

Annual Report 2003-2004
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 2004 annual conference in Nashville. There are currently 182 members.

Committee Membership

Chair: Bonnie Stephenson
Chair-elect: Chris Hooper-Lane
Incoming chair-elect: To Be Named
Past-chair: Howard Fuller

Membership

Section membership increased to 204, 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. Irene Laursen, BLSD membership chair, provides a quarterly list of new section members to the Medical Section chair.

Program Planning

No Medical Section reception was held in New York City, as the vendor sponsor withdrew support. It was determined the Medical Section reception in Nashville would be a larger event to make up for lack of the prior year’s reception.

The Medical Section reception will be held at Meharry Medical College in Nashville and will include the reception and tours of the College’s Learning Resource Center. EBSCO is the sole-sponsor of this event.

The Medical Section annual business meeting will feature speaker Andrea Baruchin, PhD., Associate Director, Vanderbilt Brain Institute and Director of Neuroscience Development Department in a program entitled “What’s New in Brain Research.” A short reception will follow in the “History of Medicine” room of the Eskind Biomedical Library, with library tours available. Swets and W.B. Saunders/Elsevier are sponsors for this event.

Budget Information

The projected costs for programs in 2004 are as follows:

Medical Section Business Meeting	\$ 100.
Medical Section Reception	\$ 600.
Medical Section program (“What’s New in Brain Research”)	\$1300.

The BLSD Fund Development Committee solicited the following funds:

- EBSCO will contribute \$1000 for sole sponsorship of the Section reception.
- SWETS will contribute \$500 for Medical Section Business Meeting and Program.
- W.B. Saunders/Elsevier will contribute \$1000 for Medical Section Business Meeting and Program.

Recommendations

- Growth of the section
- Increase contribution to Biofeedback
- Review and finalize the Section's Procedures