

# The Pipeline

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## THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE by Dr. Nancy Zimmerman



Beta Phi Mu celebrated the 60th anniversary of its founding last June at a G-ALA celebration at the ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim with over 125 members in attendance. During the G-ALA we toasted our society's approximately 30,000 members, our 45 active chapters, and our founding ancestors. We installed our first new chapter in twenty years, the Beta Beta Mu chapter of Valdosta State, and had 20 new initiates, primarily from the Omega chapter of San Jose State, sign the Great Book. We ate hors d'oeuvres and cake. We drank champagne and punch. We sang, we laughed, and had a wonderful time together celebrating 60 years of Beta Phi Mu history and success.

At the Assembly meeting following the reception, the membership present elected three new directors to the Beta Phi Mu Executive Board. Newly elected directors for three year terms are George Gaumond, University Librarian at Valdosta State and a member for the Beta Beta Mu chapter, and Beth Paskoff, Dean of the School of Library and Information Science at Louisiana State University and a member of the Beta Zeta chapter. They are joined on the Executive Board by Alice Calabrese-Berry, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Library System in Burr Ridge, Illinois and a member of the Beta Beta Gamma chapter filling an unexpired term for two-years. We are delighted to welcome our new board members. They will be seated at the next meeting on Friday, January 23, 2008 during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Denver, location TBA. Beta Phi Mu members are always welcome at meetings of the Executive Board.

The Executive Board is undertaking a review of the Society's by-laws which are in need of revision, particularly to allow for electronic voting and distribution of correspondence and newsletters. We are also looking at revising policies to allow Beta Phi Mu to grow and flourish as a 21st century organization. Dr. Norman Horrocks, past BPM president, has agreed to help the Board with this review. We expect that we will be presenting a by-laws revision for a membership vote with the next election ballot.

While reading about the history and purpose of BPM as envisioned by our founders for the 60th celebration, as we tell their stories in our newsletter, and as I have been reviewing the by-laws and policies, I have been reflecting on how we can work together to make Beta Phi Mu an even stronger and more effective organization. Our motto, *Aliis inserviando consumor*, and the Greek letters of our Society's name affirm our role as scholars and guardians of knowledge consumed in the service of others. We think in terms of learning, culture and human flourishing. And then I came across one of the latest commentaries of Rushworth Kidder, founder of the °Institute for Global Ethics (IGE). Published on October 20, 2008 and found on IGE website, <http://www.globalethics.org>, the commentary, *It's the Culture, Stupid!*, was addressing the need for a solution-oriented approach to the current economic crisis by deliberately building organizations with cultures of integrity. I'm not implying that we don't already have an organization with a culture of integrity, but I think Dr. Kidder's commentary can provide rich nourishment for thought and guidance as we, particularly the Executive Board, decide on the path we want BPM to travel for the next 60 years.

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# Across The Board



Alice Calabrese-Berry  
*Director*



George Gaumond  
*Director*



Eloise May  
*Director*



Ron Miller  
*Director*



Anna Perrault  
*Past President*

**Alice Calabrese-Berry** has been a member of Beta Phi Mu since 1972. Calabrese-Berry has been an active leader in the library world having served on numerous Illinois statewide committees and ALA committees including the ALA Executive Board and Council, and OCLC Members Council. In 1989, she received a presidential appointment to serve as a member of the White House Conference on Library and Information Services Advisory Committee. Calabrese-Berry has directed library systems in Illinois since 1988. She is currently the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Library System with offices in Chicago and Burr Ridge, Illinois.



**George Gaumond** is the University Librarian at Valdosta State University in Georgia. The Master of Library and Information Science Program (MLIS) at VSU also reports to him. Gaumond earned a BA in History from the University of South Carolina, an MS in Library Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a Ph.D. in Library and Information Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Although an academic library administrator for most of his career, Gaumond has been involved with the development of the newly accredited MLIS Program at VSU since the original planning committee meeting over sixteen years ago. Gaumond was initiated in the Alpha Chapter in 1976 and recently participated in the installation of Beta Phi Mu's newest chapter, Beta Beta Mu.



