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## **Message From the Chair: Nancy Stimson**

The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division is thriving. Our membership, 735 members as of the end of April 2003, consists of long-time members (three 45-year members), our institutional memory, new members (70 student members), new blood for the division, and many members in between! John Tebo, the Division Treasurer, reports that the division budget is in "excellent financial shape." The SLA Annual Conference in New York City was a big success. The division's NYC Program Committee organized 21 events in New York City and the Fund Development Committee raised \$14,800 to sponsor these events. Finally, the division has effective communication measures to keep the membership informed, particularly the newsletter, *Biofeedback*, and the listserv, BSDNET-L. Thanks are due to the many talented and dedicated people, officers and committee members, who keep the division running like a well-oiled machine. Speaking of committees, volunteers are still needed for a number of positions including Archivist, Fund Development Committee members, Publications Committee members, ASIST Liaison, and SLA Government Relations Committee Liaison. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions and let me know if I can provide you with the information you need to say "yes!"

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**New Members of the Division**

Membership Committee, Jean Crampon, Chair  
**April – June, 2003**

Colleen P. Bradley Sanders  
New York, NY

Amy J. Rupprecht  
Flushing, NY

Roberta J. Craig  
Rockford, IL

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Seattle, WA

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Norman, OK 73071

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White Plains, NY

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Baltimore, MD

Laura Schimming  
New York, NY

**New Member Profile:**

**Roberta Craig**, Medical Library Coordinator, OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center, Rockford, Illinois  
I began my position managing the hospital medical library here at Saint Anthony Medical Center in June of 2002. I enjoy working in the healthcare field and contributing to patient care by providing current, relevant medical information to the doctors and staff here at the hospital. Previously, I worked in public libraries for 6 years and 3 years in another hospital library as a paraprofessional. At the same time I began this position, I also began a program to earn my MLS. I am currently in the LEEP distance learning program through the University of Illinois. It is an excellent program and I am enjoying the stimulation of learning and then applying what I have learned immediately in the medical library where I work.

**Biomedical and Life Sciences Division**  
**Special Libraries Association**  
**2002/2003 Annual Business Meeting**  
June 10, 2003  
New York, New York  
**Marriott Uris & Shubert**  
**7:30 – 9:00 am**

I. Call to Order and Introduction of Board Members

David Duggar called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. He welcomed members and introduced the Board. David Duggar, Chair; Nancy Stimson, Chair-Elect; John Tebo, Treasurer; Peggy Jones, Secretary; Lorri Zipperer, Director; Michele Tennant, Past-Chair. He welcomed Dav Robertson, Chapter Cabinet Chair, and board proctor for the Division. He recognized Bonnie Snow from Dialog, which is sponsoring the event along with MD Consult and Bentham Science Publishers. He also welcomed two students who had received free tickets to the event and who attended. He noted that minutes from 2002 and other materials had been distributed to the tables. He introduced Eleanor MacLean, who explained her role as Conference Information Ambassador. These people can give directions and updates on conference activities, and can be identified by the yellow rosettes they are wearing.

II. Approval of Minutes from 2002 Annual Business Meeting

Minutes were approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

John Tebo remarked that the Division is in healthy financial condition, with assets of \$51,785.98. The Treasurer's Report was approved as received.

**IV. Director's Report**

Lorri Zipperer has made changes to the Procedures Manual, which will be loaded on the web site. The task of reviewing the Procedures Manual has been changed to every other year.

The SLA Endowment Fund helps divisions and chapters ask for money from SLA for program ideas, and the Director will initiate discussions with the Division to generate ideas.

V. Election Results

Tom Turner announced the candidates:

Chair-elect: Peggy Jones

Secretary: Anne Turhollow and Susan Kendall

Director: Laurie Scott and Howard Fuller

He announced the winners were Jones, Turhollow and Scott. He thanked all the candidates and called for nominees for Treasurer and Chair-elect. He also thanked the rest of the committee.

VI. Brief Appointed Positions Reports

**Archives**

Dorothy Riemenschneider is looking for a new archivist, as the volunteer had to withdraw. She does not have too much material.

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**Biofeedback**

This was the first year of an electronic-only newsletter, which is on the web site. A notice is sent to BSDNET when it is available. Jonathan Nabe and Carolyn Mills will serve one more year as editors, and anybody interested in assuming this position can talk to them.

**BSDNET-L**

Laura Osegueda needs to set up new software called majordomo. There has been no more spamming. The name BSDNET-L will be changed to BIOSLA-L. Laura is setting up an announcement-type list to which she is signing up everybody in the Division and which will be called BIO-Announce. The list will either be at North Carolina State University or at SLA. It will be very easy to unsubscribe.

**VII. Brief Committee Reports****Awards**

The Awards Committee nominated a Division member for an association-level award, but was not successful. The Distinguished Member Award will be presented later.

**Bylaws**

Michele Tennant sent these in the mail to division members. One major change is the election policy, which now allows a single slate to be legal. At least one candidate must be nominated for Chair, and one to two for the other elected positions. In Article II, Section 5, the wording "All members shall receive the Division official bulletin free" has been stricken and replaced with "An online version of the official bulletin of the Division shall be freely available." Article IX, Section 1, about the Nominations and Elections Committee's makeup, was moved to the Procedures Manual. Sections 2, 3 and 4 were re-numbered accordingly. Eleanor MacLean recommended revising Section 4; if only one candidate is nominated, a ballot doesn't need to be sent out. The bylaws as they have already been revised were voted on and approved unanimously.

**Contributed Papers**

Barbara Butler announced the room change for the session. She introduced the tentative call for papers, which will have a slight title change to "Beyond Information Literacy: Teaching Old Dogs New Tricks". The deadline is September 15. Their new member is Todd Hannon, from the Intertribal Fish Commission in Portland, OR.

**Fund Development**

The committee raised \$14,800 this year. There are 22 programs. Nancy Stimson announced the names of the sponsors and thanked the members of the committee.

**Membership**

Jean Crampon reported that there are 740 members. She thanked the committee and announced that Irene Laursen will be the new chair.

**Professional Development**

Barbara Hedges announced the two CE courses: "Information Hubs for Molecular Biology Databases and Software" taught by Michele Tennant, and "Biology Librarianship for the Non-Biologist" taught by Kathleen Clark and Diane Schmidt. Handouts from the course were available. She also mentioned the Thursday tour of the New York Botanical Garden and thanked the committee.

**Public Relations**

A handout of members' publications was distributed. Claudia Lascar is the new chair.

**Publications**

Lorri Zipperer organized book reviews for *Biofeedback*. She also is organizing synopses of DBIO sessions, and is looking for members to send synopses.

**Student Relations/Career Guidance**

Bruce Smith, the chair, is looking for new members.

