

Balloting for New ASIS&T Officers and Directors Underway

It's election season again for the American Society for Information Science and Technology. Electronic balloting is now underway for the election of a president-elect, a treasurer and two directors-at-large. Voting ends September 30, 2010, with newly elected officers and directors taking their seats on the Board of Directors at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh.

Candidates for president-elect for 2011 and succession to the presidency in 2012 are **Diane Sonnenwald** and **Howard Rosenbaum**. Candidates for treasurer for the 2011-2013 administrative years are **Vicki Gregory** and **Victor Rosenberg**. Candidates for two director-at-large slots for three-year terms – 2011-2013 – are **Katriina Byström**, **Linda Rudell-Betts**, **Marcia Lei Zeng** and **Elaine Toms**.

Candidates for President-Elect

Howard Rosenbaum is associate dean and associate professor in the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) at Indiana University, Bloomington. He serves as director of the master of information science program and co-director of the graduate certificate in information architecture program. He studies social informatics, online communities and the



uses of social theory in information science. Rosenbaum has presented his work at ASIS&T and numerous other organizations. He teaches classes on digital entrepreneurship, information systems design and intellectual freedom. He has been recognized for excellence in teaching and for the innovative use of technology in education. He is the recipient of the Frederic Bachman Lieber Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence, IU (2005), a statewide MIRA Award for Technological Innovation in Education (2003) and the Indiana Partnership for Statewide Education Award for Innovation in Teaching with Technology (2002).

Diane H. Sonnenwald is head of school and professor at the School of Information and Library Studies at University College Dublin. She is also an adjunct professor in computer science at the University of North Carolina. She holds a Ph.D. from the School of Communication and Information at Rutgers University, M.S. from Montclair State University and B.A. from Muhlenberg College. She was a postdoctoral fellow at Risø National Labs (Denmark) and a Fulbright professor in Information Studies at the University of Tampere, Finland. Prior to joining



academia she worked at Bellcore. Her research has been funded by the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation and European Science Foundation, among others. She is the recipient of the ASIS-ISI Doctoral Dissertation Award, U.S. Army Research Laboratory Scientific Contribution Award, ALISE Research Methodology Best Paper Award and Bellcore Award of Excellence. She serves on the editorial boards of *JASIS&T*, *JELIS*, *Information Research* and the *Journal of Library and Information Science* (Taiwan).

Candidates for Treasurer

Vicki L. Gregory, professor at the School of Library and Information Science, University of South Florida, earned her doctorate at Rutgers University and holds an M.A. and M.L.S from the University of Alabama. Since becoming a member of ASIS&T in 1984, she has served as the Florida chapter president and on the national level has been a member of SIG/LAN and SIG/DL, serving as chair of SIG/LAN. She was elected Deputy SIG Cabinet Director and then SIG Cabinet Director. For the last three years she has served as ASIS&T



treasurer, following four years a member of the Budget and Finance Committee. She also currently serves as chair of the ALA Committee on Accreditation.

Victor Rosenberg is associate professor in the School of Information at the University of Michigan. Formerly, he was chairman and CEO of Personal Bibliographic Software and the developer of ProCite and related software. For 15 years he was responsible for the financial health of a small business. He is the author of numerous papers, films and software applications. His interests include information retrieval, information policy and entrepreneurship. He taught at the University of California at Berkeley after getting his doctorate in library science from the University of Chicago and a masters degree in information science from Lehigh University.



Candidates for Directors-at-large

Katriina Byström is associate professor/reader at the Swedish School of Library and Information Science, University of Borås in Sweden. In



teaching and research she focuses on task-based information seeking and retrieval in workplaces and on information architecture. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Tampere, Finland, and is an active member of the

academic community of LIS within teaching, research and administration. She has been the director of the Swedish School of Library and Information Science and served on numerous committees. She is co-founder and associate editor of the international *Journal of Information Architecture* and has a broad experience serving as a peer-reviewer in a number of high-standard journals. She has organized international academic events and has curriculum development experience. Furthermore, she works as a senior researcher in a private company. At present, she heads two research projects: Better Search Engine focusing on work task based search support and Better Web with focus on the development of digital information and communication milieus.

