

2010 Awards

2010 DBIO Distinguished Member Award Recipient: Nancy Stimson

The following testimonial was read in Nancy's honor by Michele Tennant:

“The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division's Distinguished Member Award is given annually by the DBIO Awards Committee to a DBIO member who has demonstrated distinction and exemplary service to the division and the profession. Nancy Stimson is the 2010 Distinguished Member Award recipient. Nancy has served DBIO in numerous capacities over the years. She has served as Division Chair (a three-year commitment), on the DBIO Awards Committee, and as Chair of the Fund Development and Public Relations Committees. Nancy has been recognized with the Division Chair's Recognition Award for her outstanding work and leadership as Chair of the Program Planning Committee for the 2000 SLA conference in Philadelphia. Most recently she has served as Co-Chair of the Division's Ad-hoc Strategic Planning Committee. In addition to all of the DBIO work mentioned above, Nancy has also been active in the Medical Library Association, the Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona, and as a contributor to the SLA DBIO blog. She has presented at MLA, SLA and various chapter meetings. Beyond this list of achievements and accomplishments, Nancy has exemplified the attributes of a true leader – encouraging, inclusive, and full of innovative ideas. It is my pleasure to award the 2010 Distinguished Member Award to Nancy Stimson.”

2010 Chair's Award Recipient: David Duggar

2010 Chair's Award Recipient: Chris Hooper-Lane

David Duggar and Chris Hooper-Lane received the Chair's Recognition Awards, David for his organization of the DBIO 75th Anniversary reception, and Chris for planning the New Orleans DBIO conference programs.

DBIO Webmaster Emerita: Carol Lepzelter Berry

Carol Lepzelter Berry was awarded the honorary title of DBIO Webmaster Emerita in honor of her long and exemplary service as DBIO Webmaster and Chair of the Home Page Subcommittee of the Public Relations Committee. This title recognizes Carol's dedication and leadership in maintaining the numerous renditions of the DBIO Web site over the course of many years. Carol was the Division's first Webmaster. She assumed this position in 1998 and will retire from it at the end of 2010. The Webmaster, along with the Archivist, Biofeedback Editor(s), and SLA-DBIO Discussion List Moderator(s) have no set term limits, thus requiring individuals who have longstanding commitments to their respective positions. The following testimonial is from Claudia Lascar, DBIO Web site content manager:

“Carol's accomplishments as Webmaster fill me with a profound sense of admiration and respect for her commitment to our Division. The foundation of the present DBIO Web site was built by Carol,

single handedly, over many years. It is true that our present Web site is more beautiful and easier to navigate, due to the work of a professional web designer and the dedicated Ad-Hoc Web Site Redesign Committee who worked relentlessly over a period of a year. It is also true that our Web site has more content now, since it is supported by a large team of involved volunteers. But it was Carol who started it all. It was Carol who first embraced Hypertext Markup Language, Mozilla, and Netscape. It was Carol who placed us into cyberspace. It was Carol who moved us from HTML to XHTML. Carol did all these and much more with a relaxed and friendly demeanor. Her even temperament and sense of humor cannot shroud that she is a consummate professional. For Carol being a Webmaster was a 'labor of love'. We will miss her."

The following is a statement from Carol Lepzelter Berry, Senior Electronic Resources Librarian, Argonne National Laboratory that reflects on the history of the DBIO Web site:

"I joined SLA DBIO in 1997. My superior from my first position at the University of South Carolina, Jan Cambre, pushed me into volunteering for SLA. On the DBIO Listserv there was an announcement that an assistant was needed for the Division Web site. Even though I had left the USC position, I decided to follow Jan's advice and volunteered to assist Margaret Henderson, the DBIO Webmaster. At that time DBIO was hosted on the Cold Spring Harbor Website. We used Notepad, and hand coded the Website content. After I received training in Dreamweaver, I began using it on the DBIO Web site and have continued to use it ever since. There has been a synergistic relationship between my work at the Argonne National Laboratory and my volunteer work for DBIO, which has resulted in my receiving two promotions. Each promotion enabled me to continually learn the emerging Web 2.0 technology. The DBIO Web site provided me with the opportunity to practice my new learned skills, make a few inevitable mistakes, and slowly get the hang of things. Meanwhile, I continued improving my Web development skills, thus increasing my marketability. I do not believe that I would now be a senior electronic resources librarian for The Argonne Research Library without my volunteer work in DBIO.

Some highlights of my long career as DBIO Webmaster:

- I began adding *Biofeedback* to the Web site starting with the volume 23(3), Winter 1997, issue, which I had to convert to HTML.
- Starting in 1997, I put up the DBIO program for the SLA Annual Conference.
- In the spring of 1998 issue of *Biofeedback*, Margaret Henderson and I put in an announcement asking for input for new content for the Web site. As a result of our inquiry, we added new pages such as a favorite site page (no longer extant) and a few forms. •
- At the beginning of 1999, I transferred the Web site to SLA's server from Cold Spring Harbor's.
- I added the first awards pages, officer's pages, Division Procedures Manual, and a membership longevity list in 1999.
- In 1999, I made several changes to the "look and feel" of the Web site to make it more professional.
- In 2001, again, I made changes to the Web site to tighten up its appearance, and I started separating out sections, such as the Annual Conference, into subdirectories. These changes improved the overall appearance, organization, and navigation of the site.
- In 2002, I put up a subdirectory for the 2001 DBIO Budget Plan and created a new page to highlight Conference sponsors.
- In 2004 I changed the SLA logos throughout the Web site, as requested by SLA.
- In summer 2004, I was able to add *Biofeedback* as pdf files, thus saving a great deal of time.
- In 2005 I created a new subdirectory for the medical section, and Chris Hooper-Lane provided content
- In 2005 I created and designed a new subdirectory for the "Systems Thinking Perspective Project" of Lorri Zipperer and Jan Sykes.

- From 2005 until mid 2007 I made back-up CD-ROMs of the Web site
- In 2006 the DBIO Board allocated money for a professional Web designer to redesign the Web site and create logos for the Division and Medical Section. This decision was based on the results of a membership survey, which uncovered the need for personalized content and better communication with members.
- From 2006-2007 I actively participated in the redesign process.
- Since 2007 I have no longer been the only person managing the Web site. In previous years (1997-2007) I pulled most of the content for the Web site from *Biofeedback* or from Division Chairs and officers. From mid 1999 until 2007, I created all the Web pages, stylesheets and templates, except for the Medical Section. Since 2007, I have become part of a team working on the Web site. I remained in charge of technical aspects, adding content to the Web site, and training, and used Dreamweaver, Contribute, Photoshop, and Fireworks to accomplish these tasks. Claudia Lascar assumed the position of Web site content manager.
- I do not plan to completely retire from this position since I remain willing to help any way possible.”