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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Virginia A. Lingle

Business is "humming along" -- all due to the great people who make our division a success. Diane and the Membership Committee are building membership to a growth of well over 700 professionals and students. Tom and the San Antonio Program Planning Committee have a solid framework in place for an exciting time in Texas. Laura Osegueda has agreed to chair the Program Planning Committee for the Los Angeles meeting in 2002 thanks to Michele's great recruiting. Michele and the Fund Development Committee have begun the annual solicitations and are branching to new possible funding sources. Anne and the Contributed Papers Committee have received a good "batch" of abstracts to review and make selections. Janet and the Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee are busy making contacts with library schools and students. Larry and the Awards Committee have been very thorough with deadlines and submissions for award nominations. Irene and the Vendor Relations Committee are scoping for vendor information; and Nancy is keeping a very precise "eye" on the dollars. I know there is much more being done that I have not heard about yet, and I thank everyone for your efforts.

Recent news from SLA Headquarters includes the items below. Be sure to access the SLA

Web site for the "latest and greatest" --

Each committee chair should be connected to their respective discussion list. Go to www.sla.org/list.html#lists to check what is available.

Divisions are allotted \$10.00 per member by the end of the fiscal year. Be sure to send in your renewal before deadlines to be counted for our division. Encourage colleagues to join as well.

Winter meeting will be held in Savannah, GA in January 2001. Check the SLA Web Site for details about the leadership meetings and about the Strategic Learning Conference immediately following the Winter meeting.

The switch for SLA to a new dedicated T1 service was made in mid-August. There should be a noticeable improvement in site load times for the SLA Web site and all of the other sites housed on the server at headquarters. Contact Kevin Vrieze at kevin@sla.org with any comments.

As a member of SLA, you have a unique opportunity to submit a theme idea for this year's celebration of the International Special Librarians Day, held the Thursday of National Library Week. If your idea is selected, a logo will be designed with the winning theme and you win a \$200 cash award for helping to celebrate ISLD 2001. The deadline for submissions to SLA is November 17, 2000.

That's it for now. Have a wonderful holiday season.

Nominations and Elections Committee Update

October 2000

Candidates for Division office for the Spring 2001 election are as follows:

Chair-elect:

David Duggar, LSU Health Sciences Center, Shreveport
Diane Schmidt, University of Illinois

Secretary:

Peggy Jones, Northwestern University
Sarah Kelly, Purdue University

Director:

Tom Turner, Arizona State University
Lorri Zipperer, Medscape, Inc.

Resumes will be posted to the BLSD web page and will also be furnished with the ballots mailed in February 2001.

Per established Divisional Procedures, further nominations by written petition of 20 Division members and written acceptance and resume by the nominee shall be filed with

the Nominations and Elections Committee by January 1, 2001, to be included in the written ballot. Send all materials to:

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Nominations and Elections Committee: Jo Anne Boorkman, Anna McGowan, Judy Wojcik, Fred Roper (Chair).

THE ODYSSEY BEGINS - FUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON ITS WAY!

Michele Tennant
Chair-elect and
Fund Development Committee Chair

The Fund Development Committee for Division program planning at the 2001 San Antonio annual meeting has begun its fund raising odyssey! Members of the committee include: Renee Bush (SUNY at Buffalo), Eleanor Maclean (McGill University), Heather Munger (SUNY at Buffalo) and Janet Cooper-Weiss (Wyeth-Ayerst Research). Brian Westra (University of Washington) serves as vendor database manager, and Peggy Jones (Children's Memorial Hospital) and Irene Lauren (Wellesley College) are the Medical Section and Vendor Relations liaisons, respectively. Any suggestions for potential sponsorship are welcomed. Please contact the committee chair, Michele Tennant, with information. Our Philadelphia conference sponsors were listed in the Summer 2000 issue of *Biofeedback*.

VENDOR RELATIONS UPDATE

Suzanne Duncan
Vendor Relations Committee, Member
Librarian, Sentara Norfolk General Hospital

OVID'S EVIDENCE-BASED MEDICINE REVIEWS (EBMR) DATABASES

Evidence-based medicine is becoming the favored method of treating patients by today's health care professionals, in particular the clinical setting, where time is premium. The use of the most current, best evidence available in medical literature for the care of a patient in any environment has led to this review of some of Ovid's databases. The databases **Evidence-Based Medicine Reviews (EBMR)**, **Cochrane database** and **EMBR, Best Evidence** are available online or on CD-ROM.

