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Spring is certainly here and with it comes the realization that the 2002 biennial conference, which will be held with our colleagues in the South Carolina Library Association, is just a few months away. I hope that you are planning on joining us for a wonderful time in Charleston, South Carolina, October 24-26, 2002. The Conference will be held at the Westin Francis Marion Hotel and the Lightsey Center of the College of Charleston.

The program is going to be an exciting one with Mitch Freedman, ALA President; Dori Sanders, South Carolina writer and storyteller; and Elliot Engel, noted author and lecturer; as the General Session speakers. And that is just the beginning as this interesting and informative program takes shape. The SCLA/SELA Planning and Local Arrangements Committees are working hard to make this our best conference yet! Additional information will be available soon.

I would like to remind you of the availability of the Gale Group Professional Grants. These grants, made possible through the generosity of The Gale Group, are available to help finance attendance at the SELA Conference for a new professional librarian from each of our member states. The grant is in the amount of \$500. Complete information can be found in this issue and at the SELA website (<http://sela.lib.ucf/grant.html>). The deadline for receipt of applications has been extended to July 1, 2002. Be sure to spread the word about this wonderful opportunity for new librarians to receive funding to attend the Conference in Charleston!

Speaking of the SELA website, please note that the URL has changed to <http://sela.lib.ucf.edu>. I would like to thank SEFLIN for hosting our site over the past few years. Our site will now be hosted by the University of Central Florida Library.

The election of SELA officers for the 2003/2004 biennium will be held soon. Please note that biographical information and a statement of professional concern from each of the candidates are found in this issue. Be sure to vote when your ballot is received in the mail.

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