**Eloise May** has served as the Executive Director of the Arapahoe Library District since 1985. The Arapahoe Library District serves 200,000 people through 8 facilities and numerous outreach services. The core of ALD's mission statement is "outstanding and personalized service." May served on the Council of American Library Association for eight years and was the President of the Colorado Association of Libraries in 1999/2000. In 2003, May was awarded the Colorado Association of Libraries' prestigious Career Achievement Award, and in 2004 received the University of Denver College of Education's Leadership in Learning Alumni Award. May received her M.L.S. from the University of Denver in 1974 and her B.A. from Wheaton College, Illinois in 1968. Published articles have appeared in Colorado Libraries and American Libraries.



**Ron Miller** is currently Director of Product Management at the H.W. Wilson Company in New York City. Miller began his Wilson career as an indexer in Business Periodicals Index and also served as Director of Content Acquisition at Wilson. Miller earned his Master of Library and Information Science degree from the Pratt Institute School of Information and Library Science and is currently a Visiting Associate Professor at Pratt teaching classes in Abstracting & Indexing and Thesaurus Design and Construction. Miller is the Immediate Past President of Theta Chapter and also served on the NISO MetaSearch Task Group. He has moderated panels and given numerous presentations at various ALA, ARLIS, AALL, and NFAIS conferences. Previous to his Information & Library Science career, Miller was a professional musician.

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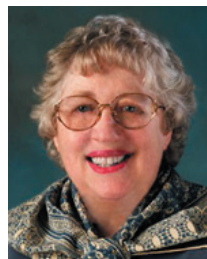
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*Director at Large*



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*Vice President  
President Elect*



Blanche E. Woolls  
*Director*



Nancy Zimmerman  
*President*



**Beth Paskoff** is the Dean of the School of Library and Information Science at Louisiana State University, where she has been a member of the faculty since 1987. Her experience in libraries includes ten years in the LSU Libraries where she was Science Bibliographer, and five years as a medical librarian in Washington, DC and Baltimore, MD. In addition to publications in books and journals and many presentations at conferences, Paskoff has received more than \$750,000 in grants. Paskoff's professional service includes election to two terms on the Board of Directors of the Special Libraries Association, leadership roles in the Medical Library Association, American Library Association, the Association of Library and Information Science Education, and the Louisiana Library Association. Paskoff has been recognized for professional achievement by the Special Libraries Association and ALA and in 2002 received the Distinguished Alumna Award from SUNY-Albany, where she earned her MLS. Her Ph.D. is from Florida State University.



**Anna H. Perrault** is Professor in the School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Florida in Tampa. She earned an M.A. in English Literature and an M.S. in Library Science from Louisiana State University and a Ph.D. in Library and Information Studies from the Florida State University. In 2003 Perrault was named Distinguished Alumna by FSU (CI) and Outstanding Alumna for the Louisiana State University School of Library and Information Science in 2004. Perrault began her career in librarianship at the Louisiana State University Libraries, where she was Humanities bibliographer (1976-1984) and Head of Interlibrary Services and Reference Collection Management (1986-1993). In the course of her career she has become widely known for bibliometric research in academic library collections for which she has won numerous awards, including an OCLC/ALISE Research Grant (2001), the ALCTS Blackwell's Scholarship Award (2000), the ALISE Doctoral Dissertation Award (1995), and the Library Acquisitions Practice and Theory Research Award (1992). *Global Collective Resources: a Study of Monographic Bibliographic Records in WorldCat* is an accomplishment of international significance (<http://www.oclc.org/programsandresearch/grants/reports/perrault/intro.pdf>). Perrault has maintained a full service record throughout her career most notably as President of the Louisiana Library Association (1991/92), ALA Councilor (1992-1996), and currently as Past President of Beta Phi Mu International. Additional information may be found at <http://www.cas.usf.edu/lis/faculty/perra.html>



**Susan E. Searing** is an associate professor of library administration at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, where she is in charge of the Library & Information Science Library. She was initiated into the Mu Chapter (University of Michigan) and has served as president of the Alpha Chapter (University of Illinois). Her research interests include library services for interdisciplinary fields, services to distance education students, and reference sources in women's studies. Currently Sue is preoccupied with developing a new service model for her library and trying to teach her old dog, Bailey, some new tricks. (The two processes are a lot alike!)

