

**Biological Sciences Division  
Special Libraries Association  
Long Range Plan 1985-1990**

Mission

The mission of the Biological Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association is to further the objectives of the Association by providing representation and support for those professionals concerned with the provision of information services in the life sciences.

Division Goals

In keeping with the mission and the Bylaws, the Division will:

- Create and maintain a positive climate within the Division, which will attract new members and retain present members.
- Encourage increased student interest in biological sciences librarianship.
- Facilitate communication among Division members with special regard to *Biofeedback*.
- Provide programming and education for the members.
- Maintain a sound financial balance between services offered and funds available.

Five-Year Objectives

1. Form a Professional Development and Program Committee for non-conference program planning.
2. Establish a Publications Committee, which will:
  - a. Sponsor a special issue of *Special Libraries*.
  - b. Explore publication avenues.
3. Poll chapters on the formation of local groups after analyzing members' zip codes to identify "clusters."
4. Plan and publicize willingness to cosponsor or conduct joint local programming.
5. Continue student stipend to Association's Annual meeting and coordinate with other Divisions offering similar awards.
6. Conduct one (1) membership needs assessment at least once every five (5) years.

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