



## ANNUAL REPORT 2006-2007

Dawn Pointer McCleskey, Chair ❖ Jeff Prater, Vice-Chair  
Jon Simons, Treasurer ❖ Karen Higgins, Communications Officer

### INTRODUCTION

The Potomac Valley Chapter resumed activities this year with great enthusiasm. Having had an excellent programming year in 2004-2005, leading to chair Nichole Kallas's Chapter Member of the Year award for 2004, personal commitments in the leadership committee over 2005-2006 resulted in a quieter year. However, the core of the volunteer planning committee developed during the 2004 year remained active and interested, and new board members were nominated at a planning meeting in June 2006.

PVC is proud to be the home chapter of so many outstanding members. This year, Nancy Roderer was elected ASIS&T president-elect, and will serve as ASIS&T president for the 2007-2008 year. Vice-chair Jeff Prater was nominated for, and now serves on, the ASIS&T Bylaws Committee. We are also proud that our treasurer, Jon Simons, has been nominated for ASIS&T treasurer for the 2008-2010 term. At the time of this report, balloting is still active and we wish Jon success.

We began the 2006-2007 year with a sold-out program on federated search technology, introducing a year-long theme of bridging the gap between research and practice.

PVC then co-sponsored SIG III's fundraiser for the International Paper Contest, a resoundingly successful event that attracted over 80 donors and collected close to \$4,000. Held at the Kenyan Embassy in Washington, DC, the event featured an eclectic silent auction, African dance, storytelling, and excellent networking and social opportunities for all involved.

Following close on the heels of this strong event was our program on disaster management. The Chief of Collections Care at the Library of Congress, Jeanne Drewes, presented best practices and offered direct feedback and training on creating a comprehensive disaster plan for attendees' widely varying libraries.

The fires of the planning committee were rekindled after the New Year with a planning session that looked not only into rounding out the 2006-2007 year, but also to the general shape of programming for the 2007-2008 year.

February saw the presentation of a panel discussion on the future of web policy and its implications for information professionals. A wide-ranging discussion covering both international and domestic issues, program attendees also provided interesting and challenging questions for the panel.

In April, PVC co-sponsored an event with the Catholic University of America School of Library and Information Science's student chapter of ASIS&T. The PVC board worked closely with the student chapter chair to develop the program theme, recruit speakers, coordinate logistics, and manage event registration. In the end, a highly successful program was presented honoring Henriette Avram's legacy within information science, and how that legacy has affected women following in her footsteps.

The program was constructed to highlight the particular challenges and rewards of bridging the chasm between female-dominated information science and the male-dominated field of computer science. However, one theme emerged again and again, demonstrating Ms. Avram's real contribution to the field of information science and management: her unflinching commitment that the tool being developed should respond to and meet not only the needs, but also the preferences, of the intended user population. In the case of MARC, this was the cataloging staff at LC. In the case of more recent software developers, it is the unique user groups they have contracted to serve.

The year came to an enthusiastic and fun end with a social and networking evening in June. Feedback from all of our programs was positive, ranging from the program content to the hosting spaces and the food. We had many repeat attendees this year, both members and non-members, and we look forward to continuing to serve the educational interests of the DC metropolitan community. PVC closes this programming year on a high note, full of enthusiasm and energy for the coming year, already with planning underway for our September program.

-Dawn Pointer McCleskey  
ASIS&T PVC Chair, 2006-2007

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## ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

### **ASIST PVC Planning Meeting**

June 29, 2006, 6pm

National Louis University

Meeting minutes compiled by Sue O'Neill Johnson

Meeting Organizers/ "Chairs": Trudi Bellardo Hahn, Nichole Kallas, and Sue O'Neill Johnson

### Attendance

- ❖ Nikkia Anderson (Goddard Library) [nanderson@iiaweb.com](mailto:nanderson@iiaweb.com)
- ❖ Omar Akchurin (NLU, former PVC Chair) [oakturin@erols.com](mailto:oakturin@erols.com)
- ❖ Bridget Burns (NASA) [burnsb@popzoo.gsfc.nasa.gov](mailto:burnsb@popzoo.gsfc.nasa.gov)
- ❖ Mary Fumento (former PVC webmaster) [mfumento@appanet.org](mailto:mfumento@appanet.org)
- ❖ Trudi Bellardo Hahn (former ASIST President and PVC Chair) [thahn@umd.edu](mailto:thahn@umd.edu)
- ❖ Karen Higgins (new volunteer, JHU) [Karen.higgins@jhuapl.edu](mailto:Karen.higgins@jhuapl.edu)
- ❖ Gail Hodge (ASIST Director-at-Large) [gailhodge@aol.com](mailto:gailhodge@aol.com)
- ❖ Sue O'Neill Johnson (former PVC Chair) [suejohnson@hotmail.com](mailto:suejohnson@hotmail.com)