Linda Rudell-Betts has been an ASIS&T member since 1991. She has served the award-winning Los Angeles Chapter as publicity coordinator, secretary, chair and now continues as membership committee chair. Her ASIS&T national involvement includes Chapter Assembly committee advisor (1998 to 2002, 2008 to present), *Bulletin* Advisory Board (2001 to present), Annual Meeting planning committee member (2001 and 2003), Annual Meeting papers and posters reviewer (2005, 2006, 2008). She is a reference librarian at the Los Angeles Public Library, where she does her utmost to pass on her version of best practices in information retrieval to her



patrons. Prior to her current public service position, she was an information science consultant, designing, compiling and managing information retrieval vocabularies for periodical databases, Internet software applications and records management systems. She received the ASIS&T Chapter Member-of-the-Year award in 1999. She holds an M.L.S. from UCLA and a B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin in French literature. To unwind from her day, she plays bassoon with a Santa Monica community band.

Elaine Toms is professor and Canada Research Chair in Management

Informatics and runs the iLab at the Faculty of Management, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. She was formerly an associate professor in the Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto, and at the School of Library and Information Studies (now School of Information Management) at Dalhousie University. She holds a B.A. in economic geography and education from Memorial University, St. John's Newfoundland; M.L.S. from Dalhousie University; and a Ph.D. from the University of Western Ontario, London. Her research interests lie at the intersection of human computer interaction, information retrieval and the representation and presentation of information. Her work has been funded by NSERC, SSHRC, OCLC, Heritage Canada, Canada Foundation for Innovation and the Canada Research Chairs Program.



She was/is co-investigator with three Canadian national research networks. Her publications have appeared in journals such as the *International Journal of Human Computer Studies*, the *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology* and *Information Processing & Management*, as well as in the proceedings of a number of national and international associations.

Marcia Lei Zeng, professor of library and information science at Kent State University, has been a member of the faculty since 1992. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh and an M.A. from Wuhan University in China. She was a visiting associate professor at Columbia University during her sabbatical in 1999 and 2000. Her major research



interests include semantic technologies and knowledge organization systems, metadata, database quality control and multilingual information

processing. Her scholarly publications include more than 60 papers and three books. She has chaired and served on standards committees and working groups for several national and international library and information organizations. She is also a member of the executive board of the International Society for Knowledge Organization and the advisory board of the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative and an invited expert on the W3C Library Linked Data Incubator Group. She received the ASIS&T Doctoral Forum

Award for outstanding doctoral research in 1992. She has served ASIS&T as chapter chair and officer, *JASIST* and conference proceedings referee, awards juror, SIG workshop and session organizer and ASIS&T Annual Meeting program committee member. She has been the chair of the ASIS&T Standards Committee and the voting representative for NISO since 2006.

Additional Candidate Information

For more information about the candidates and to review their position statements defining their campaigns, please visit the ASIS&T website. All current ASIS&T members are eligible to vote for officers and directors. Full information on the electronic balloting process is available at the ASIS&T website at www.asis.org/elections/ ■

News about ASIS&T Members

Hope A. Olson, associate dean and professor of library and information studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM), is the new interim dean of the School of Information Studies (SOIS). With a Ph.D. in library and information studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Olson began her teaching career at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada. She also holds a master's degree in library science from the University of Toronto. She joined SOIS in 2003.

Gwat-Yong Lie has replaced Hope Olson as the interim associate dean of the School of Information Studies at UWM. Lie comes from the Helen Bader School of Social Work where she has served as associate professor since 1996. She previously served as associate dean of

Mark Your Calendar!

Navigating Streams in an Information Ecosystem

October 22-27, 2010, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

The 2010 ASIS&T Annual Meeting is fast approaching. Plan now to participate in this innovative ASIS&T 2.0 conference centered on advances in the information sciences and related applications of information technology. Check your mailbox for a printed version of the preliminary program, or go online for an electronic version to be posted soon. Registration forms are available in both formats. Make your plans now!



academic programs and student services for the graduate school at UWM.

Joseph A. Busch, 2001 ASIS&T president and founder of Taxonomy Strategies, has announced that he will move to the Washington, DC, area as a result of



the merging of his company with McLean, Virginia-based Project Performance Corporation (PPC). Taxonomy Strategies, a leader in intranet, public

website and e-commerce taxonomy applications, will join forces with PPC which specializes in taxonomy design, knowledge management and systems integration services.

Joan K. Lippincott of the Coalition for Networked Information will deliver the keynote speech at the 2nd International Symposium on Information Management in the Changing World, to be held from September 22-24, 2010, in Ankara, Turkey. She will talk about the impact of social networks and mobile devices in creating and maintaining personal information environments. She will stress that it is vital to understand user needs and behaviors if libraries, archives and museums are to be an integral part of users' information habitats.