EBM Reviews, Cochrane Database is prepared with content from the Cochrane Collaboration. (<http://www.cochrane.org>) It contains full-text topic reviews of evidence-based medicine literature and can be searched via abstract, keyword, author, text word, Implications for practice, publication type and document type to name a few of the

searchable fields that a clinician would find beneficial in searching the medical literature to care for a patient. All of the records at the time of writing had abstracts. This database is presented as the "bottom line" for doctors and nurses for EBM literature.

EBM Reviews, Best Evidence is prepared with content not just from the Cochrane Collaboration's database of Systemic Reviews , but includes "Best Evidence Medicine" a joint publication of the ACP and British Medical Journal Group and "ACP Journal Club" a supplement to "Annals of Internal Medicine", published by the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine. Some fields that are searchable and of value to the clinician are: abstract, author, year of publication, keywords, journal name, publication type, reviewed source, commentary and author's institution. Again as writing all 1,600 records in the database have abstracts. This database markets itself as containing clinically-relevant articles from medical literature.

Coverage for both databases is 1991 to the present. Both of these databases can link with other Ovid databases thus allowing the user to follow a complete train of thought from a citation, to review, to the full text article. When deciding on which database to get, the environment of use must be considered. A quick review would lead one to believe that the EMB Reviews, Best Evidence would be the desirable database. In the teaching hospital environment where I work, this is what I have selected. This database allows for the treatment of the patient and provides the wide scope of literature that medical and nursing students are asked to provide when working on research projects and supporting patient care decisions and recommendations with additional literature. In a non-teaching clinical environment, I would be more inclined to get the **EBM Reviews, Cochrane Database** as it gives a review of the medical literature that has already had a "meta-analysis" performed and permits the clinician to get to the "bottom line" quickly and with confidence to treat the patient and answer their questions.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD

The Division Awards Committee is now taking nominations for the **Distinguished Member Award**. Applications, using the nomination form, are now being accepted until March 1, 2001.

The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division has many distinguished members. This award affords us an opportunity to recognize a member for his/her hard work and dedication. Please take a few minutes to read the selection of criteria and then nominate one of your fellow BIO members for this award.

The Award shall consist of a check in the amount of \$250.

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. The award honors a member who has been active in the Division for at least the past four (4) years.
2. Particular attention will be given to contributions to the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division.
3. The following broad criteria will govern the selection process:

Nominees must excel in one or more areas:

Outstanding leadership in the Division, at meetings, and/or in committee work

Special and notable service to the Division, such as participation in special projects
Participation in workshops, seminars, teaching courses, public speaking activities, fund raising
Publications and editorial contributions to *Biofeedback* and/or other professional literature
Innovations in the work place
Mentoring activities, which result in publicity and acclaim for the profession and/or the Division
Other achievements indicating noteworthy dedication to the profession of special librarianship/information science.

4. The Contributions made by the candidate shall have been made over an extended period of time and shall be deemed to have had an enduring effect on the Division and/or the profession.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Complete the Nomination Form appearing elsewhere in this newsletter. Attach documentation describing the outstanding professional achievements or contributions to the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of SLA and to special librarianship/information sciences. Include pertinent biographical data for the nominee. Forward the nomination form and description, in confidence, with your name, phone number and e-mail address to the chair of the Awards Committee.

Please use the Division Nomination Form to submit names for either the Distinguished Member Award or the Winifred Sewell Prize.

WINIFRED SEWELL PRIZE FOR INNOVATION IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES IN BIOMEDICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES LIBRARIANSHIP

The **WINIFRED SEWELL PRIZE FOR INNOVATION IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES** is granted by the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association to a member who has shown leadership and innovation in the development and/or use of advanced technologies in the organization or dissemination of biomedical and life sciences information.

