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## BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DIVISION SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION Newsletter

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### M I D W I N T E R

The Midwinter SLA Meeting was held at the Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado, on January 24-27, 1984. The Broadmoor is actually a full resort in the foothills of the Cheyenne Mountains. Unfortunately, we were kept too busy to enjoy the skiing, one outdoor and three indoor swimming pools, ice skating rink, ice hockey rink, and lots more. The weather was clear and sunny--a welcome change for this Chicagoan who had left dismal, snowy Chicago.

As for the Board Meeting, you will be pleased to know that SLA is in fine shape. This year there was a \$98,000 surplus. It was moved, seconded, and passed to disperse these funds as follows:

\$ 5,000 to the International Federation of Library Associations,

\$20,000 to the Computer Fund (more about that later),

70% of the remaining to the Building Fund (more about that later),

30% of the remaining to the Reserve Fund.

Long range planning is con-

tinuing and Chapters and Divisions are urged to develop similar plans. Elisabeth Davis is BSD's long range planning chair. Please assist her by completing and returning the questionnaire in this issue.

Plans are underway to update the computer system that will save considerable staff time and improve member services. Currently, two vendors (IBM and WANG) have submitted acceptable proposals for systems that are compatible with the previous one. Money is now the issue. There is \$125,000 available for the project and both of the bids have come in somewhat higher, thus negotiations are now being conducted.

David Bender reported on progress in the search for housing for the National Office. He reviewed the history of the search and the facts and reasons that led up to the decision to purchase, but not construct, a building. Reasons for confining the search to the Eastern Corridor were also reviewed. Articles on this issue have appeared in Specialist and a brochure has been

## S L A Building Fund

Midwinter Notes continued

prepared. Additional information will also be found elsewhere in this issue. The Building Fund, established two years ago, has reached one-third of its goal.

David Bender presented a report of the Government Relations Committee. SLA has been very carefully watching all legislative issues affecting Special Libraries and Librarians and has taken an active role in our interests. The NCLIS asked SLA to report on the networking activities of its members. Since the array of our networking activities is so varied and on so many levels, SLA is requesting clarification.

Planning for the 1984 Annual Meeting in New York is proceeding with many exciting meetings. Watch for them in the next issue! M. Sandra Wood, Chair-elect, met with the 1985 Winnipeg Annual Meeting Committee. Her report appears elsewhere in this issue.

Doris Bolef  
Chair

Since June 1981 when Executive Director David Bender was authorized by the Board of Directors of the Association, he has been looking for a new headquarters building. The Association Office does not have sufficient space to provide the services to the Association's growing membership. It has been determined to be more cost effective to purchase rather than to build a building to ease the overcrowding. The purchase of an Association building will protect SLA from inflationary rents, and the building will provide for present and anticipated needs and have space which can be leased to tenants. This will result in improved General Reserve Fund position and cash flow and allow expansion of membership services.

BSD has already contributed \$500. You can help SLA build for the future. No donation is too small. All donations to the SLA Building Fund are tax deductible. Help SLA get its building!

Donations should be sent to:  
SLA Building Fund Campaign  
235 Park Avenue South  
New York, N.Y. 10003

## NOMINATING

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for consideration for Biological Sciences Division offices, 1984-86.

Chair-Elect  
Karen Patrias  
Head, Reference Section  
National Library of Medicine  
Bethesda, Maryland

David A. Self  
Veterinary Medicine Librarian  
University of Illinois at  
Urbana-Champaign  
Urbana, Illinois

Secretary-Treasurer  
Karen Horst  
Director of Library Services  
St. Luke's Hospital  
Kansas City, Missouri

Carolyn Takeuchi  
Reference Librarian  
Owen Science and Engineering  
Library  
Washington State University  
Pullman, Washington

Ballots, including candidate information, will be sent out by first class mail during March. The current mailing labels from SLA Headquarters will be used. If members have any questions or problems, they may contact Rebecca Martin, Nominating Committee Chair, Biology Library, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720. Telephone (415) 642-2531.

