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PERSONAL MEMBERSHIP

SCRLC is now proud to offer Personal Memberships in the Council. Why do we want to do this? In 2003-2004, the Task Force on Restructuring Membership worked diligently to review the dues structure of the Council. Their hard work resulted in a recommendation, approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting in 2004, to do the following:

- Develop four levels of institutional membership dues based on operating budgets.
- Develop planned increases in dues so that the income from dues would be 10% of the operating budget state aid by 2010.
- Offer Personal Memberships for \$25 per year.
- Review the Dues structure each year.

• By joining as a Personal Member you will be able to attend our education and training activities at the member rate, you will be part of a professional network of library staff, you will get notices about our online newsletter, and receive other services we offer to individuals working in any of our member libraries or systems. If you are already employed by one these SCRLC members, you do not need to become a Personal Member. Go to <http://www.lakenet.org/personal.pdf> for more information and an application form. (JC)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At the Annual Meeting, the membership elected *Bernadette Hodge*, Librarian at the New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health, to represent special libraries for a first term 2005 – 2009. We are delighted to have her join the Board. Here is some information about Bernadette and NYCAMH:

- ***Bernadette D. Hodge, MLS, MS, RN***
Librarian/Information Specialist

In 1991 I earned a Master's in Library Science at the New York State University at Albany, School of Information Science. Prior to my librarian career, I had an eighteen- year nursing career in clinical, teaching and administrative positions in hospital, public health, and collegial settings and earned a Master's in Nursing at Russell Sage College, Troy, N.Y. Since 1993 I have been the Librarian/Information Specialist at the New York Center for Agricultural Medicine & Health (NYCAMH), located in Cooperstown, N.Y. where I integrate my nursing and education background with my health science librarian skills to provide information services to the Center's multidiscipline professional staff.

During 2001-2003 I worked part time as a Reference Librarian at the Fulton Montgomery Community College in Johnstown, N.Y., teaching library resources and served as liaison to the nursing division. Member of SLA, UNYOC/MVLA, and NYLA.

Publications:

Grassroots to Grassfed: Libraries Partner with Local Organizations to Address the Information Needs of Farming Communities in Upstate New York. Hodge, B. and Tanner, R. (2003) in *Outreach Services in Academic and Special Libraries*, eds. Kelsey, P. and Kelsey S. The Haworth Information Press, Binghamton, NY and co published in (2003) *The Reference Librarian*, No. 82, 107-124.

Information Seeking Behavior of Occupational Health Nurses: How Nurses Keep Current with Health Information. Lathey, J.W. and Hodge, B. (2001) *AAOHN Journal*, 49(2), 87-95.

An Occupational Health Nursing Education Program: Relevance to Nurses in Nonoccupational Practice Settings. Hodge, B., Ackerman, S., Evans, C., Erb, T. and Cook, M.L.W. (2002) *AAOHN Journal*, 50(6), 257-261.

About NYCAMH:

The New York Center for Agricultural Medicine & Health was established 1988 in response to the recognition of the unacceptable high rates of occupational injury and illness in New York State's agricultural industry. The NYCAMH Library & Information Center houses a unique collection of resources that support the Center's legislated mandate to provide research into the causes and prevention of agricultural injury and illness, education and prevention activities within the farm community, education of professionals serving the farm community, and clinical help for farm-related health problems.

Library resources include books, journals, videos, and databases on topics relevant to agricultural health and safety such as arthritis, asthma, Farmers' Lung Disease, hearing loss, injury, stress, toxicology, and zoonosis. The library catalog is a searchable database, which recently has been made available at each staff's desktop via the office intranet. Linked into this newly networked catalog is an automated circulation system that will allow staff to check materials out from their offices. Information services are also provided to the greater community of health and safety professionals and educators, colleges and schools, students, community organizations, and farmers. A newly established website www.nycamh.com provides information and links to other agricultural health and safety resources. Email contact via info@nycamh.com has increased the library's information dissemination capability to worldwide.

- We were very sad to lose *Diana Robinson* from the NY Fire Academy Library when her term on the Board ended this year. Diana has been a stalwart, concerned member of the Board for five years, always asking good questions and offering good advice. Like many special libraries, Diana's has lost staff and she was no longer able to give us the same time for Board work. Thank you Diana for all your hard work!
- There was some other good news and bad news about the Board. The bad news? In November, we learned that *Susan Currie*, who represents Cornell on the Board, had resigned her job and would need to relinquish her seat. The good news? Susan has taken a position at Associate Director for Public Services at Binghamton University and will stay on the SCRLC Finance Committee. The other good news? *Lynn Brown*, Associate Director at the Johnson School of Management Library will replace Susan in

2005. So farewell to Susan (sort of) and many thanks for great work on the Board, and welcome to Lynn. (JC)

Board Meetings

At their meeting on October 8, the Board approved the following:

- An LSTA proposal for continuing education activities related to The Library as Space or The Library as Service?
- The Resource Sharing Subsidy for regional libraries for 2003/2004. These funds help support the costs of libraries sharing resources with each other in the SCRLC region.

