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## GREETINGS FROM OUR CHAIR

**Sharon Benamou**  
**UC-Los Angeles**

I want to welcome new board members Lindsay Hansen (CSU Northridge) as Vice Chair/Chair Elect and Verletta Kern (University of Redlands) as Membership Chair and thank outgoing board members Blair Whittington and Frank Hoppe for all their hard work.

The summer and early fall were busy for the Board and many members of the chapter who prepared for and worked at the MLA/SCC table at the California Library Association Annual Conference in Long Beach. You may remember that the chapter has in the last three years received grants from MLA for travel to conferences and the three chapters meeting in San Francisco and Berkeley. This year we applied for a grant from MLA to pay for the rental of the exhibit table as a first step in fulfilling our part in MLA's outreach efforts. In preparation for this event Jain Fletcher as Publications Chair created a beautiful new chapter brochure that should soon be posted to the web site. The Board also decided to purchase a banner with chapter logos from our website. Thank you to Leslie Andersen, Laurie Bailey, Laura Horwitz, Verletta Kern, Joan LoPear, Nanette Schneir and Eunice Schroeder who volunteered their time to represent our chapter at the MLA/SCC table. It was my hope that this event would increase our chapter membership. The experience of sitting at the table and talking with the California library community taught me that our work individually and as a chapter can be necessary resources for our region. I learned that our online directory of musical resources in Southern California, when completed, will be a great resource. The feedback I receive from the volunteers will shape the chapter's outreach efforts and will point us in an exciting new direction.

Continuing with the theme of outreach I want to remind you that MLA has a goal of increasing educational outreach through the chapters. Eunice put out a call for potential instructors for music cataloging, reference, and acquisitions/collection development. Train the trainer type pre-conference workshops will be held in Newport on February 20, 2008. The trainers will provide a variety of educational opportunities to paraprofessionals, non-music specialists in both academic and public libraries, and music librarians new to the profession within Southern California. Please let me know if you are interested in participating and attending the workshop.

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Our next chapter meeting will be in the spring. If you have projects or research you would like to present to the chapter start preparing now and contact Lindsay Hansen.

I hope to see all of you in Newport, RI in February. We will be holding a brief chapter meeting, currently scheduled for Thursday night, from 7:00-8:00. Check the schedule for updated meeting time and room. We will be discussing local arrangements for MLA in San Diego in 2010.

Sharon Benamou  
MLA/SCC Chair

*Sharon and Joan at MLA/SCC's table at the CLA conference, October 2007. Editor's note: Our new banner, with corrected spelling, will be ready for our next event!*



## MEMBER NEWS

Jeff Schwartz, Santa Monica Public Library

As a bassist in MESTO—the Multi-Ethnic Star Orchestra (MESTO.org), I played in Jordan in July and in Egypt in November. I'm on Cristian Amigo's new CD Kingdom of Jones (Innova Records) and forthcoming discs by Rich West (Pfundmentum) and MESTO (no label). On the library front, I will be the 2008-2009 chair of the ALA-RUSA Dartmouth Medal committee.



Sharon Benamou, UC-Los Angeles

I would like to announce that Verletta Kern's presentation from our spring meeting "What Are They Citing? A Citation Analysis of Music Students" was selected to be presented at MLA in Newport in 2008. The Best of Chapters committee thought this presentation brought many interesting ideas and questions to the table that will be well worth considering by the profession and point us in new directions. I hope you will be able to hear Verletta give her presentation in Newport. Congratulations Verletta!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MLA/SCC MEMBER

Stephanie Bonjack (B.M., Vocal Performance, Butler University; M.L.I.S. Dominican University; M.M. Musicology, Northwestern University) is the new Music Librarian at the University of Southern California. Prior to her appointment, she served for five years as the Music Librarian at VanderCook College of Music in Chicago, a single-focus institution in music education. Among other involvements, she served as the co-chair of the Higher Learning Commission Steering Committee, overseeing the self-study process for VanderCook's recent accreditation. This year, she was chosen to participate in Synergy: The Illinois Library Leadership Initiative 2007, a selective year-long process meant to nurture future library leaders. Ms. Bonjack is active in the Music Library Association and the Music OCLC Users Group, and looks forward to meeting and working with her new Southern California colleagues.



## Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) 2010 Update Ken Calkins (UC-San Diego)

We've been brainstorming with great success on ideas for fundraising, pre-conference tours, the reception venue, supporting meal and transportation options, and special touches for the conference overall. Among a list of reception site possibilities, LAC favorites are UCSD's Birch Aquarium in La Jolla, with spectacular indoor and outdoor areas, or an evening boat cruise on Mission Bay. For pre-conference tour options, the Zoo/Balboa Park or a whale-watching cruise are quite manageable for us, and ultra scenic for all. Our chapter meeting time at MLA Newport will then be largely devoted to specific strategies to realize the plans. I'll have cost estimates for the various tour and reception possibilities to guide our discussion and fundraising strategies. The upcoming annual chapter meeting next spring will also be a prime opportunity for input to move forward on key issues and fundraising. Volunteer groups and a timetable are already in place for designing the conference logo and program cover, developing the conference website, managing the pre-conference tours, staffing the registration desk, and finding distinctive local musicians for the banquet entertainment. There's chapter-wide fun ahead to plan our presentation for the MLA 2009 business meeting in Chicago. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you haven't yet signed up to help, or if you have ideas or other contributions to offer.

