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DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

SLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, KANSAS CITY

The theme of the 69th Annual Conference of the Special Libraries Association was "Managing for Change." The continuing education seminars, which began on Saturday, June 10, 1978, reflected this theme in covering such subjects as time management, zero-based budgeting, and interpersonal relations. The first general session focused its attention on "Preparing for Change" and included speakers addressing the topics, "Issues and Ideas for Managing Change" and "The Role of Communication in Effective Management." Approximately 2,600 persons registered for the Conference.

Conference programs sponsored by the Biological Sciences Division (BSD) were co-sponsored with several other divisions this year. This arrangement worked out extremely well, especially since the Division's attendance was affected by the Medical Library Association's Annual Meeting which was scheduled at the same time in Chicago. The divisions that co-sponsored programs with BSD were: Pharmaceutical Division, Public Utilities Division, Food and Nutrition Division and Environmental Information Provisional Division. The BSD sponsored four students who attended most of the Division activities.

The first BSD program of the Conference was a luncheon scheduled for Monday, June 12. The speaker was The Honorable Charles B. Wheeler, Jr., Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri. Mayor Wheeler is a pathologist and an attorney. He welcomed the group to Kansas City and gave a most informative talk. He related his experiences in public office to his educational background in two very significant disciplines which have helped him deal effectively with a wide variety of urban problems.

A panel of specialists spoke on the topic, "Food and Drug Additives," Tuesday, June 13. Participating in the program were the following: Don Germann, St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri; Richard Dowdy, Department of Human Nutrition, Food and Food Systems Management, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri; Cliff Malone, Chemistry Department, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, and consultant with the Food and Drug Administration; and Paul Sanders, Eli Lilly, Indianapolis, Indiana. Each of the panelists covered the topic from a very different viewpoint. An interesting discussion followed the presentations as the speakers responded to questions submitted to them by the audience.

Bruce Littel, Aquatic Biologist, Environmental Protection Agency Laboratory, Region VIII, spoke to the group at a luncheon meeting on Wednesday, June 14. Mr. Littel discussed several aspects of a topic of wide interest: the problems related to the pollution of our water supply in the United States; the scientific determination of the extent of pollution; and the measures being taken to minimize these problems.

A business meeting was held on Monday, June 12, 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Representing the SLA Board of Directors at this session was Jeanette Privat. The Secretary-Treasurer's report was given and chairmen or their designated representatives gave reports on the activities of each committee appointed for the past year. Unfortunately some important issues could not be resolved, since a quorum was not present. Items on the agenda included: an appropriate project for the Division (which involved a discussion of plans for a directory); the status of the Division archives (including the findings of a recent survey); and selection procedures for student members to be sponsored to attend BSD activities at SLA Annual Conferences.

The BSD field trip on Thursday, June 15, received excellent attendance. Many Biological Sciences members participated, as well as a significant number of members from other divisions. Included in the itinerary were the following: a visit to the Dyche Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas; the Menninger Foundation, Topeka, Kansas; the Zoological Park, Topeka, Kansas; and lunch at the Cornucopia Restaurant in Lawrence. Alice Brand, Librarian at the Menninger Foundation, welcomed the group. Following a tour of the Menninger Museum, an opportunity was provided to see the Library and to have refreshments.

The Division sponsored an open house in its suite at the Radisson Muehlebach Hotel from Sunday through Wednesday evenings. The BSD Hospitality Chairman had overall responsibility for the suite. Attendance was excellent! The open house presented an opportunity for BSD members to become better acquainted and, in some cases, to interest prospective members in Division activities. The Chairman and members who assisted him certainly succeeded in providing food, drink and a warm welcome!

Tena L. Crenshaw
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MESSAGE FROM THE NEW CHAIRMAN

APATHY: When fewer than one-eighth of the members voted for Chairman-elect of the Division and when we couldn't scrape up a quorum, of only twenty members from the 200 or so who were at the Conference, for the annual business meeting in Kansas City, something *may* be wrong. Or maybe everything is going so well in the Division that you all are completely satisfied. I'd really like to know which it is.

MEANWHILE: Planning for the Honolulu conference is proceeding quite well. We have a speaker on "Resources in Sex Research" lined up for Monday morning, a lunch with a colleague from Finland giving a short talk on the differences in bio-medical networks in Finland and the U.S., followed by a short business meeting (see you all there?) on Tuesday, and a field trip on Thursday. We are also co-sponsoring a talk on Japanese scientific and technical literature and a couple of speakers on Hawaiian folk medicine and on prospects for the year 2000 in the area of medicine, drugs, and health. Details will be forthcoming in future newsletters. We hope to see many of you there.

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FRANK E. MC KENNA

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Frank was Executive Director of the Association from 1970 until his death on Friday, November 10. He will be hard to replace and sorely missed by his friends and colleagues.