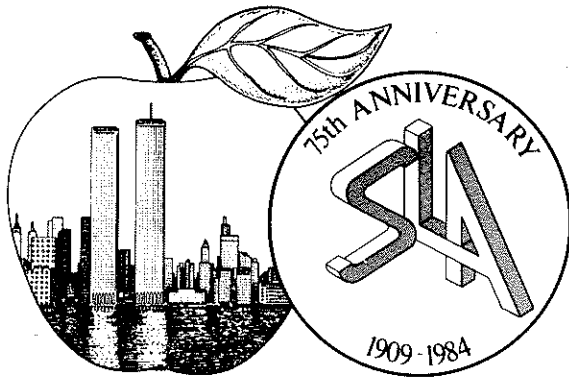
Nominating Committee:  
Mae Cutler, Rebecca Martin,  
Sharon Schwerzel, and Ted Sibia

## 50th BSD

The Biological Sciences Division will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary at the Annual Meeting in New York on Tuesday, June 12, 1984, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in our hospitality suite immediately following our Business Meeting

If you have any reminiscences you wish to share, or you know someone who has, would you please let Beth Paskoff know as soon as possible. Write to: Beth Paskoff, Louisiana State University Library, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803, or call (504) 388-8511. Beth is our hospitality chair and, because of her interest and background in history, has agreed to coordinate this celebration. If she is encouraged, she will do some Oral History and merge what we already have and know with what we obtain from our members.

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**SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION  
75TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE  
NEW YORK CITY, JUNE 9TH-14TH, 1984**

The New York Conference will include sessions on the following:

**Biotechnology:** Overview, Applications, and Information Resources and Services (with Chemistry, Food & Nutrition, and Pharmaceutical Divisions)

**Environmental Issues in an Election Year** (with Environmental Information, Natural Resources, and Urban Affairs Section of Social Sciences Divisions)

**Headliner Program for the Conference on Acid Rain** (originally sponsored by BSD and Environmental Information Division)

**Tour of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory and Ballen Booksellers** (Ballen is generously paying for the transportation.)

Monday evening, June 10, the Museums, Arts and Humanities Division are sponsoring a GALA at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. They encourage all to reserve that evening.

**Do Not Let Hotel Costs Stop You From Coming to the Annual Meeting**

At the Midwinter Meeting, there was concern expressed for the recently graduated and the newly working librarian who would like to attend the Annual Meeting in New York, but cannot afford the high hotel costs. Help is on the way! The Headquarters staff has been instructed to seek out inexpensive alternative housing. It is hoped this will be reasonably close to the two Headquarter hotels.

If you would like to attend, but cannot afford the hotel prices, please let me know. You will receive copies of the registration form with hotels in a few weeks.

Doris Bolef  
Chair

**corrections**

Change of Address for our Treasurer:  
Ruth Ahl, Head  
Waukeshaw County Technical Institute Library  
800 Main Street  
Pewaukee, Wisconsin 53072

Correct name for our Chair elect:  
M. Sandra Wood, not Sandra M.

**Advertisers**

Biofeedback is ready to accept advertisements. Please let the Business Manager know if you have an advertisement or could suggest a possible advertiser. Write: Gretchen Stephens, Veterinary Medical Library, Room 108, Lynn Hall, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DIVISION  
MEMBERSHIP SURVEY/NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Long Range Planning Committee  
January, 1984

To help the Biological Sciences Division (BSD) provide programs and services that will meet your needs as an information manager, please complete the following questionnaire. (You may either remove this form from BIOFEEDBACK or make a copy. As space is limited, please attach an additional sheet, if necessary, for open-ended questions.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

1. Geographical Location (SLA Salary Survey Regions)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ New England (ME,VT,NH,MA,CT,RI)
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Atlantic (NY,PA,NJ)
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ South Atlantic (DE,MD,DC,WV,VA,NC,SC,GA,FL,PR)
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ East North Central (OH,MI,IN,WI,IL)
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ West North Central (MN,IA,MO,ND,SD,NE,KS)
  - f. \_\_\_\_\_ East South Central (KY,TN,AL,MS)
  - g. \_\_\_\_\_ West South Central (AR,LA,OK,TX)
  - h. \_\_\_\_\_ Mountain (MT,WY,CO,NM,ID,UT,AZ,NV)
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_ Pacific (WA,OR,CA,AK,HI)
  - j. \_\_\_\_\_ Canada
  - k. \_\_\_\_\_ Outside North America
  
