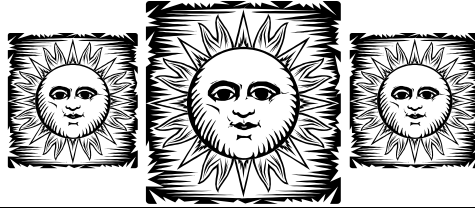




# NEWS



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Chaos personified would be an apt description of my life in the past month. With the advent of spring, my husband has decided that it is an appropriate time to buy new furniture for the house, and as a result, my carefully scripted semblance of order was totally trashed. In order to make room for the oversize boxes that would be opened and assembled on his rare days off we had to move the old furniture including all my clothes in piles of drawers into my study. As a result, closets and my desk have been blocked, and my books, papers and clothes almost impossible to find. I try to get my work done and my activities completed without forgetting too many deadlines and by misplacing a minimum of suddenly urgently required papers.

It has been an eventful year serving as the President of LISAA, with many exciting developments resulting from the expanded distribution of our newsletter, through the highly successful reception at Netspeed and continued involvement with Alumni Affairs. In January we attended the SLIS Partner's Day reception, and in February we were honored to present our Distinguished Alumni Award to Marnie Swanson, a member of the first graduating class from SLIS.

I am highly indebted to the wonderful members of the LISAA executive, for they teamed together to help me through a year where health problems at times made it quite difficult to be fully effective at my job. They were there to support me when needed, help out at functions, give me gentle reminders when I forgot a deadline and on the whole, made a highly effective team. Thanks guys, and I really look forward to serving with you as past president.

Thanks are also due to Adrienne Canty for her continued hard work and dedication in the production of this newsletter. She is able to organize the disparate articles we send her into a beautifully formatted and highly professional publication time after time.

I would like to take the opportunity to invite you to mark your calendar for upcoming LISAA events:

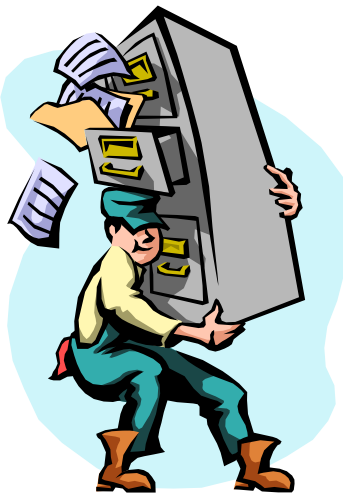
**Wednesday, June 22** Join us for dinner at our annual General Meeting, at 6:15 pm at L'Azia Restaurant, Edmonton City Centre.

**Saturday, October 1** Champagne Brunch, held during the Reunion Week Festivities.

**Friday, October 21** Netspeed Reception. Catch up with your colleagues and friends at the LISAA Open House, held on the Friday evening of Netspeed

If you are looking for a way to become involved in the library community, please consider participating on the LISAA executive. LISAA exists to make life easier for the students of SLIS through the Special Projects Fund and the Library and Information Studies Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. If you are interested in participating, please contact Connie Forst at [cm\\_forst@yahoo.ca](mailto:cm_forst@yahoo.ca).

*Betsy Hamid  
President*



## CLASS LISTSERVS KEEP GRADS IN TOUCH



Want to keep in touch with other SLIS grads by e-mail? An electronic mailing list (a.k.a. listserv) that is open to all SLIS grads is available for you to join! The UA-SLIS-Openlist was started in 2003 and already has 46 members. The list was started as a way of facilitating communication between all graduating classes from SLIS and to improve communication between current and former students of SLIS. There are two ways to subscribe to this group. You can send an e-mail message to: Sandra Anderson at [sandra.anderson@ualberta.net](mailto:sandra.anderson@ualberta.net) requesting that you be added to the group; or if you have a Yahoo email account, you can visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UA-SLIS-Openlist/> to join.

If there is sufficient interest and someone from your graduating year is willing to act as the list moderator, it is easy to start your own class-specific mailing list. Successful lists are already up and running for the 2002 and 2003 classes. If you are interested in learning how to set up your own list, please contact Sandra Anderson, Class of 2003, at [sandra.anderson@ualberta.net](mailto:sandra.anderson@ualberta.net) for more details.

## MARNIE SWANSON RECEIVES 2005 AWARD



On February 11 at the SLIS Professional Development Day event, LISAA was honoured to present our Distinguished Alumni Award to Marnie Swanson, University Librarian of the University of Victoria. Marnie was a member of the first graduating class of SLIS, when she convocated with a BLS with Honours in 1969. She then proceeded on to a distinguished and varied career which included positions at the University of Alberta, the University of Calgary, both the Northern and Southern Alberta Institutes of Technology and currently at the University of Victoria. Her professional activities include leadership roles in a long number of professional organizations and include serving as President of the Canadian Library Association (1991-92) and the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (1997-99).

Marnie enjoys living and working in Victoria and takes pleasure in spending time with her grandchildren in Victoria as well as her family in Edmonton. It was an honour to present this award to Marnie as she has over the years unstintingly made a generous contribution of her time to the profession of librarianship.