- ❖ Nichole Kallas (former PVC chair, American Coll. Cardio.) nkallas@acc.org
- ❖ Joan Lussky (CUA faculty) lussky@cua.edu
- ❖ Steve Lilenthal (CUA) steve\_lilenthal@yahoo.com
- ❖ Kathleen McGlaughlin (NASA) Kathleen.E.McGlaughlin@nasa.gov
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- ❖ Jeff Prater (NOVA) jprater@nvcc.edu
- ❖ David Redmon (NASA) dcredmon@popzoo.gsfc.nasa.gov
- ❖ Nancy Roderer (Welsh Med. Lib., JHU) nroderer@jhmi.edu
- ❖ Roberta Shaffer (FLICC) rsha@loc.gov
- ❖ Lynette Terpak (CUA) Vaughn.terpak@fairfaxcounty.gov

*Those not present who have expressed interest*

- ❖ Denise Bedford (World Bank) dbedford@worldbank.org
- ❖ Derric D'Souza (UMD student) ddsouza@umd.edu
- ❖ Ankit Nagarseth (UMD student) ankit1@umd.edu
- ❖ Amit Pandey (UMD student) amitp@umd.edu
- ❖ Jon Simons (PVC Treasurer) jon.simons@att.net

Suggested Locations for Programs and contact person:

1. Catholic University: Joan Lussky and Steve Lilenthal
2. Library of Congress, FedLink, Adams Building: Roberta Shaffer (have a computer lab with 25 workstations)
3. National Louis University (25-30 work stations); Omar Akchurin
4. Zimmerman Associations, Roslyn: Harry Needleman
5. Kiplinger: Sue O. Johnson
6. World Bank Africa Building (try Denise Bedford)
7. Gellman Library, Foggy Bottom: Bill Mayer Asst Dir.; Jeff Prater
8. Law firms

*How to get ideas from members?*

Send a survey with 5 short questions to members

Best Program Ideas

1. A workshop with usability studies:  
Dick Horst ran a usability test on the ASIST website  
Bureau of Labor Statistics has a usability Lab  
HCI (usability)
2. Federated Search (suggested by Jeff):  
Ingrid Hsieh-Yee (CUA) on sabbatical (back in the fall);  
Mary and Roberta know Tara Calishain, finishing her PhD in N.C. Mary would contact her.  
Could be a book signing also. Software is Web Feat and Serials Solutions

### 3. Analog and Digital preservation:

Try to get Alan F. Lewis, archiving specialist, PBS, CBS, in NY.

NARA

Bill Lefurgy at LC National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program

How long does digital preservation actually last?

### 4. Disaster Planning

Roberta Shaffer said LC has a program to take on the road.

ARMA

SAA-architecture organization

### Other Program Ideas

1. GIS, Mat Gilmore is a good contact

Mini refresher. Chip Denman detaches a visualization course at MD.

Pull out GIS from a text is a technique being used more. Bob Molyneux knows about this; in Birmingham; with SIRSI, Dynex

2. Open data, large data systems. Chris Greer of NSF, which has a data management plan

3. Clifford Lynch (contact Cecilia Preston for his schedule, CNI staff)

4. RSS feeds (Karen, Jennie Levine, Kathleen Mc, Sabrina Pacifici)

### Suggested Officers

Chair: Dawn Pointer McCleskey, UMd graduate (not present)

Vice Chair: Jeff Prater

WebMaster: Mary Fumento

Program Committee: Harry Needleman, Mary Fumento, Kathleen McLaughlin, Daniel Redmon

Secretary and Communications Officer: Karen Higgins

Treasurer Jon Simons (not present but available to serve)

### **ASIS&T PVC Planning Meeting**

January 17, 2007

WWF

Meeting summary compiled by Dawn Pointer McCleskey

### Attendees

- ❖ Omar Akturin
- ❖ Denise Bedford
- ❖ Pat Evans
- ❖ Karen Higgins
- ❖ Dawn Pointer McCleskey
- ❖ Jeff Prater
- ❖ Nancy Roderer
- ❖ Jon Simons

## Programs for remainder of 2006-2007 year

### *February program*

“Ahead of the Curve: the Future of Internet Policy and What it Means for You”

Feb. 13, 2007 at WWF

Panel speakers: Paul Jaeger , Steve Hannestad, and Ken Fleischmann, moderated by Trudi Bellardo Hahn

Announcements will be sent to the various listservs with individualized notes at beginning.