At their December 3 meeting, and subsequent conference call on December 8, the Board transacted the following business:

- Approved the Audit for 2003-2004. Once again, there was a clean audit with complimentary remarks from the Auditor.
- Accepted a new process for evaluating the Executive Director.
- Approved a new Long Term Disability policy with The Hartford Company.
- Elected *Lynn Brown* to fulfill the term of Susan Currie to represent Cornell University. Lynn is Associate Director of the Johnson School of Management Library and the Nestle Library in the School of Hotel Administration.
- Elected the following Officers of the SCRLC Board of Trustees:
 1. *Marilyn Dunn*, Hartwick College, President
 2. *Ristiina Wigg*, Southern Tier Library System, Vice President
 3. *Karen Creenan*, Finger Lakes Library System, Treasurer
 4. *Stephen Crandall*, Alfred University, Secretary.
- Accepted the report of the Review Panel recommending the distribution of RBDB funds for 2005.
- Discussed the Board Retreat to be held on February 14, 2005. The Board will begin work on the next Plan of Service due in 2006 by doing an environmental scan. (JC)

ANNUAL MEETING

It was a perfect fall day, there were zillions of birds, a flock of librarians also migrated in, and there was great food. What was going on? SCRLC's 38th Annual Meeting was held October 8, 2004 at the wonderful Lab of Ornithology at Cornell University. The new Lab is a beautiful building with stunning woodwork and furniture, lovely surroundings with pond and woods, and a beautiful library overlooking the pond. *Jacie Spoon*, Library Director at the Adelson Library was a gracious host, *Michael Borges*, Executive Director at the New York Library Association was the keynote speaker on library advocacy, and *Barbara Lifton*, Assemblywoman from the 128th District also spoke on how best to advocate for libraries.

We were delighted to give the SCRLC Award for Outstanding Service to the Dues Restructuring Task Force for their long, hard work on how to change our membership dues in a way that was fair and effective.

Members of the Task Force were:

- *Donna Reigel*, Broome County Public Library, Chair
- *Sue Bretscher*, Lourdes Hospital
- *Karen Creenan*, Finger Lakes Library System
- *Judy Lauer*, Supreme Court Law Library, Binghamton
- *Diane Talbut*, BAE Systems Control
- *Ann Voorhees*, Cayuga Onondaga School Library System
- *Gail Wood*, SUNY at Cortland (JC)

PEOPLE

We were saddened to learn of the death of *Dan Kissane*, Reference and Instruction Librarian at SUNY College at Oneonta. He will be missed.

We were very sorry to hear that *Eileen Deemie*, long time librarian at IBM Endicott lately named Huron Real Estate Associates, lost her job recently and the library was closed down. This library had been a member of the Council since 1970 and Eileen has been a faithful friend of the Council for many years. We will miss you Eileen but hope that some good luck comes your way soon.

We are pleased to hear that *Frank McBride* who retired from Alfred University in the summer, is now Director of the Whitesboro Public Library in the Mid York Public Library System. (JC)

FOCUS GROUPS

Need to know what your users think about your information literacy efforts? What do the faculty think about remote storage? Do you need more details about LibQUAL™ results? Focus groups might help you with some answers. Staff at SCRLC will work with you to hold focus group sessions to gather information as you review services you already offer or if you are planning new services. We will help you plan the focus groups, devise questions, hold the sessions, analyze what we heard, and then give you a report. Contact Jean for more information at 607/273-9106. (JC)

RBDB PROJECTS, 2005

The Review Panel met in November and recommended the following projects to be funded from RBDB funds in 2005:

- \$35,000 to SCRLC to manage the regional resource sharing program.
- \$154,835 to SCRLC to support three databases for regional libraries.
- \$3,000 to the Cayuga Onondaga School Library System to complete the retrospective conversion in their system by converting the St. Joseph's library records.
- \$15,500 to the Finger Lakes Library System to continue converting records from the Cortland Free Library.
- \$11,051 to the New York Historical Association to continue converting records in the NYSHA collection.