**Vendor Relations**

Susan Kendall reported on the Vendor Roundtable that included breakfast, paid for by the participating vendors and free to members. Ophelia Morey and Phoebe Rhodes also wrote product reviews for *Biofeedback*.

**New York Program**

Peggy Jones reported that the programs this year have so far been successful, as have the CEs; the field trip is sold out. She has tickets and maps to distribute to those who are attending the field trip. She pointed out the handout of programs on the tables.

**Nashville Program**

Janet Weiss has a number of good ideas but welcomes more. Several partnerships with other divisions are in progress. Some possibilities for field trips are: Eskind Biomedical Library at Vanderbilt University for the Medical Section reception and the Cheekwood Botanical Gardens and Sculpture Trail for the Division. The conference will be set in the Opryland Hotel outside of Nashville.

**VIII. Medical Section Report**

Howard Fuller announced this year's events: the business meeting, featuring speakers Sue O'Neill Johnson and Patricia Mae Stachiw, who spoke on clinical trials.gov; and Knowledge Technologies, which was presented to a packed house. Membership in the section is about 180-190.

**IX. Brief Liaison Reports****Medical Library Association**

David Duggar invited Pat Thibodeau, President of MLA, to speak. She commented that MLA is looking at issues of evaluating librarians. Several other issues are being discussed right now, including publishing and budget cuts. She emphasized that MLA wants to get the message out to the public that librarians have a lot of value.

**ASIST**

John Tebo reported that the organization's purpose is to promote and support the development of information architecture. There is a sig on bioinformatics, which anybody can join, and which has about 190 subscribers. Those interested can go to the ASIST web site to subscribe. He announced the annual conference, which will be in October 2003 in Long Beach, California.

**IAMSLIC**

Ruth Gustafson announced the web site at <http://www.iamslc.org>. IAMSLIC is an all-volunteer group with about 300 members, and is international in scope. It is looking to expand its international membership. There is heavy interlibrary loan among organizations. An upcoming meeting will be in Mystic, CT, which has a smaller program than does SLA.

For the Invasive Species session, there will be a drawing for books from the Smithsonian Institution Press.

### International Relations

Lucy Rowland has agreed to continue as the liaison to the International Relations Committee. David asked Ann Koopman and Dav Robertson to speak about SLA and International Relations since Lucy Rowland was unable to be at the conference. Ann said that Sci-Tech sponsors international members, and is looking to expand funding with other Divisions. Dav commented that at the Winter Meeting the Board charged the International Information Exchange Caucus to be a clearinghouse for international affairs for the association. At the Board meeting this week, the Strategic Planning Committee will make a proposal to the Board for an international roadmap for SLA.

### Government Relations

Barry Brown wants to find a replacement for this liaison position.

## **X. Natural History Caucus**

Steven Johnson announced that the caucus has about 60 members. It is co-sponsoring the field trip to the New York Botanical Garden. The caucus will have dinner at the Heartland Brewery. The business meeting and the Invasive Species session occur at the same time. Next year the caucus will co-sponsor an author luncheon with the Museums, Arts and Humanities Division; the new Audubon Collection will be featured.

## **XI. Landmark Members**

Jean Crampon announced the 20 (4), 25 (4) and 30 (7) year members. The names of the landmark members were read out and certificates will be sent to those who couldn't attend.

## **XII. Chair's Report**

The annual report was turned in to SLA on time. Duggar thanked all members who contributed.

## **XIII. Presentation of Awards**

### **Distinguished Member Award**

Nancy Curtis announced the award winner, Larry Wright. She read a tribute and will present him with a check and an engraved bowl.

Duggar named some members of the Division who were presented with awards this year: Lorri Zipperer along with Sara Thompson won the H.W. Wilson Award for an article they published in *Information Outlook*. Naomi Broering won the Noyes Award, the highest honor that can be given by MLA.

## **XIV. Announcements**

Each SLA member needs to have a green voting card, to be picked up at Registration, to vote on Wednesday at the business meeting. The voting procedure was explained: There are three possible votes: the first in favor or against changing Special Libraries Association to SLA, Inc.; the second in favor or against changing the name to Information Professionals International; and the third vote (in case the first or second are accepted) to change the bylaws for the name change. If one of the first two gets a 51% or greater in favor vote, the third vote will need to be in favor by 2/3 to pass. Irene Laursen commented that at least 100 people must vote to make the vote legitimate.

Fred Roper announced that he plans to retire.

**XV. Installation of New Officers**

The officers for 2002/2003 were installed.

Nancy Stimson - Chair

Peggy Jones- Chair-elect

Anne Turhollow- Secretary

Laurie Scott- Director

Gifts were presented by the new Chair, Nancy Stimson, to the outgoing Chair, Duggar, and the Program Chair, Peggy Jones. Nancy announced that volunteer forms were at every table, and there are open committees and liaison slots.

**XVI. New Business**

No new business was pending.


**XVII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Revised and submitted July 9, 2003,

Peggy Jones, Secretary

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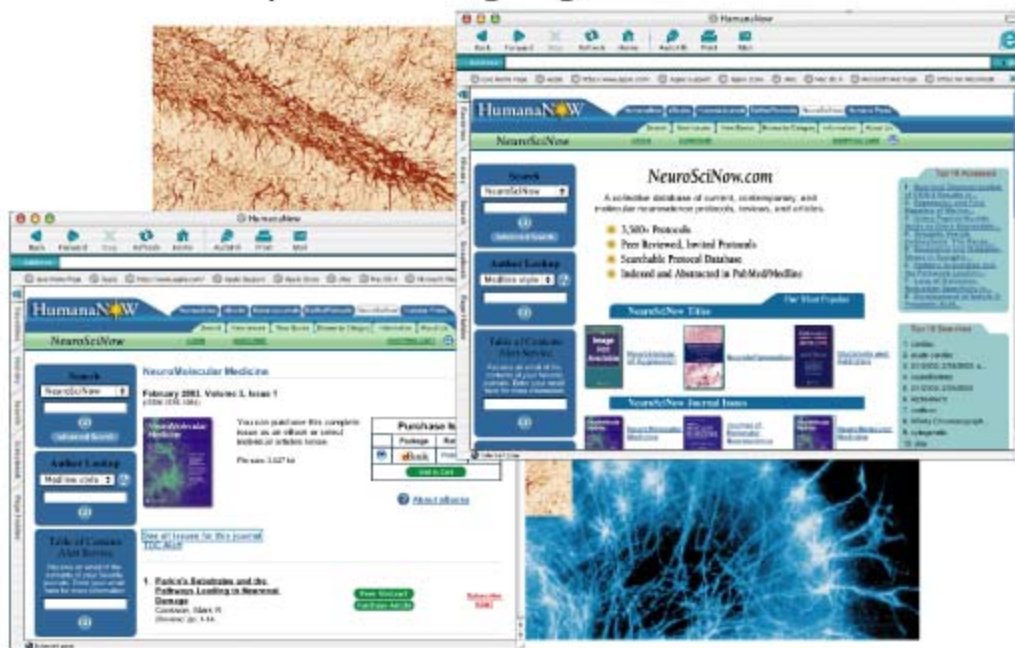
<p><b>February 26, 2003</b>  <b>Speaker: John Deveney</b>  <b>Topic: "Crisis Communication"</b></p>	<p><b>October 29, 2003</b>  <b>Speaker: Michael Kull</b>  <b>Topic: "Knowledge Management"</b></p>
<p><b>April 23, 2003</b>  <b>Speaker: Randy Englund</b>  <b>Topic: "Organic Approach to Project Management"</b></p>	<p><b>November 19, 2003</b>  <b>Speaker: Judy Seiss</b>  <b>Topic: "The Invisible Librarian"</b></p>
<p><b>September 24, 2003</b>  <b>Speaker: Chris Olson</b>  <b>Topic: "Library Branding"</b></p>	<p><b>December 3, 2003</b>  <b>Speakers: Jane Dysart &amp; Rebecca Jones</b>  <b>Topic: "Business Planning"</b></p>