The Prize is named in honor of Winifred Sewell, who has been a member of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division since 1946. Miss Sewell was Senior Librarian at Squibb Institute of Medical Research from 1946 until 1961. She was instrumental in the development of *MEDLARS* as Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) Specialist and later served as Deputy Chair of the Biological Services Division and Head of the Drug Literature Program at the National Library of Medicine. Miss Sewell served as President of the Special Libraries Association from 1960-1961, was President of the Drug Information Association from 1970-1971, and serves as Honorary President of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy in its 100th anniversary year in 1999-2000. She is the first woman and first librarian to be so honored. In addition, Miss Sewell is a Fellow of the Medical Library Association and is recipient of MLA's Eliot Prize for her book *Guide to Drug Information* (1977). In 1998 she was inducted into SLA's Hall of Fame at the annual conference in Indianapolis and currently serves on the Division's Awards Committee.

The Prize shall consist of an engraved plaque and a check in the amount of \$250.

The Division's Awards Committee shall select the conferee, based on the following criteria:

- Innovation in developing and applying new technologies
- Commitment to educating others about new technologies
- Ongoing and sustained interest in fostering, creation or adaptation of emerging technologies to improve access to information in biomedical and life sciences.

The **Winifred Sewell Prize** will be awarded at the annual business meeting of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division at the annual conference, but not necessarily every year.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Complete the nomination form appearing elsewhere in this issue. Attach documentation describing the

nominee's achievements in information technologies and life sciences librarianship. Include pertinent biographical data for the nominee. Forward the nomination form and documentation, in confidence, with your name, phone number and e-mail address to the chair of the Division's Awards Committee. Nominations will be accepted until March 1, 2001.

**SLA BIOMEDICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES DIVISION
AWARDS NOMINATION FORM**

Distinguished Member Award

Winifred Sewell Prize

Date:

Nominee:

Position:

Address:

Nominated by:

Signature:

Nominator's Phone:

E-mail address:

Describe the reasons you are nominating this person for this award/prize. Include and attach information about this individual, addressing the criteria for the award/prize as announced in the call for nominations. Attach an additional sheet and/or documentation should you desire to provide supplementary support for the nomination.

Send nominations by March 1 to the 2000/2001 chairperson of the BIO Awards Committee:

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**SLA Biomedical and Life Sciences Division Medical Section Business
Meeting SLA Biomedical and Life Sciences Division
June 10, 2000
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

(Revised 7/11/00 Peggy Jones)

The meeting was called to order by Pam Barnard, the Medical Section Chair, at 11:10 AM. Barnard welcomed attendees, and an attendance sheet was circulated. Barnard introduced the incoming Section Chair, Peggy Jones, Pritzker Research Library, Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Barnard thanked Majors Scientific for sponsoring this meeting.

June Carter delivered a presentation entitled "Evidence-Based Health Care": There is so much medical literature available today. Evidence-based health care (EBHC) is a way to keep up-to-date. Not all topics, however, have been researched sufficiently to apply EBHC. Critical or prevalent topics are more likely than routine medical topics to have the necessary research. The Cochrane Database takes the topical approach to EBHC, while journals such as Evidence Based Medicine take the article approach. How can librarians be involved in evidence-based health care? Some of the ways include: teaching the mechanics of EBHC to clinicians, using EBHC examples in MEDLINE classes, teaching EBHC to librarian colleagues, working with clinical faculty on EBHC projects, and putting together topical Cochrane reviews. EBHC hedges can be regularly used in MEDLINE searches to keep current.

A comments and questions period followed Carter's presentation. Barnard said that librarians can play a role by talking up the concept of EBHC to clinicians. Carter

mentioned that an EBHC slide presentation was given to first-year medical students at Northwestern University. Jo Anne Boorkman said that the University of California-Davis was going to start using EBHC in the Family Practice Department.

Lorri Zipperer, the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division liaison to the Medical Library Association (MLA), reported on the annual conference in Vancouver. Boorkman announced MLA's establishment of a new section, the Corporate Section. In response to a question regarding section foci, she explained that some MLA sections are functional and others focus on a particular library setting. The Corporate Section is entrepreneurial and functional, focusing on leadership and management. Naomi Broering announced that the Eight International Congress on Medical Librarianship will be in London in July 2000. This meeting occurs every four years.

Barnard reminded attendees that the reception and tour of the Mutter Museum, sponsored by the Medical Section, was to take place Sunday June 10th from 4 PM to 6 PM. She also reminded attendees that the Medical Section's program, entitled "The Transformation of Health Care in the Information Age," was scheduled for Tuesday, June 12th at 9 AM.

