

Annual Report 2001-2002  
Special Libraries Association  
Biomedical and Life Sciences Division  
Medical Section

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Medical Section of BLSA began the year with its 5<sup>th</sup> annual business meeting in San Antonio, Texas held in June 2001. The section officers worked together via email and phone contact to plan for the 2002 annual meeting in Los Angeles. There are currently 189 members.

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Chair (2001-2002): Mary Hay Glass  
Chair-Elect (2002-2003): Howard Fuller  
Past Chair (2000-2001): Peggy Jones  
Secretary (2001-2002): Kathleen Furukawa

#### ACTIVITIES

##### Membership

Section membership remains steady at 189, per the roster provided by SLA Headquarters in March 2002. A new activity for the section is sending a "welcome letter" to all new members of the Medical Section. The Biomedical & Life Sciences Division membership chair provides a quarterly list of new section members to the MedicalSection chair.

##### Program Planning

For the 2002 conference, which had restricted monies, the section planned for one program and cosponsored a second session.

Howard Fuller planned a program entitled "PDAs: Life in the Palm of Your Hand". The speaker for this program is Pamela Corley, *Information Specialist*, Norris Medical Library of the University of Southern California. A possible PDA poster session was discussed but canceled.

The session that the Medical Section is cosponsoring is: Dietary Supplements and Functional Foods, which is sponsored by SLA's Food, Agriculture & Nutrition Division (FAN). The speaker for this session is Dr. Joan M. Conway, *Research Chemist*, Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center.

Planning for the Medical Section reception is set for the Westin Bonaventure Hotel, following the PDA session. Both SLA Medical Section members and local members of the Medical Library Association (MLA) will attend the reception. Jones planned the event.

The Medical Section Annual Business Meeting will feature speaker Elaine Graham, Associate Director, Pacific Southwest Regional Medical Library, NN/LM, UCLA Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library, who will present an abbreviated version of MLA's "NLM Update". Glass planned the event.

#### BUDGET INFORMATION

The projected costs for programs in 2002 are as follows:

Medical Section Business Meeting	\$ 250
Medical Section Reception	\$ 750
PDA's: Life in the Palm of Your Hand	\$1,250

The BLSD Fund Development Committee solicited the following funds:

- Ovid Technologies will contribute \$1,000 toward PDA's: Life in the Palm of Your Hand session.
- Lippincott Williams & Wilkins will contribute \$250 toward the Medical Section Business Meeting.
- DIALOG will contribute \$750 toward the Medical Section Reception.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- More Medical Section content on web site;
- More Medical Section activity on BSDNET-L;
- Recruit & retain section members;
- Increase contributions to *Biofeedback* by chair, to promote interest in the Medical Section; and;
- Review & finalize the Medical Section's Procedures, now available only in draft version.

Respectfully submitted May 29, 2002 by Mary Hay Glass, Chair.