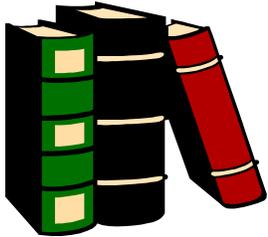


LaSSAL Newsletter



Chair's Column by April Milton

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We are off to an exciting start as we welcome all of you to the upcoming conference that will be held March 23-25, 2004 in Monroe, Louisiana. Our committee has worked hard to ensure our section will provide an array of topics that will enable you to continue your commitment of excellent support service in our libraries.



LaSSAL Board Members with Chairperson, April Milton

I am pleased to report our section has undergone growth and changes over the last year. We are pleased to welcome all individuals who are new and say thanks to those who have remained with us. We have new Board members that have already shown not only excitement and enthusiasm, but also a dedication to the expansion of our section and its mission. I encourage them to contact me whenever the need arises.

As you peruse our newsletter, please note the LaSSAL ParaProfessional of the Year recipient. I highly encourage all support staff to strive towards this most prestigious honor.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing all of you at the conference.

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Louisiana Library Association 2004 Annual Conference

March 23-25, 2004
Monroe, Louisiana



2003 LaSSAL Conference

“Very Interesting Conference.” “Benefited from a different point of view concerning digital imaging.” “Learned a great deal and was quite entertained in the process.” These were just a few of the comments noted from evaluations received after our 2003 State Conference. Participants rated our conference an overall success. Some of the suggestions for future topics were:



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| Technology | Any computer workshops |
| Computer Info | Stress Management |
| Computer and telephone etiquette | Government documents |
| How to surf the net for research and data | Serials |
| Building better work environments | Minor book repair |

As a result of these suggestions, we are pleased to announce we have arranged a workshop at the upcoming session in the area of Technology. We will have ????? Presenting a pre-conference session on How to repair old photographs digitally. A session by Thelma Harrison on Storytelling and Louis Covington on Employee Incentives is also planned. Register early, these sessions will max out quickly!



LaSAAL Statewide Conference Evaluation Summary



<u>Overall Rating</u>	<i>Excellent</i>	3	2	1	<i>Poor</i>
Conference as a whole	12		9	0	0
Conference Organization	13		8	0	0
Programs as a Whole	13		8	0	0

General Questions: Did the program meet your expectations?

_____ 22 _____ Yes _____ 0 _____ No

Was the Conference beneficial to you?

_____ 21 _____ Yes _____ 0 _____ No

Conference Length: _____ 20 _____ About Right

Paraprofessional of the Year Award

An announcement for the Paraprofessional of the Year Award was e-mailed to the LLA General membership. Deadline for entries was by December 1, 2003. The following guidelines were outlined:

- A library support staff employee
- A member of LLA and LaSAAL
- Demonstrated dedication to the mission and goals of LaSAAL

An announcement e-mail was sent February 11, 2004 to the membership for this years winner as:

Mildred Osborne, Desoto Parish Library

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Financial Report by Kathy Tuminello

Balance (as of 9/30/03)	\$8,984.80
2nd Quarter expenses	\$1,819.58
2nd Quarter revenue	<u>\$1,276.00</u>
Balance (as of 12/31/03)	\$8,441.22

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Board Minutes

Kathy Tuminello, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect, reported on the LaSAAL conference. She reported excellent ratings from all who completed evaluation forms. LaSAAL now has 89 current members, some of whom joined at the conference. A request was made to consider an honoraria to speakers who donate their time. Kathy discussed the upcoming LLA Conference. LaSAAL will be sponsoring three programs.

April Milton reviewed the committee members on current listings in the LLA Membership Directory. Notice was made regarding the five section regional coordinators and clarification of their duties.



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Board Minutes (continued)

The Board discussed reviving the newsletter. The Board decided to have it in electronic format with paper copies to be printed as needed. The newsletter will be sent as a text message via e-mail to all section members and will be posted online twice a year. Brief e-mail updates will be sent monthly to members. As of this issue, our newsletter chair will be Dede Johnson. All articles can be sent to her at:

ljohnson@shreve-lib.org.

The Board has tentatively set a brief meeting at the LLA Conference. The next formal Executive Board meeting will be Friday, April 23, 2004 in Alexander, Louisiana.