José-Marie Griffiths, 1993 ASIS&T president and most recently professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has been named vice president of academic affairs at Bryant University in Smithfield, Rhode Island. In her new position, she is responsible for all academic and research programs within

the university's colleges of business and arts and sciences. She will play a major role in the university's upcoming strategic planning process.

Jane Greenberg, professor and director of the Metadata Research Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has been awarded the 2010 Jesse H. Shera Award for Distinguished Published Research by the Library Research Round Table of the American Library Association (ALA). Greenberg wrote the winning paper, "Theoretical Considerations of Lifecycle Modeling: An Analysis of the Dryad Repository Demonstrating Automatic Metadata Propagation, Inheritance and Value System Adoption." The article explores lifecycle modeling for understanding metadata and reports the results of two extensive studies. The Shera award provides "recognition and monetary support for research employing exemplary research design and methods."

Barbara B. Moran, professor, School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has been appointed the first Louis Round Wilson Distinguished Professor effective July 1, 2010. The professorship is the result of a gift from the estate of the School's founder, Louis Round Wilson, and matching funds from the state of North Carolina. Moran joined the faculty at SILS in 1981 and previously held the position of dean from 1990 to 1998. Moran has taught primarily in the areas of management and academic librarianship, and her research has focused on various aspects of management including

leadership, organizational structures and career progression patterns. In addition, she continues to direct the school's international programs where she has expanded the global outreach of SILS, most recently developing a new program to London, England.

Richard E. Rubin, director of Kent State University's School of Library and Information Science since 1999, is now associate provost for extended education. In this role he will oversee the Office of Continuing and Distance Education, University Press and Summer Programs. Rubin had previously served as interim dean for Kent State's College of Communication and Information, associate professor and assistant professor at Kent State. Before joining Kent State, Rubin served as visiting assistant professor for the Graduate School of Library and Information Science and research assistant for the Library Research Center of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

News from an Institutional Member

The University of North Texas Department of Library and Information Sciences received a grant from the Robert and Ruby Priddy Charitable Trust to assist rural public libraries in Texas. Funding will support a three-year project, Promoting & Enhancing the Advancement of Rural Libraries (PEARL). The goal of the project is to enhance the role of public libraries in targeted rural communities in Texas. Five

scholarships are available for post-masters degree students to complete an online Certificate of Advanced Study in Rural Librarianship. For more information about the grant and scholarship please go to <http://pearl.unt.edu>.

News from ASIS&T Chapters

The **New England ASIS&T (NEASIS&T)** Chapter announces that the 2010 NEASIS&T Best Paper in Information Science has been awarded to **Danielle M. Cossarini**, of Dalhousie University School of Information Management, for her paper entitled, “Communicating Scientific Information for Environmental Solutions: A Knowledge Management Perspective.” (A copy of Danielle’s paper is available on the NEASIS&T website at <http://neassist.org/2010/06/04/2010-neassist-student-travel-award-competition-winner/>). She will receive up to \$750 to help defray the costs of attendance at the 2010 ASIS&T Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh.

O B I T U A R Y

Patrice A. Clemson

PATRICE A. CLEMSON, longtime ASIS&T member and most recently on the faculty of the College of Information Sciences and Technology at Penn State University’s Beaver Campus, passed away on July 6. Born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, she began her college studies at Muhlenberg College where she earned a degree in political science. She later received her master’s and doctorate degrees from the University of Pittsburgh’s School of Information Sciences.

She spent most of her career as faculty or staff in academic institutions. She began at the New York University Graduate School of Business; subsequent positions were at the Penn State University Pattee Library, the University of Pittsburgh’s Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, Duquesne University and the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science. She was also the University of Pittsburgh’s data administrator in the Computer Services and Systems Development department.

Patrice believed strongly that university faculty in her field should have practical experience in industry. Consequently, she also was employed for several years in the information services and data processing divisions of National Data Corporation and Pittsburgh National Corporation. She was also a talented fiber artist and weaver and an accomplished musician.

Patrice is survived by her brother Commander James F. Clemson, USN (Ret.), her daughter Meredith G. Hennon, her son William P. Hennon, and her husband John G. Hennon.

The International Calendar of Information Science Conferences (icisc.neassist.org/) is a nonprofit collaboration between the Special Interest Group/International Information Issues (SIG/III) and the European (ASIST/EC) and New England (NEASIST) chapters of the American Society for Information Science and Technology, with the additional support of Haworth Press.

