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## Annual Conference

--*Eleanor MacLean*

As you've had occasion to learn over the past year, I tend to be a little long-winded. I will try very hard to keep this report down to a reasonable length mainly by concentrating on what programs were sponsored by the Biological Sciences Division.

The Association's membership is up to its highest level ever, 11,674, of whom 4,635 attended the conference, the highest number of attendees at an inland city conference. Among other announcements made at the board meeting was that Beth Paskoff had been elected Division Cabinet Chair-Elect. Congratulations to our former Past-Chair are definitely in order. The board approved the guidelines for the new caucuses so we now have an informal structure in place to accommodate those of our interests which don't fit neatly into the Division and Chapter organization. The Government Relations Committee is developing a pool of people who could be called on as witnesses to government hearings on matters which might affect our professional interests. If there are any professional areas on which you feel competent to provide testimony, please let our Government Relations liaison, Cami Loucks, know of your interest. The board and Publishing Relations Committee are working on developing a statement expressing our concern over the rapidly increasing costs of journals and publishers' discriminatory charges to North American libraries. One of the major issues which came up both at the board and annual business meetings was the FBI Library Awareness Program. For those of you who are

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not familiar with this issue, the FBI has been asking librarians, primarily in the science and technology sections of university and major public libraries to provide them with information of "suspicious" use that is being made of their collections, that is, of unclassified information in public institutions. Because of its diversified membership, SLA put out a statement that the Association was "neutral" on the issue of the FBI program. The statement went on to reiterate our support for freedom of information access, confidentiality of library records, and the right not to be deprived by others, either individuals or groups, of access to needed public information. Many members of the Association felt that the statement should indicate opposition to the FBI's program so that it could be used in support of those librarians who felt that providing this kind of information is in violation of our professional ethics. A revised statement was proposed at the Annual Business Meeting and approved after a lengthy, and lively, debate. The revised statement begins by endorsing freedom of access to information and the confidentiality of library records and concludes by indicating the Association opposes the FBI's program. This revision was accepted by the Board at its final meeting. They also passed a program to publicize the revised statement.

I attended several meetings on planning for the New York conference next year. One thing is clear. It's going to be expensive, so we had better start saving (or lobbying for funds) to enable us to attend. The Division held four very successful Open Houses and I would like to thank our sponsors, Springer-Verlag, Elsevier, Ballen and BIOSIS, for their support.

I was so busy attending to Division and conference planning business that I didn't get to very many other sessions. I did get to hear the first of the theme speakers, though. Michael Annison gave an excellent presentation on coping with change, particularly in the information field where networking, technology, and the increasing emphasis on the users doing their own research rather than having it managed for them by us are having a profound influence on our future.

The Biological Sciences Division co-sponsored, along with six other divisions, a

session on "Energy and the Environment: Where Horizons Meet." Dr. Amory Lovins spoke on making more efficient use of current energy resources in order to reduce overall costs and save our natural resources. He pointed out that the U.S. wastes more money on inefficient energy use than the entire military budget.

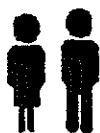
Dr. Thomas Reed spoke on using methanol as an automobile fuel. Dr. Gary North of the U.S. Geological Survey gave a fascinating presentation on the use of technology to provide and interpret a tremendous variety of information on the U.S. land and water surfaces and resource contents. John Funderburk spoke on various cost-effective means of disposing of, and recycling components of, the appalling quantity and variety of hazardous wastes we produce each year. During the session we had a practical demonstration of energy waste; the overly effective air conditioning reduced the room temperature to about 60 degrees.

At our executive meeting, Chair David Self reported that 86 of our members had preregistered for the conference. Mary Southwick Compton, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that Anna McGowan had been elected Chair-Elect and Jean Crampon had been elected Secretary/Treasurer. Rita Fisher, our Membership Chair, reported that we had 614 members in the Division as of May 15, 1988. She has written to over 75 members who had dropped their memberships. The principal reasons for this were that the drop had been inadvertant, or that the person had changed jobs or retired.

