

August 4, 2011  
DC/SLA Board

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/President Elect Report  
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### **Updates**

We've been using Event Espresso on the new website for registration for the August events. It presents a seamless experience for the end-user to register, confirm and submit payment via PayPal or indicate if they intend to pay by check. The majority of users seem to not have had any problems. There is some nice functionality with the product, e.g., group registrations, allowing one person to register and pay for multiple people; tiered pricing can be built in; recurring meetings can be added to the calendar in one transaction. There are some back-end issues still to be resolved, notably Event Espresso captures the registration information, but is not capturing the final PayPal payment, so the back-end is not quite as seamless as we'd like right now. The work around is to pull the payment list from PayPal to compare while I figure out how to resolve this.

Registration for the August 9 meet the candidates happy hour has been slow, even with the promise of beer & wine. Please come if you're able and encourage others to attend.

We've formed a subcommittee of the membership and planning committees, plus the volunteer coordinator to work on the October 18 chapter open house. Deena Adelman sent an initial notice to committee chairs and group leads encouraging them to have someone present to talk with newcomers and interested "not-so-new" members about their activity. A few have committed to having a presence so far; Deena will be following up again. Victor is exploring ideas to make new members feel welcome and integrated into the event and Deena is working on the volunteer appreciation component. We're looking at catering options and expect this event to cost well under the amounts budgeted for both the new member reception and the volunteer appreciation event.

Based on positive feedback from the board and committee chairs, I have reserved space at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace for the annual meeting and holiday reception on Thursday, December 8. Their pricing for non-profits is very reasonable. I'm working on a catering quote now and expect the event to come around \$7500 (we've budgeted \$8500). The intention is to keep the business meeting portion to around 30 minutes, and allow ample time for networking and mingling.

### **Past events**

May 25 – Speed Mentoring. 20 attendees, 25 mentors

June 13 – Mid-Atlantic chapters joint reception at annual conference Philadelphia, 100 attendees (or so? – I don't have final numbers)

June 16 – BP Prakash. 28 attendees

July 13 – Annual Conference Recap, co-sponsored with CUA SLA chapter, 25-30 attendees

## **Upcoming events**

August 9 – Meet the SLA President-Elect Candidates Deb Hunt and David Capolli.  
Location: NPR, 635 Massachusetts Avenue.

August 11 – Military Librarians Group presents R. Lee Hadden on “The Civil War for Those Librarians Who Slept Through Jr. High School History.” Lee is with the Geospatial Information Library, Army Geospatial Center, Ft. Belvoir. Location: Himmelfarb Library, GWU. 6 pm

August 16 - FLICC/FEDLINK 2011 Federal Librarians Networking Symposium  
Library of Congress, Madison Building. DC/SLA will have a member booth. Marianne Giltrud is contact for this.

September 14 – FedSys overview with Kristina Bobe, GPO Education & Outreach. In partnership with Government Information Division. Location: LexisNexis, 1150 Eighteenth Street, NW Sixth Floor. 6 pm

October 18 – Chapter Open House and Volunteer Appreciation. Location: BNA, 1801 South Bell Street, Arlington, VA. 6 pm

November 1 - Taxonomy program with Gail Rayburn, Enterprise Taxonomist at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab (APL) in Laurel, Maryland. In partnership with the Taxonomy Division. Location TBD

December 8 – Annual Meeting and Holiday Reception. Location: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1779 Massachusetts Avenue NW. 6 pm