Information Professional Task Force ASIS&T Task Force Sponsors People to People Visit to China

by Nancy Roderer and Gail Bonath

The work of the ASIS&T Information Professional Task Force went international this year with Nancy Roderer's leadership of a People to People delegation to China to discuss the education and promotion of information professionals. People to People (www.peopletopeople.com/) was founded by President Eisenhower in 1956 to foster direct interaction between citizens of the United States and other countries, and it sponsors a variety of programs for both students and professionals.

From April 17-26, 2010, 10 information professionals from the United States, Canada and Japan visited five libraries and information professional schools in Beijing and Shanghai. Members of the delegation included **Nancy K. Roderer**, director, Welch Medical Library, Johns Hopkins University; **Gwen Alexander**, dean, School of Library and Information Management, Emporia State University; **Sandy Arbuthnot**, web librarian, Toronto Public Library; **Lori Beaudoin**, public

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services librarian, United States Army Medical Research Institute for Infectious Diseases Library; **Gail Bonath**, librarian, Grinnell College; **Pascal Calarco**, head, Systems Department, University of Notre Dame; **Anne S. Caputo**, executive director, Dow Jones & Co., and president, Special Libraries Association; **Rumi Graham**, librarian, University of Lethbridge, Canada; **Ann Prentice**, professor emerita and former dean, College of Information Studies, University of Maryland, College Park; and **Yukiko Sakai**, associate manager, Keio University Library, Tokyo, Japan. Nancy Roderer and Ann Prentice are members of the Information Professional Task Force.

It was a special pleasure to have Anne Caputo, president of the Special Libraries Association, as a member of the delegation. Anne has been heavily involved with ASIS&T in the past and was able to contribute the perspective of SLA to the conversations. One relevant task that SLA has undertaken is the description of the competencies of information professionals – see the document, “Competencies for Information Professionals of the 21st Century,” available at www.sla.org/content/learn/members/competencies/index.cfm

The professional program for the delegation consisted of visits to three

institutions in Beijing and two in Shanghai. The three in Beijing were the National Science Library, Chinese Academy of Sciences (NSLC); the Institute of Scientific and Technical Information of China (ISTIC); and Beijing Normal University and College of Information Science and Technology. The two in Shanghai were the Shanghai Municipal Archives and the East China Normal University Library.

Each of these institutions (with the exception of the Shanghai Municipal Archives) includes both a library and an information professional degree-granting program. The delegation had the opportunity to meet with both librarians and library school faculty at each institution.

NSLC is the library of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, which is the national academy for natural sciences in China. NSLC serves 30,000 researchers and 40,000 graduate students throughout China. The director of NSLC, Zhang Xiaolin, gave a presentation to the delegation titled, “Toward Knowledge-Based Information Professionals.” He detailed the National Science Library’s promotion of the embedded subject librarian, a change in service model, which their institution made in 2006. The embedded subject librarian has a research-based masters or doctoral degree in a

scientific, technical or medical (STM) field. These knowledge-based information professionals are either provided with on-the-job training in information skills or, because NSLC has their own graduate education program, they enroll in the graduate program while they are employed. Embedded subject librarians have no library responsibilities other than to their users. Professor Zhang outlined the key differences between the embedded subject librarian and the traditional librarian:

- Subject librarians understand the STM fields and the R&D process in that field. Their knowledge extends beyond the collections and search and retrieval skills.
- Subject librarians share the users' culture.
- Subject librarians are capable of analyzing, developing and designing customized services.
- Subject librarians' capabilities are not bound by the library's resources.

Next, we visited the Institute of Scientific and Technical Information of China (ISTIC). ISTIC is a nonprofit research center under the Ministry of Science and Technology, and it serves both the government and the general public. Dr. Zhao Zhiyun, deputy director of ISTIC, provided an overview of the institution for us. Like NSLC, ISTIC has a degree-granting graduate education program for information professionals. Ann Prentice, one of the members of our delegation, has taught in this program at ISTIC several times. While NSLC focuses heavily on service to users, ISTIC focuses on the provision of information services and

collections. Besides publishing 19 science, technology and information science journals, they develop technologies and platforms for information such as Chinese vocabulary systems in subject areas, open-access journal platforms and information mining. ISTIC has purchased the archives of Nature and of the Institute of Physics for the entire country. These and other resources allowed them to provide document delivery for one billion items last year.