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**Biomedical And Life Sciences Division  
Special Libraries Association  
Outgoing Board Meeting  
June 7, 2003  
New York**

Present: David Duggar (Chair; Director's Report for Lorri Zipperer; *Biofeedback* for Jonathan Nabe and Carolyn Mills; Archives for Dorothy Riemenschneider; Public Relations for Anne Malley; Publications for Lorri Zipperer; Student Relations for Bruce Smith; Government Relations for Barry Brown); John Tebo (Treasurer and ASIST Liaison); Peggy Jones (Secretary and New York Program); Nancy Stimson (Fund Development and Chair-Elect); Janet Weiss (Nashville 2004 Program); Laura Osegueda (BSDNET); Nancy Curtis (Awards); Michele Tennant (Bylaws and Contributed Papers); Jean Crampon (Membership); Tom Turner (Nominations & Elections); Barbara Hedges (Professional Development); Susan Kendall (Vendor Relations); Howard Fuller (Medical Section); Claudia Lascar (MLA Liaison); Ruth Gustafson (IAMSLIC Liaison); Steven Johnson (Natural History Caucus)

**I. Call to Order**

David Duggar called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes from Los Angeles – Duggar**

Minutes approved.

**III. Ratification of Executive Board Email Votes – Duggar**

- a. Distinguished Member Award. Ratified.
- b. SLA Fellow nomination. Ratified.
- c. Division Bylaws changes. Ratified.

**IV. Treasurer's Report – John Tebo**

As of June 6, 2003, the Division had a balance of \$51,785.98.

**V. Director's Report – Zipperer**

Zipperer recommended that the Procedures Manual be updated one time per a director's term. The motion passed. Her second recommendation was that the director lead a discussion annually to generate ideas for the SLA Endowment Grant. This responsibility would be added to the director's job description. Zipperer's term as a member of the SLA Endowment Grant committee is ending, leaving her free to encourage submissions by DBIO. The motion passed.

**VI. Committee Reports**

**Archives – Dorothy Riemenschneider**

Dorothy Riemenschneider is looking for a volunteer to be archivist.

***Biofeedback* Report – Jonathan Nabe and Carolyn Mills**

*Biofeedback* has had four issues this year. Nabe and Mills will stay on one more year as co-editors.

**BSDNET-L Report – Laura Osegueda**

The previous listserv group recommended that a new list be set up, named BIOANNOUNCE. Osegueda wants to survey the membership first. As for new members, if they want to join, she will sign them up; she will work with Jean Crampon. Janet Weiss suggested that people automatically be signed up, saying that it's easy to unsubscribe. Crampon added that this works well with other groups. Claudia Lascar

suggested adding a disclaimer to this effect at the bottom of the messages. Osegueda would like to move all who are on BSDNET-L over to the majordomo; she could then put everybody on the BIOSLA, which will replace BSDNET-L. Steven Johnson noted that upkeep on a large list is difficult. If SLA were to create announce lists for every unit, it would be responsible for the updating. This is a service SLA should offer its membership. Osegueda will find out the difference between moving to SLA and keeping it at North Carolina State University. If it were moved to SLA, it wouldn't have to be moved to the next chair's organization to host it.

#### **Awards – Nancy Curtis**

The web site updates are still in progress. Committee members are contacting people to get their C.V.s in a databank. The Distinguished Member will be announced at the annual business meeting.

#### **Bylaws – Michele Tennant**

Proposed changes were sent to the members. A question arose as to why there is not a mandatory single slate. The charge of the committee was to make a single slate legal, not mandatory. The change will be voted on at the annual business meeting. Duggar pointed out that SLA will vote on Wednesday on the new governing documents. All divisions would have them, so there wouldn't be bylaws depending on the vote. All procedures manuals would be replaced, but this will not be ready for a vote for another year. DBIO decided to change the bylaws just in case SLA doesn't vote on Wednesday, or the proposed SLA changes do not pass.

#### **Contributed Papers Session – Michele Tennant**

The session will be Wednesday afternoon. Three papers will be presented. Next year's theme is "Beyond Bibliographic Instruction: Teaching Old Dogs New Tricks." Weiss commented that for non-academics, the term "bibliographic instruction" is not used. She suggested changing it to "information literacy." Stimson needs to address this at the incoming board meeting. Todd Hannon is the new member. The location of the session has changed.

#### **Fund Development – Nancy Stimson**

Almost \$15,000 was raised. Three new companies are on board. Five committee members are willing to continue next year, but there is a term limit in place (a two-year term which can be renewed once, according to the procedures manual). Two members have reached that limit. Members develop a good relationship with vendors and the Division benefits from their experience and the good will they have established. Duggar suggested giving a one-year extension to all term limits until we know what SLA will do with the governing documents issue. Stimson has laminated hearts for committee members to distribute to our sponsoring vendors.

#### **Membership – Jean Crampon**

The committee will need to replace one member who is going off. Crampon would like to step down as chair so she can work on the longevity list, and so would like to find two new members. She suggested having a junior and senior chair since it takes a while to learn the committee's responsibilities.

#### **Nominations and Elections – Tom Turner**

The slate was:

Peggy Jones – Chair-elect  
Howard Fuller and Laurie Scott – Director  
Susan Kendall and Anne Turhollow – Secretary

Jones, Scott and Turhollow were elected.

**Professional Development – Barbara Hedges**

Two continuing education courses and one field trip are being offered this year. 9 attendees were at the Information Hubs CE, and as of May 22, 9 were registered for the Biology Librarianship for the Non-Biologist CE. Thursday's trip to the New York Botanical Garden sold out. Jones needs to ask SLA headquarters if they pay the bus driver a tip or if she needs to handle this. The other tour was cancelled because the arrangements were not finalized far enough in advance to publicize a different time than that which was published in the Preliminary Program.

