MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR
Larry Kelland

This has been a year of great change for our Division. The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division is our new name, and we have a new scope note (published in the Winter, 1997 issue of Biofeedback) which defines our broad range of interest in the medical and life sciences. We have a new Medical Section with over 100 members. During the past year Fred Roper has provided us with wonderful leadership during difficult times. My own term as Chair-Elect was interrupted by serious illness from mid-April through June.

Yet we are well underway for the coming year. Our committees are all in place and programs for the Indianapolis conference (June, 1998) are moving ahead. The Membership Committee has been working on improving our membership roles. The new Medical Section has elected its officers and has been developing its procedures. I want to thank all committee chairs and all committee members for the fine work they have done so far.

My own plans for the coming year include working on the goals and objectives in the Division's Strategic Plan and to come up with proposals to enhance the Plan. I am also looking at our relations with the publishers, database providers, and other companies who provide the money for our programs at the annual conference, and place advertisements in Biofeedback. At present, these firms must contact several officers in our Division, in order to make their contributions and be recognized at the conference. It may be possible to streamline the process or provide them with one contact person.

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I have no doubt that we'll be kept busy by Chair Larry Kelland, and I am sure you want to join me in pledging your support to him as he establishes his agenda for the year.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with you this past year. At last year's annual business meeting I sat in Judy Wojik's chair as chair-elect, and this year I move to Lucy Rowland's chair as past-chair. Doesn't time pass fast when you're having fun!

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Several people have provided me with guidance and advice during the past few years: Jo Anne Boorkman, Fred Roper, Lucy Rowland, Larry Wright and Patricia Yocum. I want to thank you all for your assistance.

MESSAGE FROM THE PAST CHAIR
Fred Roper
Past Chair

Well, the time has come for me to express my appreciation to everyone who rallied round when I found myself Division Chair last September. It is a tribute to this division and its organization that the transition went forward smoothly and seamlessly. The Executive Board and past chairs were all generous with their wisdom and experience. The committees, appointed representatives, and liaisons moved forward with the work of the Division. A main focus was the new Medical Section, and that seems to be smoothly launched.

Lucy began her report last year by noting that 1995/96 had been an extraordinary year! I could start mine with a famous line—that it was the best of times and the worst of times—but incredibly the best of times won out. We are positioned to move forward next year with those activities that had to get short shrift this year—activities such as updating our long-range plan and establishing the Division's Web Page. We'll also move ahead with our two newest committees, the Vendor Relations Committee and the Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee.
MEMBERS VOTE FOR NEW NAME: THE BIOMEDICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES DIVISION MOVES TOWARDS THE 21ST CENTURY WITH A CLEAR VISION

Lucy M. Rowland
1995-96 BIO Division Chair

It's no longer "BSD" after a packed room full of BIO members voted to change the name from Biological Sciences to Biomedical and Life Sciences Division at the annual business meeting in Seattle. And at the same meeting, the detailed and expanded new scope note was also voted on and ratified. Division Chair Fred Roper declared the results of both votes to be unanimous. Symbolically, a door closed and a new one opened in SLA.

The 1996-97 Bylaws Committee (Lucy Rowland, Chair; David Duggar; Virginia Lingle; Adam Schiff; Patricia Yocom) considered several options for the new Division name that would best describe what our members' wide-ranging interests encompass. Additionally, the Committee struggled with rewriting the outdated, general scope note to be more specific and truly descriptive of the many areas of the biomedical and life sciences that librarians and information specialists work within.

For two years, beginning in 1994, our Division's leadership was faced with the very real possibility that a new Division devoted to the narrower health sciences field would be formed within SLA. The 1994-95 and 1995-96 Executive Boards took this proposal very seriously because nearly half of our members define themselves in some context of health sciences librarianship. Our Division's name and scope note were deliberately used by the petitioners of the proposed division as evidence that there was no home for health sciences librarians in SLA, and certainly some SLA leaders encouraged them to move forward with their plans. Our repeated assertions that BIO had been established six decades before by and for health sciences professionals, and that we consistently served their needs were often ignored, but when the final decision was made in 1996, BIO's well-crafted arguments prevailed, and the now very successful Medical Section within our Division was formed instead.

But the wake up call had been received. Many individuals and leaders within and outside of our Division insisted that the obsolete name and scope note had made BIO vulnerable. The need to reestablish our identity so that there would be no doubt about who and what BIO represents was crucial. As a result, the 1996-97 Bylaws Committee immediately undertook the effort to redefine in writing what we all knew in principle about the makeup and interests of the Division.