## Across The Board...cont'd

**Marie L. Radford, Ph.D.** is an Associate Professor at the Rutgers University School of Communication, Information and Library Studies. Previously, she was Acting Dean and Associate Professor of Pratt Institute's School of Information and Library Science in New York City. Radford holds a Ph.D. in Communication, Information Studies & Library Science from Rutgers University and an MS in Information Studies from Syracuse University. She currently teaches graduate courses in Management of Libraries and Information Centers, Interpersonal Communication for Information Professionals, and Reference Sources and Services. Radford gives frequent keynote speeches and scholarly papers at national library and communication conferences and publishes widely in academic journals. She has published three books, the latest being *Virtual Reference Service: from Competencies to Assessment* (Neal-Schuman, 2008). She blogs at Library Garden (<http://librarygarden.blogspot.com/>) and her website is: <http://www.scils.rutgers.edu/~mradford>.



**Sue Stroyan** is currently the Information Services Librarian at Illinois Wesleyan University where she served as University Librarian for fourteen years distinguishing those years with the building of Ames Library and the development of the motto: Reflect Tradition • Promote Scholarship • Inspire Excellence. Stroyan served as President of the Illinois Library Association (1995-96), the Library Administration and Management Association (1991-92), and the Illinois Library Computing Systems Organization (2003-05). In the Association of College and Research Libraries she has served on two national executive conference committees, the College Libraries Section committee, and helped develop the @your Library marketing toolkit for academic libraries. In 2000 she was awarded the prestigious Illinois Academic Librarian Of The Year Award. Stroyan received her M.L.S. and PhD from the University of Illinois and her B.S. from Illinois State University.



**Blanche Woolls** is presently a consulting editor for Libraries Unlimited. She is Director and Professor Emerita from the School of Library and Information Science at San José State University and Professor Emerita from the University of Pittsburgh. She has been a President of the American Association of School Librarians and the International Association of School Librarianship. She served as the third Executive Secretary of Beta Phi Mu for twelve years before BPM became an affiliate of ALA. One of the best assignments in that position was finding different locations to hold both the Executive Board meetings and the annual meeting and initiation.



**Nancy Zimmerman** is the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, The Graduate School, and Associate Professor, School of Library and Information Science, at the University of South Carolina and is currently a member of the Beta Omega Chapter. She obtained her MLS from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Pittsburgh and was inducted into the Pi Chapter of Beta Phi Mu in 1974. She earned her PhD in Library Science at Texas Woman's University. She served as Director and Director-at-Large of Beta Phi Mu from 1991-1997 and as chapter sponsor for the Beta Delta chapter at SUNY Buffalo from 1993-1999 and for the Beta Omega Chapter at South Carolina from 2002-2005.

Zimmerman is active in the American Library Association serving as an ALA Councilor-at-Large since 2000 and as the current chair of the ALA Committee on Professional Ethics. She is a past president and treasurer of the American Association of School Librarians and the 2008 recipient of the AASL Distinguished Service Award. She is past president of the New York Library Association and past chair of the Library Research Round Table of ALA. In 1998 she received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Zimmerman teaches and researches in the areas of information ethics, children's literature and reading, and school library media.





# Executive Director's Report

Christie Koontz, Ph.D.

The year 2008 for BPM headquarters was one of 'cleaning up'. We inputted all records, developed a consistent method of processing memberships and rebates, and changed the image of the BPM website and newsletter. As Fall 2008 comes to a close, here is an update on some of headquarters goals for 2009:

## 1. Database Management and Database Stability

**RATIONALE:** The membership database is the starting point for all others projects and goals and objectives. Without a viable database with optimal accuracy, BPM is limited in initiating any new programs such as increased scholarships, distribution of BPM information regarding monograph or lecture series, and long term sustainability of the organization via current chapter strength and new chapter establishment. **ACTION:** Verify paper records of chapters with digital database. Due to the non-standardized data entry processes, a graduate student and intern in LIS has been hired for Spring-Summer 2009 to begin a process of matching the names in the paper files with the digital database, and documenting problem areas. Corrections will be made and we will seek additional information from chapters as needed. We also are responding to calls from chapters who seek verification of names and members.

