomination forfeited.
- This author's fee is frequently misunderstood and many authors had their papers pulled this year for failure to pay the \$75.00 fee (note the disparity between papers accepted and papers published in the above statistics). One ELD member commented that the fee seemed "high" and asked how the monies were used? Mary responded that in the past this fee was labeled "proceedings fee" and went toward the costs of producing the print version of this Conference's Proceedings. At present, this fee is used to maintain the website where past conferences are listed and indexed and to produce the CD-Rom version of the proceedings that appears in the back of each Annual Conference Program.
- A companion issue to the author's fee is the problem of notification. ASEE is supposed to send e-mails to the primary authors reminding them to pay this fee or their papers will be pulled and they will not be allowed to present. This year, many Program Chairs found out after this deadline that several of their papers had been dropped and they had to reorganize their Division's sessions and submit final session titles and presentation titles to ASEE with only a week or so turn-around. SmoothPaper has no mechanism to warn the Program Chair. This is an enhancement that every Division is clamoring for. Mary concluded this topic by saying "Pay the fee and avoid being dropped!"
- Mary discussed "Publish to Present" next. Starting with the Austin Conference in 2009, all Divisions of ASEE will be "publish to present." This means that every abstract submitted either for a presentation in a technical session or for presentation in the ELD Poster Session on Wednesday morning needs to have a paper submitted and the author's fees paid. ASEE recognizes the contributions of the Engineering Libraries Division over the years and has established a third alternative. If a session is designation as a "Panel Discussion," the members on the panel do not have to submit papers. Neither do guest speakers nor distinguished lecturers. One suggested way to get around the poster authors having to submit papers is to identify one of our sessions as a Panel Discussion where the panelists are the authors of the posters. After 5-10 minutes describing their poster to the entire audience, the attendees would spend the

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remainder of any time examining the posters more closely and asking questions of the authors. [Editor's note: As pointed out in a later discussion on Wednesday, the drawback to such a decision is that we create an "ELD bubble" within ASEE and we lose the chance to engage the entire ASEE faculty on important scholarly communication issues such as the SAE DRM issue.]

- SmoothPaper will be enhanced this year to allow authors to choose Presentation or Poster as the paper is submitted. The Emerging Trends Poster Session has been dropped. Many Divisions were using it as a "dumping ground" for papers that did not fit in their sessions. It has been replaced by the NSF Poster Session where recipients of NSF Grants will report on the progress of their research. Over 70 posters were displayed on Monday in the NSF session and over 8-posters are scheduled for the ASEE Poster Session Wednesday morning.
- Mary next discussed the Copyright Transfer Agreement. ELD members have concerns that the wording of the Agreement indicates the author or authors transfer all publication rights to ASEE. This would prevent the author from placing a copy of the paper in their own institution's repository without first asking ASEE for permission to do so. After the PIC IV meeting on Sunday, Mary spoke with Frank Huband, Executive Director for ASEE (and a lawyer). He explained to her that the agreement allows the author to retain all rights. He believes that the only rights transferred to ASEE are the rights necessary to post the paper on the ASEE Website. He also mentioned that ASEE is willing to engage discussion about and encourages ELD to draft language for an Author Addendum clarifying which rights the author retains.
- Division Annual Reports are due July 16, 2008. Items expected include: outgoing and incoming officers; major activities and accomplishments; and any Best Practices. Examples of Best Practices include capturing Division members' activities at Section or Zone meetings.
- There is a new Master Teacher Certification under consideration by the ASEE Board. The acronym is SPEED (Strengthening the Performance of Engineering and Technology Educators across the Disciplines). It is designed after a successful program in the UK in response to feedback from the "Year-of-Dialogue." Such certification may help individuals with Tenure/Promotion or PE Licensures and institutions with ABET accreditation. [Editor's note: the entire document will be made available from the ELD website.]
- Sarah Rajala, former PIC IV Chair, is the incoming ASEE President. She has three priorities for her tenure: ABET; International Affairs; and Diversity. With regards to diversity, she has created a new Diversity Advisory Board. Included on this Board are

representatives from the Corporate Council, the Deans Council, the K-12 Division, Minorities in Engineering Division, Women in Engineering Division, and the new Student Constituency Group. One goal is to increase diversity and participation at the Section / Level and another is to host a Section or Zone meeting at a Historically Black College or University (HBCU).

- Tonight from 4:30 to 5:30 in the Courtyard Marriot (Marquis A) there will be a discussion of the report "Changing the Conversation: Messages for Improving Public Understanding of Engineering." Please check the addenda to the Conference Program for details. The full report will be available from the ASEE Conference website. Highlights include: survey of the public regarding their attitudes towards science and engineering; how students would rather be doctors, lawyers, or forensic criminologists because they want to be "successful, happy, and make a difference;" and engineers talk about how difficult it is to obtain an engineering degree. We must change the perception by changing our message. Tell students "Go for it!"

### **By-Laws Amendments (continued):**

Having completed her PIC IV report, Mary Anderson Rowland excused herself to attend another Division Annual Meeting. We then resumed the normal order of business and Mel DeSart continued our By-Laws discussion.