2. Type of Institution or Business Served by Library in Which You Are Employed
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Federal Government
  - \_\_\_\_\_ State, Provincial, Local Government
  - \_\_\_\_\_ International Government
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Public Library

- Academic Library
- Hospital Library
- Not-for-profit Institution or Organization
- For-profit Corporation
- Self-Employed
- Other (explain)

3. Indicate Your Primary Specific Responsibility  
Check Only One Box
- General Responsibilities (1 or 2 Person Library)
  - Administrative Responsibility
  - Abstractor or Indexer
  - Acquisitions or Cataloging
  - Bibliographer; Literature Searcher
  - Documents or Reports
  - Editor or Writer
  - Information Specialist
  - Reader Service or Reference
  - Systems Specialist
  - Translator
  - Library School Faculty
  - Self-Employed (Consultant, etc.)
  - Other (explain)

4. Please Check Your SLA Membership Category
- Member
  - Member (Paid for Life)
  - Associate Member
  - Student Member
  - Retired Member
  - Sustaining Member
  - Honorary Member
  - Non-Member

#### CONFERENCE/PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

5. Have you ever attended an SLA Annual Conference?  
 Yes  No
6. If not, do you anticipate attending one in the future?  
 Yes  No
7. Would it be easier for you to attend a Conference if you were: Check all that apply.
- An officer of the Division
  - Giving a paper
  - Member of a panel
  - A Division Committee Chairman, or member of a committee
  - Miscellaneous Div. responsibility

## PROGRAM INTERESTS

8. Rate your interest in having the Division provide continuing education programs.  
 Highly Desirable     Desirable     Undesirable
9. List, in priority order, your preferences for topics for C.E. programs:
- 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.
  - 5.
10. Rate your interest in having the Division offer tours on the last day of the Annual Conference.  
 Very Interested     Interested     Not Interested
11. Would you be interested in participating in Division sponsored workshops, round tables, etc?  
 Yes: Regionally \_\_\_\_\_  No  
   Nationally \_\_\_\_\_
12. Do you have experience or special skills that might be utilized for Division workshops?  
 Yes     No  
 If "Yes," please list them:

## DIVISION INTERESTS

13. In what other professional associations do you hold membership?
14. Are you interested in forming subject section(s) for the Biological Sciences Division?  
 Yes     No  
 If "Yes," which one(s):
15. If you are, or were, a student member, what attracted you to SLA, and to the Biological Sciences Division?  
 SLA: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 BSD: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

16. Are you interested in serving on one of the Division Committees?  
\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No  
Which ones:
17. Rate your degree of interest (High, Medium, Low) in the following BSD sponsored options:
- a. \_\_\_\_\_Student stipend to attend the Annual Conference based on an essay contest.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_Award/recognition to BSD member for outstanding achievement during the year.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_BSD directory of members.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_BSD publication; for example, publish proceedings of a BSD workshop offered at the Annual Conference, with royalties accruing to BSD.
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_Poster sessions at Annual Conference.
  - f. \_\_\_\_\_Regional meetings, co-sponsored with major Chapters.
  - g. \_\_\_\_\_Programs with other Divisions. Please list names of Divisions in order of preference:
  
  - h. \_\_\_\_\_Other options. Please list them.
18. BIOFEEDBACK: What suggestions/preferences do you have for its content?
19. Do you have other concerns/suggestions for improving the Division or its programs? Please elaborate.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the questionnaire. The results will be summarized and reported in BIOFEEDBACK and at the BSD Business Meeting at the Annual Conference in June. Please mail the questionnaire, by March 10, 1984, to:

Elisabeth Davis  
University of Illinois  
Biology Library  
407 S. Goodwin  
Urbana, Illinois 61801



## CALL FOR

## STUDENT AWARD APPLICANTS

In June 1984, Special Librarians from many fields will gather in New York for the annual SLA Conference to discuss a variety of issues. The Biological Sciences Division is offering an award to a graduate student interested in a career in biological sciences librarianship. This award is intended to help defray the cost of attending the annual conference. Support of the sponsored student will include:

1. Travel stipend (up to \$275)
2. Free room in the division suite at the conference hotel
3. Tickets to BSD events
4. Opportunity to meet and develop contacts among biological science librarians.