## 2. Continued Development of BPM Website (Technical and Content)

**RATIONALE:** The website is our communications vehicle for all news, revised by-laws, scholarship and member information, brochure, newsletter and merchandise sales. It is parallel in importance to the membership database, but fully relies on Goal 1 being accomplished in order for the website to be effective. We have a commitment from the College of Information for two hours of web development work per week. Program Director John Paul Walters has purchased Dreamweaver and is also involved in this process. **ACTION:** Strengthen communication with chapters. Once the membership database is more stable, an outgrowth of this will be better communications with existing chapters. As we make membership lists (for verifications and corrections) available to each chapter, we can also secure correct addresses and improve communication regarding address changes of chapter officers and faculty advisors. We continue to update chapter contact information on the website. Please check your chapter's information and email corrections to John Paul (jwalters3@fsu.edu).

## 3. Market BPM to LIS Schools

**RATIONALE:** This will heavily rely on identifying chapters in existence and those closed, and verifying contacts. Then it can be determined which LIS schools do not have BPM chapters and might be good candidates. Beta Phi Mu is impacted by the growing number of distance students and the non-geographic nature of many LIS programs. **ACTION:** BPM needs to continue to communicate to initiates they may move their membership to chapters in other locations they may move to for work or personal reasons.

## 4. Strengthen Chapter Activities

**RATIONALE:** Headquarters would like to continue to corral and communicate chapter activities to facilitate ideas for BPM chapters around the country. Currently we have 45 active chapters. We installed our first new chapter in twenty years – Valdosta State University – at our 60th Anniversary G-ALA in Anaheim, CA this past summer. Chapters suffering from fewer members located in the proximate area can have difficulty staging events successfully. **ACTION:** The board and membership need to continue to determine the direction of BPM chapters and maintain discussions of how to keep chapters viable.

## 5. Seek increased scholarship funding and donors

**RATIONALE:** The scholarship activity is the most consistent contribution besides bestowing invited membership on exemplary LIS graduates who fulfill the criteria. Currently the eight scholarships have remained at the same level for some years. **ACTION:** Have board members and chapter affiliates seek new donors and funds for BPM scholarships.

Let us hear from you. We'd like to know what you think as we approach 2009!

*Christie Koontz*



# Beta Phi Mu Chapter News



Greetings from the oldest library science honorary in North America -- **PI LAMBDA SIGMA** @ Syracuse University.

We are pleased to announce that a record 46 MSLIS graduates accepted membership in our Society in May, 2008. The Initiation was held at our annual dinner meeting, May 9, during Graduation Weekend. One reason for this large group was the graduation of another PLUS class of outstanding school library media specialists serving the New York City school district. Sixteen initiates and their families, as well as local chapter members, Dr. Scott Nicholson, Associate Professor and Director of the

Masters in Library and Information Science program, Dr. Megan Oakleaf, and Bythe Bennett, Assistant Director for School Media program, all BPM members, attended. Our guest speaker was Mary Ochs, head of collection development at Mann Library, Cornell University.

Pi Lambda Sigma's Scholarship Committee recognizes Brianna Pannell as the winner of the Joseph and Marta Dosa Scholarship Award for 2008. This award covers the cost of one 3-credit course in the MSLIS program at Syracuse. One no-interest Florence Van Hoesen loan was also granted. Financial support to outstanding students is a primary mission of this Chapter.

A pool of Chapter members have volunteered to serve in our informal mentoring program. As reported last year, our Chapter was the recipient of the treasury of the disbanded local library group, Librarians Unlimited. The Board decided to use these funds to award mini-grants to Pi Lambda Sigma members in good standing for conference/workshop-related expenses. Support for continuing education is a welcome addition to our Chapter mission. Rebecca Lubin of the Albany Public Library was our Chapter representative to June National BPM. Our Board voted to use some of National's rebate to pay first-year dues for new initiates. Our Chapter awards our Marion Mullen Travel Award to help defray attendance expenses at June ALA. The Board has increased the amount awarded to \$500.00.

