

ACADEMIC LIBRARY SECTION
QUARTERLY REPORT TO KLA BOARD

June 7, 2008

The Section's activities for the last quarter have been summarized and highlighted as follows:

2008 Joint Spring (Sections) Conference

The beautiful locale and warm, sunny spring weather played a major role in making the 2008 Joint Spring Conference a success. Eleven mini-sessions, two well attended general sessions, one author luncheon presentation, and two lively evening social events (video game reception and murder mystery party) carried the two-day conference, but still left time for attendees to view Cumberland Falls and hike the many trails in the state park.

Attendance came close to the 85-mark and included two of the four conference vendor sponsors---ProQuest and Emery-Pratt, who exhibited in the Great Room of the park's main lodge. Of those conference attendees completing and submitting conference evaluations, the #1 request for future conferences was---to keep them at the Kentucky state parks.

I was privileged to work with a top notch conference planning committee that involved all chairs and chairs-elect of the two sections and SLA Kentucky Chapter. My sincere thanks go out to the following section/chapter officers and librarians, complete with laudatory monikers:

- **Leoma** "The Detail Person" **Dunn**, SLS Chair;
- **Jan** "The Grammarian" **Berry**, SLA KY Chapter President;
- **Terry** "The Voice of Calm and Reason" **Buckner**, SLS Chair-Elect;
- **Mykie** "The Video Game Meistress" **Howard**, SLA KY Chapter Pres-Elect;
- **Jason** "So Far Away, But So Close" **Vance**, ALS Chair-Elect;
- **Margaret** "Treasurer to the Stars" **Foote**, ALS Treasurer;
- **Sara** "The Queen of Wii Bowling and Tiger Wood's Golf" **Brown**, KLA Listserv Manager.

Section Committees

Most of the section committees are already at work on meeting their respective charges. This includes the Nominating Committee, which will be

meeting this month to select a nominee for ALS Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, as well as Secretary, for 2009.

Peter Hesseldenz, UK Libraries was recently appointed to take over as chair of the ALS Membership Committee. Peter and his committee will be combining a new member recruitment drive this summer with a search effort to locate extant copies of Joint Spring Conference programs, 1985-2002, for eventual inclusion in the KLA section archives. Working from a section members list indicating years of membership in KLA/ALS, their plan is to contact veteran section members and have them check their files for past conference programs.

2008 National Library Legislative Day in DC

I was pleased to represent the section at NLLD for the second straight year. We visited all members of Kentucky's congressional delegation or their aides in one day. And despite it being an election year, a majority of our delegation was, at least, attentive to our concerns and needs, with Representatives Chandler and Davis evidencing the most knowledge of libraries and their benefit to Kentuckians. Proper and timely follow-up and contact with our congressional delegation, post-NLLD, are key to the success of this ALA-sponsored event.

Chair-Elect Status

As was reported at the March KLA Board meeting, Jason Vance, ALS Chair-Elect is now working as "Instructional Librarian" at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro; however Jason has reaffirmed his commitment to serving his ALS chairpersonship for 2009. The Executive Committee recently received a letter of support from Jason's Dean at MTSU in which the extent of his employer's commitment to him and his office was outlined.

Joint Spring Conference Planning Guide

As promised, the JSC chairs and president are currently developing a conference planning guide to be passed onto next year's JSC planning committee. Much of the work has been completed and awaits only the "Conference Chronology" draft from the ALS Chair at the end of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew W. Onion
ALS Chair, 2008