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SPOTLIGHT ON . . . Martha Foote Becomes a Fellow of the Special Libraries Association

Martha Foote, Board General Manager of LibraryCo Inc., was installed as a Fellow of the Special Libraries Association (SLA) at the annual conference in San Diego last month. The installation took place at the Opening General Session and Awards Presentation on Sunday, June 9 at the San Diego Convention Centre.



L-R: SLA President Deb Hunt and new Fellows David Cappoli, Martha Foote, Dennie Heye, Mary Talley and Rebecca Vargha

Fellowship in SLA is bestowed on active, mid-career SLA members in recognition of past, present and future service to the association and the profession. Fellows are called upon and expected to advise the association's board of directors, prepare necessary documentation, and alert the membership to issues and trends warranting action. No more than five new Fellows are created each year. Fellowship is one of the highest honours which SLA bestows on its members.

Martha has been active in SLA since 2001. She is currently the chair elect of the Leadership and Management Division (LMD). She is also a member of SLA's Task Force on Alternative Revenue Sources. Among her other roles in SLA, she has served as president of the Toronto chapter, chair of the Legal Division, convener of the Professional Librarians in Non-Traditional Careers Caucus, chaired LMD's conference planning committee last year and was a member of the *Information Outlook Advisory Council*.

Prior to her appointment at LibraryCo, Martha managed law and business libraries at large Toronto law firms and at a large international financial services company. She holds a bachelor's degree in international relations from Trinity College, University of Toronto and a master's degree in library and information science from the University of Western Ontario. In 2011 Martha received a Presidential Citation from SLA for her work as chair of the Contributed Papers at that year's conference. She was awarded the first Thomson Reuters Westlaw Award for Career Achievement by SLA's Legal Division in 2012.

Martha's fellow new Fellows are David Cappoli, Web Services Librarian, UCLA Law Library; Dennie Heye, Global Knowledge Manager, Shell International, The Hague; Mary Talley, Information Management Consultant, Talley Partners, Washington, D.C.; and Rebecca Vargha, University of North Carolina Libraries.

SLA is a non-profit global organization of information professionals with over 8,400 members in 75 countries. SLA members are employed in roles that include corporate, legal, academic, scientific, technical and governmental organizations.

Changes at Durham Region Law Association



LibraryCo is delighted to welcome Jennie Clarke, the new library technician at the Durham Region Law Association. Jennie started her new position on July 2. She has an honours diploma as a library and information technician from Seneca College and a bachelor's degree in English from York University. Jennie's background includes work with school boards in Ontario. We look forward to working with Jennie and wish her well in her new position in Oshawa.

Announcing LibraryCo's New LinkedIn Page!

LibraryCo is now on LinkedIn! We have set up a LinkedIn company page that provides an overview of our organization, a description of our services and an opportunity to provide regular status updates, blogs and discussions. LinkedIn is the largest and most well known social network amongst professionals. It gives LibraryCo the ability to share content and build engagement with our followers - you! **You can access our page by signing into LinkedIn and keying "LibraryCo" in the search bar. You can also click on the LinkedIn logo at the top of this newsletter.** Please follow us on LinkedIn!

Report on the 2013 Special Libraries Association (SLA) Conference



This year's SLA conference was held from June 8 to 11 in San Diego, California. SLA is the premier organization for information professionals around the world, and the annual conference provides superior educational, networking and leadership opportunities. There were nearly 3,000 attendees and 194 companies exhibited at this year's event.

Again this year LibraryCo funded one person from the county and district law libraries to attend the SLA conference. Melissa Firth, law librarian at the Peel Law Association in Brampton, was the lucky recipient of a LibraryCo bursary. In addition to Melissa, Kelly Elliott of the Lincoln County Law Association, Shabira Tamachi of the Oxford County Law Association, Jennifer Walker of the County of Carleton Law Association and Martha Foote, LibraryCo's Board General Manager, attended the conference. Melissa, Jennifer and Shabira were first-time attendees and were very positive about their experiences.

The SLA conference is organized into educational sessions, which are held during the day from Sunday to

Tuesday, and networking events, which take place in the evenings. Saturday is reserved for continuing education sessions and business meetings. Programs at the conference are organized by SLA's divisions. This year there were about 250 educational sessions. There were many highlights at this year's conference. The popular *60 Sites in 60 Minutes* offered a glimpse of under-utilized web sites related to learning, reference, technology, news and much more. Another highly-attended session, *Organizing Knowledge*, examined how taxonomies underpin new and important applications of knowledge management such as data warehousing, content management systemization and search. *The Resilient Solo* was a panel session about how solos can remain relevant and adaptable throughout their careers. Current SLA president Deb Hunt and past president Guy St. Clair gave an exciting talk called *Transforming Libraries* in which they discussed ways to turn information into strategic knowledge, the importance of being knowledge leaders, ways to become knowledge leaders and determining what one has to offer to the parent organization.

"It's an exciting time for information professionals and the information industry," said SLA member Dennie Heye, the knowledge and information manager for a Fortune 500 energy company and a new SLA Fellow, during a conference roundtable session. "Are things changing? Yes—but for the better. Instead of worrying [about technology], we should celebrate, tinker, release new formats, and throw ideas to the wind. Let's make products and services that inspire experimentation, and let's push the information industry forward rather than be dragged along."