We are all aware of the untimely passing of iSchool Dean Emeritus Raymond von Dran. Our Chapter made a donation to IST's Raymond F. von Dran Fund last fall. Dr. Elizabeth D. Liddy is the new Dean and Trustee Professor. At May Graduation, the iSchool held a wonderful dedication of its new home on the Quad in Hinds Hall. The iSchool website was redesigned over the summer. The dedication and much more are posted at < <http://ischool.syr.edu> >.

Finally, please note that at Graduation Weekend, May 8-10, 2009, Pi Lambda Sigma will celebrate 50 years as an affiliate of National Beta Phi Mu at our 106<sup>th</sup> Initiation. We invite all members and especially all past Executive Board members to attend this special event. Details will follow in the spring. *Submitted by Susan Slenker, Pi Lambda Sigma Corresponding Secretary* (jslenker@twcnyrr.com)

# BPM Chapter News *(continued)*

**ALPHA CHAPTER** (University of Illinois @ Urbana-Champaign). On Friday, October 24, 2008, the Alpha Chapter of Beta Phi Mu honored the history of the honor society and one of its founding members, Professor Kathryn Luther Henderson, with a dinner which was held at 6:00 p.m. at the new University of Illinois iHotel and Conference Center. Professor Henderson spoke on the history of the chapter and introduced the evening's speaker, Tschera Harkness Connell, Associate Professor and Head of the Scholarly Resources Integration Department at Ohio State University Libraries. Dr. Connell is a University of Illinois GSLIS alumna, Alpha Chapter member, and a distinguished LIS scholar. Funding for the dinner was provided by the Graduate School of Library and Information Science in recognition of this significant anniversary and Professor Henderson's achievements in the profession. Prior to the dinner, all attendees were invited to tour the University of Illinois Library's impressive Oak Street Library Facility, which houses the library's state-of-the-art Conservation Lab, remote storage, and digitization facilities.

On Saturday, October 25, 2008, Alpha Chapter held its Annual Meeting and new member Initiation Ceremony, which was also held at the University of Illinois iHotel and Conference Center. Our after-luncheon speaker was Marion Reid, the first Dean of the Library at California State University San Marcos. Marion is a University of Illinois GSLIS alumna, member of Alpha Chapter, and former national president of Beta Phi Mu. Marion last addressed members of Alpha Chapter during the 50th anniversary celebration and initiation ceremony, and we were thrilled to welcome back such a prominent leader in academic librarianship. *Submitted by Sandy Roe, Alpha Chapter Vice President/President-Elect*

Additional information is available at: <http://www.lis.uiuc.edu/people/alumni/betaphimu/>.





# BPM Chapter News *(continued)*

**BETA LAMBDA CHAPTER** (University of North Texas/Texas Woman's University) had a very productive 2007-2008. Our annual activities focus on induction ceremonies for fall and spring graduates, sponsoring programs at district workshops and state conferences, and awarding scholarships to graduating LIS students. We inducted 23 graduates from the Fall 2007 graduating classes at UNT/TWU and 24 graduates from the spring 2008 classes. Twenty-seven students were selected from UNT for the summer graduation roster. Beta Lambda strives to provide excellent speakers for our induction ceremonies, and we select leaders in the LIS profession who promote the dissemination of the latest issues and trends relating to Library Science. Walter Betts, Texas Christian University, spoke to the fall graduates and Cathy Hartman, University of North Texas, spoke to the spring graduates.

Beta Lambda sponsored a program at the 2007 Texas Library Association District 5 fall workshop at Trinity Valley Community College on October 6, 2007. Michelle Malizia spoke to an enthusiastic group of East Texas Librarians about the latest issues and trends of Library 2.0. Michelle is the Public Health Outreach Coordinator for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, South Central Region. Her talk inspired the attendees to implement the latest technologies in delivering library services at their home libraries.

The highlight of the spring semester was the breakfast that Beta Lambda hosted at the 2008 Texas Library Association Annual conference held in Dallas, Texas. Our chapter received the 2008 Mary Jo Lynch Distinguished Lecture Award for the lecture delivered by Dr. Danny Wallace of Oklahoma University entitled "Using Technology to Effectively Serve Older Adults and Baby Boomers in Your Local Library." Dr. Wallace emphasized the unique services that a maturing population will require from library professionals. Dr. Wallace graciously donated his \$2,000 honorarium from the Mary Jo Lynch Award back to our chapter to award as scholarships for graduating students. Beta Lambda awarded four \$500 scholarships from the donation.