With our new name and new scope note, the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division will continue to provide quality programs, updates on topics of interest, vendor relations, and an abundance of networking opportunities for all SLA members who choose to become a part of us. BIO is well regarded in SLA and by other library organizations that share our interests, and the Division will continue to be a major resource in the future of biomedical and life sciences information throughout the world. A name and scope note may be merely a group of well-chosen words, but the vote in Seattle is also a reaffirmation that our Division is one of action and not rhetoric.
Biological Sciences Division
Special Libraries Association
Business Meeting
Hilton Windward Room
Seattle, Washington
June 10, 1997

1. Call to Order and Introductions
The meeting was called to order at 7:45 AM by Fred Roper chair. The following contributors were thanked for sponsoring events at the 1997 conference:

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Members of the Board were introduced. The SLA proctor, Monica Ertel, and Rachael Anderson, Medical Library Association president, were acknowledged. Anderson noted that MLA would be celebrating its centennial in Philadelphia in 1998.

2. Minutes of the June 11, 1996 Annual Business Meeting were approved as published.

3. Treasurer's Report
Janet Chisman reported that the Division had $13,112.27 in the Operating Fund and $4,057.80 in the Reserve Fund as of May 31, 1997.

4. Election Results
Jo Anne Bookman, chair of the Nominations & Elections committee, announced the results of the two elections held this year. Larry Kelland won the special election for chair-elect 1996/1997. Judy Wojcik was elected chair-elect 1997/1998. Adam Schiff was elected director 1997/98.

Thank yous were extended to everyone who ran and helped make these elections a success. Bookman noted that of the 625 ballots sent only 212 ballots were returned. She also shared a few examples of problems with the U.S. mail.

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4. By-Laws changes
Lucy Rowland, chair of the By-Laws Committee, outlined the proposed by-laws changes. The changes passed unanimously.

5. Name and Scope Change
Lucy Rowland presented a brief overview of the process that went into development of the proposed changes to the scope note and Division name. This included much discussion and work by the committee, shepherding through the SLA By-Laws Committee and discussion with other Divisions where there might be possible overlap in subject area.

The changes to the by-laws passed unanimously.

The Division name change to Biomedical and Life Sciences Division passed unanimously.

7. Brief Committee Reports
The committee reports were delayed to the end of the meeting due to time constraints.

Medical Section
Nancy Bryant, Medical Section chair, was introduced by Fred Roper and thanked for her initiative in developing the new Medical Section. Bryant reported that over 30 people attended the Section's business meeting. Those interested in joining should contact Taunya Ferguson at SLA to become members. Membership is free to Biomedical and Life Sciences Division members. The following people were elected to office by acclamation: David Duggar chair, Lorri Zipperer chair-elect and Teresa Frydryk secretary. This year, the Medical Section will be focusing on how to organize. They are considering the possibility of an open house at the meeting next year to attract new members. Any suggestions for programs, etc. are welcome.

8. Presentation of Awards
Fred Roper presented the awards for this year.

The Landmark Award is a certificate presented for years of service. This year three Division members earned the 60 year award: Estelle Brodman, Helen Campbell, Frances Joss. Three members also earned the 50 year award: Betty Emilio, Helen Gingras and Isabel Stauffer. The 40 year award was granted to Joan DeFato and Mary E. O'Brien. Certificates were mailed since none of the Landmark members was able to attend the meeting.

The Distinguished Service Award was given to Elisabeth Davis of the University of Illinois. She was head of the Biology Library at the University of Illinois from 1971-1996 and known as an innovator, dedicated mentor of new librarians, BSD chair 1982-1983 and involved member of MLA, SLA and the Illinois Chapter of SLA. She was unable to attend since she has a new grandchild on the way, but Roper read her letter of appreciation on receiving this award.

A special Chairs Recognition Award was presented to Lucy Rowland for her outstanding efforts in working to establish the Medical Section and seeing name and scope note changes through the long and arduous process.

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7. Brief Committee Reports
There have been two changes in committees this year. The Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee will focus on contact with student members and will no longer give an award of travel money to SLA to a student member. The Vendor Relations Committee is a newly constituted committee.

A special thank you to Patricia Murphy and members of the Seattle Program Committee for a great conference.

Annie Malley will chair the Indianapolis Program Planning Committee.

Reminder: Please complete and return the international experience survey published in Biofeedback. The survey will also go on BSDNET-L.

9. Chair’s Report
Fred Roper noted the smooth transition of officers. The chair will work on the long range plan this coming year. He will also move forward with the Division web page.

The new Board was introduced: Larry Kelland chair (unable to attend due to illness), Adam Schiff director, Judy Wojcik chair-elect, Janet Chisman secretary/treasurer and Fred Roper past chair.

10. Announcements
Judy Wojcik encouraged members to volunteer for committee work.

Renee Bush, chair of Nominations & Elections, would like the names of nominees for new positions. A more formal call will go out later.

David Duggar, chair Student Relations/Career Guidance, would like to increase student activity in the Division.

Lori Bronars, chair Vendor Relations welcomes any suggestions for topics related to vendors.

11. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted
Janet Chisman
Secretary/Treasurer
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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS FOR SEATTLE MEETING

Pat Murphy, Barbara Butler, and Louisa Worthington

The division sponsored four main programs at the SLA Conference in Seattle:

SYSTEMATICS AGENDA 2000: CHARTING THE BIOSPHERE was co-sponsored by the Natural History Caucus and Environment & Resource Management Division; BIOSIS was the corporate sponsor. Dr. Brent Mishler, Director, University and Jepson Herbaria, University of California, Berkeley, first provided an overview of systematics, the scientific study of diversity, interrelationships, and evolutionary history of life on Earth. Using slides to illustrate the variety of life on Earth, Dr. Mishler explained the integral role systematics plays in the biodiversity crisis, and the daunting task facing systematists trying to provide a general reference system for species that are rapidly approaching extinction.

MANAGING MARINE INFORMATION: BRINGING DATA TO THE DESKTOP was co-sponsored by the Environment & Resource Management Division; corporate sponsors were John Wiley and Sons, Cambridge Scientific Abstracts and Research Periodicals and Book Service. Four speakers described ways in which marine data are made available to students and researchers at their desktop. Pam Mofield from the University of Washington Fisheries Oceanography Library described how her institution has trained users to access "Aquatic Science and Fisheries Abstracts" via the Web. Judith Connor, Director of Information Technology and Dissemination for the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI), described their archive of underwater video footage and demonstrated how the video footage is both indexed and retrieved. Peter Brueggemann, director of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography Library, discussed how he maintains subject based collections of URLs in the field of chemical oceanography. He also illustrated how one can "de-construct" the Web and develop a site-specific form to access online oceanographic data. Finally, Dave Remsen of the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole described his work with the National Association of Marine Laboratories to create a "meta-laboratory" of shared data.

Dr. Michael Ackerman of the National Library of Medicine used video and slides to present a very interesting overview of the development of THE VISIBLE HUMAN PROJECT. Among the points covered were the criteria used in selecting the human subjects (deceased, of course) for the project and a description of some of the many other projects that have developed using this resource. Corporate sponsors were Merck, Inc., Canada Institute of Scientific and Technical Information, and Chemical Abstracts.

PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING OF THE HUMAN GENOME PROJECT: SOCIAL, ETHICAL AND POLICY ISSUES was co-sponsored by the Social Science and Insurance & Employee Benefits Divisions with Springer-Verlag and R.R. Bowker as the corporate sponsors. Speakers included Megan Sexauer, Legislative Officer for the National Human Genome Research Institute at the National Institutes of Health; Eve Nichols, Director of Public Affairs at the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research; and Albert Jonsen, Professor of Ethics at the University of Washington in Seattle. Genetic discrimination and confidentiality issues and public policy were among the many issues discussed by the panel.

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The division also co-sponsored a Toxicology Roundtable on indoor air quality: issues and information sources with the Environment & Resource Management and Chemistry Divisions. Corporate sponsors for the roundtable were Knight-Ridder, Elsevier Science, and SilverPlatter Information, Inc.

The annual business meeting breakfast was sponsored by the Institute for Scientific Information and Lippincott and the 1997/98 Executive Board Meeting was sponsored by SilverPlatter Information, Inc. Rounding out the program was a very successful first meeting of the new Medical Section, with refreshments generously provided by Majors Scientific Books, Inc. A final thank you to all of our corporate sponsors for their important support at the conference.

AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Patricia B. Yocum
Chair, Awards Committee

At its Annual Business Meeting in Seattle BSD gave Elisabeth Davis its 1997 Distinguished Member Award in recognition of her exceptional contributions to the profession, the Division and her colleagues. To mark the award she was given a certificate, a citation, and an engraved Jefferson cup. Due to the birth of her newest grandchild, Betty regrettfully was not able to attend the meeting. Her message to the membership, along with the award citation read at the meeting are included in this issue of Biofeedback.

1997 DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD

Elisabeth B. Davis was awarded the 1997 Distinguished Member Award at the Biological Sciences Division’s annual business meeting, “in recognition of her exceptional contributions to the profession, the Division, and her colleagues.” The citation follows:

For over twenty-five years Elisabeth B. Davis has served her profession, her specialization and her colleagues with great distinction. In all areas of consequence in biological sciences librarianship Betty has excelled.

As Biology Librarian at the University of Illinois from 1971 until her retirement in 1996, she moved through the ranks from Instructor to Professor of Library Administration. An innovator in her library and a contributor to countless system-wide committees, she is celebrated for her dedicated mentoring of new and aspiring librarians not only on campus but wherever she meets them.

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Her first-rate professionalism has also been evident in association activity. Whether it was MLA, the SLA Science & Technology Division or the Illinois Chapter, Betty has worked to effect meaningful results whose benefits could be shared. Her greatest contributions have been to our Biological Sciences Division which she joined in 1976 and subsequently served as member -- and more often as chair -- of the Nominations, Career Guidance, Long Range Planning, Publications, Public Relations and Awards Committees. A natural leader, she was elected BIO Division Chair for 1982-83.

