NOMINATIONS — 1981 OFFICERS

This year's Nominating Committee has been appointed, and the following members have agreed to serve:

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Stockton-San Joaquin County Library
(209) 944-8304

Jay Cunningham
California State Library
(916) 322-4480

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Beverly Hills Library
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Momoko Murakami
UCLA Law Library
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Three officers are to be elected: 1st Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer/Membership Chairman. The office of 1st Vice-President implies a 3-year commitment and, according to the Chapter Bylaws, this year's nominees should come from the southern portion of the State.

Balloting will be by mail. Again consulting the Bylaws, ballots must be in the mail to the members by October 24th. Ballots must be returned to Mike Randall, Treasurer, postmarked no later than November 7th. Results will be announced at the annual business meeting at the CLA Annual Conference on December 9th.

The slate is due on October 17th. If any members have any suggestions or recommendations, the Nominating Committee would welcome them.

--Pat Thomas
Burlingame Public Library
President, CLA Tech. Serv. Chapter

AACR 2, AGAIN...

On October 24, 1980 a one-day workshop on AACR II will be held in Sacramento. This event will be co-sponsored by the CLA Technical Services Chapter, North and the Northern California Technical Processes Group, and will be a repeat of the very successful, over-subscribed meeting that was held in May.

The morning speaker will use slides developed by the ALA Institute on AACR II to discuss such topics as choice of access, form of entry, and highlights of description under the new cataloging rules. In the afternoon participants will meet in small discussion groups.

The program is slated for 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento. Registration information should have been received by NCTPG and CLA Technical Services Chapter members in mid-September. Register early, as there's space for only about 100. For more information or

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for registration forms contact either:

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS

The Fall meeting of the Executive Board was held September 8 at UCLA's University Research Library. The main order of business was planning the Chapter's program for the CLA conference in December (see page 3 for details). Selection of a nominating committee for the election of 1981 officers was also on the agenda. Members of the Executive Board are President, Pat Thomas (Burlingame Public Library); 1st Vice President, Bill Way (Riverside City and County Public Library); 2nd Vice President, Liz Dickinson (Stockton-San Joaquin County Library); Secretary, Anne Frank (University of California, Irvine); Treasurer, Mike Randall (UCLA). Please contact any of us about any questions or suggestions you may have about chapter activities.

--Anne Frank
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance, February 29, 1980 $415.16

Income
Dues $248.00
Automation workshop 300.00
Total income $548.00

Expenses
Printing, postage $ 82.76
Automation workshop 180.78
Supplies 10.15
Total expenses $273.69

Balance, September 8, 1980 $689.47

Total membership: 132

--Michael H. Randall
Treasurer
CLA PROGRAM: A PREVIEW

"CONVERSION AS A NON-RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE" is the topic of the Technical Services Chapter program for the 1980 CLA Conference in Pasadena. Place, date, and time are: Pasadena Convention Center, Tuesday, December 9, 9:30-12:30. The program will consist of a panel of librarians representing both public and academic libraries discussing their conversion projects. Emphasis will be on practical information and there will be ample time for questions from the audience. Don't miss it! More information in the November issue of Tech Notes.

--Anne Frank
UC Irvine

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*LITA CONFERENCE ON SERIALS AUTOMATION: A REPORT*

The latest well-run, informative LITA conference was held September 4-5 in Milwaukee and dealt with "Serials Automation: Acquisition and Inventory Control." Dan Tonkeray, Head of Technical Services at UCLA, keynoted the conference by stating that no area of library operations is in greater need of automation than serials, considering the high costs of manual serials control. He feels that there are many reasons for the relative lack of progress in the area of serials automation, including the difficulties caused by the nature of serials themselves, and the lack of a national serials database and standardized formats for holdings statements.

From the presentations of several of the conference speakers, the elements of an ideal online serials control system became clear. Such a system would include: check-in, next expected issue prediction, detailed holdings statements, claims, payment records, bindery control, routing information, and online public access to serials holdings. According to the speakers, only two systems in this country meet the ideal: UCLA Bio-Med's system and Northwestern's NOTIS. Both of these systems were on display at the conference and were very impressive. Commercial subscription agents were also represented at the meeting. Representatives from Faxon and EBSCO described their systems, both of which aim to be total online serials control systems. These two systems are in the testing stage right now.

Michael Gorman, Univ. of Illinois, ended the conference in his characteristic fashion by suggesting that rather than trying to control serials, librarians should direct their efforts at trying to eliminate serials altogether. He suggested that an alternative to the current expensive serials situation would be an SDI service which would supply tailor-made groups of articles to individuals. Since we are stuck with serials for the foreseeable future, Mr. Gorman did offer some concrete suggestions for handling them, and stressed that serials control systems should be developed on the state or regional level, rather than by individual libraries.

--Sue Metzger, UC San Diego

The CLA Technical Services Chapter exists to provide a forum for the exchange of information, ideas, and experience on all aspects of technical services. Join today!

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