Greg Hardin, membership chairman, and Dr. Kaye Bray, Beta Lambda Advisor, also presented a program at the 2008 Texas Library Association Annual Conference entitled "Cutting Edge Technologies for Online Instruction" in which they discussed using virtual avatars, wikis, blogs, and podcasting/vodcasting to deliver online library instruction. Their theme complemented the overall conference theme of *Books, Bytes, and Beyond* very nicely. Beta Lambda also held its spring Executive Board meeting at the annual conference. Beta Lambda sent three representatives to the Beta Phi Mu 60th Anniversary G-ALA celebration at the 2008 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim. Happy 60th Birthday Beta Phi Mu! *Submitted by Joe R. Jackson, Beta Lambda Past President*

**GAMMA CHAPTER** (Florida State University) held its 50th annual meeting on October 27, 2007. Twenty-five new members were initiated, six in person and nineteen in absentia. The chapter marked the passing of Professor Elisabeth Logan, a retired FSU faculty member who had served as Gamma Chapter's faculty advisor for many years. In culmination of its 50th anniversary year, Gamma Chapter launched a state-level scholarship initiative, planning for which is underway. The chapter is also beginning a review of its records and hopes to collect all the minutes of the annual meetings into one volume for preservation and ease of use. *Submitted by Don Latham, Gamma Chapter Faculty Advisor*

**BETA TAU CHAPTER** (Wayne State University). Dr. Robert P. Holley took over responsibilities for the Beta Tau Chapter at Wayne State University during Dr. Joseph Mika's administrative leave in early 2008. The chapter held its annual initiation on May 1, 2008 in the Community Room of the David Adamany Undergraduate Library. The faculty voted to initiate fifty-three new members from those eligible for this honor. Nine were able to attend the initiation ceremony that included faculty members and graduates who were members of Beta Phi Mu. The initiates were recognized in the printed program for the Annual Recognition Ceremony that took place later in the day. *Submitted by Dr. Robert P. Holley, Faculty Advisor.*



# BPM Chapter News *(continued)*

On Thursday, April 24, **BETA KAPPA CHAPTER** (University of Alabama) welcomed nine initiates from the School of Library and Information Science, in a ceremony at the annual convention of the Alabama Library Association. Initiates included Kimball D. Boone, Kimberley Corbett, Jeremy Davis, Rachel Estes, David Nolen, Donald O'Neal, Beverly Rossini, Jay Scott Whiting, and Sara Whitver. The Chapter also honored Lee Pike, head of the Bruno Business Library at the University of Alabama, as its Librarian of the Year. Pike, who has built an outstanding program at the Bruno Library, was recognized at the annual President's Reception along with several other winners of Association Awards. Past president Nordis Smith of the Huntingdon College Library was recognized for her outstanding service, and new president Jeff Simpson of Troy State University spoke briefly on his hopes and plans for the upcoming year. Other officers include Carrie Steinmehl, Secretary (Birmingham Public Library) and Nancy DuPree, Treasurer (University of Alabama). Beta Kappa Chapter bids farewell this year to long-time faculty advisor, Dr. Joan Atkinson, who has retired from the School of Library and Information Science. Dr. Jeff Weddle has graciously agreed to serve as our new advisor. *Submitted by Nancy DuPree, Beta Kappa Treasurer*

**EPSILON CHAPTER** (University of North Carolina @ Chapel Hill) celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. Included in our growing chapter are four active members from the 1958 charter class. At our annual business meeting and initiation ceremony in May, we inducted 21 new members, bringing our total membership to 678. Also during our annual meeting, we awarded two chapter scholarships of \$750 each to deserving UNC-Chapel Hill students entering their second year of study. *Submitted by Alicia Wyatt, Epsilon Chapter Secretary*

**OMICRON CHAPTER** (Rutgers University). More than 60 members attended the chapter's 2008 Annual Meeting on May 7th. Nineteen new initiates were recognized and two \$800 scholarships for current SCILS MLIS students were awarded. The slate of 2008-2009 officers was unanimously approved: Hope Preston, President; Susan Quinn, Vice President; Melissa Hofmann, treasurer; Marianne Kerrigan, Secretary; and Ruth Lufkin, Past President. Marianne Gaunt, Rutgers University Librarian, spoke after dinner of the importance of collaborations and leveraging in the work of New Jersey libraries: "The Proof is in the Partnerships."