A woman with a probing intellect, Betty has, through research and publication, sought to make sense of complex, rapidly changing fields. Since 1973 she has authored or co-authored 4 books, 13 papers, 4 chapters, and numerous reviews and review articles. Her books, now in second editions, are found in libraries worldwide as the nearly 1800 OCLC holdings testify. Typical of her work the books bespeak quality, authority and an overriding commitment to sharing knowledge. It is little wonder her presentations have been welcome at conferences in the US, England and Japan.

Over the length of a remarkable career Betty has made exceptional contributions to the profession, the Division and her colleagues. She has done so with grace and verve and demonstrated unequivocally the pleasure and satisfaction which come from being a biology librarian. She will have an enduring effect upon all those who follow her.

The SLA Division of Biological Sciences is proud to recognize Elisabeth B. Davis with its 1997 Distinguished Member Award.

Although Betty was not able to be present to accept the award, she did write Chair Fred Roper and send the following message for the Division:

“Dear Fred, Patricia Yocum called me last week to tell me the happy news that I have been given the Division’s distinguished member award. As you probably know, I am unable to attend the Annual Conference this year because of the imminent birth of our third grandchild, but as you can imagine, my thoughts, at least on June 10, will be in Seattle.”

“I would appreciate it if you would tell the Division for me that I am deeply honored by the award. I have always found biological librarianship to be stimulating and exciting, and I especially value and respect the colleagues and friends I have made through the years at SLA and the University of Illinois. I want you all to know that this award means a great deal to me, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

"Best wishes to you and the Division, and I hope to see you next year at Indianapolis. Betty"
1997 CHAIR'S RECOGNITION AWARD PRESENTED TO LUCY ROWLAND

At the annual business meeting of the Biological Sciences Division in Seattle, Chair Fred Roper presented the 1997 Chair’s Recognition Award to Lucy Rowland. Following are Chair Roper’s remarks:

“The Division Procedure Manual authorizes the Division Chair to recognize outstanding contributions by a member of the Division, and this year we truly have a candidate who has performed with distinction on behalf of the Division. It is with the advice and consent of the Executive Board that I am pleased to present the 1997 Chair’s Recognition Award to Lucy Rowland. Lucy, would you join me at the podium.”

“Lucy, the gratitude and thanks of the entire division go to you for your efforts to ensure that matters related to medicine remain a part of this Division. Through your leadership, we have seen the establishment of the Medical Section and approved the name and scope changes. For your effectiveness in representing the Division, your attention to detail, indeed, your grace under fire, the 1997 Chair’s Recognition Award is presented to you for your outstanding contributions and meritorious service to the Division.”

Ms. Rowland was presented with a certificate.

HEARTFELT THANKS TO THE 1996-97 BOARD

Lucy Rowland
University of Georgia Libraries

I have so many good friends in the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division, people I have always known that I could count on. Among those are the members of the 1996-97 Executive Board led by my dear friend Fred Roper.

What a wonderful team to lead us in a special year! And what a wonderful and unexpected surprise for me to receive the Chair’s Recognition Award at the annual business meeting in Seattle. Thank you all for this great honor. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your support during the last few years. I will cherish this award always.
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To All Biological, Medical and Life Sciences Librarians and Information Specialists:

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ABSTRACT: A 200-500 word abstract should accurately convey the subject of the paper, its scope, conclusions and relevance to the program theme. Priority will be given to papers that demonstrate analysis of the program over those that merely describe it.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS: September 15, 1997.

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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE

Susan C. Curtis
Government Relations Liaison

At last! The National Library of Medicine is now offering MEDLINE free on the Internet. The NLM site is called PubMed (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed/). The site also provides links to selected online journals and related articles. The Internet version of Grateful Med may also be accessed from this site.

The debate over the fate of the Government Printing Office warmed up this summer. Issues under discussion are 1) where in the Executive Branch hierarchy the GPO should reside; 2) what the Public Printer and the Superintendent of Documents should respectively have jurisdiction over; 3) should federal documents be copyrighted; 4) what penalties are appropriate for noncompliance to supply documents within the agencies.

The issue of noncompliance with Title 44 is particularly troublesome. Last year the National Cancer Institute entered into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with Oxford University Press to permit Oxford to publish the InstituteAEs journal and retain copyright on the articles. More and more agencies are saying that they need to sell their publications to save them. They argue that only by privatizing them can they preserve the information. Wayne Kelly, Superintendent of Documents, responds that if the agencies are not able to secure adequate appropriations to issue the publications within the government then the agencies should insure that the CRADA agreement guarantee that all information be available to the Federal Depository Library Program whether it is copyrighted or not.

