PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Prior to the Annual Conference in Long Beach I would like to review the progress of the organizational efforts for the Technical Services Section. Following the meetings in June at Riverside and at Santa Clara University, five committees were set up to expedite the organization of the new Section. These are described in detail in the August issue of TECH NOTES. They include:

1- The Organization Committee, chaired by Diane Bebber, San Diego Public Library

2- The Membership Committee, co-chaired by Nancy Slight-Gibney, Santa Clara University and Ruth Boyer, University of California, Irvine

3- The Newsletter Committee/Editorial Board, chaired by Randal Brandt, Editor of TECH NOTES, California Indian Library Collection, Berkeley, California (note Mr. Brandt's new address)

4- The Program Planning Committee, chaired by Derry Juneja, Riverside City/County Public Library

5- Executive Committee, co-chaired by incoming President, Arlene Schwartz, County of Los Angeles Library, and Celia Bakke, Section convener.

All of these committees, with the exception of the Newsletter Committee, will be meeting during the Annual Conference. At this writing the time and place for each meeting has not been set. Please check with the particular committee chair if you are interested in attending any of these meetings. The Executive Committee will be meeting in closed session.

CLA statewide elections will be held in June 1993, and until then the Section will operate with its existing officers, who will constitute, with the aforementioned Committee Chairs, the Executive Committee. They are:

President: Arlene Schwartz, County of Los Angeles Public Library
Past President: Roy Ortspan
Treasurer: Ruth Boyer, University of California, Irvine
Assembly Representative: Vivian Pisano, Oakland Public Library; Vivian will continue as the Chapter Secretary until elections are held
Section Convener: Celia Bakke, San Jose State University

Included in the charge of the Organization Committee is "To establish the basic structure for the Section." This includes formulation of by-laws which are needed to provide the basis for the governance of the Section, by-laws which should be in effect in order for the Section to hold elections for officers in conjunction with the statewide CLA elections.

This issue includes a summary of the scheduled programs for the Annual Conference, which are described in detail in the August TECH NOTES.

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As my term as President comes to a close, and I turn over the reins to Arlene, I want to comment on what has been an exciting and rewarding year for me. When I assumed this office, the Technical Services Chapter was faced with a number of decisions regarding its future. Few of us could predict a year ago what the reconstituted California Library Association would mean to our activities, and I would not want to predict what the new Section that we have seen developing will be like a year or more from now. What is certain is that each of us has an opportunity to determine what that will be. We have all belonged to organizations, I am sure, or had jobs in libraries, where if we just have the chance we would "organize things differently." Well, now we do. We have the opportunity to make the new Technical Services Section what we want it to be. So, I want to make a special plea to all of our members to undertake an active role in the larger California Library Association and to join in the organizational efforts that lay ahead for the Section. I urge all of those who can to participate in the existing committee structure; committees need have enough members. Or help to plan a program or programs, propose a new committee, but above all be a part of what promises to be a revitalized Section of CLA.

If you are interested in participating, contact one of the committee chairs or Celia Bakke, TSS Convenor (408) 924-2717. Join us in our activities. Let's get started!

LeRoy D. Ortopan
President, Technical Services Chapter

CONFERENCE PROGRAMS IN LONG BEACH

The Technical Services Section will be sponsoring five programs at the Annual Conference in November.

Sunday, November 15, 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Business/Program Meeting: Microcomputer Access to the Public Catalog. Includes presentations on access, training and support, cost, and whether the public and we are ready for this. Speakers include:

Norm Reader, Library Programs Administrator, Torrance Public Library
Sharon Page, Database Management, County of Los Angeles Public Library

Monday, November 16, 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Access to Collections: Collection Management Strategies - Storage on Site or Remote Access. Topics covered include planning/implementing access, storage, and delivery, with a look at the California State University, Northridge, automated storage facility. Speakers include:

Doug Davis, Associate Dean, CSU Northridge
John Kountz, Senior Associate, California State University, Chancellor's Office
Phyllis Young, Collection Development Coordinator, County of Los Angeles Public Library

Monday, 10:30-Noon

Electronic Business Advantage. Dealing with electronic data interchange between libraries, and their parent organization, and publishers and suppliers. Speakers include:

Sharon C. McKay, Vice-President, Marketing, CASPR, Inc.
A Blackwell representative
Monday, 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Enhancing the Catalog: New Tools and Services. Includes a discussion of the market-testing of the Dewey tables on compact disc, participation in the national project to add subject headings to catalog record for fiction, machine-readable cataloging for government documents, and contracting library services. Speakers include:

Pat Thomas, Head Cataloger, Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library
Norm Reader, Library Programs Administrator, Torrance Public Library

Tuesday, November 17, 10:30-Noon.

Telecommunications - Many Changes in Our Future. Includes a discussion of changes for next 10 years in telecommunications: fiber-distributed data interface (FDDI), wireless links, ISDN, virtual private networks, satellite links, questions of rewiring vs. plugging into new circuits seamlessly, the costs, and whether our business partners are working toward this end, and how libraries can influence the industry. Speakers include:

Dr. Fred Chang, Vice-President, Public Sector Markets, Pacific Bell
Dennis Shelley, Chief of Telecommunications Planning, County of Los Angeles

Mark your calendar and plan to attend what should be a stimulating group of programs.

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OPEN FORUM ON ASSOCIATION DUES

An Open Forum on Association dues is scheduled for Monday, 16 November, 10:30 a.m.-Noon, conflicting, unfortunately, with one of the Section's program scheduled for the same time slot. The Forum will provide an opportunity for an open discussion of the proposed dues structure for the Association, as well as the dues structure for individual Sections and Rountables, and some members may choose to attend.

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S PROGRAMS

Over the past year the Section has presented and cosponsored a number of excellent programs. Included were the following:

SECTION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

The Chapter held two organizational meetings to solicit input from the membership on how to construct and organize the new Technical Services Section which was approved by ballot in May. The first meeting was held at the Riverside Public Library on June 5 and the second at Santa Clara University Library on June 17. The minutes from these meetings will be found in the August issue of TECH NOTES.

INTERNET/PROCOMM PLUS WORKSHOPS

The Northern Region Microcomputer Discussion Group sponsored three workshops in the use of Internet in February, May, and June at the University of California, Berkeley. These were hands-on sessions with demonstrations in the use of Internet for electronic mail, and dial-up access to various online catalogs and computer bulletin boards. The workshops were conducted by Jack Kessler and other students at the School of Information Studies, UC Berkeley. In September the Section co-sponsored, also at UC Berkeley, a workshop on the use of Procomm Plus.

AUTHORITY CONTROL PROGRAM

On March 27, 1992 the Section cosponsored, with the Northern California Technical Processes Group (NCTPG), a workshop at Dominican College in San Rafael entitled "Authority Control: What, Why, Who, and How?" Featured speakers were: Brian Schottlender, Asst. University Librarian, Technical Services, UCLA; Marguerite Horn, Serials Librarian, UC Davis; Steve Rowley, Marketing Representative, AutoGraphics; Ed McBride, Automation Coordinator, San Francisco Public Library; and Daniel Pitti, Authorities Librarian, UC Berkeley. See the report in the April issue of TECH NOTES.