Steven Sowell, *Biofeedback* Editor, reported that three issues had been published and the cost for printing and mailing was \$1240, about \$2 per member. Desktop publishing was used to improve the appearance and he hopes next year to attract enough advertisers to cover up to 25% of the costs. He also hopes to increase the number of pages to 12 and to include more news articles in the publication. He is trying to get a postal permit for us as a non-profit association so as to reduce the mailing costs.

Past-Chair Beth Paskoff is working on a procedures manual for the division and has received permission to use Sci-Tech's as the basis for it. Each of the current and past committee chairs and executive members was

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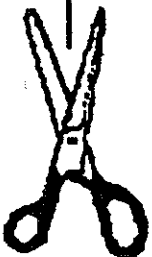
## **Biological Sciences Division Membership Directory**

The Biological Sciences Division Executive Board has asked the Membership Committee to produce a Directory of BSD members which will provide more information than *Who's Who in Special Libraries*. Please complete this form and return it before March 15, 1989, to:

Rita Fisher, Membership Committee Chair  
Washington State University  
Owen Science and Engineering Library  
Pullman, WA 99164-3200

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1. Name:
2. Business address:
3. Business telephone:
4. Home address:
5. Home telephone:
6. E-Mail addresses:
7. Telefacsimile telephone number:
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9. Community served:
10. Major subject areas of collections:
11. External loan policies:
12. Network membership(s) and library symbol(s):



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*--Compiled by Membership Committee*

### **Elizabeth Kwater**

Elizabeth has been Librarian, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh since 1987. She has a B.S. in zoology from the University of Aberdeen and a Postgraduate Diploma in Librarianship from Robert Gordon's Institute of Technology in Aberdeen, Scotland. Elizabeth held library positions in Leeds and Sheffield, England before coming to the United States.

## **Call for Nominations**

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for the offices of Chair-Elect and Director of the Biological Sciences Division. The Chair-Elect succeeds to the office of Chair; the Director is elected for a two-year term. Members of the Nominating Committee are Steven H. Carter-Lovejoy, Virginia Commonwealth University; Sarah A. Kelly, Purdue University; and M. Sandra Wood, Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Chairman. Nominations should be submitted by January 31, 1989 to:

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Chairman, Nominating Committee, BSD  
George T. Harrell Library  
Milton S. Hershey Medical Center  
Pennsylvania State University  
PO Box 850  
Hershey, PA 17033



## From the Editor

--Steven L. Sowell

This issue of *Biofeedback* is finally ready for the printer! I apologize for combining issues 1 and 2 together and for the late arrival of annual meeting news. Three factors caused this delay. First, an upgraded version of the desktop publishing software that I use to produce *Biofeedback* was issued. This version had several "bugs" that caused problems with printing. I decided to wait for a "bug"-less version from the manufacturer. Second, after five months of struggling with the Postal Service, I received the non-profit organization permit to mail *Biofeedback* at a greatly reduced rate. In fact, the new permit cuts the mailing cost nearly in half. Lastly, the past five months have turned out to be one of the busiest periods I've had in a long time. Other activities kept interrupting the work to complete this issue. But, I've got my schedule under control now and the rest of the issues for volume 14 will be mailed on time.

Great news! Adam Schiff, University of Colorado Science Library, has agreed to be Assistant Editor for *Biofeedback*. Adam is a recent graduate of the University of California at Berkeley library school and was the BSD's 1987 Student Stipend Winner. Watch for an article by Adam in the next issue.

In this issue you will find a form for the Biological Sciences Division Directory. Be sure to complete and return it before the deadline if you want to be included in the Directory.  
**Next issue deadline: January 25, 1989!**

## MLA Honors BSD Members

At the 1988 Medical Library Association Annual Meeting Honors and Awards Ceremony on May 24, in New Orleans, LA, the accomplishments of three members of the Biological Sciences Division, all Past-Chairs,

were recognized.

John A. Timour, recently retired University Librarian of the Scott Memorial Library at the Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, was honored as a MLA Lifelong Fellow.

Doris Bolef also was honored as a MLA Lifelong Fellow. Doris recently retired as Director of the Rush University Medical Library.

Beth Paskoff was presented with the third MLA Doctoral Fellowship. This fellowship, sponsored by the Institute for Scientific Information, encourages superior students to conduct doctoral work in an area of medical librarianship or information science.