**Public Relations – Anne Malley**

Malley will be retiring from this position. Claudia Lascar will bring the publications list to the Annual Business Meeting. As of Tuesday, she will become chair of Public Relations

**Publications – Lorri Zipperer**

For the book reviews column, \$100 should be set aside for postage of the books. The Call to Members should be an annual task. The committee should develop at least 1 article for *Biofeedback*. The motion passed.

**Student Relations – Bruce Smith**

Smith does not have a committee, and wants more people. He sends notices to faculty advisors for student chapters. He wants to know how to get the student brochure, how much funding is available, and how the funds are authorized. Money is available for student tickets to the annual business meeting. 5 students will attend this year. He has asked the students to write about the conference and then distribute to other students to get them interested. Hedges suggested offering a stipend for a CE course, or allowing a student to attend for free as a moderator. The committee could look into this, possibly focusing on a local library school, such as the University of Tennessee or Vanderbilt, or on a local chapter of SLA.

**Vendor Relations – Susan Kendall**

There are more members than are needed, and the number has become unwieldy. Kendall suggested having a committee of one or two members. The product reviews were very successful this year, and the Vendor Roundtable made a profit, raising \$3,000. Perhaps they can have two roundtables next year, as vendors clamor to be included. IBM Life Sciences is interested, and both DFAN and DCHEM want to be involved. Co-sponsorship could get the word out to more potential attendees.

**New York Program Committee – Peggy Jones**

Jones distributed a quick guide to programming and suggested bringing the guide to other programs. Several of the sessions still need scribes.

**Subunit Reports****Medical Section – Howard Fuller**

Reuters cancelled its commitment to the reception, so there will be none this year. Membership has remained steady. The program will be Monday afternoon, and it is sponsored by IBM Life Sciences, which Claudia Lascar brought in. The business meeting is Sunday afternoon.

**Natural History Caucus – Steven Johnson**

The caucus has 60 members and is not very active. There is a web site and discussion list that has 100 members. Johnson would like to find another convener. The Museums Division is interested in co-sponsoring with Natural History. The caucus has some money from the caucus membership. Ruth Gustafson inquired about the caucus becoming a section, but these two entities operate differently, so it would probably not work.

## **Liaison Reports**

### **MLA – Claudia Lascar**

Lascar has submitted an annual report and will discuss the MLA meeting at the annual business meeting.

### **ASIST – John Tebo**

ASIST continues to grow. The Information Architecture Summit was in Portland, OR in March. There is a virtual sig on bioinformatics with about 190 subscribers called SIGBIOINFORM. Go to the ASIST web site to subscribe.

### **IAMSLIC – Ruth Gustafson**

The international conference, held in Mexico in October, had a keynote speaker from the Malaysia World Fisheries Center. The theme was: Bridging the Digital Divide. They are developing a database called Fishbase. The preworkshop was on the International Oceanographic Commission. The next conference will be in Africa. The group is becoming more international. There are regional groups, one hosting a conference in Hawaii in February 2003. Gustafson encouraged DBIO members to go to the regional conferences. The next one will be in Mystic, CT.

### **Government Relations – Barry Brown**

Brown will be replaced.

## **VII. New Business**

### **Dr. Lindberg**

Just prior to conference, Lascar received a phone call from Dr. Lindberg's assistant that he is interested in attending the entire conference and having his wife attend also. He asked that DBIO pay for Mrs. Lindberg's registration. It was suggested that Lascar attempt to get comp tickets first, then pay if necessary. DBIO will not pay for travel, just dinner and the registration.

### ***Biofeedback***

The sponsorship of a complete issue came up when one company asked to be the sole sponsor. In this case, there would be one full-page advertisement and a notice that the company sponsored the issue. Also, if allowed, *Biofeedback* would provide a link to the company's web site. An amount of \$1,000 for sole sponsorship was accepted.

### **Great Lakes Regional Conference Advertisement**

Duggar requested that DBIO place an ad with the GLRC. Fuller suggested swapping ads with it. Duggar suggested a business card sized ad, which would be \$25. We could use the same ad that was used for the South Atlantic Regional Conference last year. The proposal was accepted.

### **Nashville Conference**

Weiss displayed the logo for 2004, and announced the theme as: Putting Knowledge to Work. She stressed that the conference will be held in the Opryland Hotel, outside of Nashville, where everything will be under one roof. She has received one very good proposal for a CE course. She has also been advised to program fewer medical/biomedical sessions and more life sciences sessions. The Medical Section Reception might be at the Eskind Biomedical Library of Vanderbilt University. There may be a tour of the Cheekwood Botanical Gardens and Sculpture Trail. Several other divisions are interested in this as well. It will be Sci/Tech's turn for the Academic Roundtable, and its theme will be e-journals. DFAN and DCHEM want to be included in the Vendor Roundtable. DERM will lead a session on sustainable fisheries that DBIO has been invited to co-sponsor. Geography and Maps wants to have a session on GIS and healthcare. On Tuesday, the 2004 Program Committee will meet to plan the program.

Several suggestions for programming arose, including an e-journals session featuring Ken Frazier, who has published pricing studies under the term "The Big Deal." Another suggestion is Vanderbilt clinical librarians who go on rounds. Bonnie Stephenson will be planning the Medical Section programming and will take this up, perhaps with a broader scope. Another session may be about geriatrics, and another about veterinarians and libraries.

The 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of DBIO will be in Toronto. There may be a very nice program possibility called Laugh for the Health of It, with speaker Elaine Lundberg. She charges \$1,000.

**VIII.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Revised and submitted July 9, 2003,

Peggy Jones, Secretary



## **Awards Committee Update**

### **2003 Distinguished Member Award Presented in New York**

At the Annual Business Meeting in New York, the Division presented the 2003 Distinguished Member Award to **Larry L. Wright** for "excelling as a mentor and for demonstrating enthusiastic and innovative leadership." Larry received a certificate, a tribute (which follows), and an engraved Revere bowl to honor his contributions to the Division and his achievements as a special librarian.

#### **Larry L. Wright**

For nearly two decades Larry Wright has served the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division, the North Carolina Chapter, and the Special Libraries Association, both as a reliable and creative committee member, and as an enthusiastic and innovative leader. Within the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division, he proposed the formation of an awards program to honor individuals and organizations for their service to the Division. He established the procedures and guidelines for the operation of the Contributed Papers Committee and organized the first Contributed Papers Session, creating a new opportunity for Division members to disseminate the results of novel and innovative applied research in biomedical and life sciences librarianship. As Director, he developed the Division's first strategic plan.

