Annual Report 2002-2003
Special Libraries Association
Biomedical and Life Sciences Division
Medical Section

Executive Summary
The Medical Section officers worked together via e-mail and phone contact to plan for
the 2003 annual conference in New York City. There are currently 182 members.

Committee Membership
Chair: Howard Fuller
Chair-elect: Bonnie Stephenson
Incoming chair-elect: Chris Hooper-Lane
Past-chair: Mary Hay Glass

Membership
Section membership remains steady at 182, per “Who’s Who in Special Libraries,” web
version. The section continues to send out a “welcome letter” to new members of the
Medical Section. Jean Crampon, BLSD membership chair, provides a quarterly list of
new section members to the Medical Section chair.

Program Planning
Howard Fuller planned a program entitled “Knowledge Technologies Broadening the
Opportunities of Librarians.” The speaker for this program is Yves A. Lussier, M.D.,
Assistant Professor, Department of Medical Informatics and Department of Medicine,
College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University.

Mary Hay Glass planned and coordinated the Medical Section reception. During the 2002
Annual Conference in Los Angeles, Reuters Health expressed interest in hosting the
Medical Section reception (to be a joint reception with the Pharmacy and Chemistry
Sections) at their headquarters in New York city. SLA Biomedical Division, Medical
Section, and Medical Library Association members are invited to attend the reception.
Reuters will underwrite the cost of the reception.

The Medical Section annual business meeting will feature speaker Sue O’Neill Johnson,
formerly of the National Library of Medicine, Patricia Stachiw, Columbia University
Medical Library, who will discuss the use of clinical trial information by librarians.
Budget Information
The projected costs for programs in 2002 are as follows:

Medical Section Business Meeting $ 250.
Medical Section Reception $ 0-
Medical Section program (“Knowledge Technologies
Broadening the Opportunities of Librarians) $1000.

The BLSD Fund Development Committee solicited the following funds:
• BMJ Publishing will contribute $250 for sole sponsorship of the business meeting.
• IBM Life Science will contribute $1000 for sole sponsorship of the Section program.
• Reuters Health will host and cover costs of the Section reception.

Recommendations
• Growth of the section
• Increase contribution to Biofeedback
• Review and finalize the Section’s Procedures

Addendum, June, 2003
Due to the withdrawal of Reuters Health sponsorship of the Medical Section reception in
April 2003, it was decided to cancel this years reception. Members were notified shortly
thereafter via the Biomed e-mail discussion group.