The long process of attempting to secure Senate ratification of the copyright treaties approved by the World Intellectual Property Organization in December of 1996 has begun. The Department of Commerce has held lengthy discussions with interested parties, including representatives from the library profession. The two issues which are receiving the most intense scrutiny are online service provider liability and copyright protection circumvention. If approved, current copyright law will be so heavily impacted by the provisions of the treaties, that new legislation will be required to bring U.S. law into compliance with the provisions.

In May President Clinton called for a HIV vaccine within a decade. Unfortunately the request was not accompanied by increased funding for AIDS research. The President proposed an AIDS Vaccine Research Center at the National Institutes of Health to direct the initiative. He also called upon the U.S. pharmaceutical industry to place greater emphasis on developing a vaccine. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, counseled against putting a deadline on the vaccine. Others in the research community argued that a date might energize scientists. It is thought that money for the center will come from extramural research funds.
BIOLIFE: STUDENT COLUMN FOR BIOFEEDBACK

David Duggar
Chair, Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee

One of the first items that we would like to implement as part of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division is a student column in each issue of Biofeedback. I'm calling it BioLife for now to signify the life blood of our division's profession; you the students. It sounds a lot better than simply "Student News." However, now is the time to name that column! Send in your suggestions to me at ddugga@lsunc.edu, David Duggar, LSUMC-S Library, PO Box 33932, Shreveport, LA 71130-3932. The committee will announce the winning column name in the next issue of Biofeedback.

What we hope to have is news from you, the student. This column will cover where to find job ads; program information for degrees at library schools; tips for what types of classes are advisable for a "science librarian", "biomedical/biotechnology librarian", "medical librarian", "for profit vs not for profit company employment"; conference opportunities for students; students experiences at conference; programs that may be of value or interest to students; and articles by students that they feel relate to their peers.

Some of this information will also be posted on BSDNET-L as it may be that students have more time to pull things off the Internet than read it in a newsletter. But we need to hear from you to know this. Let us know what you want covered and write up the things you think other students should know. We want you to get the most out of your membership. As Rosalind Russell said in Mame, "You've got to live, live, live! Life is a banquet and people are starving at the door." Don't be a starving student. Get your fill of SLA and BIO. Be a part of BioLife!

SLA web site is a excellent resource for job seekers. If you browse the web, you may have seen the SLA homepage and website. It is at http://www.sla.org. If you look under "Educational/Career Opportunities" in the menu on the homepage, you will be taken to a list of job and professional development listings. One item is "SLA Job Search". This is an online listing of jobs for informational professionals and special librarians. To access this, you need to obtain the password by contacting Jessica Watson at 1-202-234-4700 ext. 627 or jessica@sla.org. Remember, this is for members only. So make sure your dues are current before you begin.

Another item under "Educational/Career Opportunities" is "Career and Employment Services ... Building Blocks for Your Career". It includes a tips and techniques resource for getting a job, "SpeciaLine", the phone version of "SLA Job Search", information about the "Career Advisory Service" offered at each annual conference, a for-fee "Resume Evaluation Service", and links to other joblines.

As you advance through your semesters of course work, check out these sources for job opportunities. They are there not only for you as a starting professional but also in finding other positions requiring more experience as you progress through your career.
VENDORS RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Lori Bronars
Chair, Vendors Relations Committee

The Vendor Relations Committee has been formed and is interested in hearing from the BSD membership on areas of Division interest. We are charged to provide a forum for the exchange of information between the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division and publishers, producers, and vendors of interest to biomedical and life sciences fields. Vendor Relations also serves the Division in investigation and awareness of current interesting trends in publishing technology.

With this large responsibility and new role for the Division, we are eager for communication with our members as we fulfill our unfolding destiny. Thoughts, ideas, questions, and suggestions will be useful contributions to our work in this first year.

The committee meets in an ongoing way through e-mail so you can always send in your ideas. The Vendor Relations Committee members are:

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MEDICAL SECTION NEWS

David Duggar
Chair, Medical Section

Within this issue of Biofeedback is a copy of the annual report and the minutes of the first annual meeting of the Medical Section, so my message will be short. Read these and join the Medical Section!

I would like to thank Nancy Bryant for all of her hard work during our founding year. She has been a great Section Chair and continues on some Division projects.

I would like to announce the officers of the Medical Section for the 1997-98. David Duggar is the Chair. Lori Zipperer is the Chair-Elect and Program Liaison for the 1999 SLA Conference in Minneapolis. Teresa Frydryk is the Secretary for the Section. Laura Osegueda is currently our Program Liaison for the 1998 SLA Conference in Indianapolis.

A number of librarians volunteered to help the Section in any way possible. Even if you have not heard from me yet, never fear. I have your business cards and will be contacting you soon. It is not too early to start scouting out locations for Pittsburgh in 2000!

At the 1998 SLA conference the Medical Section will be listed for programs of a medical nature that the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division is sponsoring. Besides these, we would like to be able to hold an open house or tour of a medical facility nearby (perhaps both in one) plus an annual meeting of the Section. If you work at or know of a medical facility near either of the conference sites (Indy and Minn) that might be used, please let us know.