- Concern was reiterated regarding By-Laws changes being forced on Divisions by ASEE. One member will vote against the changes on principle and concern that such action leads to homogeneity within the Society. The irony is that they just established a Diversity Board. Mel responded that the main reason for the language added to our By-Laws (and all Division By-Laws) is to ensure that Division By-Laws do not violate the Society's By-Laws.
- Another member asked how often the ASEE Board meets? The ASEE Board meets twice a year, at this conference and in February. They met Sunday and approved By-Laws then and will meet Wednesday. Like ELD, they are looking at ways to streamline the By-Laws voting process (electronic voting).
- Another member questioned the wording in section three – why was "distributed" changed to "made available?" Mel responded that the language was "fuzzed up" on purpose. The new language permits consideration of By-Laws changes at times other than the Annual Meeting. Thirty days notice would still be required before consideration. Consideration would still be necessary before a vote. "Distributed" ties the hands of the EC to the ELD Discussion list. The new language permits distribution or notification of proposed amendments through means not yet dreamed of without having to change the By-Laws to

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accommodate every future means of communication.

- Voting on these By-Laws was not held at this meeting. Look for details about the voting to be sent out in the near future over ELD-L.

### Officer and Committee Reports:

Division Chair Report: (Kate Thomes for Jay Bhatt) new committee chairs and reappointments

- Webmaster: Julie Cook (new)
- Development: Stephen Stich (reappointed)
- Liaisons: Michael White (new)
- Membership: Amy Buhler (new)
- Publications: Craig Beard (reappointed)

Treasurer's Update: (John Teleha)

- As reported in the May Newsletter, the balance in our BASS Account as of March 2009 was \$10,640.96. Since March, sponsorships received, interest, and membership dues credited brings our total to \$19,723.43.
- Expenses for the conference will be paid in July and August and be reflected and reconciled on September's end-of-the-fiscal-year statement. After those payments, our balance should then be back around \$10,000.00.

Program Chair: (Amy Van Epps) had nothing to add to the May Newsletter Report and Kate Thomes responded "You are living it!"

Accreditation & Standards: (Danieanne Mizzy) The Committee is rewriting its Call and Mission Statements that appear in the Addendum to ELD's By-Laws. Changes have been sent to the Executive Committee. The May Newsletter mentions other activities.

Archives: (Paige Gibbs and Cecilia Mullen) Nothing to add to the May Newsletter Report.

Awards: (Alice Trussell) The Awards will be presented near the end of the meeting. Alice described how the Committee actively combs the literature searching for the Best of the Best. There will be an opening for a new member of the Committee as John Teleha is leaving to concentrate on other duties.

Development: (Stephen Stich) Nothing to add to the May Newsletter Report.

Duplicates Exchange: (Kate Thomes for Orion Pozo) Orion could not make it to Pittsburgh, but he reports that everything is "going very well."

Distribution Lists: (Mel DeSart) Nothing new to report.

Jstor: (Larry Thompson) Final Jstor Task Force Report appears in the March Newsletter. Nothing to add.

Liaisons: (Tom Volkening) Tom is rotating off. Nothing to add to the March Newsletter Report. Julia Gelfand reported that IFLA needs a new person for a two-year cycle.

Membership: (Julie Cook) Julie is moving to Webmaster, so this is her "retiring report."

- Thirty-six new members joined this past year bringing our active total to 254 members.
- One hundred members have registered for this conference, 13 of those are new members.
- Julie reminded new members to submit new member biographies to the newsletters.
- Julie thanked the members of her committee.

Mentoring: (Karen Andrews)

- Encouraged the 36 new members to contact her or another member of the committee.
- The committee has established a Wiki where ELD members can list their expertise.
- Since "Publish to Present" will provide challenges for members to write more papers, the committee will be actively recruiting editors to help review any papers that ELD members are working on (not just for the conference in Austin). [Editor's note: Use of this service is encouraged before final papers are submitted in SmoothPaper.]

Newsletter: (Willie Baer) Nothing to add to the May Newsletter.

Nominations: (Kate Thomes)

- Kate thanked Bruce Neville and Bob Heyer-Gray for running for Secretary/Treasurer and Linette Koren and Nancy Linden for running for First Year Director. Bob steps down from his Webmaster duties to be the incoming Secretary/Treasurer and Nancy will assume the duties of the First Year Director.
- As the incoming Nominations Chair, Jay Bhatt will be looking for members to run for these offices next January.
- Kate thanked Karen Andrews and Andy Shimp for serving on the Nominating Committee and Amy Van Epps for administering the vote.

Publications: (Craig Beard) Nothing to add to the March Newsletter Report.

Scholarly Communications: (Mel DeSart)

- As is evidenced by our outgoing PIC IV Chair, there is still much work to be done explaining the Copyright

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Transfer issue.

- Mel will contact current committee members and possibly be looking for more members to tackle issues that came up in the Special Interest Group session.

Webmaster: (Bob Heyer-Gray)

- Send presentations to be posted on the Conference webpage.
- The transition from UC-Davis to the University of Washington will take place this summer.
- All ELD Wikis will remain at UC-Davis.

Kate thanked all the outgoing Chairs for their hard work and the incoming Chairs for their willingness to serve ELD.

**Old Business:** None

### **New Business:**

- Publish to Present
- Copyright Transfer
- Certificate for Teaching (SPEED)

Dialogue and discussion on these and other topics were tabled until tomorrow afternoon during the **Professional Issues Forum**. Please plan to attend. Any discussion will be followed up on ELD-L.

### **Awards Presentations:**

Alice Trussell announced the winners of three of the four Division Awards.