Larry has been highly active in his local Chapter as well, chairing committees and serving on the Chapter Executive Board. At the Association level, he was appointed to and later chaired the Student and Academic Relations Committee (formerly the Student Affairs Committee). During his tenure as chair, he worked to enhance the profile of Student Groups within the Association, exhorted Student Groups to report their activities to SLA, and successfully campaigned to establish a Certificate of Recognition for Promoting Student Group Activities (now the Certificate of Merit). He has earned honors and accolades for his excellence in the workplace as well, including the NIEHS Special Act Service Award, the NIEHS Award for High Quality Work Performance, and the NIH Award of Merit.

It is as a mentor, however, that he excels. Rather than lament the graying of librarianship, Larry reaches out to the students who refresh our profession and re-supply our ranks. Rather than wonder whence will come the library and SLA leaders of tomorrow, Larry grooms them. He continually seeks out new

opportunities to engage and involve his colleagues in the Division, the Association, and the profession. When those opportunities cannot be found, he creates them. His accomplishments in this area are legion, and were recognized by the Association when he became the first recipient of the Rose L. Vormelker Award.

Larry expects the very best from his colleagues and celebrates with us as we deliver it. He offers us his boundless zest for special librarianship, generously shares his knowledge and insight with us, and does it all with unflagging good cheer and humor. The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association is pleased to recognize Larry Wright with its 2003 Distinguished Member Award.

### **Division Member Honored by SLA**

**Lorri A. Zipperer** (Zipperer Project Management, Evanston, Illinois) received the 2003 SLA H.W. Wilson Company Award at the SLA Annual Conference. This award is given for the best article published during the previous calendar year in *Information Outlook*. Lorri was presented the award for co-authoring (with fellow SLA member Sara R. Tompson) "Communicating Competencies and Collaboration" [*Information Outlook* 6(9): 28-34].

### **Division Members Honored by Medical Library Association**

Two Division members were honored at the 2003 Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony of the Medical Library Association (MLA), held this past May in San Diego. **Naomi C. Broering** (W. C. Herrick Community Health Care Library, La Mesa, California) received the Marcia C. Noyes Award, the highest professional distinction awarded by MLA, recognizing her "lasting and outstanding contributions to the health sciences librarianship profession." The honor of MLA Fellow was bestowed upon **J. Michael Homan** (Mayo Clinic and Mayo Foundation, Rochester, Minnesota), in recognition of his leadership in and service to MLA.

### **Other Awards News**

The Awards Committee would like to acknowledge and honor Division members who receive recognition by other professional organizations. Please notify **Julia Perez**, Awards Committee Chair (perezj@mail.lib.msu.edu), of awards that you or other BIO members have received.

Some of our recent award winners include **Joan DeFato** (The Arboretum of Los Angeles County, Arcadia, California) and **Elizabeth Uleryk** (Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario). Joan was the 2002 recipient of the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc. (CBHL) Charles Robert Long Award of Extraordinary Merit. This honor has only been awarded nine times since CBHL's formation in 1969. Joan received the award "in recognition of extraordinary merit; with gratitude for outstanding contributions and service to CBHL; in acknowledgment of professional encouragement to colleagues; and in appreciation for her many collaborative activities with scientists, librarians, and administrators in the plant sciences." Elizabeth was a recipient of the 2002 Canadian Health Libraries Association / Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada (CHLA/ABSC) BMC BC Decker Research Paper Prize. The prize is awarded for original, timely, relevant, well designed and well written research in health sciences librarianship published during the previous calendar year in *Bibliotheca Medica Canadiana*

(BMC), the official journal of CHLA/ABSC. Elizabeth and her co-authors were presented the award for their article "Peer Informatics Training for Medical Students" [*BMC* 22(3): 121-127].

### **Congratulations!**

Nancy R. Curtis, 2002-2003 Awards Committee Chair

### **And Congratulations to Michele R. Tennant!**

"The Role of Medical Libraries in Undergraduate Education: A Case Study in Genetics," published in the April 2002 issue of the Journal of the Medical Library Association (*J Med Libr Assoc* 2002 Apr; 90(2): 181-193), made the American Library Association's Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT) list of the top twenty articles that advanced information literacy and library instruction in 2002. Written by Michele R. Tennant, Ph.D., AHIP, past president of the DBIO and Michael M. Miyamoto, Ph.D., the full-text article can be found on PubMed Central at

<http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/articlerender.fcgi?artid=100763>.

Find the complete list of "LIRT's Top Twenty for 2002" at

<http://www3.baylor.edu/LIRT/lirtnews/2003/jun03.pdf>, starting on page 5. The LIRT's Committee reviewed over eighty articles related to information literacy and library instruction from school, special and academic libraries, covering both the national and international arena. Tennant's paper was selected because it exemplified a model for course-integrated instruction. The library component facilitated the students learning and understanding of genetic concepts and relevance of genetics to the real world. A number of students found the intensive exploration of databases not only profitable, but also greatly enhanced their appreciation of the practice of scientific research.



## **NEW YORK CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Academic Roundtable Breakfast**

June 8, 2003 7:30 am to 9:30 am

Roving Reporter: Jean E Crampon

The Academic Roundtable Breakfast was co-sponsored by DBIO, DCHE, and DST. About 45 people attended the early Sunday morning program. My table discussed some common interests/problems such as remodeling library space and new office space designs while we ate a continental breakfast prior to the beginning of the discussion on Linking Technologies led by Kathleen Kehoe of the Columbia University Biological Sciences Library. She gave a brief chronology beginning with the 1991 archive in Physics up to the current interest in open URL's and digital object identifiers (DOI's). There was lively discussion about commercial products and projects, such as ACM/IEEE including tagging to search outside the IEL system and CAS registry number additions to engineering databases to make chemical searching easier, and locally developed systems, such as the University of Illinois's alternative that will allow broadcast searching across platforms. It reminded me of the old discussions about having a single search language back in the days of mediated searching!

There were many things mentioned that were either new to me or reminded me of changes that I had heard elsewhere. The University of California's work with the California Digital Library reported that



SFX did not always work smoothly (they cited IEEE and BIOSIS as not always compatible) along with a multiple/duplicate hit problem. At least three systems have links to online catalogs and only need to be turned on (sometimes by the administrator and sometimes by the provider): OVID, CSA, and Web of Science. Also discussed was a Canadian project allowing access to science information for all [academic] institutions in Canada. The initial funding is 40% government, 40% university, and 20% private with the universities responsible for all costs after five years, extending the system to social sciences and humanities eventually.

Other systems/projects discussed included Webspirs (SilverPlatter), Metalib, the Scholars Portal, CPEN, and LOCKSS. SilverPlatter has a problem of duplicate hits when both SFX and Silverlinker are engaged. One institution turned off Silverlinker in favor of SFX although they renamed the SFX button on their system. Metalib is being used successfully as an alternative to SFX, but the system is so complex it took about a year to learn how to use it for simultaneous linkages and broadcast searches. The Scholars Portal is an interesting test, but its original design for faculty/researchers is being reconsidered to make it more attractive to students as well. CPEN, the Community Public Policy Education Network (I think that's the correct definition) is being developed by Princeton and funded by the Pew Trust to focus on easier access to subject area. LOCKSS (Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe) is slowing in development as insufficient participants have been found to be the archives.