Need volunteer to help with thank you gifts for the panel.

### *Mid-Spring program*

Co-Sponsoring with CUA chapter , a program in honor of Henriette Avram

Topic: Will try to get Cliff Lynch to speak on her legacy, as well as the evolution of networked information management – where did we start, and where are we now?

Will gather a panel of students to provide reaction to Cliff’s talk.

Will also try to identify which members of Henriette’s original team are still in the area, and invite them to attend/participate.

Date complications: Catholic’s schedule is pretty tight at the end of the term, and Passover is in there, too. In talking with Steve Lillienthal, it looks like April 11 will be the best date, if Cliff is available then. Dawn has asked Trudi to check with Cliff about this date, or the 12th.

Location: CUA somewhere

### *June program*

A less formal program, with dinner, socializing, and debate

Topic: Four generations in the workforce – a study from Pew Center. Omar will circulate study to PVC-Board list. There was already lively debate at the planning meeting as different generations spoke up in support of themselves!

Location: a restaurant, most likely – investigating Tivoli, Capital City Brew Pub (Jon), as well as Venable (a law firm near Verizon Center – Pat will investigate)

### *Summer events*

We would like to have a couple brown-bags of some sort. Topics to be determined.

Find out about and advertise to PVC the annual event at UMD’s HCI lab. This might take the place of the usability workshop idea from the last planning meeting. Need volunteer to gather information on the HCI annual event.

## Outreach activity ideas for 2006-2007, and 2007-2008

1. Support NC Nalle school playtime project via grocery store rewards programs. Denise Bedford has already sent information to the PVC listserv with information on how to sign up to participate.

2. Invite PVC members to tutor; provide “wish list” donations to schools (this might include coordinating a corporate donor with a school, or making a collection for discrete items, or donating technical expertise for training or consultation).

## Program arc for 2007-2008 year

### *September kick-off program*

Topic: GIS – brief overview of what it is, but more interestingly, what are people doing with it? What are the problems/outstanding issues with GIS? Presentations on several different leading-edge applications.

Speaker idea: Speaker from ASIS&T annual meeting in Charlotte, from MIT. Pat will look up name.

### *Other programs for 2007-2008*

Have fewer (three?) large, formal learning events.

Most discussed topic: Preservation – analog and digital. This idea needs more development, may overlap with sessions SLA does from time to time. How could we make this session more about emerging trends – i.e., more ASIS&T-like?

Other ideas, from last meeting, plus a couple new ones:

- ❖ Open data, large data systems. Chris Greer of NSF, which has a data management plan
- ❖ RSS feeds (Karen, Jennie Levine, Kathleen McG, Sabrina Pacifici)
- ❖ Design issues for facets (classification theory and the web) - Larry Lempert, BNA
- ❖ Tagging and social classification systems, and applications. (Tara Calishain?)
- ❖ November or December 2007 happy hour to promote internship and practicum opportunities to CUA and UMD students. Cosponsor with student chapters?

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## CHAPTER MEMBER OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

### **Spring 2007**

Following the January planning meeting, communications officer Karen Higgins performed an audit of the PVC listserv members, comparing it against a list of PVC members. For those members who were not listserv participants, a message was sent out inviting them to join the list, so that they would receive program announcements and other important PVC information. In contrast, there were a number of non-members on the listserv, and the board has not yet taken a decision on how to address this issue.

### **Ongoing throughout the year: Audio Presentations**

Due to the distributed geography of the chapter, the board made a concerted effort to make an audio recording of each educational program available via the PVC website. This would allow members who were unable to attend either due to schedule or location to still benefit from the programs. Only one program was not posted, due to technical issues with the recording. The audio files are linked from the program listing on the PVC website, currently on the front page: <http://www.asis.org/Chapters/asispvc/index.html>

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## PROGRAMS

### **"Federated Search of Today and Tomorrow... What's Current, What's Coming"**

#### **Annual Business Meeting**

September 27, 2006

6:30 - 8: 30pm, dinner provided

American Public Power Association

#### Speakers

Shanyun Zhang, Catholic University of America

Bradley Gernand, Institute for Defense Analyses Headquarters Library

Kathleen McGlaughlin, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center Library

#### The Program

##### *Federated Search of Today and Tomorrow...*

What is the latest research on federated search, and what can we expect from future systems? Shanyun Zhang of Catholic University will describe her work with Ingrid Hsieh-Yee.