- The ELD Best Publication Award honors the best new paper or non-reference monographic work in engineering information published in the previous year. Twenty-five articles were identified as being relevant to engineering librarianship. After the first reading, it became apparent that five articles rose above the others. After numerous e-mail exchanges, the 2008 ELD Best Publication Award was awarded to Megan Sapp Nelson, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, for her article entitled "Initiating Engineering Outreach Reference Services: Background and Practice" and published in Reference Services Review, vol. 35, no. 2, 2007, pp. 265-284. This article described one engineering library's effort to tackle the challenging job of reaching out beyond the walls of the library to the patrons needing service. Although Megan presented yesterday afternoon in the Boot Camp session, she had to return early to Purdue. Accepting the Award on her behalf was Amy Van Epps, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.
- The ELD Best Reference Work Award honors the best new reference work in engineering information published during the previous two years regardless of format. A dozen titles were considered and the winner emerged as the top choice due to its unique nature. The 2008 Best Reference Work Award was awarded to

Synthesis Digital Library of Engineering and Computer Science, Collection I. Published by Morgan & Claypool, Synthesis Digital Library is a collection of 100 electronic handbooks that each "synthesizes an important research development topic authored by a prominent contributor in the field." Synthesis Digital Library stands out as an example of a new model for scholarly communication. It incorporates one-time purchase, no maintenance fees, perpetual access, no digital rights management, and unlimited usage. Mike Morgan and Joel Claypool were present to accept the Award and each made brief remarks. Joel Claypool mentioned that receiving the Award was, personally, very meaningful. Synthesis Digital Library came about through discussions with knowledgeable librarians. Respect for and recognition of the ELD PUNCH List also helped contribute to publishing, marketing, and sales decision. Mike Morgan described how hard it is for a new publisher to break in when the climate is one of mergers and consolidations. Just a few years ago, there were 61 publishers and today there are now five major players. Electronic publishing is not as easy as it looks. He thanked ELD and its members for supporting and believing in new publishing models.

- The ELD Best Poster Award will be determined tomorrow morning from five posters and will recognize the work that is well-organized and communicates the content, presentation, and enthusiasm of the presenter(s). The ELD Posters will be displayed in the Exhibit Hall tomorrow morning from 8:30 am to 10:15 am. The ELD Best Poster Award will be announced during the Professional Issues Forum at 2:15 tomorrow afternoon.
- The ELD Homer I. Bernhardt Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to engineering librarianship. Nominating letters and distinguished vitae made the decision easy for the Committee. The 2008 ELD Homer I. Bernhardt Distinguished Service Award is presented to Larry Thompson, Associate Professor and Engineering Librarian, Virginia Tech [Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University], Blacksburg, VA. Larry was nominated for his strong leadership and dedicated service to ELD. Nominators mentioned his service to ELD through the officer track, chairing the Jstor Task Force, founding the Development Committee, and providing invaluable insight and experience by mentoring new ELD officers through many Program Planning Committees. Larry is a diligent researcher and dogged diplomat, eloquently expressing the Division's stand and needs to faculty, publishers, and vendors. Larry received both a plaque and the traditional "Bernhardt Hat", which he wore while giving his brief remarks. He stated that he had no idea he was being considered, but finally figured out that the ringleader must have been Jill Powell, as she was the only person in recent

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memory to ask for his vitae – but she gave a different reason for needing it. His first reaction was “Wow!” Larry’s first experience with ELD was 15 years ago (1994). This happened to be the 100th ASEE Conference and the last hosted by a University (University of Illinois at Champagne-Urbana). There were sixty (60) members in ELD at that time and the conference normally drew 30-40 members. According to Larry, a lot has changed within ELD, but the quality of the presentations and sessions has continued to be excellent. He cited as one example of how ELD was on bleeding-edge technology: back at that 1994 conference, there was a demonstration of a new way to maneuver through the internet - Mosaic. And ELD has never looked back. Larry mentioned that he continues to learn something new at every conference. He is constantly amazed at the creativity and research interests of the ELD members. Finally, he mentioned how great it is to be recognized by peers, mentors, colleagues, and friends.

- Alice closed by thanking the members of the Awards Committee (Craig Beard, Julia Gelfand, Aleteia Greenwood, Stephanie Hartman, Larry Schmidt, and John Teleha) for their hard work in a very short time.

### **Changing of the Guard:**

Kate thanked all the outgoing Officers for their hard work and the incoming Officers for their willingness to serve ELD. She also announced that at the end of this meeting, the new officers officially take over:

- Kate Thomes is the outgoing Past Chair / Nominating Chair;
- Jay Bhatt assumes the role of Past Chair / Nominating Chair;
- Amy Van Epps assumes the duties of Chair;
- John Teleha becomes the Program Chair / Chair Elect;
- Bob Heyer-Gray begins his role as Secretary / Treasurer;
- Michael White is the outgoing Second Year Director;
- Linda Whang moves to Second Year Director; and
- Nancy Linden comes on board as the First Year Director.

### **Last Item (not on the Agenda):**

Mel DeSart read a resolution prepared in honor of Kate Thomes retirement:

*“Whereas, she has given greatly of her time, support, wit and intellectual input to the Engineering Libraries Division of ASEE, and to many of ELD’s individual members, and*

*Whereas, she has recently served ELD in the four year succession of Secretary/Treasurer, Program Chair, Division Chair, and Immediate Past Chair / Chair of the Nominating Committee, and*

*Whereas, she has supported ELD most recently by her on-site assistance and logistical support of the Sunday patent workshop, by hosting this year’s ELD Welcome Reception at her library, by presenting at an ELD technical session this morning, and by chairing this business meeting,*

*Therefore, be it resolved that the members of the Engineering Libraries Division of the American Society for Engineering Education do hereby acknowledge and thank Katherine Thomes for her many contributions to ELD and its members, and offer to her our best wishes on her life after engineering librarianship.”*

