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BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DIVISION
ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 1979 - June 30, 1980

Fiscal:

The Biological Sciences Division began 1980 with an Operating Fund of \$2,021.87 and a Reserve Fund of \$901.79. The budget for 1980 will keep nicely within those fiscal boundaries. (For detailed accounting, see Annual Financial Statement 1979).

Publications:

The Division newsletter under the fine editorial responsibility of Doris Williams, Biology Library, SUNY, StonyBrook and ably assisted by Laura Hyman, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory and Ron Sommer, Center for Health Sciences, University of Tennessee, was alive and well this year. As of this writing, Volume 7, numbers 1 and 2 were published with substantive plans for Volume 7, number 3 following closely on the heels of the Washington Conference.

Program:

The program plans are set. All three programs promise our members an exciting conference. Horace Judson, author of The Eighth Day of Creation, and the recently published Search for Solutions, will speak on Science Progress in the 80's. John Cairns, author of Cancer, Science and Society will do some fancy predicting in this unfathomable field. Our panel on the Impact of Agriculture on World Hunger will attempt an essential update for all of us who serve the information needs of the Division.

Our Hospitality Suite is unique to Biological Sciences Division. We are sharing the expenses and the company of the Geography and Map Division. This is an experiment to see if two divisions of dissimilar subject orientation can indeed get along socially.

Scope Note:

The Biological Sciences Division Scope Note was completed and approved with a sigh of relief. All that remains is the Bylaws vote at the annual meeting in Washington, DC.

Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee was deftly chaired by Elizabeth B. Davis in the good company of committee members Tom Basler, Solange G. Gignac, and Gretchen Stephens. Efficiency reigned and produced an excellent slate as follows: Chairman-Elect: John W. Beecher, Agriculture Library, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL
Sara I. Hill, St. Luke's Hospital, Medical Library, Kansas City, MO

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
 BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DIVISION
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 1979-1980

On June 30, 1979, the Biological Sciences Division membership list totaled eight hundred and twenty-four members; by March 31, 1980, the members totaled nine hundred and three. This is an increase of 79 (or 9.6%) in the last year. Membership analysis for quarterly periods - based on figures supplied mostly by SLA Membership Office - are shown below.

During the year, fifty-three members were dropped or switched to other sections of SLA. Twenty-six members from other sections switched to Biological Sciences Division. Ninety-one new members came in, and ten members were reinstated.

There were fifteen changes in membership status, most of which were students becoming active members. As usual, most of the changes were name (15) and/or address (127). One item of note: In analyzing address changes it was noticed that not only are we a mobile group but most of the moving was done from the northern part of the continent to south of the Mason-Dixon Line!

As of March 31, one hundred thirteen Division members had not paid their dues; however, during April, forty-two of these had been reinstated, and by now many more have probably paid to come to the Annual Convention. In the last quarter, six members signed up for Life Membership (which is high for one quarter). This reflects the economic state of the country, in that this kind of membership will serve as a hedge against inflation in the long run.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne E. Doherty
 Membership Chairman

Mitz Williams
 Co-Membership Chairman
 Biological Sciences Division
 5/30/80

MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN BY TYPE

	<u>6/30/79</u>	<u>9/30/79</u>	<u>12/31/79</u>	<u>3/31/80</u>
Regular	651	672	669	692
Life	12	12	12	18
Associate	23	24	22	42
Students F/T	50	53	53	65
Students P/T	27	29	19	22
Sustaining	5	5	5	5
Retired	56	56	56	59
Total	824	851	836	903
Secondary division	65	66	64	69
NEW MEMBERS*				
(total)	13		14	52
Regular	6		5	20
Student	7		8	26
NON-RENEWED*				
(total)		46		113
Regular		24		83
Student		20		20

* Total includes all categories of members.

Director: James E. Bobick, Paley Library,
Temple University, Philadelphia,
PA
Ronald R. Sommer, Health Sciences
Library, University of
Tennessee, Memphis, TN

Secretary-Treasurer:
Twyla Bishop, Mitre Corporation,
McLean, VA
Doris Bolef, Rush University and
Medical Center, Chicago, IL

Directory:

We are having a frustrating time, due to resignations, etc. in getting our division directory off the ground. This will be addressed at our business meeting in June 1980.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who served on the Executive Board and as Chairpersons and members of the various committees. To thank John Schroeder for his special cooperation in helping make arrangements for our shared hospitality suite and lastly to thank Pat Marshall, Division Cabinet Chairman, for her guidance during my term of office.

Susan Gensel
Chairman

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SELECTED NEW SERIES AND SETS

ADVANCES IN SHOCK RESEARCH, Vol.1
1st Annual Conf. on Shock, Airlie,
VA, June 1978.
Edited by A. M. Lefer, T. M. Saba,
L. M. Mela. Alan R. Liss Inc.
New York. \$30.00. 1979.

STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF THE
CIRCULATION. Vol. 1.
Edited by Colin J. Schwartz,
Nicholas T. Werthessen and
Stewart Wolf. Plenum Press,
New York. \$75.00. 1980.

OXFORD REVIEWS OF REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY,
Vol. 1.
Edited by C. A. Finn. Clarendon
Press, (Oxford University Press),
Oxford and New York. \$67.50. 1979.

VIRUSES AND PLASMIDS IN FUNGI.
M. Dekker, New York. \$55.00.
(Series on Mycology: Volume
1). 1979.

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Persons wishing to contribute information or announcements for the winter issue should submit material to: Doris Williams, Editor, Biology Library, State University of New York, Stony Brook, New York 11794 by November 1, 1980.

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