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Minutes of the Mid-South Chapter Executive Board Meeting September 3, 2009

The Executive Board of the Mid-South Chapter of SLA met on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. at Schering-Plough. In attendance were: Octavia Ashby, Kay Cunningham, Maureen Fitzer, Donna Foster, Rosemary Nelms, Jan Smith and Pam Walker.

Donna prefaced a discussion of the meeting schedule for the year by reporting on training sponsored by MALC on September 24 which will include information on EBSCO A-Z, a new federated search.

A desire for more collaboration between MALC and SLA, particularly in regard to training and education, grew out of a survey taken by members of MALC and SLA following the Joint Meeting in April.

Members felt that the money spent on catering would be better employed in providing professional development opportunities for the two organizations. One possibility might be to have vendors speak to our groups; Donna mentioned the Copyright Clearance Center as an example. Also officers from MALC and SLA have planned a program on Oct. 15 which will be an overview of social networking as it applies to libraries and research. Then every other month, a different module relating to this subject would be presented; some topics: blogs; YouTube, Facebook, MySpace, LinkedIn; RSS feeds, Twitter, mashups.

A discussion of the Mid-South Chapter 2009-2010 schedule followed. Meetings were tentatively scheduled on Thursdays on the following dates: Oct. 1, Dec. 3, Jan. 28 (membership meeting), March 25, April ? (joint meeting?), May 27 (charity meeting), Aug. 27 (board meeting).

It was decided that most of the scheduled meetings would be lunch meetings for social interaction and networking and that we would have two business meetings, one in the fall and one in the spring – dates to be announced, online on Interwise, so that members in other locations could participate easily. TLA will meet in Memphis in 2010; this conference should offer some training and networking possibilities.

Octavia reported on the SLA Alignment project which has occupied the national office of SLA since 2007. Some suggestions for changes (like a different name for the organization) arising from the research will be presented to local chapters later.

Donna reported on her SLA Conference experience (she particularly enjoyed programs on Twitter use by news media and mashup use in libraries.) She has been talking to Mary Ellen Bates since the conference about Bates' networking presentation. Kay mentioned a collaboration workshop that she had found helpful. Donna also thought we would benefit from hearing Tony report to our group about what he learned at the national meeting.

The Board Meeting was followed by a visit to the Schering-Plough company store.

*--Respectfully submitted,
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MALC Program: "Internet Skills for the Digital Century"

Make plans to participate in "Internet Skills for the Digital Century" on Thursday 15 October 2009 at **4pm**, expertly facilitated by Amy Poe, the staff development coordinator at First Regional Library. This event should be the first of many on the topic of Web 2.0, social networking resources, and the implications for libraries.

Space is limited, so please RSVP to Bess Robinson at merobnsn@memphis.edu (or call her at 901.678.8206) to reserve your seat. Prepare to be interactive.

Another in the series of fine programs brought to you by the Memphis Area Library Council (MALC).

**--Octavia Ashby, Vice President/President Elect,
MidSouth Chapter
Schering-Plough**



MPLIC Training Wiki

The Memphis Public Library has opened their training up to local librarians. For a schedule of opportunities, please go to:
http://www.memphislibrary.org/mediawiki/index.php/Trainings_by_Date

**--Donna Foster, President, MidSouth Chapter
Schering-Plough**



Call for Papers "Entering SLA's Next Century: Let the Good Times Roll" Success stories in action!

**SLA Contributed Papers: An opportunity to
share your knowledge!**

How are you putting your hard work into action? How are you using the long-planned, expertly-vetted, SME-approved technologies in your

library? How are your users responding to these new services?

If you have a success story to tell your colleagues, we would love to hear it! SLA is now accepting proposals for papers to be presented at its 2010 Annual Conference in the "Southern and Soulful City" of New Orleans, Louisiana, with the theme "**Entering SLA's Next Century: Let the Good Times Roll!**" Accepted papers will also be published on the SLA Web site.

Every SLA member is eligible and encouraged to apply. Proposals will be evaluated by a panel of SLA members in a blind review, and the best will be selected for development into full papers, which are due 7 May 2010.

Requirements for Acceptance

Paper topics should be related to library science, information management, research or other issues related to customer service, technology, or administration in special libraries. Proposals will be judged on their relevance to the conference theme, "Let the Good Times Roll", as well on the strength of the idea, quality of the writing, and potential member interest.

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Proposed papers must also meet these requirements:

- At least one author is a member of SLA.
- At least one author commits to presenting the paper at the annual conference.
- The proposal is received by the deadline.
- The paper has not been published in or submitted to any other publication or conference planning group.
- The author (and any co-authors) must be willing to sign a copyright assignment form that will permit SLA to use the paper in various formats.