Barnard reported that the Procedures Manual for the Section is completed. Barnard brought copies of the manual to the business meeting for attendees to review. In addition, the manual will be put on the BIO website. Barnard asked for feedback on the Section's Strategic Initiatives. Boorkman suggested adding the BIO website to the initiatives: the Section needs to have more of a presence on the site. Barnard reported that the Section currently has 200+ members. It may be possible to obtain Section membership statistics from SLA Headquarters, but Bush cautioned that a new person at Headquarters is dealing with membership. She suggested that it could be possible to get Section membership statistics after a "settling in" period. One way to increase membership would be to invite SLA members whose primary division is not BIO to join the Section, as they might do so if approached. Barnard said that she would like to see more Section activity on the BIO listserv.

The next topic of discussion was whether to plan one or two programs for the 2001 annual SLA conference. Zipperer suggested a program on knowledge management in medicine. Her idea is a panel composed of different professionals - librarians, information technologists, etc. - that would appeal to a broad audience. Peggy Jones suggested a program on health care to the poor and under-served. Her idea is to draw on local speakers to discuss those populations still not being reached. Nancy Curtis thought that the program should include a technology update so that it doesn't just repeat the circuit rider focus. Anna McGowan, Zipperer and Boorkman added language and literacy issues, and consumer health, as potential topics. Also mentioned was the topic of the under-served professional community. Boorkman suggested another program to be considered: 24 by 7 reference service (electronic reference assistance). Annie Malley noted that this topic would tie in with the Contributed Papers Session topic for San Antonio: "Innovative Applications of Web and Digital Technologies in Biomedical and Life Sciences Libraries." Attendees agreed that the Medical Section should sponsor more than one program for 2001. Ideas for a reception/tour were discussed next. Jones will talk to local (San Antonio) SLA members to get ideas. Bush suggested the primate research

center, host of a 1991 BIO tour. Boorkman suggested Langley Air Force Base. Zipperer said that she will check with local MLA people for ideas.

Jones announced that the incoming Section Chair-Elect is Mary Glass from the ACOG Library. Jones mentioned that the secretary slot is open for next year, and that it will be a two-year position. Anyone interested can contact Jones at pmjones@childrensmemorial.org. Barnard thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the Medical Section Annual Business Meeting at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Wojcik, Medical Section Member

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MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

<http://www.mlanet.org/awards/grants/scholar.html>

The Medical Library Association is offering a scholarship of up to \$5,000 to encourage library school students who show excellence in scholarship and potential for accomplishment in health sciences librarianship.

Eligibility:

1. Applicant must be a student entering an ALA-accredited library school OR a student who has at least one-half of the requirements of the program to finish when the scholarship is awarded in February.
2. Applicant must be a citizen of or have permanent residence in either the United States or Canada.
3. Past recipients of the MLA Scholarship or the MLA Scholarship for Minority Students are not eligible.

To Apply:

Request an application form from the Professional Development Department of the Medical Library Association or download from Web site listed above. The application packet includes a completed application form, at least two and no more than three letters of reference, an official transcript from each college or university attended; and a statement of career objectives.

Return the completed forms to:

Professional Development Department
Medical Library Association
Suite 1900, 65 East Wacker Place
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Application Deadline: December 1

MEMBER NEWS

Two Recipients Selected to Receive Sternheim Scholarship Honors

Southern California Chapter, SLA

The Karen Sternheim Memorial Scholarship was established to provide assistance to a student enrolled in a graduate master's degree program in library and information studies who intends to pursue a career in special librarianship. Since 1996, the Sternheim Scholarship has been awarded annually by the Southern California Chapter of the Special Libraries Association. Now in its fifth year, there have been 38 applicants with six scholarships being awarded. For the first time, this year the Chapter was able to award two \$1500 scholarships.

Laurie C. Blasingame and **Natasha Bergson-Michelson** both masters degree candidates from San Jose State University are this year's Scholarship recipients.