China's model of graduate programs for information professionals attached to scientific institutes that are run by the government, as occurs at NSLC and ISTIC, is not found in the United States. ISTIC began to offer the M.A. degree in information science in 1984. They have approximately 35 students each year. NSLC began its graduate education programs in 1979 and began offering the M.L.S. and M.I.S. degrees in 1986. The Ph.D. program in library science began in 1993, and in 1996 NSLC began to offer the Ph.D. degree in information science in conjunction with Nanjing University. NSLC has about 150 students and 50 faculty members. The number of faculty is quite large as all faculty members are practicing librarians, supervisors and researchers as well as instructors. Both ISTIC and NSLC are government agencies with ISTIC being directly under the Ministry of Science and Technology. The Chinese Academy of Sciences, for which NSLC is the library, is the government institution for the management of China's scientific research and was founded on November 1, 1949, one month after the founding of the People's

Republic of China. This involvement at the government level in information professional education extends to the mandating of a core curriculum at the undergraduate level.

Following our visits to the two scientific institutes, we observed information science programs at two universities: Beijing Normal University and East China Normal University (Shanghai). The administrative location of information science programs in Chinese universities varies widely. In Beijing the College of Information Science and Technology is part of the School of Management; at Shanghai the Department of Information is in the Business School. Although only a few institutions in China, including BNU and ECNU, offer the masters degree in library science, there are over 800 institutions in China that offer some sort of information-related degree. Most education in library and information science is at the undergraduate level. The Chinese Ministry of Education has established eight mandatory courses for library and information science curricula at the undergraduate level which include, among others, information technology, information resource management and information theories. Fifty percent of students in the graduate program have undergraduate degrees in library and information science; the other 50 percent have undergraduate degrees in the sciences or social sciences.

At each site we talked about possibilities for collaboration between the institutions and the People to People delegation. Possibilities that were discussed included participating in an ASIS&T panel in

October 2010, speaking at an SLA meeting in June 2011, participating in the Asian chapter of SLA or organizing an Asian chapter of ASIS&T, and developing faculty, student or librarian exchanges. Our Chinese colleagues were very interested in these suggestions.

We also visited the Bund Branch of the Shanghai Municipal Archives. While there we toured the “City Memory” exhibit which chronicles the development of the city of Shanghai from its beginning as a small fishing village in 1292 to the present time. We visited the public reading room and their electronic archives reading hall where about 3000 digitized films are available, along with other digital materials. This gave us the opportunity to find out about training for archives work in China. We learned that for the most part archives education is considered to be a different major than library and information science. Whereas public libraries in China are governed by a cultural ministry, the ministry of archives governs archives.

Of course our trip was not all work, and we did spend some time sightseeing. In Beijing we spent one day visiting Tian’an Men Square and the Forbidden City as well as the Badaling section of the Great Wall. In Shanghai we toured the Bund, the Shanghai Museum, Yu Garden and the Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Hall and attended a performance of the Shanghai Acrobatic Show. We were able to drive by the sites of the 2008 Olympics in Beijing and the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai. We also enjoyed many excellent meals, including one at the Quanjude



Members and guests of the ASIS&T Information Professional Task Force People to People delegation to China are, front row, Xu Ning and Meng LiangLiang/Bruce, People to People guides; back row, David Roderer, guest; Nancy Roderer; Ann Prentice; Sandy Arbuthnot; Anne Caputo; Pascal Calarco; Rumi Graham; Gwen Alexander; Ashley Meyer, guest; Yukiko Sakai; Lori Beaudoin; Gail Bonath; and Barton Graham, guest.

Beijing Roast Duck Restaurant and a memorable meal at a private home in the Caoyang residential area.

Overall, the delegation found the trip very productive. We learned more about the education of information professionals in China, shared our goals for the promotion of information professionals and had positive responses to the idea of collaborating further. The state of information professional education in China seems to be on something of a parallel track with that of the United States, with a number of different kinds of programs aimed at different aspects of the information professions. Differences include a heavier government involvement and, perhaps, a greater concentration on technological aspects in China than in the United States.

In addition to our interaction with the Chinese, we derived two additional bonuses from this trip. Because of the makeup of the delegation, we were able to discuss information professional education not only in China and the United States, but also in Japan and Canada. Through the participation of Anne Caputo, we learned more about SLA activity in this area and agreed on further collaboration between our respective organizations. At the completion of the trip, all participants agreed to continue talking. A first step in those ongoing conversations will be a workshop planned for the ASIS&T Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh; speakers there will include both People to People delegates and Professor Guoqiu Li from the Department of Information at ECNU. ■