At this time I would like to welcome the newest members of our Medical Section:

Elaine Brekke
Rebecca Carvajal
Erin Clougherty
Elaine Goldman
Abigail Hourwich
Halyna Liszczynskyj
Barbara Martinez
Janette Schueller

We thank you all for joining the Section. And remember, Section membership is free. You just have to be a member of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division.
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MEDICAL SECTION
ANNUAL REPORT 1996-97

Submitted by Nancy Bryant, Medical Section Organizing Chair
May 1997

This is the first annual report of the new Medical Section of the Biological Sciences Division, SLA. The Medical Section was established at the SLA Annual Conference in June 1996, after successful petition of over 50 members of the Biological Sciences Division. Nancy Bryant was appointed Organizing Chair by Lucy Rowland, outgoing BIO Division Chair.

In this first year, priorities have been to recruit members to the section, publicize the section, establish relationships and coordinate with the Biological Sciences Division Chair, Program Chair and Committee, Fund Development Committee, Bulletin Editor and Listserv Coordinator. In addition, I established communications and procedures with SLA headquarters for receiving updates of Medical Section member lists, and labels for new members. I appointed a Medical Section/BIO Program Committee liaison, Judy Wojcik, recruited a Medical Section Chair-Elect (Chair 1997-98) David Duggar, and a Chair-Elect for 1997-98 to serve as Chair 1998-99, Lorri Zipperer. I also coordinated the development of the agenda of our first business meeting, to be held in Seattle on Sunday, June 8, 1997 at 1:30-3 PM, and solicited funds from Majors for refreshments to be served at that meeting. I regret that I will not be in attendance.

Highlights:
*The Medical Section membership has grown to over 80 members in its first year.
*We received funding through Ken Robichaux and others at Majors, in the amount of $250, for a reception at our annual business meeting on June 8, to celebrate our first birthday.
*The teamwork, dedication, commitment and leadership of members of the Biological Sciences Division has resulted in the establishment of the Medical Section. It has been my pleasure and privilege to work with and get to know this inspiring group over the past few years. I encourage all SLA members to get involved--on committees, as mentors, recruiting new members, with programming--the spirit which I have experienced in BIO and the Medical Section is "infectious"!!

Activities:
Publicity: The chief vehicle for dissemination of information about the Medical Section is Biofeedback, the Biological Sciences Division newsletter. With thanks to the gentle prompting of John Tebo, Editor, and the gracious encouragement and support of Lucy Rowland and others, each newsletter has contained a column or some news about Medical Section activities, plans and progress. I also sent notification of our establishment to the Southern Chapter, MLA newsletter, Southern Expressions, the GHSLA newsletter, and the SLA Georgia Chapter newsletter Peach State Update.

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Membership/Recruitment: Our membership roster was bolstered at the outset by the automatic inclusion of the 52 members of the Biological Sciences Division who had signed the Medical Section petition. I sent letters to each of them last summer, thanking them for their continuing support and welcoming them to the Medical Section. I also sent recruitment letters to BIO members who had signed the Health Sciences Division petition. Upon notification from SLA headquarters of each new member to the Medical Section, I sent a welcome letter. I communicated with prospective members via Internet. Section membership is no additional charge to affiliate division members.

Program: The program for Seattle was already shaping up by the time we got our new section off the ground. I appointed Judy Wojcik, a member of the Seattle BIO Program Committee and Medical Section member, liaison to the BIO Program Committee.

Funding: I was informed at the outset that as a section, we were not required to raise operating funds or maintain a budget. This year, I absorbed costs personally for copies and postage, which amounted to roughly $75.00. While I understood that I could submit these costs to the Division for consideration for reimbursement, it was my choice to contribute in this way to our startup operation.

Recommendations: Publicity: As an official section within a division, we are not required to establish our own newsletter. It is my opinion that the Biofeedback and the BSDNET-L listserv provide ample opportunities for publicity amongst our own current and immediately prospective members, at least at the outset. SLA and MLA national publications should be targeted for updates on the Medical Section. Publicity and public relations issues should be discussed at the annual meeting. It is conceivable that Medical Section members will want to establish their own publications, and have some other excellent ideas about how to publicize our activities.

Membership/Recruitment: One project which I did not get to this year was a recruitment mailing to all non-BIO members who signed the Health Sciences Division petition. This should be done by the incoming Section Chair, in conjunction with the incoming BIO Chair. It may result in recruitment of new members for BIO and the Medical Section. A list needs to be obtained from Division Archives or SLA headquarters, and cross-referenced with current Medical Section members (some may have already joined over the course of this year).