These recommendations assume full funding of the program. The Review Panel also offered some useful suggestions for the ACITS Committee and the Council – see the full report at <http://www.lakenet.org/rbdb.pdf> (JC)

SPRING 2005 PROGRAMS

It's a Brand New Year – What Do You Need to Know Professionally?
SCRLC is proud to announce our early Spring 2005 programs –

NOVEL & The SCRLC Suite of Databases: How to TEACH Databases

January 28, 9:30-3:30 – Robert Lackie, Rider University

Broome County Public Library, Binghamton \$30/members \$40/non-members

Treat yourself (and your patrons) to even better training sessions in 2005. Popular presenter, Robert Lackie, will concentrate on the pedagogy (teaching) skills we need to effectively and enjoyably teach our patrons, students, and coworkers to use the NOVEL and SCRLC Suite of databases. These skills will transfer to all types of computer and Internet training sessions.

Building Bridges Between Libraries and Faculty

February 25, 9:30-3:30 – Carla List-Handley, SUNY-Plattsburgh

Broome County Public Library, Binghamton \$55/members \$70/non-members

The roads to information literacy are and should be varied. It requires librarians working *with* departmental faculty to build them well. Proven strategies will help you forge stronger partnerships with your faculty and

teaching staff. Carla List has led numerous workshops in recent years including “Build a Better Graduate: Incorporating Information Literacy into Your Curriculum” and “Teaching as Performance.”

Beyond an Apple a Day: Health Information for Patrons, Patients, and Consumers

March 4, 9:30-2:30 – Margrete Falls, National Network of Libraries of Medicine

SE Steuben County Library, Corning \$20/members \$25 non-members

This hands-on class includes the information seeking behaviors of patrons, and conducting a health reference interview. It will address online resources, core reference works, databases, and periodicals. Great for public, academic, and medical library staff.

Basic Book Repair and Cornell Tour

March 23, 9:30-12:30 – John Dean, Cornell University

Kroch Library, Cornell University, Ithaca \$30/members \$35/non-members

A practical lecture and demonstration of book repairs will prepare you to respond expertly to books which are “broken” by readers, but too popular, expensive, or rare to be discarded. After the demonstration enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of Cornell University Library’s Department of Preservation and Collection Maintenance.

Nursing and Health Resources You Can Use

April 15 9:30-4:00 Joan Seidman, National Network of Libraries of Medicine

Holiday Inn-Cortland, Cortland \$15/members SCRLC, CLRC, UNYOC \$25 non-members

The first 4 hours of this MLA accredited session will concentrate on online nursing resources such as web-based health sites, online courses, and consumer health sites, including MEDLINE and MedlinePlus. The second part of the day will focus on health and medical sites for complementary and alternative medicine, drug information, and more; including finding Internet discussion groups and current awareness technologies.

South Central Regional Library Council

Registration Form: Please email kjackson@lakenet.org, send or fax this form and payment to:
SCRLC, 215 N. Cayuga St., Ithaca NY 14850 Telephone: 607-273-9106 Fax: 607-272-0740

Name _____

Institution _____

Address _____

Telephone (day) _____ Fax _____

Email Address _____

Please list sessions and fees for which you would like to register:

_____ SCRLC member
Includes members of public and school library systems
_____ Non-member

Total Workshop Fee _____

MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express (please circle one)

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Credit Card# _____ Exp.Date _____

SCRLC NOW HOSTING DISCUSSION LISTS

Does your library need an email discussion list? Since 1994, SCRLC has hosted over 100 Majordomo discussion lists for our members. We are pleased to offer this benefit again, and now you can easily manage your list with the user-friendly, web-based interface of MajorCool. Just fill out this form, <http://www.lakenet.org/maillinglistrequest.html> , and we'll help you get set up. (KJ)

CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT, CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND OUR REPORT CARD

The statewide series of workshops sponsored by the NY3Rs, and funded with support from LSTA funds were completed in August but there were various follow-up events such as programs and poster sessions at the NYLA conference, a summary of each library's progress, and a program at the ACRLC conference in 2005. SCRLC staff participated in the workshop series, and as part of their homework, staff chose the annual report card that we send to member libraries as a service that desperately needed improvement! As a result, we have revamped the way we produce the report, streamlined the process, improved the format, and with luck and our rapid cycle improvement skills, members will receive their report in February, 2005. This report is one way to answer the question 'What do I get for my membership?' The Report Card provides information on the contributions that the member library or system made to SCRLC and the region and shows what benefits the library received as a result of their membership in SCRLC. The Report is also used by many libraries to show their administrations the return they get from their investment of membership dues. (JC)