Additional resources for continued discussions and information include [www.dlib.org](http://www.dlib.org), [journalfinder@uncg.edu](mailto:journalfinder@uncg.edu), and [www.trincoll.edu/depts/library/openurl/docs.htm](http://www.trincoll.edu/depts/library/openurl/docs.htm).

### **Medical Section Business Meeting**

Sunday, June 8, 2003; 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

David Duggar, roving reporter

The Medical Section Business Meeting was held in the Winter Garden Palace room of the Marriott and was sponsored by BMJ Publishing. This was on the sixth floor, which was being decorated for an after-the-Tony-Awards dinner. The entire floor was red due to red light bulbs in the ceiling and any signs to indicate the side hallways, which led to the meeting rooms, had been removed. Due in part to difficulty of finding the room, the fact that the sixth floor looked like Satan's living room, and perhaps other things, this was a very sparsely attended meeting with only fifteen people present.

Howard Fuller III, Section Chair, introduced officers and notables present, including Bonnie Stephenson, Section Chair-elect, Peggy Jones, Program Chair, David Duggar, Division Chair, and Naomi Boering, Chair of the Consumer and Patient Health Information Section of the Medical Library Association.

Sue O'Neill Johnson and Patricia Mae Stachiw then made a presentation on 'Clinical Trials and Librarians'. Sue discussed working at the National Library of Medicine with the clinical trials group and the database, <http://clinicaltrials.gov>, following by a study of parish nurses and clinical trial information conducted by Karen Pomerance. The results of the study showed that librarians were needed to help provide information, filter what was on the database, and assist in providing brochures and other materials that could be given to patients by the nurses. Queens Public Library had received had received a grant that enabled them to hire Patricia as their medical librarian. She had trained the public librarians on the use of the <http://clinicaltrials.gov> database and assisted patrons in finding information on clinical trials. She found that few public librarians had the time or desire to learn about all aspects of clinical trials and use the database either in providing or recommending its use to patrons. Queens serves 2.2 million people of which 46% are foreign-born and 53% speak a language other than English at home. Patricia found that government information was looked at suspiciously due to the cultural issues of the population. After the grant ended and she obtained another job in New York, she expects that the use of the clinical trials

database ended altogether. The work of another librarian at a nursing school and the building a network of advocates for seeking out clinical trial information concluded the program.

The business part of the meeting then began. The minutes of last year's meeting were accepted subject to spell checking. Claudia Lascar, MLA Liaison for the Division, gave a brief report on the MLA conference in San Diego. All were encouraged to see the MLA web site and consider getting the diskette or CD-ROM of the conference presentations. The Section officers for the 2003/2004 year were announced. Bonnie Stephenson led a brainstorming session for programming ideas for the 2004 SLA conference in Nashville. The decision was to look at two slots for Section programming revolving around (1) Electronic resources, journals, collection development, IT development – partnering with another Division; (2) Clinical or medical topic, and might look at Vanderbilt to help hone ideas, Alzheimer's disease being the most popular. All were encouraged to attend the Section's Monday afternoon program, Knowledge Technologies: Broadening the Opportunities of Librarians. A drawing was held immediately afterwards for the book, *Informed Consent*, which Bonnie Stephenson won.

### **Genomics and Proteomics, Part 2 – Legal Licensing**

Wednesday, June 11, 2003; 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

David Duggar, Roving Reporter

The Science-Technology Division was the lead Division with the Legal, Insurance and Employee Benefits, and Biomedical and Life Sciences Divisions as cosponsors of this follow-up session to the Genomics and Proteomics General Session featuring Dr. Lindberg and Dr. Brown. It was held in the same room, the Petit Trianon Ballroom of the Hilton, though was much smaller in attendance with less than thirty present. James Manasco, Chair-Elect of the Science-Technology Division, was the moderator. The program topic was 'Analysis of Research Data and Legal Licensing'. Saeed Tavazoie, Assistant Professor in the Department of Molecular Biology at Princeton University, was unable to make it. His presentation as described in the program description was to be 'from the perspective of a laboratory researcher, a presentation on information developing processes from someone who performs identification and isolation procedures, followed by fundamental research leading to applications.' Vladimir V. Drozdoff, attorney at Clifford Chance US LLP in New York, was able to attend. His presentation was entitled 'Patent Protection for Proteomics and Drug Discovery: Protecting Innovation without Stifling Development' and was to cover the implications of patents and licensing of genomic/proteomic data. Mr. Drozdoff defined proteomics and what the common claim is, falling into a biological tool or a research method claim. He then presented recent decisions affecting the scope of biological tool and research method patents in regards to proteomics, beginning with the Hatch-Waxman Act "Safe Harbor" 35 USC§271(e)(1). This act was created to balance the interests of patent holders and generic drug makers. Drozdoff discussed different court cases that have interpreted this act broadly, expanding its coverage. One of the more recent decisions extends the act so that 'Safe harbor may extend to drug discovery (Bristol-Myers Squibb vs. Rhone-Paulene Rorer, 2001 WL 1512597 (SDNY Nov 28, 2001))'. Mr. Drozdoff then presented the written description requirement for patent law and the four requirements for patent-ability: new, not obvious, fully described, useful, as cited in 35 USC§112 paragraph 1. Questions about describing the structure and functional characteristics for an invention in biotechnology such as research methods or new drugs were the discussed with the following case (Enzo Biochem vs. Gen-Probe, 296 F.3d 1316 (Fed. Circ. 2002)). The conflict of what the patent claims versus what the patentees invent was discussed in (University of Rochester vs. G.D. Searle & Co., 249 F. Supp. 2d 216 (WDNY 2003)). Likely hot issues for the future are licensing research tool claims and claims to end products based on disclosing biological tools or research methods. Mr. Drozdoff believes that biological tool and research method patents still have value and will continue to be issued. Their value will be seen in four ways: (1) as part of coordinated IP strategy; (2) licensing research tools to reflect commercial value; (3)

manufacture and sale of research tools (example: screening for mad cow disease); (4) ‘horse-trading’ (example: partnering and cross-licensing) between companies and institutions.

### **Tree of Life Project**

Tuesday, June 10, 11:30-1:00

Katja Schulz, Speaker

Diane Schmidt, Moderator and roving reporter

The Tree of Life Project, as its Web page (<http://tolweb.org/tree/>) proclaims, is “a collaborative Internet project containing information about phylogeny and biodiversity.” Katja Schulz, our speaker, has been the Managing Editor of the project since receiving her PhD in Entomology from the University of Arizona in 1999. Her speech was co-authored by David Maddison, the coordinator and editor of the project who has spearheaded the project since its inception in 1994. About 40 people attended the program.