### **Adjournment:**

An overwhelmed Kate Thomes called for a motion to adjourn. Moved and seconded. Meeting adjourned, 2:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

John C. Teleha, outgoing ELD Secretary / Treasurer

# Extended Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

## ELD EEC Meeting Agenda

Session 3641, 4:30-6:00 pm

Wednesday, June 25, 2008

Pittsburgh, PA

**Present: Michael White, Paige Gibbs, Danianne Mizzy, William Baer, James Van Fleet, Nancy Linden, Cecilia Mullen, Alice Trussell, Mel DeSart, Craig Beard, Bruce Neville, Tracy Gabridge, Stephen Stich, John Teleha, Jay Bhatt, Amy Van Epps, Julie Cook, Bob Heyer-Gray (rec.)**

Selected comments from evaluations of Richard Sweeney's presentation from non-ELD members were posted. There was a brief discussion on the popularity of the session and that far too many people were unable to attend the session because of the small room size. ASEE had photographer on hand to document session [ <http://www.asee.org/conferences/annual/2008/slideshow/index.php?category=4> ] and current ASEE President Sarah Rajala and former ASEE President Ron Barr were on hand as well, so hopefully the popularity of the session and the lack of seating were noted.

Meeting officially called to order by Amy Van Epps: 4:39 p.m.

Minutes from the June 27, 2007 EEC meeting in Honolulu, HI approved.

## AGENDA

1. **Discussion of Best Practices for Electronic Resources, punch list idea (20 minutes)**
  - a. Tracy Gabridge will join us for this discussion about a potential new project/task for ELD endorsement

Tracy discussed the stewardship and long term access issues for conference proceedings. Two ideas initially discussed were to update the ELD Punch List, which currently is geared more towards licensed electronic resources, to incorporate at-risk conferences or to create a separate guide for conference organizers.

Discussion: Many areas of Punch List would in fact pertain to conference proceedings. We would need to identify what areas need to be fleshed out, whether conference proceedings are incorporated into the Punch List or a separate document is produced. Perhaps a call could go out to the ELD-L list soliciting others interested in collaborating. Where would a group investigating this fit in...as part of Scholarly Communication or as a separate ad-hoc committee, or task-force?

Action: Subset of the Scholarly Communication group will look at updating the Punch List with an eye to the at-risk conference issues brought forward by Tracy.

## 2. Stewardship of ELD funds (10 minutes)

- a. Reprise from 2007 EEC meeting

Any felt more specific guidelines were needed for how ELD funds could be spent. ELD receives ~\$500 in funds from ASEE for operating account that does not roll over and generally has ~\$10,000 in BASS funds.

- b. A. Van Epps requested to gather information through 2007-08 and report back
- c. Report sent out in advance (FundsGuidelines.doc)

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### Guidelines for use of ASEE Division funds (BASS account)

These guidelines were developed in response to a question raised at the EEC meeting in 2007 at the Honolulu Conference by Amy Van Epps at the end of her year as Treasurer.

Uses for the ELD BASS account which don't need discussion/approval by some group of people:

- Reimbursement for membership materials
  - ◊ Balloons, new member ribbons, ELD buttons, etc.
- Reimbursement for framing and shipping (if necessary) of division awards certificates
- Reimbursement to program chair for gifts given to session moderators, outgoing division chair and special thank yous (local experts for locations, etc who are thanked)
- Snacks during the EEC meeting on Wednesday afternoon
  - ◊ In the event of a small sponsorship and willingness on the part of the sponsor to support an event for a sub-set of ELD, this can be covered by sponsor funds.

Uses which have been approved in the past, but still should have some conversation among the EC before funds are approved:

- Small gifts/thank yous for workshop presenters and guest speakers
  - ◊ In the event of no honorarium request a small thank you gift and/or letter of appreciation should be considered
- A/V, food and transportation expenses for Sunday workshops
  - ◊ Discussion of whether or not ticket prices for the workshop should be increased to cover these costs. Ticket costs need to be set well in advance of knowing how many people will register. There is already a mandatory \$25 administrative fee set by ASEE for all workshop registrations.
    - It was agreed to make workshop ticket price decisions on a case by case basis, as the costs can vary considerably if the session is on-site or off. Careful consideration to acceptable costs should be made when increasing costs above the mandatory \$25.
- Spending more than a sponsor has provided for a particular event/meal
  - ◊ Including for special room arrangements
- Extra A/V costs for a session, such as an internet connection or extra microphones
  - ◊ Value of the extra A/V may be a significant part of the discussion, extra microphones are much cheaper than a live Internet connection

The following items are typically covered through sponsorships. Expenses up to and including the sponsorship amount do not need approval, but should have the agreement of the development liaison and development committee chair. Below are some examples of sponsorship opportunities. These do not necessarily occur at all conferences:

- meal costs during fully booked days
  - ◊ e.g. box lunches after the SIG/Get acquainted session on Mondays
- travel, and 1 night lodging for distinguished lectures
  - ◊ ASEE covers registration for Distinguished Lecturers
- travel, 1 night lodging and registration (sometimes) for guest speakers

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These items were discussed and agreed upon during the Extended Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in Pittsburgh, PA. This document reflects revisions which resulted from discussion during the EEC meeting.

Additional Discussion: There was also discussion on sponsors providing funds for new librarians to attend the ASEE meeting. ASEE is opposed to scholarships. Because ALOHA/IOP sponsorship was a one time deal ASEE allowed it to go through. Sponsors could perhaps fund the pre-conference workshop and not individuals. ELD members can bring a student where registration is covered, however lodging and travel are not covered.