Congratulations to all!

## Journal Cancellation Clearinghouse

Many biological sciences libraries have cancelled or will cancel journal subscriptions because of the tremendous increases in subscription costs. In many cases, the titles cancelled will be low-use journals, many in foreign languages. There is growing concern that with the cancellations biological sciences collections will become more and more alike as unique materials are dropped in order to maintain the core journals. If our libraries all cancel the same low-use titles, where will we get copies of articles when our patrons do need them?

Nancy Elder, University of Texas at Austin Science Library, has offered to maintain a clearinghouse of journal cancellation lists. Libraries wishing to participate can send copies of their lists to Nancy (paper and/or ASCII text file on a floppy disk). She will then be able to respond to questions about which libraries have already dropped a title that a library is considering cancelling.

If your library would like to participate in this experimental cooperative venture, send your journal cancellation lists and/or questions to:

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asked to submit the appropriate section to her by November 1. She and David will be working on the revisions together.

Treasurer Cami Loucks presented our financial report which shows the Division to be (at least until the rest of the conference bills come in) to be in very good fiscal shape.

I reported on the tentative program for the New York conference. We will be having a program at the American Museum of Natural History, possibly with Dr. David Tattersall as speaker on the primate evolution on Madagascar. We are sponsoring, along with eight other divisions and the Publisher Relations Committee, a program on journal pricing, and with the Environmental Information Division, a session on acid rain information. We will be holding, along with the Cataloging Section of the Information Technology Division, a discussion group with a representative from the Library of Congress on subject cataloging in biology. Instead of one, we will be having two field trips on Thursday. In the morning, there will be a guided walking tour of Central Park and, later in the day, a visit to the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Research Institute. You will be able to sign up for either or both, as you choose.

We discussed the production of a Division membership directory which would contain more information than that put out by the Association. There will be a survey form coming out in *Biofeedback* so please fill it in when you receive it.

We decided to donate \$300 to the Association's Scholarship Fund. We also decided that in the future we will make two tickets available free for students wishing to attend any Division sponsored ticketed event at the conference. If the tickets are not applied for during the preregistration period, they will be for sale at the registration desk.

Later that day, we visited the Denver Botanical Gardens. They are beautifully laid out and we had an excellent tour after our box lunch at the terrace arbor. I only got a little bit sunburned!

Our Division Annual Business Meeting covered the same topics I reported in the Executive meeting section.

At the Division Cabinet Meeting, it was

announced that the Environment Information and Natural Resources Divisions will be voting on whether to merge.

At an informal meeting the next morning with the incoming officers of the Division, we discussed the plans of the various committees for the forthcoming year.

On the last afternoon of the conference, the Biological Sciences and Food, Agriculture and Nutrition Divisions co-sponsored a session on "Food Safety Update: Issues Surrounding the Latest Food Safety Controversies." Laura Rhodes spoke on the damage done to the consumer and the environment by pesticides. What makes the situation worse is that they're not even effective. She also discussed some of the reasons the Environmental Protection Agency is having so much difficulty in testing and regulating pesticides.

Christine Bruhn of the Agriculture Extension Service at the University of California - Davis, spoke on irradiation of foods, a preservative process considered by scientists to be much safer than chemicals.

Lloyd Beaton, a Food and Drug Administration Compliance Officer, spoke of the difficulty of trying to ensure that food and drugs are safe to use. This has always been difficult for the department to monitor because they have a budget of under \$600,000,000 and food and drugs account for 25% of the U.S. gross national product.

Regrettably, I did not hear the final speaker as I had to attend a meeting of the New York Conference Planners' group. We spent most of our time discussing the journal pricing program.

Our Division field trip was a day-long drive into Estes Park and the Rocky Mountain National Park. Except for a sudden, and very heavy downpour during our shopping stop in Estes Park, we had very good weather all day. We saw some beautiful scenery and had a chance for short walks through a beaver pond and an alpine tundra area and stopped at one site swarming with thirteen-striped chipmunks and Clark's nutcrackers.

It was a very enjoyable conference. Although I did not get to spend nearly as much time as I would have liked at the exhibits, I did get to see several vendors. A few even expressed interest in helping sponsor next year's Division program in New York.



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