

LiSLIG KZN Branch Meeting and AGM, 2008

On the 21 of August 2008, the KZN branch of the Special Libraries Interest Group held its Annual General Meeting at Engen Petroleum Refinery, Tara Road, Wentworth, Durban.

The convener welcomed all present at the AGM.

As a result of the IFLA conference last year and there not being an AGM, a brief report was presented on the activities of 2007.

Workshops for 2007

1. Preservation and Access: Development of Digital Libraries in SA – 28 March 2007.

This workshop was presented by Dr. Dale Peters of DISA. The workshop was well attended by university students and librarians from different special libraries.

Focused on the following:

- What is a digital library?
- Digital library opportunities for the professional development of librarians
- Digital library services for the future

The workshop was very informative and well received by all who attended. Please see the link for details of the presentation:

<http://aboutdisa.ukzn.ac.za/workshops/LiSLIG07/LiSLIG07.htm>

In addition see the link for the “UNESCO Guidelines for the Preservation of Digital Heritage”, for the benefit of the University of Zululand students: http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=13271&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

2. Basic Web Page Design – 29 May 2007

This workshop was presented by Dr Naresh Sentoo. It was a hands on workshop that focused on designing your very own organisation web page using the software FrontPage. It was a well received practical workshop by all attendees.

3. Intellectual Property Rights & Copyright-Digitally Scanned Photographs – 30 July 2007.

This our last workshop for the year was presented by Nellie Somers. This workshop ended with a major discussion from all attendees and was well received.

Budget 2006/2007

Balance carried forward from 2006 was R495.00. Income generated from the Knowledge Management Workshop on 18 August 2006 was R325.00 which was banked. Deposit slip attached.

No income was generated for the year 2007. Monies received for the cover charge at workshops for the year 2007 amounted to R510.00 which basically covered the refreshments provided at each workshop. Expenditure for the refreshments amounted to R645.97. Priscilla Moodley sponsored R135.97 for the outstanding expenditure of refreshments at workshops.

The cover charge for the year 2008 will be looked at again so as to ensure that expenditure does not exceed income with regards to the provision of refreshments.

Please see attached financial statement.

Resignations 2007

Grace Nvoyane resigned from the committee and Lucy Naidoo was co-opted as an additional member.

Activities 2008

All presentations for the year 2008 was provided according to the responses of our membership after each workshop.

The first workshop held this year was "Open Source, open content, open access....and all that". This workshop was held on 27 March 2008 at the EG Malherbe Library Conference Room. The presenter was Catherine Dubbeld. Workshop presentation is accessible at LiASA website.

The second workshop was on "Web 2.0 : Social Networking Features". This workshop was held on 16 May 2008 at the DUT Steve Biko campus. The presenter was David Thomas.

The final presentation for the year was on "Implementation of Microsoft Sharepoint : Document Management System – a Case Study of Engen Refinery" by Myra Boyes. It is agreed that Electronic Document Management is a MUST if we want to control the masses of electronic documentation created throughout our organisations. HOWEVER, we must not be fooled by the literature or by the information specialists into believing that it is an easy process – It's a MAJOR learning curve! as was discussed in this presentation by Myra Boyes which is available on the LiASA website.

Venues for Workshops

The convener took this opportunity to thank and acknowledge the willingness and assistance provided by library staff of DUT, Steve Biko Campus and UKZN for their presentations of workshops as well as providing the venues to host LiSLIG workshops.

Myra Boyes National Chair – Special Libraries Interest Groups was also thanked for her outstanding dedication and support of all LiSLIG activities.

Committee Meetings

The LiSLIG committee held regular telephonic meetings and communication via email best suited members.

Membership

All expired memberships were contacted telephonically or via e-mail. Renewal forms were regularly forwarded.

Finance : 2008

Balance carried from 2007 was R684.03.

Income generated from the cover charge at three workshops held in 2008 amounted to R510.00. Priscilla Moodley sponsored all refreshments provided at the workshops.

Balance carried forward as of August 2008 is R1194.03

Financial statement attached.

Update on LiSLIG-National

LiASA Interest Group National Committee Chair, Myra Boyes updated attendees on the 4 active LiSLIG branches namely, E.Cape, Free State, KZN and Western Cape. As of 22 April 2004 primary paid up membership was 105 and 88 for secondary paid up membership.

Myra Boyes also enlightened all present about the development of community libraries via the DAC grant and NACLIS. Segametsi Malawa is a LiSLIG member currently serving on the National Committee for Library and Information science (NACLIS). She advises the Department of Arts & Culture on the Library Transformation Charter. She will be representing Special Libraries Interests on NACLIS.

Resignations 2008

Shireen Deoraj has been promoted and is now part of the Public Library sector. Shireen was thanked for her role as treasurer and her support in all other areas concerning LiSLIG.

The outgoing committee was thanked for their support, assistance and dedication to all LiSLIG activities.

Results of the nominations for the term 2008 – 2010

Convener: Priscilla Moodley

Secretary: Zweli Ndayi

Treasurer: Sibongile Mthembu

Membership/PRO: Lucy Naidoo

The meeting ended with the welcoming of the new committee and a scrumptious lunch sponsored by Engen Refinery.

Priscilla Moodley
Chair KZN Branch
21 August 2008