Action: Amy will revise based on comments (see above) and the document will be included in the Treasurer's Survival Kit.

### 3. Publish to Present status (20 minutes)

- a. ELD response
  - i. Use of panel presentations
  - ii. Effects on poster session
- b. Information regarding copyright transfer changes???

Discussion: We should see this as a way to encourage more ELD members to submit papers and to help promote ELD's profile within ASEE and with our own faculty. Not all ELD members are faculty and all may not have the same publication requirements. ELD members may need support on both ends of the publication process, both with mentoring and writing. Posters and presentations in the past have wound up being published later.

Action: Amy will write up a description of what she presented on Publish to Present at the Professional Issues Forum (see: <http://depts.washington.edu/englib/eld/conf/08/publish-present.docx>)

### 4. Paper submission process – a subset of item 2? (10 minutes)

- a. Quality of submissions, enhancing

Discussion: Do we want to create guidelines for the paper submission process? Guidelines for reviewers already exist, and ELD authors should be made aware of what reviewers are looking for. Mentoring wiki can host guidelines. Mentoring should be promoted more, perhaps an ad for mentoring/paper review service can be posted in the ELD newsletter.

### 5. Other issues & conference wrap-up

Discussion included:

- Get acquainted session: some new members didn't understand what SIG meant. Always good to be clear in communications and that get acquainted session is meant for all members.
- Get acquainted handout came out too late for people to have at the meeting.
- Some of the new members did not want to be singled out at the new member reception.
- Conference Buddies didn't happen this year, but will return. The program has been well received and found to very useful in the past.
- We do want to make sure that we do not try to guide new members too much and create an ELD bubble... part of the conference experience is to meet with faculty and other ASEE members outside the division.
- Should ELD have a booth at registration?
- Perhaps we could have a vendor sponsored hospitality suite post picnic on Sunday to help welcome new members. Again communication would be key, making sure new members understand they are encouraged to attend.
- Picnic issues: there were not enough stations/lines, and food was not covered when the wind started blowing. ASEE was worried that food had become contaminated.
- ELD poster session bubble: we would lose face time with faculty and broader impact of our posters if our poster session became an ELD panel session and was not part of the division poster session.

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### 6. Planning for 2009 in Austin, TX (30 minutes)

- a. Meeting chair switches to J. Teleha

### 2009 ASEE Austin Program/Session Ideas

Ideas are based on feedback from ELD members during the 2008 conference.

#### Distinguished Lecture or Guest Speaker:

- Karen Andrews – contact with astronaut/aerospace engineer
- Kristen Eschenfelder – DRM policies SAE and others – focused toward all ASEE – University of Wisconsin, Madison – Library School Faculty
- Jay Bhatt - Jean-Claude Bradley – Open Notebook Science – Professor of Chemistry at Drexel

#### Workshops:

- International Patents – cosponsor with Entrepreneurship Division
- Boot Camp on Writing and/or Presentation Skills (or include cheat sheet on presentation skills in a speaker's survival kit) – Nancy Linden
- Library 2.0 – use and misuse in engineering libraries (Second Life, Meebo, Facebook, etc.)
- Open Notebook Science and John-Claude Bradley (Drexel) was mentioned as a potential topic/speaker.

#### Collections:

- Weeding of print volumes when you hold access to the electronic version through JSTOR or another such archive
- Collections at Risk: technical reports, microfiche/film, and their preservation
- Engineering collections competing with other collections in small libraries
- Electronic vs. print collections management
- e-books – usage through citation analysis of undergraduate papers

#### Space planning:

- Architecture and space planning issues
- Retaining space – Can the physical library and digital library coexist?
- Space selection / deselection / library space repurposing

#### Data:

- Data handling – collecting, cataloging, archiving
- E-science / Data curation Panel Discussion
- Data manipulation – GIS and other types of applications collaboration
- Data management for engineers

#### Digitization Projects Updates:

- GWLA Project / TRAILS Project (and other technical report archives)
- Google Books Project
- Legacy resources – status of digitization efforts – backfiles, data, etc.
- What's available?
- Government information – what changes can be anticipated / expected in the next decade?
- What State or Local government portals do you find useful?

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### **New Models for Engineering Libraries:**

- Technical changes and digital publications are creating new challenges and opportunities for engineering libraries
- Session will examine opportunities that members can effect to bring about constructive change in their libraries

### **Disasters – Can you ever be prepared? Session similar to Bioinformatics but on a different “new” research focus (Julia will e-mail)**

### **Boot Camp (with different topics):**

- Very positive verbal feedback!
- Negotiation skills and practices
- Outreach
- Copyright and its implications
- Support of K-12 education
- Technical Reports and Gray Literature
- Materials properties – good panel discussion session – solicit specific papers or speakers
- That was then, this is now. How do we teach the standard resources in the electronic age?

### **From the New Librarian’s View:**

- Experience as a new engineering librarian
- Making successful connections with faculty
- Creating liaison opportunities
- Library to faculty outreach and visibility
- Marketing e-Resources and e-books

### **Successful uses of Second Life or other Virtual World in Engineering Education:**

- Evidence of learning
- Promotion of library or university programs
- Challenges, pros and cons, best practices, etc.

### **Panel Discussion – Students and Librarians Face to Face –**

- Panel or Round Table - asking questions of each other – awareness of resources and services
- “let’s do this every year!” – ELD member interviewing a panel of students – wealth of information
- What activities engineering librarians doing with library schools? Giving talks?

Teaching classes? And what impact are they making on the engineering library profession?