Kelly Elliott of the Lincoln County Law Association commented "SLA San Diego was a very thought provoking and positive experience for me. Biggest takeaway - changing the labels of what we do and how we do it can have a profound impact on how we see ourselves and how others see our skill sets."

Next year's SLA conference will be held in Vancouver from June 8-10 and it promises to be as valuable as San Diego.

COLAL 2013

COLAL 2013 will be held from October 17 to 18 at the Eaton Chelsea Hotel in Toronto (formerly the Delta Chelsea). This year's theme is **Future Ready II: Creating the Information Future**. The formal announcement with details of programs and hotel registration will be distributed very soon. Stay tuned for the details – this year's COLAL promises to be an exciting two days!



Toolkit of Legal Resources

Last month's e-newsletter focused on the Toolkit of Legal Resources and the Desktop Delivery Initiative. Please remember that you may access the Toolkit in all 48 county and district law libraries. Desktop delivery is available to lawyers who practice in the 28 local associations as well as Algoma, Kenora and Thunder Bay.

Lawyers who practice in one of the associations that are included in the Desktop Delivery Initiative should request a password by e-mailing libcosupport@lsuc.on.ca and include their name, date of birth, Law Society of Upper Canada member # and e-mail address. Christopher Stephenson, Library Systems Administrator at the Great Library, will create new accounts and e-mail the password information directly to the lawyer, often the same day.

Once you have your password, go to www.libraryco.ca and click on the Toolkit icon. Users will be taken to the Toolkit page where they will click on the icon and be prompted to enter their user name and password. At this point they will be at the search page and ready to begin their research.

Both the Toolkit of Legal Resources and the Desktop Delivery Initiative are provided to all lawyers in Ontario without charge. Please don't hesitate to contact LibraryCo for further information.

Law Society of Upper Canada CPD

Last Chance!

The last date we will be accepting DVD orders from programs from the winter/spring 2013 season and earlier is July 31, 2013. We will no longer be producing DVDs of CPD programs beginning in our fall 2013 program season.

These video replay programs are now available:

[Solo and Small Firm Conference Materials 2013](#)

[Civil Litigators Series: Real Estate](#)

[Criminal Law Practice Essentials 2013](#)

[2nd Annual Civil Litigation Summit](#)

[The Six-Minute Employment Lawyer 2013](#)

[The Six-Minute Labour Lawyer 2013](#)

For a listing of upcoming programs, descriptions and accreditation, please visit our [website](#).

View our entire legal education resources library at <http://ecom.lsuc.on.ca/resources>

Board General Manager's Travels

My travels this month have taken me to the County of Renfrew (Pembroke), County of Lanark (Perth), Muskoka (Bracebridge) and Parry Sound. This was my first trip to Renfrew in three years, and I spent time with the association's executive discussing issues pertaining to their association. I also visited the law library and spent some time with Laurie Stoddard and Grace Mick, the library assistants. While in Lanark I had the opportunity to meet Bev Brett, the new library assistant, who joined the association earlier this year. Bev has been working with Marilyn Elkin, the Roving Law Librarian, to complete shelf reading and other necessary tasks. My travels to Muskoka and Parry Sound included meetings with Joel Kennedy, president of the Parry Sound Law Association, Carrie Campbell, president of the Muskoka Law Association and Patricia Harris, library assistant at both associations.



Roving Law Librarian - A Report from Marilyn Elkin

Since the last newsletter, I have visited the Lanark County Law Association library in Perth to work with Bev Brett on shelf reading and weeding the collection. This was the first time that Bev had been through this process and I think Bev found it to be an extremely useful activity. We were able to free up shelf space, make the collection more accessible by putting it in order, reconcile the catalogue entries with the physical items on the shelves, identify gaps and weak areas of the collection, and identify missing items. The process also afforded an opportunity to discuss broader aspects of collection development and library operations.

My next visit was to the Durham Law Association library where I provided training and orientation to Jennie Clarke, the new library technician. As well as this initial orientation, Jennie and I had a chance to work through a few reference questions that came up during the two day visit. I plan to return later in the summer to continue with this training.

My last visit of the month was to the Huron Law Association library in Goderich where Barb Alcock and I shelf read the collection. This proved to be immensely satisfying. Barb and I had completed a shelf reading in August 2011 just days before the tornado struck. The holdings list annotated on that visit proved to be invaluable in formulating an accurate insurance claim and in ordering replacement volumes for the library. But it had never been submitted to update the catalogue. As this visit was the first shelf reading since 2011, we were working with that same out-of-date holdings list. We uncovered many additions and corrections that needed to be made. We also shifted some sections of the



collection to allow better access to a highly used area of books. It was a very productive three days.

Upcoming visits will be to Peterborough, Durham and Parry Sound.

I will be taking some vacation time at the end of the month but welcome any projects for the fall months. Please contact me at melkin@lsuc.on.ca or at 1-800-668-7380 ext 2433 to discuss.

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