What are the pros and cons of systems currently on the market? Hear from Bradley Gernand of Institute for Defense Analyses and Kathleen McGlaughlin of NASA about their experiences implementing WebFeat and CentralSearch.

#### Registration

Program sold out, with standing room only!

42 registered attendees, including 20 non-members, plus three guests from OCLC

### **SIG III and PVC Annual International Paper Contest Fundraiser**

Co-sponsored event

October 6, 2006

6 - 9pm, dinner provided

Kenyan Embassy

An Exciting and Fun-filled Fundraiser for ASIST's International Paper Contest. Bring your donation of international auction items, yourself and your friends to a silent-auction fundraiser!

All proceeds will benefit SIG III International Scholars attending the ASIST 2006 Conference

Silent Auction of international items

African door prizes

Greeting from the Kenyan Ambassador

Entertainment: Kenyan/African music and dance  
Wine, good food, soft drinks

*Special notes:* The event raised nearly \$4,000 for the international paper contest, and was attended by more than 80 people. A surprise attendee was World Bank president Paul Wolfowitz.

### **"Ready, Set, Go! Quick but Complete Disaster Planning"**

November 14, 2006  
6 - 8pm, dinner provided  
World Wildlife Fund

#### Speaker

Jeanne M. Drewes, Chief, Binding and Collections Care, Library of Congress

#### The Program

*Ready! Set! Go! Quick but complete Disaster planning...*

If you don't have a disaster plan and you know you need one then this evening's event is for you. Ms. Drewes will provide a fill in the blank disaster manual for recovery of library materials, both print and electronic. All you need is to fill in the blanks to this electronically available manual to help prepare you for the worst and let you do your best. Experience has proven that those with written disaster plans have more successful recovery of materials affected by a disaster. With a minimum of additional work you can have that plan. So plan to attend!

Jeanne M. Drewes is Chief of Binding and Collections Care at the Library of Congress. Formerly she was Assistant Director for Access and Preservation at Michigan State University Libraries and head of the preservation department at Johns Hopkins University, Milton S. Eisenhower Library. She received her M.A.L.S. from the University of Missouri-Columbia and was a Mellon Intern for Preservation Administration at the University of Michigan. She is an active member of ALA, AIC, and the Guild of Bookworkers and has taught workshops and published on the topic of insurance and risk management, disaster planning, education and outreach, as well as other areas of preservation. One of her more recent publications is Risk and Insurance Management Manual for Libraries published by ALA/LAMA in 2005.

#### Registration

The event was attended by approximately 20 people from libraries and collections across the region and also across the spectrum of library types.

### **"Ahead of the Curve: the Future of Internet Policy and What It Means for You"**

February 27, 2007 (Postponed from the 13th due to inclement weather)

6 – 8pm, dinner provided  
World Wildlife Fund

## Speakers

Ken Fleischmann and Paul Jaeger  
Center for Information Policy, University of Maryland

## The Program

*Ahead of the Curve: the Future of Internet Policy and What It Means for You*

Please join us for a lively panel discussion on the future of web policy and its implications for us as users and information professionals. We will do an overview of several cross-cutting topics:

- ❖ The future of Internet in addressing global inequality
- ❖ The Internet, political participation and distributed democracy
- ❖ Social networks and use of the Internet
- ❖ The social, political, and intellectual forces shaping access to and use information and technology
- ❖ Ethical challenges and opportunities in Internet 2.0.

Kenneth R. Fleischmann is an Assistant Professor in the College of Information Studies of the University of Maryland. His research and teaching interests include human-computer interaction, social informatics, information ethics, and value-sensitive design of educational computer simulations, computational models, and digital libraries.

Stephen E. Hannestad is the Director of Research of the Center for Information Policy, College of Information Studies of the University of Maryland. His current research interests include knowledge management for emergency management, e-government, intellectual property, competitive intelligence, continuity of government and continuity of operations, national security classification policy, public service, and security policy.

