

## DC/SLA President-Elect Report, October 2014

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### Program Results

- September 3: Dine Around at Brookland Pint with CUA chapter
  - Attendance: 13
- September 10: Create Your Future - Building Your Future and the Future of Your Organization, Jenner & Block
  - Attendance: 30
  - Feedback: 10 respondents; overall: 4.6/5; positives: thoughtful presentations, variety of perspectives; suggestions: more networking, handouts, concentrating on specific topics
- September 16: Open House and Volunteer Appreciation event, National Geographic Library
  - Attendance: 82
  - Feedback: 26 respondents; overall: 4.2/5; positives: hearing about volunteer opportunities through each committee/group through short presentations, networking/socializing, centrally located venue, recognizing volunteers, food; suggestions: larger space for networking, more seating for presentations, option to visit committees at tables, shorter presentations, more specifics on how to help, record videos from committee reps that people can view in private room so more time for networking
- September 23: Webinar: Fifteen Reasons to Quit Your Special or Solo Library Job (or Ask Someone Else to Leave), Organized by Solo Division & NY Chapter
- September 30: Happy Hour at Bar Louie, Gallery Place/Chinatown

### Upcoming Programs

- October 4: Following in the Footsteps of War in Fredericksburg, VA (MLG)—15 registrants so far
- October 15: Book Club, *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen* by Sun Myung Moon, Zorba's Café, Dupont
- October 20: Trivia Night with LLSDC and DCLA at Hill Country BBQ in Chinatown
- October 22: IRC (UN Day) Event, Drexel University DC Office-- Samir Goswami from LexisNexis (and formerly of Amnesty International) and Stuart Ridgway of the International Trade Administration, on open source/open data
- November 13: Happy Hour at Science Club organized by Employment and Career Resources Committee
- November 18: Webinar: Solo Project Management: When You are the Whole Team, Presented by Pat Wagner, Organized by Solo Division & NY Chapter
- November: Writing Series: Blogging—panel of bloggers gives advice on getting started, experiences, platforms, types of blogging, transitioning to more formal writing, etc.
- December 9: Holiday Party and Annual Meeting at National Press Club—Any additional sponsors? So far Special Counsel (formerly TRAK) is the only sponsor
- December 11: Military Reference & Research: Sources and Resources – all day workshop at LOC (MLG)

### Transition Answers

- Accomplishment most proud of in 2014: Besides the multitude of programs, a major accomplishment is keeping up with sending out surveys and summarizing results. By the end of the year I plan to synthesize some of the information, especially recommendations for future programs which should prove valuable for future years.
- Unfinished Business or New Goal for 2015: Maintain better connections with the different committees, groups, and board positions which are closely connected to programming, especially in regard to sponsorships.

- Biggest Challenges in 2014: I have a few challenges I would like to mention:
  - Coordinating programs not only under the Program Planning Committee but also helping to post events, manage registrations, and address and questions for the programs planned by other committees/groups. This challenge may be alleviated by giving Event Espresso rights to Committee/Group chairs (as is already done with the Book Club) and having these representatives be better connected to the Program Planning Committee.
  - Posting information to multiple places. There are so many places where events need to be advertised—chapter calendar, SLA calendar, multiple listservs, and blog. A solution is having the Communications Committee more involved with the process (they already post to the blog) or having someone on the Program Planning Committee handle this role for most or all programs.
  - Thinking about year as President. The demanding nature of the Chair position of the Program Planning Committee does not leave adequate time to prepare mentally and strategically for the presidential year. This problem should not exist next year since program planning will no longer be a responsibility of the President-Elect.