The award will go to the individual who best meets the following criteria:

Applicants must be members of SLA

Applicants will be judged on the basis of an essay (300 words) which describes some aspect of biological sciences librarianship. For example, this essay might cover a detailed report of a visit to a local biological sciences library, a description of a current science library study project, or research undertaken in some aspect of biological sciences librarianship. Essays should be typed and

sealed in a blank envelope for blind judging. Submitted essays will not be returned.

Applications should be accompanied by a reference from a librarian or faculty member. Be sure to include the following information: Name, address, library school, and anticipated date of graduation.

Applications must be submitted no later than March 16, 1984, to:

Karen Horst  
St. Luke's Hospital,  
Medical Library  
44th & Wornall Road  
Kansas City, MO 64111

The Division reserves the right not to award the stipend if there are no suitable applicants.

## subscriptions

Due to requests received by the editor, our Chair, Doris Bolef, has polled the Executive Board of BSD regarding subscriptions to Biofeedback. They have approved the rate at \$10 per year. Note that the present volume actually will be four issues from Fall 1983 through the end of 1984 in order to get the newsletter changed to a calendar year basis. Suggest a subscription!

## WINNIPEG 1985

### BSD Plans for the Annual Meeting, 1985

The SLA Winter Meeting at Colorado Springs, January 24-27, was the first planning session for the 76th Annual Conference, to be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, June 8-13, 1985. The conference theme is "The Information Specialist: A Bridge to the New Communications."

In keeping with this theme, and because of the expressed interest of many division planners, the conference committee has decided on the topic of microcomputers for one of the general sessions. Although the format for the microcomputer session has not yet been determined, it is likely to have multiple tracks and may take one full day.

Plans for the Biological Sciences Division's (BSD) activities and meetings at the Winnipeg conference are well under way. As a follow-up to the New York meeting, BSD will co-sponsor, with the Environmental Information and Natural Resources Divisions, a program on "Acid Rain" which will incorporate the Canadian viewpoint. Tentative plans call for one Canadian and one U.S. speaker, and a panel discus-

sion on accessing information about acid rain.

Another program, which is being co-sponsored by the Biological Sciences, Chemistry, and Pharmaceutical Divisions, will focus on "End User Searching in the Basic and Biological Sciences," with special emphasis on training and the end user. In end user searching, the information specialist is indeed the bridge for users in communicating with online databases.

A luncheon, with a "local" speaker of interest to BSD members, also will be arranged. I am working with Canadian SLA members to find a suitable speaker; any specific suggestions for a speaker would be much appreciated. As yet, the idea of a field trip is "up in the air." Several excellent locations for potential field trips exist in the Winnipeg area, including the Living Prairie Museum and the Museum of Man and Nature. I would appreciate hearing from members regarding interest in a field trip, since scheduling of a field trip will depend on expressed interest and possible coordination with another division.

The conference and division meeting planners for the 1985

1985 Annual Meeting plans continued

annual conference are quite excited about holding the meeting in Winnipeg. BSD members should keep in mind that expenses are expected to be considerably lower than for previous conferences and that the Winnipeg area is an excellent location for a family vacation. More information about Winnipeg and the 1985 annual conference will be forthcoming in future issues of Bio-feedback. I hope to see the division well-represented in Winnipeg!

M. Sandra Wood  
Chair-Elect

These funds will be administered by the staff of the Association according to the instructions of the Board of Directors. All decisions to fund any particular program or service is subject to review and approval by the Board.

If you are interested in further information about applying for a Special Program grant you may request the guidelines and an application cover page from:

Special Programs Fund  
Special Libraries Association  
235 Park Avenue South  
New York, N.Y. 10003

The deadline will be early fall, so plan ahead.

#### Special Programs Fund

This fund is to provide programs and services which will further the scientific, literary, and educational purposes for which SLA is organized and operated in compliance with the Association's bylaws. Examples of programs and services which may be funded may include publications, research projects, study grants, continuing education programs, public awareness programs, special studies, and other programs.

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## contributors

The Editor would like to regularly include articles of interest to Division members as part of Biofeedback. Articles should be no longer than 2-3 double-spaced pages. Please submit by April 2, 1984 for the spring issue and August 6, 1984 for the fall issue. If your article is not selected, it will be returned to you. All contributors please send copy by these dates. Please contribute to Biofeedback.

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