Paul T. Jaeger is an Assistant Professor in the College of Information Studies of the University of Maryland. His teaching and research focus on the ways in which law and public policy shape access to information in public forums, such as the Internet, libraries, education, and e-government.

Our moderator will be Trudi Bellardo Hahn, Visiting Professor at CLIS, past-chair of PVC, and past-president of ASIS&T. She studies the history of information science and technology, information policy, information literacy and assessment of learning.

The Center for Information Policy is a multidisciplinary research center that analyzes and provides solutions to current policy issues relating to the convergence of information and technology. For more information, see <http://www.cip.umd.edu/>

## Registration

40 registered attendees, including 11 non-members and 14 student members.

## **“Working Information Networks: a Tribute to Henriette Avram”**

Co-sponsored event with the CUA Student Chapter

April 26, 2007

6 – 8pm, dinner provided

CUA School of Engineering, Pangborn Hall Scullen Room

### Speakers

Beacher Wiggins, Library of Congress

Sally McCallum, Library of Congress

Gail Hodge, Information International Associates

Nikkia Anderson, Information International Associates

Jennifer Preece, College of Information Studies, University of Maryland

Yan Qu, College of Information Studies, University of Maryland

### The Program

*Working Information Networks: a Tribute to Henriette Avram...*

Please join us for a retrospective presentation on women's contributions to networked information management. Beginning with the "mother of MARC", Henriette Avram, we will explore how collaborative information management has evolved over the years, and especially how women have played important roles in the development process.

- ❖ Henriette Avram was the driving force behind the development of MARC. Beacher Wiggins and Sally McCallum will speak about Ms. Avram's vision and influence on networked information, and also about some of the less broadly known aspects of Ms. Avram.
- ❖ Gail Hodge and Nikkia Anderson will present on their experiences developing databases and other networked information solutions for federal contracts in engineering and the sciences.
- ❖ Jennifer Preece will give a brief review of work being done at CLIS by her and three women colleagues.
- ❖ Yan Qu will present two prototypes she is developing with colleagues to fill research sense-making needs.

*About the speakers...*

Beacher Wiggins is the Director for Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access at the Library of Congress. His entire library career has been at the Library of Congress, where he started as a cataloger in 1972. He has served as Director for Cataloging (1995-2002), as Acting Associate Librarian for Library Services (2002-2003), and as special assistant to Henriette Avram during her tenure as the Assistant Librarian for Collections Services (1986-1991).

Sally McCallum is the Chief of Network Development and the MARC Standards Office, and acting chief of the Integrated Library System Program Office, both at the Library of Congress. She, too, worked directly with Henriette Avram during her time at the Library of Congress.

Gail Hodge is a Senior Information Scientist with Information International Associates (IIa). She has been involved in the information industry since 1978. She joined IIa in March 1996, with primary responsibility for project management and consulting in the areas of database production, taxonomy and vocabulary development, metadata and related standards, and the application of technology to scientific and technical information management.

Nikkia Anderson is a Technical Information Specialist for Information International Associates, Inc. She has been with IIa for 3 1/2 years. She has a BS in Computer Science and is currently pursuing an MLIS at Drexel University. She is experienced in metadata, taxonomy, and repository development. Other areas of interest include scanning, optical character recognition, and preservation.

Jennifer J. Preece is Dean of University of Maryland's College of Information Studies. Her research interests include computer-mediated communication, human-computer interaction, management of online communities of practice, health, education, and knowledge. She is the author of eight books and over 150 articles. ([www.clis.umd/people/preece](http://www.clis.umd/people/preece))

Yan Qu is an Assistant Professor at University of Maryland's College of Information Studies. Her research interests include information seeking and organization, sensemaking and learning, information system design, and human computer interaction.

Registration

25 registered attendees, including five non-members and seven student members.

**Summer Fun and Networking Evening**

June 21, 2007, 6:30pm  
 Capitol City Brewing Company

A good time was had by all! We had 21 registered attendees.

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Beginning Balance, Quarter 1 Includes Savings and Checking	\$5720.81
Program Expenses, Quarter 1	-\$1854.97
Program Expenses, Quarter 2	-\$711.24
Program Expenses, Quarter 3	-\$330.67
Program Income, Quarter 1	\$1794.57
Program Income, Quarter 2	\$1284.91
Program Income, Quarter 3	\$398.23
Ending Balance, Quarter 3 Includes Savings and Checking	<b>\$6301.64</b>