Program: I recommend that the Section Chair-Elect serve as liaison to the BIO Program Committee, member of that committee and Chair of the Medical Section Program Committee. The position is critical to the vital involvement and contribution of the Medical Section to conference programming in years to come. We may also choose to sponsor some programs independently of the BIO, or in conjunction with other divisions or sections within SLA.

Funding: It is my understanding that as an official section within a division, we are not obligated to establish a budget and maintain funds. I feel it would be useful to discuss the necessity for and availability of funds for the section at both the Medical Section and BIO Division annual meetings. Not all institutions are willing to cover costs of mailings, and the Division and section need to mutually determine and understand the level of commitment of financial support.

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In Appreciation: I would like to officially thank the members of the Biological Sciences Division Board and committees, who have been so supportive of me in my role as Medical Section Organizing Chair, particularly Fred Roper, Lucy Rowland, David Duggar, Nancy Curtis, Larry Wright, John Kelland, John Tebo, Liese Tajiri, Patricia Yocum, Jo Anne Boorkman, Lorri Zipperer, Renee Bush, Anna McGowan, Sue Kaczor and others. Many of these members have been instrumental in the formation of the section as well. I would also like to thank Pat Murphy, BIO Program Committee Chair, Judy Wojcik, Medical Section Program Committee Liaison, and the Seattle Program Committee, for their excellent work in preparing balanced and excellent programming for the Seattle conference. In my opinion, BIO has a tradition of emphasizing the many facets of health care and related issues, particularly in regard to conference programming, and Seattle will offer many fine choices for Medical Section members and others interested. I would also like to thank the 52 charter members of the Medical Section, whose enthusiasm and support from the outset has made my task in my task. I feel certain the rapid growth rate and interest will continue, and look forward to meeting many of you in person, in years to come!

Follow-up Responsibilities: Sort and forward files for the 2 years of my affiliation, as Medical Section petition coordinator and Medical Section Organizing Chair, to the incoming section chair and the division Archives, as appropriate.

SLA BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DIVISION MEDICAL SECTION
FIRST ANNUAL MEETING
8 JUNE 1997, 1:30-3:00 pm
SEATTLE, WA

(Note: These minutes are being published in Biofeedback in order to promote communications among Division and Section members. They are unofficial minutes and are subject to additions and corrections prior to acceptance at the 1998 annual meeting in Indianapolis.)

Thirty-four (34) members and guests present: Karen Aoyama (Battelle Seattle Research Center); Pamela Barnard (Allina Health System, Minneapolis, MN); Jo Anne Boorkman (University of CA, Davis); Naomi Broering (Georgetown University Medical Center Library); Elaine Brekke (East Tennessee Children's Hospital, Knoxville, TN); Nancy Bryant (Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA); Renee Bush (SUNY at Buffalo, Health Sciences Library); Amy Butros (University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA); Dan Chandler (Integris Baptist Medical Center); Nancy Curtis (University of Maine Fogler Library); David Duggar (Louisiana State University Medical Center Library, Shreveport, LA); Teresa Frydryk (JSI Research & Training Institute, Boston, MA); Mary Hay Glass (American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Wash, DC); Catherine Hanson-Tracy (Mercy Healthcare, Sacramento); Sara Hill (VA Medical Center, Brecksville, OH); Peggy Jones (Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL); Nancy Kozlowski (North Carolina Biotechnology Center, Research Triangle Park, NC); Ramune Kubilius (Northwestern University Health Sciences Library, Chicago, IL); Jane Loescher (Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Cambridge, MA); Anna McGowan (US Food and Drug Administration, Wash, DC); Patricia Murphy (Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA); Phyllis Nathan (Rockford Health System,}

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Rockford, IL); Laura Osegueda (NC State Univ. Veterinary Medical Library, Raleigh, NC); Olivia Pickett (National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health, Arlington, VA); Cristina A. Pope (Thomas Jefferson Univ., Philadelphia, PA); Toni Powell (Univ. of Kentucky Agr. Library, Lexington, KY); Fred Roper (Univ. of South Carolina, Columbia, SC); Lucy Rowland (Univ. of Georgia, Athens, GA); Adam Schiff (Univ. of Washington, Seattle, WA); Janette Schueller ( Battelle Seattle Research Center); John Tebo (Univ. of Cincinnati); Michele Tennant (Univ. of Florida Health Sciences Library); Judy Wojcik (Emory Univ., Atlanta, GA); and Lorri Zipperer (National Patient Safety Foundation, AMA, Chicago, IL).

Biological Sciences Division Chair, Fred Roper welcomed the group and introduced the Medical Section Organizing Chair, Nancy Bryant, who conducted the meeting and presented the Annual Report for 1996-1997.

Highlights: 1) first year membership totals over 83 members; 2) Majors Scientific Books, Inc. has sponsored the annual meeting reception; 3) the Bio Division newsletter, Biofeedback has featured news about the Medical Section in each issue this past year.