On October 1, Marie L. Radford, Ph.D. SCILS professor, BPM Director at Large, and Omicron Faculty Advisor, was the featured presenter for the 4th Annual Lecture sponsored by BPM, the New Jersey Center for the Book and Rutgers Libraries. Professor Radford discussed and demonstrated the crucial importance of library service in today's high-tech, do-it-yourself world, why service excellence is a critical value for our profession in virtual, as well as traditional face-to-face reference, and the challenges of meeting the needs of demanding and diverse users. For further details check the Chapter website at <http://www.scils.rutgers.edu/-betaphimu>. *Submitted by Susan Quinn, Omicron Chapter Vice President*

**BETA BETA CHAPTER** (Simmons College) welcomed new initiates and its business meeting at the chapter's 2008 Annual meeting on March 19, 2008. After the initiation ceremony, new and old members gathered for refreshments before the evening speaker, Abigail Blachly, the first librarian hired by LibraryThing. Blachly presented a brief history and growing directions of LibraryThing, a book social networking site founded by Tim Spaulding in 2005. The site allows readers to keep track of books they have read, want to read or buy. This is a growing site and phenomena. Not only is Ms. Blachly the first librarian hired at LibraryThing, but she is also a Beta Phi Mu member! The Beta Beta Chapter is extremely delighted about the honor extended to Dr. Ching-chih Chen, a faculty member at Simmons College, who received the 2008 Beta Phi Mu award. *Submitted by Em Claire Knowles, Beta Beta Chapter Faculty Advisor.*

## Dates & Deadlines



ALA Denver  
MIDWINTER  
meeting & exhibits 09

**January 23-28, 2009**

**American Library Association  
Mid-Winter Meeting  
Denver, Colorado**



### **SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS**

Four Beta Phi Mu Scholarships and the Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships are awarded annually by Beta Phi Mu.

**Applications for 2009 scholarships and fellowships are accepted beginning November 15.**

## Policies & Procedures

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND CHANGE OF CHAPTER AFFILIATION FORMS**

Singer-Songwriter Carole King had a hit back in the '70s with her song *So Far Away*. Her lyric -- "Doesn't anybody stay in one place any more?" -- laments the difficulty in maintaining a relationship given the mobility of people living in a global society. Beta Phi Mu members certainly fit that bill! We are spread out across the planet which underscores the need for keeping member contact information correct and current in our database. To address this, we will soon be adding a Change of Address form on our website ([www.beta-phi-mu.org](http://www.beta-phi-mu.org)) to make it easy for you to keep in touch and keep us up to date with where you are and what you are doing. Also, when you are relocating and would like to change your chapter affiliation, it's as easy as visiting our website and clicking on FORMS. Simply print out the Change of Chapter Affiliation Form PDF, complete and mail it to headquarters:

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### **BETA PHI MU CHAPTER REBATE POLICY**

We have received several inquiries from chapters regarding the rebate policy. Last February, the Executive Board voted to send out chapter rebates once a year in the month of July. Here's how it works: Let's say your chapter has 10 new initiates. You would send national ten completed membership forms along with one check in the amount of \$1,000 payable to Beta Phi Mu. In July national will then send you a 15% rebate (For example, \$15.00 X 10 initiates = \$150). **Note:** Rebates will only be given to chapters, not to individuals who join at a later time. The rebate monies are to be used at the discretion of each chapter in support of ongoing chapter programs and activities.

