



NEWS FROM THE TORONTO MEETINGS

about the ALA logo and branding and case histories of how librarians have used the @ your library® brand to market library services. Check out the website (<http://www.ala.org/acrl/@yourlibrary>) and add your library's story to the list of case histories!

I look forward to seeing colleagues at the STS meetings scheduled for the ALA Midwinter meeting in San Diego in January.

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From the Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, Jeanne Davidson

Do you have ideas you would like to share with other science/technology librarians? Would you like opportunities to network and meet others? Do you have questions you would like help in answering? Working with others on STS committees provides opportunities to do all of these things. As Vice Chair/Chair Elect I will be appointing new committee members over the coming months. I encourage you to go to the STS website to read more about what the various STS committees do. Then fill in and submit the committee-volunteer form to let me know of your interests, or contact me directly at jeanne.davidson@oregonstate.edu.

Another opportunity for you to help STS is by responding to the member survey that will be linked on our website this fall. The results from this biennial survey are passed along to program committees, discussion

Publisher/Vendor Relations Discussion Group

The Publisher/Vendor Relations Discussion Group hosted a discussion on science and technology reference sources. Stephen DeCroes from John Wiley and Sons spoke about Wiley Interscience online interactive chemical databases. He talked primarily about three chemistry

Assessment Committee

The STS Assessment Committee, formerly known as the Comparison of Sci/Tech Libraries Committee, continued the discussion of its assessment survey begun during the Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia. The survey is intended to compile data on the patterns and trends of assessment current in sci/tech libraries, as well as the methods and techniques used to measure assessment. Members reviewed a draft of the

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a bibliography of assessment articles, and is developing a list of other ALA committees whose charge includes assessment or some similar type of evaluation of library collections, services, and programs.

A number of guests attended the meeting, including three Canadians who offered various ideas for programs. A discussion of the results from the assessment survey was also suggested as a future program.

Information supplied by Daria O. Carle

Continuing Education Committee

Current members discussed the composition of the new committee since there will be few returning members. The first task of the new committee will be to finalize and circulate the biannual survey of continuing education needs of STS members. Results will be distributed at ALA Midwinter to STS Council for dissemination to groups involved in planning conference programs and discussions sessions.

Other projects include the Sci/Tech Library Mentors and Continuing Education on the Web. Progress has been made in contacting mentors to verify addresses and continued availability. The committee will review procedures for collecting data on how the service is being used, and for contacting mentors. Discussion of the Continuing Education on the Web resource was deferred till Midwinter. The committee also agreed to survey members about the SLA proposal to enter into reciprocal agreements to allow ALA and SLA members to attend each other's workshops and pre-conference programs at member cost. The committee will convey the results to STS Council, which asked for a recommendation reflecting members' wishes on this matter.

Information supplied by Christina M. Desai

Government Information Committee

The committee will create an "Earth and Environmental Sciences" content category, and will continue to update our "Top 100 sci/tech government websites" webpage. We will monitor ALA listservs for government information news items relevant to STS members.

Government Documents Round Table Highlights:

The Round Table heard about the Canadian government's service-oriented, award-winning website, which provides subject groupings of links; see science

links at: http://canada.gc.ca/cdns/science_e.html. Superintendent Judy Russell presented an update on GPO news. All remaining physical bookstores will close, and the GPO is investigating print-on-demand services for depository libraries. The GPO and the Office of Management and Budget have agreed to a "solution for federal printing." Agencies will contract directly with printing contractors, expecting each contract to mandate two print copies and one electronic copy of each document for GPO. The upcoming book *Tapping State Government Information Sources* will provide an overview of publication programs by state. ALA's Patrice McDermott presented the "Washington Update," during which attendees learned that increasingly, government information is being withdrawn in reference to "national security." The eGov Act helps to establish standards and policy for online public access to government information.

Information supplied by Randall Halverson, Brian Quigley, and Julie Williamsen

Membership and Recruitment Committee

The STS New Members Orientation/Reception was held on Saturday, June 21st from 8 – 9 am in the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto. We had 10 'new' or potential members in attendance and 7 STS Council and Membership Committee members. Each Council member introduced himself/herself, and spoke for a few minutes on STS (benefits of membership, committee work, etc.). Then, each new/potential member talked briefly about his/her interest in sci/tech librarianship. This was followed by a brief question and answer period, then informal networking. The continental breakfast offerings were a very welcome addition.



The Committee is undertaking several recruitment/retention activities:

- ! Welcome letters for new STS members
- ! Letters & a survey (asking why STS membership was dropped) to dropped members
- ! "Thank you" letters to non-STS attendees of STS programs, events, and discussion groups
- ! Collaboration projects/opportunities with other units

Organization and Planning Committee

Only two members of the committee (Alison Ricker and Randall Halverson) were able to meet together during Midwinter. We continued our process of reviewing the STS Strategic Plan, specifically considering how the section's plan supports the goals of ACRL, as stated in the division's strategic plan. We also brainstormed activities that STS could pursue to support ACRL's goals more directly, such as engaging more systematically in outreach and collaboration with other professional organizations. The one incoming member of the committee is Jo Ann Calzonetti, University of Akron. Continuing members include Barbara Kern, University of Chicago, Lea Wade of Silver Spring, MD, Julie Yang, UC San Diego, plus Alison and Randall for a total of 6 members for 2003/04. Making progress as a committee will require more contact through email and possibly a telephone conference call in the fall, to continue the discussion more widely well in advance of the next Midwinter meeting. The committee must also continue its work to update the STS Manual pages on the web site.

Information supplied by Alison Ricker

Research Committee

The Research Committee sponsored the STS Forum for Science and Technology Library Research and the STS Poster Session at ALA 2003 in Toronto. Papers

<u>Day/Date/Time</u>	<u>Committee</u>
Friday, January 9	
8:00 - 10:00 p.m.	STS Council I
Saturday, January 10	
8:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Oberly Award Committee (closed)
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	2004 Program Planning Committee
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9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Assessment Committee
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Publications Committee
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Subject & Bibliographic Access Committee
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Publisher/Vendor Relations Discussion Group
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Discussion Group Chairs Meeting

<u>Day/Date/Time</u>	<u>Committee</u>
Saturday, January 10 (continued)	
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	General Discussion Group
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Organization and Planning Committee
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Research Committee (closed)
Sunday January 11	
8:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Government Information Committee
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Continuing Education Committee
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STS Electronic Communications Update

STS-L Listserv

STS-L is a moderated discussion group, open to all interested persons. It is sponsored by the Science & Technology Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

To join STS-L, send the following message to: LISTSERV@LISTSERV.UTK.EDU (do not include a period after EDU):

SUBSCRIBE STS-L First Name Last Name

The SUBJECT line should be left blank; if your e-mail software does not allow leaving this line blank, try typing only a period (.) in the SUBJECT line.

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