Full guidelines, including formatting instructions, are available at www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2008/Conference/callforpapers/guidelines.cfm.

To view papers presented at SLA's 2009 Annual Conference, visit www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2009/Conference/contibpap.cfm

Deadlines

Proposals due: Submit an abstract of your paper via e-mail to chris.mulready@boeing.com no later than 18 December 2009. Abstracts should be 250-300 words in length, which is roughly one page in 12-point text.

Papers selected: Between 12 and 15 proposals will be chosen for development into papers. All applicants will be notified of a decision on 29 January 2010.

Papers due: Authors submit their completed paper and copyright assignment to SLA no later than 7 May 2010.

Papers presented: Authors will deliver a 15-minute presentation of their papers (along with three to four other authors) during a 90-minute session at the SLA 2010 Annual Conference, 13-15 June 2010.

We look forward to your submissions and to hearing how you have broken rules and built bridges in the information profession!

--Kristin M. Foldvik, *CMP, MBA*
Events Director, SLA (www.sla.org)

Director, Plough Library **Christian Brothers University** **Memphis, TN**

Christian Brothers University (CBU), a Catholic institution in the tradition of the Christian Brothers, invites applications for the Director of the Plough Library. The university has an enrollment of 1,773 undergraduate and graduate students and offers a full range of programs through four academic schools: Arts, Business, Engineering, and Sciences. See <http://www.cbu.edu> for additional information about the university and <http://www.cbu.edu/library/> for information on the Plough Library.

The Director is the senior library position, reporting directly to the Associate Academic Vice President and is expected to provide the leadership and management for all aspects of library operations, collections and technology. Expected qualifications include: ALA accredited MLS, three to five years experience in academic library administration, significant experience in using and managing informational and instructional technologies, excellent communication skills, and the ability to interface with faculty members.

Applications, including salary requirements, should be sent to: Library Search Committee, Human Resources Department, Christian Brothers University, 650 East Parkway South, Memphis, TN 38104. EOE/AA.



Children's Library Associate (part-time)
Burch Library
Collierville, TN

Job Description: Assists library patrons at the Information Desk. Plans and implements a weekly program for infants and a caregiver using the *Babygarten* curriculum. Plans and implements a bi-monthly evening story time for families with children of all ages.

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree. Experience working with young children and adults. Singing ability a plus. Library experience a plus. Must be willing to work some evening and weekend hours.

Send resume and completed application to: Children's Library Associate Search c/o Lisa Plath, Assistant to the Director, Lucius E. and Elsie C. Burch, Jr. Library, 501 Poplar View Parkway, Collierville, TN 38017. Applications can be obtained at the Burch Library Circulation Desk or at LSSI.com.

For position-specific questions, contact Jodi Hall, Youth Services Librarian, at the Burch Library Information Desk (901) 457-2601.



Adult Services Manager
Burch Library
Collierville, TN

The successful candidate will be a highly motivated team player, with good communication, writing and people skills, and a strong community service orientation. This position requires ability to multi-task and problem solve. The Adult Services Manager is responsible for management of the Adult Services Unit, including scheduling, supervision, coaching and assessing 1 full-time and two part-time reference associates, selection and management of the adult collection, budgeting, providing adult programming, creation of public relations materials, assisting at the Information Desk, creating and sustaining excellent internal and external customer service, assisting in the formulation and interpretation of policies and procedures, and acting as a part of the library's management team.

Full time, with flexibility to work evening and weekend hours; excellent benefits; opportunities and expectations for employee development; performs other tasks as assigned.

Qualifications: Masters of Library Science. Two years of progressive management or supervisory experience. Collection development experience. Adult services experience in a public library. Familiarity with MS Office programs, online databases and design of print materials

Send resume and completed application to: Adult Services Manager Search c/o Lisa Plath, Assistant to the Director, Lucius E. and Elsie C. Burch, Jr. Library, 501 Poplar View Parkway, Collierville, TN 38017. Applications available at the Burch Library Circulation Desk or at LSSI.com.

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Next Meeting

Online via
InterWise Software
Thursday, October 8
11:30 am-12:30 pm

Click the link – An agenda will be forthcoming before the meeting; watch your email

<http://spcorp.interwise.com/rtc/SyncEvents/EnterEvent.asp?campus=rtc&campusURL=spcorp.interwise.com&Lang=EN&external=111713>

Mid-South Chapter 2009-2010 Meeting Schedule*	
October 8	InterWise (web-based) business meeting
December 3	TBA
January 28	Membership meeting TBA
March 25	TBA
April ?	Joint meeting with MALC TBA
May 27	Charity meeting TBA
August 27	Board Meeting TBA
*All Dates and Places subject to change.	

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