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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Medical Section of BLSD began the year with its 5th 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 Medical Section 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  
PDAs: 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 PDAs: 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.