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## The President's Page by Nancy Zimmerman *(continued from front page)*

Based on years of research at IGE, and with Dr. Kidder's permission, I thought I would share with you as we undertake revision of our policies their findings that cultures of integrity arise when organizations do the following:

- 1. Embed ethics in every action, strategy, and policy.** Walking the talk, such organizations bring their stated cultures into alignment with their practiced cultures.
- 2. Define ethics not simply as right vs. wrong, but as right vs. right.** Moving past obvious wrongdoing, I'm right-you're wrong oversimplifications, and black and white rigidities, they learn how to make nuanced ethical choices when both sides have powerful moral arguments and/or legitimate approaches.
- 3. Engage moral reasoning to shape future decisions.** Not content simply to use core values to explain past actions or current circumstances, they develop early warning systems to address over-the-horizon ethical dilemmas or situations before they arise.
- 4. Focus on intrinsic rather than instrumental values.** They know the latter (diligence, say, or competitiveness) are as important to themselves as to the mafia, so they ground themselves in really big values like truth, respect, and fairness.
- 5. Emphasize moral principle over legal compliance.** Recognizing that lawfulness is vital, they also know the dangers of the Mantra, "If it ain't illegal, it must be ethical." Legal principle is playing by enforceable rules' moral principle is obedience to the unenforceable.
- 6. Expand their moral perimeter.** Some people have great honesty or responsibility but practice these values only within their own firm, family or tribe. Cultures of integrity constantly expand the inclusiveness of their ethical concern toward the global.
- 7. Focus on relationship building, not just deal making.** Knowing that truly important relations are not transactional but values based, cultures of integrity have multiple bottom lines that measure not just financial, but social environmental, and ethical success.
- 8. Cherish and repeat fireside stories.** Cultures of integrity point with pride to their own moral traditions through narratives about taking courageous stands, making character-building decisions, and putting principles above personalities.
- 9. Maintain deep reserves or moral courage.** Though prepared to take stands for conscience, cultures of integrity don't need to expend those reserves internally - while in unethical organizations good people need huge courage just to get through the day.
- 10. Keep the ethics flame alive collectively.** Since culture means "how we - not I - do things around here," cultures of integrity make ethics the responsibility not of an exceptional individual's probity but of an entire community's sense of honor.

I wish you good musing over Dr. Kidder's findings and I hope to see many of you in Denver.





## *Beta Phi Mu Honors Henderson at Diamond Celebration*

Beta Phi Mu, the International Library and Information Studies Honor Society, was founded at GSLIS in 1948. This October, it celebrated its sixtieth anniversary with a Diamond Celebration held on the Urbana campus. The celebration honored Kathryn Luther Henderson, a founding member of the Beta Phi Mu Alpha Chapter, for her service to the society. She presented a set of remarks reflecting on the honor society's sixty years.

Kathie Henderson has been a part of the GSLIS family for sixty years, having earned both a bachelor's degree (1948) and master's degree (1951) in library science from GSLIS. After working at the University of Illinois Library and the McCormick Theological Seminary, Kathie returned to GSLIS to join the faculty in 1965. Over the years, she has taught cataloging, and she and her husband William T. Henderson have team-taught courses in technical services and preservation.

In addition to their many contributions to GSLIS through teaching and mentoring students, the Hendersons have also been major contributors to the School. When the School expanded the current building in 2001, a generous gift from the Hendersons established the Kathryn Luther Henderson and William T. Henderson Conference Room, one of the building's main classrooms used for instruction. They have also established the Mildred M. Luther and Kathryn Luther Henderson Fellowship to support students studying in the area of preservation and technical services. This fellowship met its goal this year and has been matched by the Provost.

"Kathie and Bill Henderson contribute to the education of our students not only through the courses they teach in technical services and preservation, but also through the connections they forge between current students and alumni. Those alumni serve as mentors through e-mail for students in the technical services course. This is an exemplary way to use technology in teaching and fostering communication between individuals separated by distance. Kathie and Bill ensure that each new group of students whom they teach are well prepared to pursue careers in libraries and for the lifelong learning that requires," said Associate Dean and Professor Linda Smith.

On Saturday, October 25, Beta Phi Mu held its annual meeting and inducted twenty-one new members into the society. Each of these inductees were recommended by GSLIS faculty and met rigorous academic requirements. The luncheon speaker was Marion Reid (MS '68), former national Beta Phi Mu president.



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