- Creative way to engage non-ELD folks at the conference (no specifics)

### **Information Literacy – are we ready for a break?**

- Nothing suggested, but we will probably still receive abstracts

### **Suggestions:**

- If it is very likely that our division might lose technical session slots, maybe a partnership with another Division. Possibilities suggested: the Liberal Education Division or ERM Division or Women in Engineering Division/WEPAN
- To encourage more faculty and engineers to attend our sessions, we need to give our sessions a more generalized title – one that does not use the word “library” in the title.
- Loved the Boot Camp!
- Patent workshop great! Repeat with specific issues or skills to focus on. International Patents.
- (SIG) Encourage group leaders to break groups up if there are more than 10 people. Loses the benefit of the small group discussion - which is the best part – if groups too large.
- Encourage presenters to think about how their project will be useful, usable by the larger group.
- Cheat sheet on good presenting / presentation skills?
- Person in the Women in Engineering division – particularly someone involved with WEPAN, which is Women in Engineering ProActive Network, who wants to develop a stronger relationship with the librarians in ASEE, find ways to help WEPAN, among other things.

Meeting adjourned by John Teleha: 6:05 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Heyer-Gray  
ELD Secretary/Treasurer

## Call for Nominees for Secretary/Treasurer and Director

The ELD Nominating Committee is looking for candidates for the Secretary/Treasurer and Director positions. The Nominating Committee consists of Karen Andrews, Dorothy Byers and myself. Please let us know if you are interested in running or in nominating someone for either of these two positions.

**Secretary/ Treasurer position:** The person elected to this position makes a commitment to the officer track of ELD. The Secretary/Treasurer becomes the Program Chair in the 2nd year, the Division Chair in the 3rd year, and the Past Chair / Chair of the Nominating Committee in the 4th year. The Secretary/Treasurer, Program Chair, and Division Chair are all on the Executive Committee as well as the Extended Executive Committee, and the Past Chair is on the Extended Executive Committee. These committees provide leadership to ELD as a whole. The person elected as Secretary/ Treasurer this cycle will be Program Chair for the conference in 2011 in Vancouver, Canada.

**ELD Director position:** Directors serve for two years. In the first year a Director is responsible for organizing the ELD Banquet at the ASEE Annual Conference and Exposition. During the second year the Director organizes the Welcome Reception at the conference. The person elected as Director this cycle will organize the Annual Banquet in 2010 in Louisville KY and the Welcome Reception in 2011 in Vancouver. The Director is also on the Executive Committee as well as the Extended Executive Committee for the two years of service.

A detailed list of the duties and responsibilities of the positions is at <http://eld.lib.ucdavis.edu/bylaws.php>.

Personally, it has been a great learning and networking experience for me during my terms as Secretary/Treasurer, Program Chair and Past Division Chair. My participation in these positions provided a number of opportunities to communicate with ELD members, other committee members, and even non-ELD ASEE members in programming planning, and coordinating events. I not only learned organizing and leadership skills, but also kept up-to-date with our profession, our jobs, our environments and with the impact of new technologies and faculty and student expectations on engineering libraries. As we learn more about our own evolving positions, ELD officers are in an excellent position to help transmit this knowledge to the entire ELD membership through our Annual Conference. So, please take this opportunity to consider either of the two positions outlined above. Remember there are many ELD members and past officers who have immense devotion and enthusiasm to help and mentor new officers. It is an important cyclic process that is vital and crucial for ELD members, and for furtherance of engineering librarianship to the next higher level.

Please contact Karen, Dorothy or me with any questions about serving in ELD and let us know if you are interested in running. Thanks, and have a great fall term.

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## Call for Papers

**What have you been working on? What have you accomplished? What collaborations have you achieved that you would like to share with your engineering librarian colleagues?**

**The Engineering Libraries Division of the American Society for Engineering Education needs you!**

ELD invites and encourages papers for technical and poster sessions and abstracts only for panel discussions. The topics should be related to engineering librarianship.

### **Suggested Session Topics:**

**From the New Librarian's View:** What has been your experience, either as a newly degreed librarian or a librarian new to engineering librarianship? What have you learned about making successful connections with faculty? How did you create liaison opportunities? Are you engaged in outreach activities or marketing electronic book collections?

**Boot Camp Basics II, Focus on Resources:** "That was then; this is now - traditional resources in the electronic age." Building on the very popular session from Pittsburgh (2008), presentations in this session should enlighten newbies and remind seasoned engineering librarians about resources still very useful, but neglected or forgotten in today's research environment. What should we not throw out when space becomes a premium? What tools do you use to find technical reports, societal papers, or other grey literature? What are the most useful tools for finding material or chemical properties?

**Boot Camp Basics III, Focus on Services:** This session would focus on basic skills or services often learned "on the job." What tips can you give others about negotiating with vendors or forming a consortium? What makes or breaks a license agreement? What do we need to know about copyright and all its implications? What support did you need to start your outreach or K-12 program?

**Data:** This session would focus on data handling and curation (collecting, cataloging, archiving), data manipulation (GIS and other collaborative efforts), or other data management for engineers.

**Digitization Projects Updates:** Are you involved with a local or national digitization effort? This session provides you an opportunity to show case your project or provide an update. Projects could include, but are not limited to Google Books, GWLA's TRAILS, government information, and other legacy resource efforts.

**Second Life or other Virtual Worlds and Engineering Education:** What are some challenges you have faced? What are the pros and cons? What are the Best Practices? How are you using them? What evidence do you have that learning has occurred?

**New Models for Engineering Libraries:** Technical changes and digital publications are creating new challenges and opportunities for engineering libraries. What opportunities are you engaged in to effect constructive change in your library or on your campus?