The Executive Committee of the SLA Board of Directors has designated Richard Griffin, Assistant Executive Director, to act with full authority of the Executive Director until a new Executive Director is appointed by the Board. It has also suggested that those wishing to make contributions in memory of Frank do so in the form of unrestricted gifts to SLA.

MESSAGE FROM THE PAST CHAIRMAN

At the time of the SLA Annual Conference in June, 1978, membership of the Biological Sciences Division (BSD) had reached approximately nine hundred. This number reflected growth in membership for 1977-78. In addition, during the past year, there had been a deeper involvement by a significant number of members in committee assignments, BSD Executive Board work and conference planning activities. Many committee chairmen explored new ways in which the Division could best be served, and it is believed that a number of their proposals will be adopted during the coming year!

A major decision made last year was to publish a Division directory. The New Projects Chairman, John Beecher, agreed to be responsible for this publication. The directory as planned would serve as a useful reference tool. Income derived from sales would provide additional funds for the Division. Also increased assets would enable BSD to undertake some of the projects suggested by Division members during the year.

The SLA Executive Board requested that each division examine its subject scope as stated in its Bylaws and make any needed revisions. Our Division accomplished this through suggestions made by the BSD Executive Board; through input given by members; and through a final statement achieved as a result of the revisions made at the annual business meeting in Kansas City. It was necessary to have the Biological Sciences "scope notes" broad enough to include the subject areas reflected by our membership, but precise enough to limit us to the disciplines that we do represent.

Attention was given in 1978 to how our Division should select students for sponsorship to the SLA Annual Conferences and the amount of financial support that was appropriate. Some excellent student selection plans were submitted by Elizabeth Davis, Career Guidance Chairman, and were carefully reviewed by the BSD Executive Board. Although funds were not available to sponsor more students this past year or to give them greater financial aid, it was agreed that Elizabeth's proposals would be kept in mind for future years when it was anticipated that more funds would be accessible.

A Joint Cabinet Committee on the Status of Archives in Chapters and Divisions was appointed at the Winter Meeting of SLA in February, 1978. The following Division Chairmen were asked to serve on this committee: Sandra Paul, Publishing Division; Jeremiah Post, Geography and Map Division; and Tena Crenshaw, Biological Sciences Division. The Committee surveyed chapter and division archives through the use of a questionnaire. The questionnaire enabled chapters and divisions to report the quantity, nature and location of their archives in a standard manner. The archivist for BSD, Caroline Morris, submitted the BSD questionnaire to the Committee. The archives for the Division are located at Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where Caroline is Librarian. The Archives Study Committee will continue to function under the guidance of new Committee members named at the June 1978 Annual Conference.

Throughout the year, the BSD Chairman received much cooperation from many members in carrying out Division work! As in many organizations, however, there is a need for more involvement by more members. Participation could be serving on the Division's Executive Board, working on a committee, writing articles for the *Newsletter*, contributing ideas and/or time to a new project, helping with plans for the SLA Annual Conference, or supporting the SLA Annual Conference through attendance. All activities are important and all members are needed! I am very grateful for the opportunity I've had to become truly involved in BSD activities this past year!

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SLA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM...

Four \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded by SLA for the academic year 1979/1980. The awards to be granted in May 1979 are for graduate study leading to a master's degree at a recognized school of library or information science in the U.S. or Canada. Preference will be given to those applicants interested in pursuing a career in special librarianship. Awards are made without regard to race, sex, age, religion or ethnic background.

Eligibility: College graduates or college seniors with an interest in special librarianship (work experience in special library helpful); and U.S. or Canadian citizen.

Qualifications: Definite interest and aptitude for special library work; good academic record; and financial need.

Applications: Must be completed and returned by January 15, 1979 and may be requested by writing to SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, SLA Headquarters, New York.

SLA POSITIVE ACTION FOR MINORITIES STIPEND PROGRAM...

Four \$1,000 stipends will be awarded by SLA for the academic year 1979/1980. The awards, to be announced in May 1979, are for one semester or one quarter of graduate study leading to a master's degree at a recognized school of library or information science in the U.S. or Canada. Preference will be given to those applicants interested in pursuing a career in special librarianship. Eligibility is limited to minority group members as defined by current guidelines of the U.S. government.

Eligibility: Member of a minority group according to the present guidelines of the U.S. government; college graduate, college senior or matriculated graduate library school student with an interest in special librarianship; and U.S. or Canadian citizen.

Qualifications: Definite interest and aptitude for special library work; and financial need.

Applications: Applications must be completed and returned by March 1, 1979 and may be requested by writing to POSITIVE ACTION PROGRAM FOR MINORITY GROUPS COMMITTEE, SLA Headquarters, New York.

The Association Office has a new telephone number: (212) 477-9250.

Persons wishing to contribute information or announcements for the next issue should submit material to: Doris Williams, Editor, Biology Library, State University of New York, Stony Brook, New York 11794 by January 30, 1979.

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