In order to accommodate Marnie's schedule and present the award to her in person, the presentation date was moved from the Champagne Brunch in October to Professional Development Day in February. Thanks are due to the PD Day Committee for scheduling time into their event for LISAA to make this presentation.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2005 Annual General Meeting of the Library and Information Studies Alumni Association will be held on

**Wednesday, June 22, 2005**

**6:15 p.m.**

**L'Azia Restaurant**

**Edmonton City Centre Mall West**

**(102 Street entrance)**



Business at the meeting will include a review of the year's activities, election of a new Vice-President, and a review of amendments to LISAA's Constitution (see next page for details).

All LISAA members are welcome to attend. RSVP to [lisaa@ecn.ab.ca](mailto:lisaa@ecn.ab.ca) by June 20, 2005.

# AMENDMENTS TO LISAA CONSTITUTION

The following changes proposed for our Constitution are necessary to comply with Revenue Canada rules for non-profit organizations. An original version of the Constitution is available on our website at <http://ecn.ab.ca/~lisaa/>.

Proposed changes:

Under Membership:

**Section 3.1.1 (b)** be changed from [Personal Members] pay the annual membership fee to *make an annual voluntary donation to the Association. Minimum amount of the donation is to be set by the Executive.*

**Section 3.1.2 (b)** be changed from [Associate Members (Friend of SLIS)] pay the annual membership fee to *make an annual voluntary donation to the Association. Minimum amount of the donation is to be set by the Executive.*

**Section 3.1.3** be changed from [Honorary Members...] are not subject to an annual membership fee to *do not have to make an annual donation to the Association.*

**Section 3.1.4 (b)** be changed from [Student Members] pay the annual membership fee to *make an annual voluntary donation to the Association. Minimum amount of the donation is to be set by the Executive.*

Under Membership Fees:

**Section 3.2.1** be changed from The membership years in September 1 to August 31 to *The membership year is September 1 to August 31.*

**Section 3.2.1** The words **membership fees** be changed to *donation guidelines* to read *The Executive Committee shall establish annual donation guidelines subject to approval by a majority vote of members present at the Annual General Meeting. Notice of the proposed donation guidelines must be received by all members at least one (1) month prior to the Annual General Meeting.*

Section 3.2.3

Under Termination of Membership:

**Section 3.3.2** be changed from If a Member has not paid the annual membership fee by December 31, ... to *If a Member has not made an annual donation to the Association by December 31,...*

Under Rights and Privileges of Members

**Section 3.4.1(c)** It is suggested that notice of the Annual General Meeting be put in the newsletter

**Section 3.4.1 (d)** reading [Any Personal Member...] receive the newsletter of the Association be deleted as all SLIS alumni now receive the newsletter.

**Section 3.4.2 (b)** It is suggested that notice of the Annual General Meeting be put in the newsletter

**Section 3.4.2 (d)** reading [Any Associate Member (Friend of SLIS)...] receive the newsletter of the Association be deleted as all SLIS alumni now receive the newsletter

Under Finance and other Management Matters

**Section 9.1 (a)** the words "dues and" be deleted to read *Funds required to operate the Association shall be obtained from donations collected from Members and from revenue generated through endeavors of the Association.*



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## 2004-05 PRACTICUMS

The School extends sincere appreciation to the supervisors and other staff involved with this year's practicum placements in LIS 590 Practicum. Altogether, 16 students participated in practicums at 13 local sites during the fall and winter terms. Since the School introduced the Practicum in 1995, 218 MLIS students have contributed 21,800 hours to the daily professional activity of the Edmonton-area archival, library and information services community.

Thanks to all for your continuing support of the MLIS program and students at the University of Alberta!

### Alberta Energy, Alberta Government Libraries—North Petroleum Plaza Site

- *Weiwei Shi*

### Alberta Law Society Libraries

- *Anthony Ikwueme*

### Canadian Forum on Civil Justice, Faculty of Law, University of Alberta

- *Janice Banser*

### Edmonton Public Library, Capilano Branch

- *Heather Robertson*

### Edmonton Public Library, Milner Library, Centre for Reading and the Arts

- *Michelle Edwards*

### Edmonton Public Library, Milner Library, Children's Division

- *Jenny Ryan*

### Edmonton Public Library, Milner Library, Information Services Division

- *Jim Dunbar*

- *Maria-Elizabeth Vicente*

### Edmonton Public Library, Whitemud Crossing Branch

- *Warren Maynes*

- *Arwen Rudolph*

### Edmonton Public Library, Woodcroft Branch

- *Amanda Larsen*

### Provincial Archives of Alberta

- *Maria Leung*

- *Christopher Miller*

### University of Alberta Libraries, Government Publications, Data Library

- *Roxy Welter*

### University of Alberta Libraries, John W. Scott Health Sciences Library

- *Debbie Meert*

### University of Alberta, Museums and Collections Services

- *Sonya Betz*

*Alvin M. Schrader*

## CLASS NOTES

**Jim Derkson**, class of 1989, is the librarian at Newman Theological College in Edmonton. On March 6, 2005, he was ordained a priest in the Anglican Church of Canada and, in addition to his library career, serves the parish of St. Andrews in Morinville.

*Got professional or personal news to share? Contact LISAA to see it printed in Class Notes!*