**Collections and Space Planning:** Can the physical library and digital library coexist? Are you weeding print collections as you gain access to electronic archives? What collections are most at

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risk? How does the physical collection compete for space with other collections, services or programs at your university? How are you tracking your e-book or e-journal usage? What other architectural and space planning issues have you encountered?

**Disasters - Can You Ever be "Too Prepared"?:** We learned about fires, floods, and chemical leaks at the very popular session in Hawai'i (2007). What has your library encountered? Presentations in this session should document their disaster and/or offer advice on how to cope when disaster strikes.

**Information Literacy:** While this session has become a staple of this conference, presentations and papers should put new twists on this popular topic. Are you implementing IL standards in engineering? Are you collaborating with faculty on successful infusions? Have you developed rubrics that work? What have you found to be effective?

### Suggested Workshops:

**International Patents:** Building on the popular Patents workshop at Pittsburgh.

**Boot camp on Presentation or Writing Skills:** We have lined up a possible contact already!

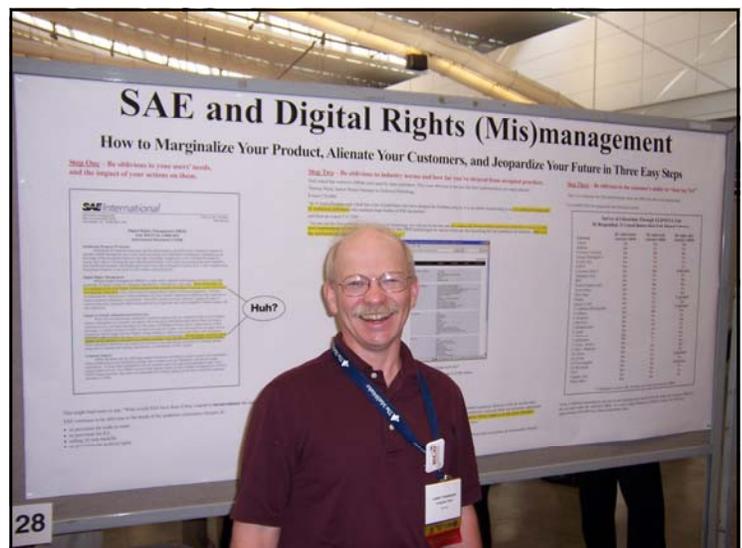
**Library 2.0 - Use and Misuse in Engineering Libraries:** Might be a technical session or panel discussion.

**Please Note:** Beginning Monday, September 8, 2008, you are invited and encouraged to submit abstracts for papers, posters, or panel discussions into **SmoothPaper** (<http://www.asee.org/SmoothPaper/>). The last date for abstract submissions is **Friday, October 10, 2008**. Additional Information can be found, including the Author's Kit, at <http://www.asee.org/conferences/annual/2009/SmoothPaper-FAQs.cfm>.

Remember: ELD is now a "Publish to Present" Division. As such, all posters and presentations will require a paper. Papers will be peer-reviewed for acceptance into the conference proceedings. Please take advantage of our Mentoring Committee's Paper Review service. Exceptions to "Publish to Present" requirement include guest speakers and members of panel discussions. The Program Chair will be contacting each principle author to determine if s/he plans to publish or plans to be on a panel discussion.

If you have questions or for more information, please contact the ELD Program Chair (please note the new telephone number):

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## New Members

**Jon Jeffries** is the new Biomedical and Mechanical Engineering Librarian at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. For the past two years he has been a research intern focusing on instruction and public services at Wendt Engineering Library at the University of Wisconsin--Madison where he received his MA-LIS in 2006. Jon graduated from Grinnell College in 2003 with a degree in English.

**Sandy Tucker** is Head of Science and Engineering Services and Head of Liaison Services at Texas A&M University Libraries where she has worked since January 2006. (See <http://library.tamu.edu/directory/s-tucker>.) From 1988 till 2005 she was Research Librarian and then Manager of Library and Information Services at Texas Transportation Institute. She currently serves as Chair of the Transportation Research Board's Committee on Library and Information Science for Transportation (<http://trblis.tamu.edu/>) and is a past chair of the Transportation Division of the Special Libraries Association. She holds an MLIS from the University of Texas as well as a BA from Washington State University and an MA from Indiana University.

**Janet Fransen** is an Engineering Librarian at the University of Minnesota Science and Engineering Library. She started in May, just after receiving her MLIS, and is a liaison to the Civil Engineering and Aerospace Engineering departments. Janet has a BS in Aerospace Engineering from the U of M so this transition feels a bit like coming home. Prior to earning her MLIS, Janet worked as a programmer, programming instructor, and technical writer.

**Tammy Stitz** is the Applied Sciences Librarian at the University of Akron since June 2008. Her subject areas are Electrical and Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science and Geology. She has a MLIS from Kent State University, as well as a BS and MS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Akron.

**Jalyn Kelley** is the Client Services Manager at IEEE. She provides training and support to librarians on IEEE online products, creates and distributes informational materials to increase user awareness of these products, and performs on-site and online training to end-users. She spent seven years as a Research Analyst at Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) providing strategic market and technical research to IT specialists in the field and developing key market and competitive intelligence in support of business developers. She has also previously worked as an Assistant Branch Manager at the San Antonio Public Library and a News Researcher at the San Antonio Express-News. She has a Masters of Library and Information Science from the University of Texas at Austin, a Bachelor of General Studies from West Texas A&M University. She is currently the President of the Texas Chapter of the Special Libraries Association (SLA).

