

LSSIRT NEWSLETTER

March 2004

COAST TO COAST FOR LSSIRT

From Cape Cod to San Diego and Back

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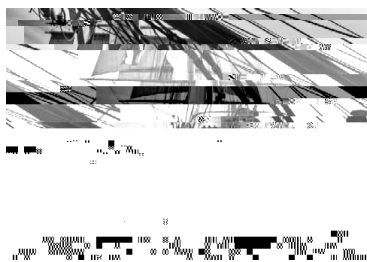
On Thursday morning, January 9, 2004, I had my alarm clock set for 5:30 a.m. to start my trip to San Diego.

By 7:00 a.m., I was on the road for my 2 hour drive to T. F. Greene Airport in Warwick, Rhode Island and the first leg of my trip to San Diego. After a stopover in Chicago, I arrived in San Diego and checked into my hotel around 8:00 p.m. on Thursday evening. I'm definitely getting good at survival techniques in airports. Like many members of LSSIRT, I pay my own way to conferences and look for the most economical flights available.

My home base for the next six days would be the Ramada Inn & Suites on 6th Avenue in the historic Gaslamp district of San Diego. The Ramada Inn is actually the old St. James Hotel which I believe is the oldest hotel in San Diego, complete with cage elevators. I will tell you the hotel staff couldn't have been nicer. When I was headed out to a restaurant on Saturday evening and my cab didn't arrive in a timely fashion, the front desk manager had one of the staff drive me to my destination in the hotel's van. What this hotel lacked in newness and modern

features was far outweighed by service.

On Friday morning, I was up and out of my hotel by 7:30 a.m. to meet LSSIRT VP/President Elect Jim Hill for breakfast and a review of our agenda for the LSSIRT meeting on Saturday morning. From there, I headed to the San Diego Marriott hotel for the BARC Financial Planning Seminar. BARC is the Budget Analysis and Review Committee which is an ALA standing committee. ALA's



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handbook states the function of BARC is "to review the proposed budget, as forwarded by the ALA Executive Board, in the context of the ALA strategic plan, annual priorities and budget assumptions; to review the financial performance of the Association and the budget impact of potential actions of ALA Council; to make budget

recommendations to the ALA Executive Board and to report to Council regarding budget analysis and process." Each year at mid-winter, BARC holds a "Financial Planning Seminar." Last year, as the Vice President, I found this session to be very informative. When I received the notice for this year's session, I decided to attend. Besides the presentation that the BARC representatives gave, there was ample time for questions from the attendees. If you want to know anything about how the finances of ALA are conducted and how the system relates to LSSIRT this is a seminar that you want to attend.

At noon, I headed to the San Diego Convention Center for the HRDR Leadership Lunch. HRDR is the Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment and LSSIRT's ALA staff liaison is Lorelle Swader the head of HRDR. The luncheon is a chance for the leadership of the roundtables that have HRDR liaison's to meet and check in with their staff person. It is at this meeting that we find out what the time lines will be for next 12 months and get any questions we have answered.

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And Remembering Toronto.

LSSIRT DINNER CRUISE: AT LAST YOUR SHIP HAS COME IN!

LSSIRT Steering Committee members greeted lucky ticket holders at the Queen's Quay dock in preparation for boarding the Jubilee Queen cruise ship. This sold-out event featured a 3-course dinner

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LSSIRT Steering Committee/Membership Meeting
 Mini-minutes from the Secretary, Jennifer S. Kutzik
 U.S. Grant Hotel, Horton B
 San Diego, California
 Jan. 10, 2004

1. Martha Parsons reported we have a fund balance of \$6579.07.
2. We have 405 members reported for the May-October 2003 period.
3. Gerald Hodges, ALA Executive Director of Communications and Marketing, proposed a \$35 dues category for support staff. We voted to endorse this proposal. Gerald will present at upcoming ALA Council session.
4. Irene Percelli (Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)) reported on an online library library assistant training program for academic and research libraries.
5. ASCLA (The Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies) approached LSSIRT about becoming a section within their division. After discussion, we voted to decline their offer.
6. The National Directory will continue to be updated on our website but the cost of printing and mailing to each state representative is prohibitive. Additional information about how to obtain printed copies will be added to our website.
7. Jenifer Grady, newly appointed Director of the American Library Association-Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA), was introduced. Jenifer requested contributions for Library Worklife (the electronic Library Personnel News (LPN)).
8. The Certification Task Force will develop a preliminary survey instrument by the Orlando ALA meeting. This survey will be used to gather input from support staff nation-wide for use by the ALA-APA.
9. COPE-3: Kent Slade will chair a new COPE-3 Task Force to monitor the progress of recommendations from COPE-3. The Task Force will work with Lorelle Swader (HRDR liaison to LSSIRT).
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After the HRDR Leadership Lunch, I headed to the San Diego Marriott and the ALA Executive Board Meeting. ALA's Executive Board is made up of the current officers, the immediate past president and 8 members elected by ALA's Council. These meetings tend to give you a feel for what will be taken up at the Council sessions and can be valuable to LSSIRT as we move forward with the COPE III recommendations. Actually, one of the reports which had been given at this session was an update on the COPE III Action Report which outlines how the recommendations have been divided up for implementation.

My first full day of activities at mid-winter was over and I headed back to my hotel. I was rooming with Ali Poffinberger, LSSIRT Member-at-Large who arrived on Friday evening. After Ali got settled in at the hotel, we spent some time going over some of the meetings that we wanted to make sure

