FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Hi! I am Nancy Neal from the Palos Verdes Library District and I am very proud to soon be serving as the new Access, Collections, and Technical Services Section President. I know many of you from conferences and workshops and from my activities throughout the state. I look forward to meeting or talking with the rest of you in the coming year.

I will need lots of help and guidance from each and every one of you in order to follow successfully in the steps of the able leaders of the Chapter/Section before me. Feel free to call (310-544-3863), write (P.O. Box 8000, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274-8000) or fax (310-541-0095) whenever there is something you think I or the Section should know about or be doing.

You, the members, after all, are the most important part of CLA and its success. We on the executive board of the Section will be here to serve you and be responsive to your needs. We hope you will call upon us to assist you. I would especially like to encourage you to volunteer for committees and other assignments that come up throughout the year. We need your help in remaining viable. That equates to members. Share your enthusiasm for CLA and the section with everyone you know who is involved with Access Services, Collection Services, and Technical Services. Your involvement with the organization will make us all stronger.

CLA remains the single state-wide organization where you can network with other library professionals in areas of interest to you. CLA is multi-type and has something for everyone no matter what the size of your library. It has much to share and much for you to learn.

When times are lean, we must increase our involvement with our profession. We must stay current with the latest trends that technology brings to libraries. We cannot afford to lag behind in learning new ideas. You can look forward to workshops throughout the state in the next year.

I hope to see you in Oakland at the annual conference. Visit the vendors, attend the programs, and join us at the business meeting for breakfast (Sunday, 8:30 a.m.) and help plan a great year for the Access, Collections, and Technical Services Section.

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT

I am glad I have the opportunity, through this issue of Tech Notes, to introduce myself. I am Stephanie Beverage, your new Vice President/President-Elect of the ACTSS. You will be hearing more from me over the next year, and I want to hear from you. We all have a terrific opportunity to make the Access, Collections, and Technical Services Section an active and important arm of CLA. With the reorganization, we can set the Section on the right course, and make sure that the issues and concerns of the members are addressed in a constructive and pragmatic fashion. I want to encourage everyone to express their opinions and ideas that way we can all make a difference, and have a Section that is valuable, useful, and interesting for all the members. I look forward to seeing everyone in Oakland.

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BREAKFAST BUSINESS MEETING

The Section officers, new and old, hope to entice you to attend and participate in the annual business meeting by providing you with a continental breakfast as well as news of the Section. The meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning, November 14, at the conference hotel. The business meeting is an opportunity to meet and thank the officers and committee members for their efforts throughout the year and volunteer your ideas for the Section for next year. Topics to be addressed include workshops and program ideas, membership, and Tech Notes. The new by-laws will be discussed and the current newsletter committee will submit a recommendation regarding the future directions of our Section newsletter.

Bring your appetite, your enthusiasm, and your ideas to the meeting. We'll help to awaken you but will need your help to arouse the Section to fully address its mission statement.
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BYLAWS UPDATE

Thank you to the Organization Committee and Celia Bakke, our Section Convenor, for their hard work over the last few years (Yes, it took two years!) in establishing the Section under the new CLA structure and in developing the bylaws to govern it. The Committee members are Stephanie Beverage, Liz Nichols, Vivian Pisano, Nancy Slight-Gibney, and Richard Watts.

The bylaws have been submitted for final approval to the CLA Executive Board. The next step is to have the membership ratify them at the CLA Conference during the Section Business Meeting on Sunday, November 14 at 8:30 a.m. Copies of the bylaws will be available at the meeting.

The committee and Section Executive Board utilized the model bylaws for the most part in order to provide consistency with other Sections within CLA. The option to allow for the establishment of Interest Groups and Discussion Groups within the Section was incorporated into the bylaws. Standing Committees will also be formed as needed to perform the operational and business activities of the Section. We hope this structure will allow for maximum participation in the organization.

An important change in the new CLA structure permits for an Assembly Representative from the Section. This elected officer will serve to strengthen the relationship of the Section in CLA. Vivian Pisano will continue to serve in this capacity, presenting Section issues and policy questions to the Association.

More work is needed to fine tune some of the day-to-day operations issues, but I believe we have provided the framework and freedom for the newly elected board to continue to shape the Section in the direction the members wish to take it.

Submitted by: Diane Bebb
Chair, Organization Committee

PROTOTYPE FOR MEMBERSHIP PLAN

Al Bennett of the California State Library, CLA membership chair, will use the Access, Collections, and Technical Services Section as a prototype for a plan to coordinate membership efforts between the CLA Membership Committee and the Sections and Roundtables.