**Julie Xu** is an engineering librarian at the Mississippi State University. Her subject areas include Aerospace Engineering, Industrial & System Engineering, as well as Mechanical Engineering. Julie received her MLS from University of Alabama in 2007 and started her current job in June 2008.



The ELD Directory of Members has been updated through September 2008, and is available on the Division web page.

ELD Members will receive instructions on accessing and downloading the pdf version using a password distributed in an email to ELD-L. The Membership Directory editor can also provide a copy to current members on request.

Remember that the Membership Directory is for the convenience and use of current members of ELD only, and not for commercial use or distribution! Please send all corrections, additions, comments and requests to:

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# Patent Information Users' Group Liaison Report

## Patent Information Users' Group Annual Conference and Exposition May 17-20, 2008

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The Patent Information Users' Group (PIUG) held its 20th annual meeting at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia, May 17-22, 2008. The theme of the conference was *20 Years of Patent Searching in a World of Emerging Technologies*. This important chronological milestone was marked by special presentations and social events celebrating PIUG. By the time the conference opened a record-breaking 391 attendees had registered, including more than 130 first time attendees. These included professional patent searchers, patent attorneys, consultants, university librarians, patent office employees and vendors. It was also one of the most international conferences, with participants from Australia, Canada, China, the European Union, India, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Switzerland, the U.K. and USA. In the exhibit hall, 24 vendors gave demonstrations of their products and services. For the first time, the EPO, JPO and USPTO (the trilateral offices) staffed a single booth.

Visit the PIUG website at <http://www.piug.org> for detailed conference information.

### Training Workshops

Seven vendor-sponsored workshops were held on May 18, including offerings from **FIZ Karlsruhe**, **Questel**, **Minesoft**, **Patent Insight Pro**, **Innography**, **Dolcera**, **VantagePoint**, **FreePatentsOnline**, and **Thomson Reuters**. The focus of Thomson Reuters' workshop was its new **Thomson Innovation IP** research and analysis system. USPTO patent examiners conducted two workshops on "USPC Classification Search Strategies".

### Keynote Speaker

**Catherine T. Hunt**, Rohm and Haas, Co. and immediate past-president of the American Chemical Society (2007) was the keynote speaker at the first plenary session on Monday. In her keynote speech, Dr. Hunt emphasized the importance of intellectual property in the global chemical marketplace. Maintaining and increasing competitive advantage requires in-depth understanding of the patent landscape, especially the presence or absence of "white space." In this environment, patent information professionals are more valuable than ever before.

### News from the Patent Offices

Representatives from the European Patent Office, Eurasian Patent Office and World Intellectual Property Organization gave updates on recent developments in patent information and online search tools. **Curt Edfjäll**, Vice President for Administration of the European Patent Office, spoke about the EPO's recent decision to renew its patent information policy, which was most recently updated in the early 1990s. The review was prompted by rapid technological changes, greater storage, cheaper and faster computing technology and the proliferation of internet access. The EPO Board reaffirmed its commitment to providing patent data to the public while increasing the number of people who use patent information effectively. To this end, the EPO will be expanding its machine translation services in esp@cenet and adding more online tutorials. It has also approached Google about including European patent data in Google Patents and will introduce a Google-like search box in esp@cenet. **Juneho Jang**, Senior Patent Information Officer at the WIPO, spoke about the challenges and demands from global users of patent information, the PatentScope® Search Service and WIPO's patent statistic products. **Andrey Sekretov**, Principal Specialist of the Information and Search Systems Department at the EAPO spoke about the EAPATIS search system, patent legal status data and the availability of Eurasian patent data in INPADOC and DOCDB databases.

### Technical Sessions

Approximately twenty papers and numerous product reviews were presented. Topics included Chinese and Indian patent information; latent semantic patent search engines; genetic sequence searching; free versus fee-based patent databases; patent information organizations in Europe; identifying valuable patents; due diligence research; patent citation analysis; patent classification; and U.S. patent reform legislation.

### PIUG 2009

The 2009 PIUG Meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in San Antonio, Texas on May 2-7.

## People & Places

### Linda Hall Library Appoints New President

Kansas City, MO--The Board of Trustees of the Linda Hall Library of Science, Engineering & Technology is pleased to announce the appointment of **Lisa Browar** as the library's new president. Ms. Browar will assume responsibilities beginning in September. When contacted recently about the appointment Browar commented, "The Linda Hall Library is one of Kansas City's most distinguished cultural institutions. I look forward to joining the Library's trustees and staff as it plans for a vibrant future."

Ms. Browar will be leaving The New School in New York City, where she was the University Librarian, a position she has held since 2002.

At Linda Hall, Ms. Browar will assume responsibility for leading this preeminent research library into a future that emphasizes a strong public profile, while building strategically on collections. "The staff looks forward to welcoming Lisa to the library and working with her to move the library into a new era of services and programs for our communities—locally and around the world," says Mary Moeller, Chief Operating Officer at the Linda Hall Library.

The Linda Hall Library, the world's largest privately funded library of science, engineering and technology, is open to the public, welcoming visitors and patrons. It is located at 5109 Cherry Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Library hours are Monday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Kathy Alshouse at 816-926-8727.

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In August **Willie Baer** started as the new Mechanical Engineering & Distance Services Librarian at Georgia Tech. He was most recently the Engineering and Physical Sciences Librarian at Wichita State University.

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ACRL/STS - vacant

ACS - vacant

ASIS&T - vacant

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IFLA - vacant

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PIUG - Mike White (through 2009)

SLA/Engineering - Mark O'English  
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