



Mid-South Information: Bulletin of the Mid-South Chapter

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Next Meeting: January 29 Old Timers Restaurant Millington, TN

The Mid-South Chapter will meet at the Old Timers Restaurant in Millington, TN at 11:30 on Thursday, January 29. The address is 7918 "C" Street.

For information about the Old Timers Restaurant see their web site: <http://www.oldtimersrestaurant.com> The menu is also available online (<http://www.oldtimersrestaurant.com/menu.htm>) Choose from among sandwiches, salads, country favorites, barbeque from the pit, or catfish from the pond.

There are reservations under the name, Octavia Ashby.

RSVP to Octavia (email: octavia.ashby@spcorp.com) by Wednesday, January the 28th.

--Octavia Ashby, Schering Plough, Vice President/President Elect



Minutes of the Mid-South Chapter SLA November 13, 2008

The Mid-South Chapter of SLA met on November 13 at 11:30 a.m. at Schering Plough.

Members in attendance were Octavia Ashby, Christina Barnes, Kay Cunningham, Maureen Fitzer, Donna Foster, Rosemary Nelms, Jan Smith, and Pam Walker.

After lunch and before the Business meeting began, Donna presented our gift (an inscribed book clock) and our gratitude to Maureen in recognition of her longer-than-usual stint as President of the Mid-South Chapter.

After Rosemary distributed the minutes of the September meeting, Maureen asked that a clarification be made about the members of the committee planning the Joint Meeting in April. Cheryl will be representing MALC rather than SLA, so Octavia will join with Donna as members of the planning committee. Octavia also agreed to accept the Vice-President position of Mid-South Chapter for the coming term.

Rosemary reported that we have \$2,387.54 in the Treasury.

Since circumstances didn't allow the planned teleconference at this meeting, there was some discussion about when the annual membership meeting would be held. Donna suggested that we try to get distance education students from University of Southern Miss and UT who are working on an MLS involved in our local chapter. One method might be to obtain mailing lists of students and send SLA brochures to them.

Pam suggested that we look at other organizations with distance issues to see how they manage to communicate and share among a widespread membership.

It was eventually decided that we schedule the membership meeting on an evening in March,

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perhaps with appetizers on the menu instead of dinner.

After the business meeting was adjourned, Kay, who is Electronic Resources Librarian at the University of Memphis, demonstrated their snazzy new online catalog. She talked about some of the neat new features and explained the massive "behind the scenes" efforts that went into making it efficient and easy to use.

--Respectfully submitted

Rosemary Nelms, Commercial Appeal, Secretary-Treasurer



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The latest addition is Skype, the phone service you use from your computer.

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Area Positions

⌘ McCracken County Public Library Library Director Paducah, KY

Join the McCracken County Public Library as its new Director and help create the “wave of the future” for this bustling river arts community and its Library. Headquartered in Paducah, KY—a historic river town at the confluence on the Ohio and Tennessee rivers—the Library Board of Trustees seek a talented Director to lead the staff of 30 in developing and maintaining quality library services and programs as a vital part of this growing community. The McCracken County Public Library serves a county population of 64,765 from a 33,000 sq. ft. facility and loans almost 700,000 items annually to its 43,097 cardholders.

Responsibilities. The Director reports to a five member Library Board—appointed by the County—and will work closely with the community, the County, its citizens and staff to develop, implement and promote library services. Challenges and opportunities include: expanding the Library System’s visibility in the community; expanding collaborative partnerships; promoting the Library’s mission and goals; evaluating the library’s facility; and developing alternative strategies for enhancing the library’s \$2.4 million annual budget. Additional information about the library and the community can be found at <http://www.mclib.net/>

Qualifications. A master’s degree in library science from an ALA accredited program and at least five years of progressively responsible library experience in an administrative position managing professional staff and programs. Essential attributes include a strong understanding and ability to articulate the public library’s vision, mission and values to the community; collaboration and consensus-building skills; facilities maintenance and space planning experience; excellent interpersonal and team-building skills; a history of responsiveness to staff, customer and community needs and concerns; and sound fiscal management skills. Successful experience working with a policy-making board and collaborating with elected officials is highly desirable.

Compensation. The starting salary is \$62,000 or above (dependent upon qualifications) with an attractive fringe benefits package.

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*SLA Annual Conference Theme—“From
Information to Inspiration: Knowledge and
Vision Shaping the Future”*

SLA Adds New Dues Tier for Info Pros Making Less than \$18K

*With many facing layoffs and cutbacks SLA
members are able to rely on their
professional association to provide assistance in
tough times*

Alexandria, Virginia, November 12, 2008—Special Libraries Association (SLA), the premier global association for information professionals and special librarians, has added a third tier of membership dues for the full member class of membership. Dues for members with incomes of less than US\$18,000 annually are now reduced to US\$35 annually. Association members who fall into this category, including those who are unemployed, will have full access to all of SLA’s members-only services, including professional development, the SLA Career Center and networking opportunities. This initiative is an immediate response to the global economic crisis and will allow more members from around the globe to participate in the full range of SLA’s benefits. This dues structure will make membership in SLA

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affordable for members working in any economy, as well as those who are students, unemployed, part-time workers or retired.

“Members need the support of their association more than ever if they lose their jobs,” said SLA CEO Janice R. Lachance. “Our new dues structure will allow them to keep their professional skills and networks intact as well as provide them with the members-only SLA tools and resources the association provides to enhance their professional skills or find new employment. Being an SLA member even allows info pros to have access to discounts on health insurance as well as tuition at library and information schools.”

The new dues tier was proposed at a meeting during SLA's Annual Conference in Seattle with members from Australia, Hong Kong, India, and Japan. Many information professionals and special librarians in Asia and elsewhere make less than US \$18K annually and were not able to afford to join SLA. The new dues structure will make membership in SLA affordable for members in these income levels throughout the world.

“SLA wants to provide its members with the best possible services and resources, no matter where they live or how much they make,” said Lachance. “That means taking a close look at our dues structure from time to time in relation to world economies and other factors affecting our members' ability to participate.”

With this addition, SLA will now have three dues tiers for full members: One for members with incomes equivalent to US\$35,000 or more (dues of US\$160); one for members with incomes below US\$35,000 but equivalent or above US\$18,000 (dues of US\$99); and the third new tier for members with incomes below US\$18,000 (dues of US\$35).

The member benefit that allows members who become unemployed a one-time, one-year opportunity to pay dues of US\$49 is now unnecessary and will be eliminated. Members will now be able to pay the lowest dues as long as their income is below US\$18,000, regardless of their employment status.

About SLA

The Special Libraries Association (SLA) is a nonprofit global organization for innovative information professionals and their strategic

partners. SLA serves more than 11,000 members in 75 countries in the information profession, including corporate, academic, and government information specialists. SLA promotes and strengthens its members through learning, advocacy, and networking initiatives. For more information, visit us on the Web at www.sla.org

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US\$ 395 | January - 3 April

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