## American Musicological Society Annual Meeting Quebec City, November 1-4, 2007 Lindsay Hansen (CSU-Northridge)

I attended AMS in Quebec City, among other music librarians. I saw Ken Calkins and helped out at the MLA booth. We had many visitors, and I think we convinced some musicologists to submit to Notes and also check in with their institution's music librarian. Our location in the exhibit hall was great, especially when neighboring booths hosted wine and cheese programs and conference attendees had no choice but to head our way! The set-up of the exhibit hall was pretty similar to MLA and was primarily music publishers and vendors. The Music Hunter was not there, which meant there was not a mad rush on the first day to delve through a box of old DVDs and CDs.

The conference was interesting and the variety of papers was great. My favorite session was called "Hip Hop: Identity, Geography and Voice," chaired by Mark Katz. Mark gave an interesting session at MLA in Pittsburgh on hip hop and turntablism. The majority of the sessions were very academic; maybe one year librarians can give a more practical presentation on research!

Quebec City is beautiful and I did quite a bit of sightseeing (Chateau Frontenac, the walled city, etc.) and tried not to bemoan the weak American dollar. Much like a librarian conference, it was easy to spot AMS attendees with their attractive blue and white canvas bags, traversing the city. If you ever have a chance to visit this fantastic city, I highly recommend it! Next year's AMS meeting is a joint effort with the Society of Music Theory and will be held in Nashville. Paper and panel proposals are not due until January if anyone has an interest in submitting something.



# MEMBER NEWS

Lindsay Hansen, CSU-Northridge

My article, "Music to Researchers' Ears: Ten Top Sites for Researching Music," is the cover story for the November/December issue of Online (published by Information Today). The article discusses free sites for music research, including the now-defunct International Music Score Library Project. (The site was still up when I wrote the article!)

MLA 2008

Are other members interested in coordinating travel? Since we are largely leaving from Los Angeles, it would be nice to go to the airport together and share rides to Newport from Providence. We should discuss on the listserv!

On an unrelated note, I'm traveling to Germany in December and will be visiting several music-related sites--Beethoven's birthplace in Bonn, Bach's church in Leipzig, etc. I will definitely report back!



Don Brown, El Camino College

## GOOD NEWS FROM EL CAMINO

Many of you, my Southern California colleagues, are aware that there was a move during the last year and a half at El Camino College to consolidate the materials and staffing of our wonderful Music Library with our main college library. One of several issues has been that the main library operation has a true shortage of staffing, while the Music Library is fully staffed. By working closely with the Music Department faculty through the Program Review process (which includes extensive surveys and other evidentiary processes), the Music Library was proven to be "essential" to the success of several programs offered by the Music Department. In addition, I was able to maintain crucial support of our Board of Trustees. In short, top administration can view a very unusual facility like ours as a drain on resources; the Board, if informed properly, can regard it as a distinctive treasure. We rejoice that the facility itself has been spared as an entity, and the staffing all remains in place! The continuance of staffing status quo may depend on successfully pushing for additional staffing, including another librarian, in the rest of our College library operation. I may possibly make a presentation to MLA/SCC regarding the political and collegial processes involved in our success here at ECC. Additionally, part of our success has been the generosity of extensive gift materials coming from members of the greater South Bay community. It has been a true privilege being the Music Librarian here at El Camino.



**MLA/SCC Treasurer's Report**  
**Transitional Executive Board Meeting**  
**Friday, August 17, 2007**  
**CSU-Northridge**

**Account Balances:**

	June 10, 2007	August 11, 2007
Checking	\$6029.11	\$6054.11

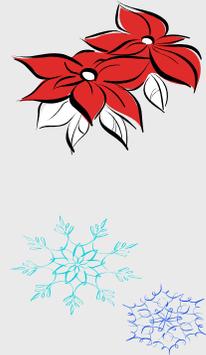
**Transactions since June 10, 2007**

<u>Income:</u>	
Memberships	\$25.00
MLA Business Office	\$560.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$585.00</b>

<u>Expenses:</u>	
CLA—Exhibit Registration	\$85.00
CLA—Exhibit Registration	\$475.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$560.00</b>



*Happy Holidays !*



## MLA/SCC Executive Board 2007

Chair:	Sharon Benamou, <i>UC Los Angeles</i>
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Please send submissions and communications to the editor:  
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Go to the chapter's website at <http://louisxiv.bol.ucla.edu/mla-scc/insidemlascc.html>  
for more chapter information and resources!

### CALENDAR

Jan. 11-16, 2008:	ALA Mid-Winter Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
Feb. 17-24, 2008:	Music Library Association 77th Annual Meeting, Newport, RI
March 25-29, 2008:	PLA 12th National Conference, Minneapolis, MN
April 2008:	MLA/SCC Annual Spring Meeting
June 5-8, 2008:	Ojai Music Festival, Ojai, CA
June 15-18, 2008:	Special Libraries Association Conference, Seattle, WA
June 26-July 2, 2008:	ALA Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA

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