Laurie expects to graduate from the SJSU, Fullerton program in May 2002. She is a member of the San Diego Chapter and a member of SLA's Biomedical & Life Sciences and Pharmaceutical Divisions. Already active in the Association she currently serves as the San Diego Chapter's Bulletin Co-Editor. A nursing undergraduate from San Diego State University '75 with 10 years working experience, Laurie's areas of interest are in medical/health science libraries and corporate libraries within pharmaceutical, biotech, and medical research or health information industries. Specifically Laurie's interests are in the design and implementation of systems that will integrate the biomedical knowledge base with emerging clinical information systems. Laurie is already working in her chosen specialization as a student intern at a health information company that will provide products and services to facilitate the exchange of clinical data and information. Laurie is a member of the Special Libraries Association, San Diego Chapter, the Medical Library Association and the Medical Library Group of Southern California & Arizona.

After receiving an undergraduate degree in Asian Studies, Natasha earned her masters degree from Harvard in East Asian Regional Studies. She is currently employed at The McKenna Group, a management-consulting firm where its Technology Information Center is clearly considered a company asset. Natasha expects to graduate from the San Jose campus during the 2000-2001 academic year. Her thesis project will provide a Web site that special librarians can visit anonymously to learn about their personal liabilities for copyright violations they must undertake as part of their work. Here librarians can learn how to protect themselves from such liabilities and, most importantly, a number of strategies they can use to convince upper management that copyright compliance is an

important and worthwhile expenditure. Natasha interests are focused on copyright, customer service and marketing special libraries. Natasha is a member of the San Francisco Bay Area and San Andreas Chapters, the Advertising & Marketing and Solo Librarians Divisions and a member of the Association's Public Relations Committee.

Both recipients admirably demonstrate what the Scholarship Committee believes is needed in future leaders: scholastic attainment; strong recommendations from academics and practitioners and focused, goal oriented plans. Above all their interest in and commitment to special librarianship was well developed in their written essay, their academic studies and in their professional references.

The 1999/2000 applicant pool was at its second highest with 11 applicants. A profile of this year's applicants reveals:

ALA accredited graduate school: 9 San Jose State University (2 Fullerton); 1 UCLA and 1 University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

Academic degrees: 2 masters; 11 bachelors

Academic majors: 3 literature; 2 art history; economics, history, political science, biology/botany, classics, nursing, Asian studies, East Asian regional studies

Special libraries areas of interest: 3 museum librarianship, 2 arts & humanities, 2 news library, 2 biotech/pharmaceutical industry, special collections, government documents, patent & trademark depository libraries, biological sciences, art/media/film, prison libraries, medical/health science libraries, copyright in special libraries, marketing in special libraries.

The Sternheim Memorial Scholarship honors Southern California Chapter member Karen Sternheim (nee Gersten) who was employed by the UCLA Management Library from 1980-1993. Karen was a very involved SLA member with a special affinity for students entering the profession. She was active in the UCLA Special Libraries Association student group; participated in the UCLA Library mentoring project; supervised information science graduate interns employed by UCLA's Management Library and was an active member of the SLA Scholarship Committee.

Karen recognized that students entering our profession are our collective future and as a mid-career individual, Karen chose to give back to the profession through developing student support systems. Karen believed passionately in her chosen career and was an advocate for it at every opportunity. It is fitting that the Southern California Chapter recognizes Karen's dedication and commitment with a student Scholarship in her honor. For further information about the Sternheim Memorial Scholarship visit the Chapter's Web site at <http://homepages.go.com/~slascc/strnheim.htm>.

Past Scholarship recipients include:

1996 Sharlene Matshuara, Simmons College

1997 Kim Laru, San Jose State University

1998 Cathy Spitzer, University of Texas

1999 Heather Lynne Hepler, University of North Texas

Karen Sternheim Memorial Scholarship Committee

Chair: M. Rita Costello, The Anderson School at UCLA
Members: Bruce Liebman, Houlihan, Lokey, Howard & Zukin
Caroline Sisneros, American Film Institute

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of SLA has 724 members as of the end of August. Here is the breakdown:

25 Associate Members	603 Regular Members
4 Forty-five Year Members	13 Retired Members
5 Sustaining Members	68 Student Members
6 Life/Honorary Members	

Of these, 522 list the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division as their primary division, and 202 list us as an extra division. Welcome, new members!

Diane Schmidt
Membership Committee, Chair

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