The Tree of Life Project provides a framework for contributors to provide information on biodiversity and evolutionary relationships between organisms. The project was originally intended as an authoritative source of phylogenetic information by and for biologists, but the enthusiastic response from middle and high school students and teachers has led to an expansion of its scope and design. The structure of the site remains a hierarchical tree following phylogenetic principles, but the content is being expanded to include more general information on the taxa represented. The current pages include phylogenetic trees where there is general agreement, plus information on the biology of the taxa, images of some representative species, references, and links to more information. A growing number have also undergone a peer review process.

The project coordinators plan on expanding the coverage of under-represented groups such as birds and mammals, including material from other Web projects such as Species 2000 or TreeBase, and developing pages written by students or teachers rather than professional biologists. These pages would be clearly labeled as such and would be in addition to, rather than instead of, the professional pages. The professionally developed content will be expanding as well. With the development of the new dynamic pages in 2002, users can click on the “MyToL” link on the top of each page to set preferences including the arrangement of the pages and which elements are shown, with more advanced features to come.

There were a number of questions relating to the details of how the pages are developed and Project’s future plans. A slightly modified copy of the presentation is available at the ToL site, <http://tolweb.org/tree/home.pages/SLAOnline.pps>

### **Getting Published**

Presenters: Martin Kesselman and Patricia O’Brien Libutti, Rutgers University Libraries, New Brunswick, NJ

Monday, June 9, 11:30 – 1 pm

Roving reporter, Frederica Scott

This was a very imaginative, interactive session given by two enthusiastic, creative, energizing librarians/writers. Their goal was to give the audience some tools with which to find their own voices in the very big world of publishing in all its formats and guises. From “finding our own comfort zone” to their idea matrix, Martin and Patricia strung us all along. We danced into their Idea TANGOES – Transform our piece, Angle by finding multiple solutions to a problem, Notice our environment, Gather our information, Outline our concepts, Energy Audit to find our optimal time to write and Scamper and

stretch an idea. The presentation ended with a timed exercise to create as many titles of possible articles we could generate. The session was meant to open up our senses, to help us find better ways of writing and to excite us – and it managed to do all this.

### **DBIO Contributed Papers Value-Added User Services in Biomedical and Life Sciences Libraries: Three Presentations**

Wednesday, June 11 4-5:30pm

Roving reporter, Frederica Scott

“The Added Value of an Informationist at New York Medical College”. Presenters: Diana J. Cunningham, MLS, MPH, Marie T. Ascher, MLS and Helen-Ann Brown, MS, MLS.

In 2003, the Medical School Library at NYMC began to explore implementing the informationist role in three departments, the School of Medicine, Public Health and Basic Biomedical Sciences. Prior to this, the term informationist described a “clinical librarian who is an integral part of the health care team”. The presenters adapted this concept for the life sciences and walked us through all of the steps used in creating their program. They defined the necessary and unique skills and competencies required, described the initial internal and external assessments, selected participating librarians, explored funding needs and ended with some preliminary results and findings. The program was well received at NYMC and the “I” concept, as it is known, opened many new doors. With those doors came the caveat, be prepared for raised expectations and the extra time and funding needed to follow through to meet them.

“Visualizing Information in the Biological Sciences: Using the Web Theme to Visualize Internet Search Results”. Presenters: Karen A Buxton and Mary Frances Limbo, Hanford Technical Library, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, Washington.

How many times have you entered a search term in Google or Alta Vista and gotten 20,000 hits? Granted your search strategy might have been better, but for those very broad subjects and the unsuspecting user, returns in that quantity, even with a relevancy ranking, require new tools. Ms. Buxton and Lembo jointly worked and funded this project with their Information Science and Engineering Department, to create a visual program which mapped all of these thousands of results into a three-dimensional landscape or relief map indicating theme strengths and cluster centroids. With the help of the zoom, query and grouping tools, data could be linked, analyzed and combined in many different ways. Visually this was a treat and, even with reservations, we all need some help in making our way through all of the internet search results.

“Focused Information Support for Academic Classes”. Presenter: Kenn Harper, , University of Rochester, NY

Today’s reference librarians are finding themselves more actively involved in support of their curricular schedules. More often than not they are referred to as Liaison Librarians or Subject Specialists and, with this focus, become more familiar with all of the resources in varying formats pertaining to their areas. Mr. Harper’s paper focused on raising the visibility and usefulness of the liaison to both students and faculty by creating Course Reserve pages with additional related and supporting resources and even a picture of the librarian. The successful results showed very heavy usage of the system, students “bonding” with their pages, an increased interaction with students and faculty by the subject librarians and the pages actually optimizing time in the classroom. The presentation offered new ways to put the reference librarians expertise into the classroom and build new relationships with students and faculty.

## Health Effects of Air Quality Post 9/11

Sponsored by the Biomedical & Life Sciences Division and the Environment & Resource Management Division

June 9, 2003 1:30pm to 3:00 pm:

Speakers: Dr. George Thurston, Associate Professor, NYU School of Medicine's Department of Environmental Medicine; Dr. Bruce Lippy, Director, National Clearinghouse for Worker Safety and Health Training; Dr. Robin Herbert, Associate Professor, Mount Sinai School of Medicine and Co-Director of Mount Sinai's World Trade Center Worker and Volunteer Medical Screening Program. Moderator and roving reporter: Dav Robertson

Dr. Thurston described the efforts within the days and weeks after the World Trade Center disaster to collect air samples, evaluate exposure, and evaluate risk to the workers and the public. Dr. Thurston and others from the NIEHS-funded Community Outreach and Education Program at NYU started collecting air samples the day after the disaster. It was several weeks later that EPA started monitoring the air. EPA measured small particles, but they weren't necessarily the problem. Dr. Thurston found that the larger particles were getting caught in the throat and eyes. Forty percent of the particles were glass fibers. The large particles from concrete were very alkaline (pH 10-12) and very irritating. Fifteen percent of the plume was chlorinated compounds. It was like having an incinerator in the middle of the city. Dr. Thurston pointed out that other investigators are finding increased reactivity in the lungs. He said that asbestos was not an especially serious threat because the samples showed the fibers not to be the dangerous long ones. His general conclusions followed: there is little long-term risk to the general public; there has been poor risk communication; and the public wants facts, not reassurances. He concluded by proposing a National Academy of Sciences type of organization to monitor risks from this and other disasters. For more information, see <http://www-apps.niehs.nih.gov/coeprc/spotlight/0102.cfm>.

