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State Agencies, Cooperatives, & Systems Section

The State Agencies, Cooperatives & Systems Section amended their bylaws at the annual conference so that the bylaws now reflect current practice.

From the Long Range Plan:

1. Each Section will develop an easy to use guide to the activities of Section that can be added to annually. The guide will include the Section charge, tasks, timetables, governance, and Frequently Asked Questions about the Section. This guide will be submitted to the Finance and Management Committee for review. (September 2005 and reviewed annually) The Past Chair, Current Chair, and Chair-Elect will begin working on this charge when the planning for the next conference is well under way.

2006 Conference Program

I have been corresponding with Brian Greene, Incoming Chair, concerning a program for joint sponsorship by this section. The program presenter will be Stephen Abrams. Brian knows Stephen personally and states: "Stephen is an approachable, funny and enthusiastic library leader. He is currently the President of the Canadian Library Association. Teaches at University of Toronto. Has worked with the Canadian provincial ministers of education to stress the need for librarians in K-12 schools with help from Grant Haycock and Keith Curry Lance. I have gotten to know him more through his work as the Vice President of Innovation, Sirsi Corporation."

Abrams is also LJ 2002 Mover and Shaker and SLA's 2003 John Cotton Dana award recipient, and columnist (SLA's Information Outlook and now LJ). Stephen K. Abram has been recognized by the Special Libraries Association (SLA) as one of the "Best of the Information Profession."

Abrams will speak about Google Inc. and Libraries: Our Common Future. The Wyoming State Library has agreed to subsidize some of the cost to bring him here.

He will be featured in the Wyoming Library Roundup - Technology issue just before conference. He likes to talk about: impact of Google, future of libraries, e-learning strategies or e-learning, millennials or Next Generation library patrons, etc. We believe that everyone will find him thoughtful, stimulating, and entertaining.

Representative articles about/by Abrams

millennials - Born with a chip, LJ, <http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA411572> The next generation will profoundly impact both library service and the culture within the profession

Inspiring Learning in Libraries: A Synthesis of People, Information and Technology
http://www.mgmt.dal.ca/slis/PublicLectures/lectures04-05/wilson_abram.html

Community Exploded, Stephen Abram (netConnect) -- 1/15/2005
<http://libraryjournal.reviewsnews.com/article/CA490056>

Stephen Abram. "What About Us? The Meta Librarian Information for Information Pros." Information Outlook 8 (6) June 2004, p.42-43. <http://www.nocall.org/nocallnews/0411prord.html>

Stephen Abram discusses the need for librarians to write more. He believes that we should be more willing to "toot our own horn" and present our ideas and innovations to the world. He contends that new technology has presented us with new opportunities to write (blogs, 'zines, websites, etc.), and that we should take advantage of these

opportunities. He ends the article with a step-by-step plan to motivate one to write; he also presents a list of his favorite blogs and 'zines. _____

No Librarians Left Behind: Preparing for Next-Generation Libraries (Part 1)

<http://www.infoday.com/MMSchools/nov03/dcon1103.shtml>

No Librarians Left Behind: Preparing for Next-Generation Libraries (Part 2)

<http://www.infoday.com/MMSchools/jan04/abram.shtml> 10 trends to watch