Judy Wojcik, Medical Section Liaison to the BIO Program Committee, outlined the process for program development for SLA's annual conference. The planning process extends over two years with most programs and speakers lined up by the mid-winter meeting one-and-a-half years prior to the annual meeting. Meetings this past year were held to initiate programs for the 1998 Indianapolis conference.

By January 1997, a list of programs and speakers had been developed. By June 1997, most programs were in place. The Medical Section needs a liaison for the upcoming year who will participate in finalizing programs for Indianapolis and a chair-elect who will initiate planning and develop sessions for the 1999 Minneapolis conference. The Bio Division can pay per diem expenses and one-day registration for speakers. Tip: good to have two people per program to attend to session needs: contact, introduce and acknowledge speakers, moderate sessions, check equipment, etc.

Election (1997-1998). Jo Anne Boorkman, Bio Nominations and Elections Committee Chair presented nominations for chair, chair-elect, and secretary. Nominations were requested from the floor. The following slate of officers were elected through a voice vote: Chair: David Duggar, Chair-elect: Lorri Zipperer, Secretary: Teresa Frydryk.

Comments were requested through a brainstorming session on the following topics:

Procedures: Keep things simple. Rather than create procedures manual, create guidelines. Leave a record for those who follow. Focus on communications, both current and continuous. Maintain historical records. Bio Division Archivist will be asked to hold our records. Define responsibilities of three officers: chair: organize section; chair-elect: initiate program planning and develop programs for Minneapolis (June 1999) -- ideas for Minneapolis needed by mid-winter meeting (January 1998); secretary: maintain records. Bio Division procedures manual has a section on forming sections but does not mention process of electing chair, chair-elect, and secretary and their respective duties. This section needs to be written and sent to Bio Division Director. Explore what other sections do.

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By-Laws: By-laws are not required by sections. Division bylaws should have a general section acknowledging the formation of sections. Library Management Division Knowledge Management Section has by-laws.

Financial Support: The section does not need to raise funds, maintain a budget, or submit financial reports to SLA as a separate unit. Section finances will be tied into the Bio Division budget and its fiscal accountability system.

Election/Appointment of Officers: Keep things simple. Participants stated a preference for elections at annual meeting.

Programs: Historically, health sciences/medical content has been covered in Bio Division programs. 44% of Bio Division members are in health sciences libraries. Current chair-elect is developing programs for Minneapolis (June 1999). Program planning for Indianapolis (June 1998) is in limbo during this first start-up year. The section needs someone to network with current year Bio and conference planners to develop links with programs already planned for Indianapolis (June 1998). A liaison local to Indianapolis is preferred. Alternatively, the current chair-elect can plan programs for Minneapolis and liaison with the Bio Division conference planners for Indianapolis. An open house for members and students was proposed for an upcoming conference.

Membership and Public Relations: Letter of invitation will be sent to petition signatories. Suggestion: create a strategy to recruit students to the section. Suggestion: pass out brochures and speak at SLA President Elect student reception. Suggestion: adopt mentor programs, make presentations at school career days. Suggestion: send a letter/press release to division and chapter newsletter editors, chairs, chair-elects, student group advisors, and faculty advisors. Suggestion: promote section through Bio Division listserv and Biofeedback regularly.

Relationship with Medical Library Association: The Bio Division has appointed Jo Anne Boorkman as the division liaison to MLA. Jo Anne is also the MLA Liaison to SLA Bio..."a double agent." She will be the first point of contact between Bio/Medical and MLA. Suggestion: promote section through MLA's listserv, i.e. post press release about section, put program information on MLA listserv, etc.

Thanks were extended to Nancy Bryant for all her work in establishing the section. A call for Bio Division contributing papers for Indianapolis was distributed. A request for nominations for Bio Division officers and conference planners was made. NLM is seeking a SLA member to review consumer health materials; contact person at NLM was announced; message will be posted on Bio listserv. Naomi Broering, MLA President 1996/97, was introduced. The meeting adjourned to refreshments provided by Majors Scientific Books.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Frydryk, Secretary
Biological Sciences Division Medical Section
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Abigail Hourwich is Information Center Officer at International Planned Parenthood Federation/Western Hemisphere Region (IPPF/WHR), a federation of family planning associations in 46 countries in North America, Latin America and the Caribbean. She is in charge of a one-person library serving the information needs of staff in the regional office and overseas affiliates, does Internet training, works with affiliates in Latin America and Caribbean to implement Internet capacity, and is IPPF/WHR’s webmaster (http://www.ippfwhr.org). She received an M.S.L.S. from Columbia University. She has joined the Medical Section, and is currently Secretary/Treasurer of the Social Science Division.

Lorri Zipperer, chair-elect of the Medical Section, recently accepted a position as the Information Project Manager of the National Patient Safety Foundation at the AMA. She will be developing the web page for the foundation, establishing a clearinghouse on patient safety resources, and be doing research on funding and the broad range of issues involved for both the staff and the Foundation’s Board.

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