Mr. Bennett will present several options to implement this plan at the ACTSS Business Meeting, Sunday, November 14. He will also discuss a membership retention plan and ideas for creative perks and benefits for members. He wants to know what we think of the ideas formulated by the Committee and the objectives for membership for this coming year.

Submitted by: Nancy Neal

ACTSS REPRESENTED AT RETREAT

President-elect Nancy Neal attended the CLA Long Range Planning Retreat in Oakland on September 23, 1993. This was an opportunity to promote the Section mission through a goal-setting process. The retreat was professionally facilitated.

The process involved identifying what is good and bad about CLA now. External factors and trends that impact CLA were noted. Values for the organization were defined and three-year goals were set. From the goals, objectives
were written. A follow-up process to develop additional objectives and to monitor the plan was established.

You will hear more about the specifics later, but look for a more dynamic and exciting organization in the future. CLA aims to be the premier library organization in the state.

Submitted by: Nancy Neal

RESEARCH IN SHORT

Continuing past tradition, the CLA Research and Publications Committee publishes in California Libraries an annotated bibliography of current in-progress or recently completed research projects by CLA member librarians. This bibliography is an important vehicle for making professional research efforts and results available to librarians throughout the region. If you would like to have your research project considered for inclusion in the next Research in Short, please submit it in the format below and send it to:

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ANNOTATION (100-500 WORDS):

(Editor's note: Although the deadline for this year's submissions to Research in Short has passed (Oct. 1) the editors felt that this information should be passed on to the section members. Information on research projects can be submitted at any time.)

UPCOMING EVENTS


The following programs will be presented at the CLA Annual Conference by ACTSS:

Saturday, November 13, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon
"Writing a Preservation Plan"
Speaker:
• Cheryl Davis, UC Riverside

Sunday, November 14, 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Access, Collections, and Technical Services Section
• Annual Business Meeting"

Sunday, November 14, 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
"Are Approval Plans Only for Academic Librarians?"
Speakers:
• Nora Natke, Riverside City/County Public Library;
• Stephen Pugh, Yankee Book Peddler;
• Judith Paquette, UC Irvine

Monday, November 15, 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
"Coping With the Challenges of Change in Technical Services"
Moderators:
• Derry Juneja and Celia Bakke.
Speakers:
• Lois Kershner, PLAN;
• Gerald Ward, Sacramento Public Library

The Southern California Association of Law Libraries, Continuing Education Committee presents on Wednesday, December 8, 1993, at Cerritos Public Library...
• Elaine Svenonius, Professor, UCLA Graduate School of Library and Information Science, speaking on "Research, Education, and Professionalism" and
• Kate Pecarovich, Head of Cataloging, UCLA Law Library, conducting an "Introduction to the Library of Congress Class K, with an emphasis on KF."
For more information, see the flyer enclosed in this issue, or contact
• Martha Childers, San Diego County Law Library (619) 531-3911, or
• Kate Pecarovich, UCLA Law Library (310) 825-6433.
THE FUTURE OF TECH NOTES

This is the last issue of Tech Notes in which I will serve as Editor. It has been my pleasure to serve in that capacity for the past two years, but it is now time for me to step down and move on to other areas of service.

Quite a few changes have taken place in the past two years. CLA has reorganized and restructured. The Technical Services Chapter became the Technical Services Section, which then became the Access, Collections, and Technical Services Section. Tech Notes has served as a vehicle of information to the membership regarding these changes as well as being a reflection of them. A serials librarian's nightmare! Fortunately the Newsletter Committee included three serials librarians (none of whom was me) who helped to guide the newsletter along with these changes.

Now comes the time for another change. I have been asked by Nancy Neal, in-coming President of ACTSS, to present a proposal for the future of Tech Notes at the business meeting at the CLA annual conference in Oakland. The question that needs to be answered is whether ACTSS should continue to publish a newsletter or not.

The reasons that this is an issue are that, with the restructuing, CLA is wanting to handle more things for the Sections and the ACTSS budget, like all other library budgets, has been shrinking. If Tech Notes ceases, it will be replaced with a regular ACTSS column in California Libraries, the monthly newsletter published by CLA. This column, obviously, cannot be as in-depth about ACTSS activities as Tech Notes has been, but would be more frequent and reach a wider audience. There would still be separate mailings to the membership about programs, workshops, and meetings. Someone within the membership would need to act as editor of the column, gathering, organizing, and submitting material.

How does the membership feel about Tech Notes? Do you want a regular newsletter? Or would you rather get news about the Section on a monthly basis in California Libraries? I would appreciate hearing from the membership on this issue. I am planning on submitting a "Newsletter Committee Recommendation on the Future of Tech Notes" at CLA. It would be most appropriate if that recommendation reflected the wishes and needs of the Section. Please take a moment to let the committee know how you feel.

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