Dr. Lippy discussed problems associated with the cleanup workers. His chief concern was that the workers did not have adequate instruction in using the respirators. He said they didn't have any on-site testing for proper fit until October 17, and they didn't have any formal training sessions until 78 days after the disaster. Over 130,000 respirators were given out by OSHA and another 33,000 by other groups. The greatest overexposure was to asbestos, but the particles were the less dangerous smaller ones. One of the biggest problems was exposure to carbon monoxide from the saws used by the steelworkers to dismantle metal pieces. He concluded by posing some questions that this incident raises. Do standards for hazardous waste sites relate to an incident of this nature and to future responses? Do we risk a life to save a life? How do we outfit responders quickly? How do we provide useful information quickly? For more information, see the clearinghouse Web site: <http://www.wetp.org/> and click on "Worker Safety Issues at the World Trade Center."

Dr. Herbert described the findings of medical screenings at Mount Sinai School of Medicine from the week immediately following the disaster up to the present. They screened individuals who fled the site as well as cleanup workers. Most of the health effects had to do with the respiratory system, such as World Trade Center cough and asthma. ("Air you can see is not good for you...") Over 6,571 people have been seen, including policemen, ironworkers, laborers, and telecommunications workers. Of a 250 person sample, average age 40, 78% had at least one WTC-related pulmonary symptom, 46% were still experiencing effects 8-10 months after 9/11, 88% had at least one ENT symptom, and 50% still had ENT symptoms. These were mainly nasal passage tissue problems. Of 2,293 screened for mental health effects, 48% were referred for counseling, and 10% were considered at risk for being suicidal. Dr. Herbert concluded by saying they were still seeing respiratory and psychological effects 15 months afterwards, and she recommended long-term medical monitoring, especially for the possibility of nasopharyngeal cancer. For more information, see the press releases and other links at <http://www.wtcexams.org/>

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**2003 Vendors Roundtable**  
**June 8, 2003**  
**New York City, NY**

Synopsis from *Susan Kendall*, Vendor Relations Committee

This year's Vendors Roundtable was presented by the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division and the Pharmaceutical and Health Technology Division and was sponsored by BioMed Central, BIOSIS, Humana Press, and OVID. The moderators were Susan Kendall of Michigan State University and John Tebo of the University of Cincinnati. 38 people attended the event and enjoyed a wonderful continental breakfast provided by our sponsors.

**Humana Press**

Chris Zelaya, Director of Publishing at Humana Press, discussed a new service at HumanaNow.com. HumanaNow.com is a gateway to thousands of Humana Press protocols, articles, journals, and eBooks that researchers can access for immediate download. This portal is a one-stop shop for biomedical and clinical information across disciplines, including molecular biology, cell biology, neuroscience, immunology, endocrinology, oncology, and more.

BioMedProtocols.com contains the largest online database of biological and biomedical research protocols, including Methods in Molecular Biology and Methods in Molecular Medicine. Access to this site can be provided for a 30 day trial period. Service includes IP range driven access and comprehensive user statistics. Price is based on FTE users in the biomedical and life sciences fields. For more information see [humanapress.com](http://humanapress.com).

**OVID**

Sylvia Savage, Director of Customer Development, talked about three new OVID services. Ovid has developed a new linking product called LINKSOLVER. This allows relevant links to appear no matter where the content resides. If an institution has purchased content, they now can link it so there is easier access from the OVID databases.

Sylvia also introduced a number of new OVID databases, including NewRx, Zoological Record, AGRIS, INSPEC Biomedical Technology, and IEEE Biomedical Engineering Library. OVID has also developed a number of new corporate portal services, including proprietary database servicing. A company can load their own data on an OVID platform, providing easy, secure access to company data. They can also customize a branded website tailored to your organization. This relieves the company of hardware and software maintenance issues and provides enhanced visibility and value to an organization. For more information see [ovid.com](http://ovid.com).

**BIOSIS**

Myra Shields, BIOSIS Senior Trainer, talked about new features in *Biological Abstracts*, *BIOSIS Previews*, and *Zoological Record* that were unveiled in 2003. The primary enhancements to *BIOSIS Previews* are the addition of more than 9 million CAS Registry Numbers<sup>®</sup> to the 1969 – 1992 segment, the addition of more than 6,300 sequence data accession numbers, and the addition of BIOSIS Major Concepts over the entire range of the database, which had previously been available only in the more recent portion of the file. BIOSIS has also added more complete taxonomic data over this range, and remapped MeSH disease terms and Biosystematic Codes throughout the database to improve search retrieval. Patent indexing information has been streamlined over the entire file as well.

BIOSIS has enhanced the availability, functionality, and content of *Zoological Record (ZR)* to solidify its appeal among animal sciences researchers. To this end, BIOSIS has recently made *ZR* available through new vendors, has bolstered content with more abstracts, and has embedded more information in each citation for flexible, powerful searching.

Myra also announced the launch of *BiologyBrowser* ([www.biologybrowser.org](http://www.biologybrowser.org)), an interactive portal designed for the life sciences community. *BiologyBrowser* creates a dynamic environment that connects users with valuable information through interactive discussion forums, quality-controlled web links, science news, and other free resources.

### **BioMed Central**

Mark Bevan, a sales representative from BioMed Central, talked about their mission. BioMed Central is an independent publishing house committed to providing immediate free access to peer-reviewed biomedical research. All of the original research articles in journals published by BioMed Central are immediately and permanently available online without charge or any other barrier to access. This commitment is based on the view that open access to research is central to rapid and efficient progress in science and that subscription-based access to research is hindering rather than helping scientific communication.

BioMed Central's commitment to free and immediate access to original research articles is fundamental to their goals as science publishers. Most publishers of original research articles cover their costs, and often make high profits, by charging users (mostly through library subscriptions). This results in both high costs and many restrictions to access and usage. BioMed Central uses other business models. Article-processing charges (the great majority of their journals charge a flat fee of US \$500 for each accepted manuscript) enable the costs of immediate, worldwide access to research to be covered. The levying of a moderate and reasonable charge for the costs of peer review and publication has the merit of directly linking the charge with the service to authors and the costs involved. Other sources of revenue include subscription access to commissioned articles, sales of paper copies of journals to libraries, sales of reprints, advertising and sponsorship, and most importantly the development of a range of subscription-based value added services such as literature reviews and evaluation, personalized information services delivered electronically, provision of editorially enhanced databases, tools that help scientists collaborate, and other software research aids. Their institutional membership program allows institutions to purchase yearly memberships so that the \$500 fee for publishing is waived for their researchers. The number of institutions becoming members of BioMed Central is growing.

BioMed Central also publishes the online literature evaluation service *Faculty of 1000*. The *Faculty of 1000* is an innovative new approach to the evaluation of research articles in the biological sciences based on the opinions of over 1400 leading international life science researchers. The service offers a systematic and comprehensive scheme for identifying and evaluating important papers directly by researchers, who provide both qualitative judgment and the reasons for making their choices. It is updated with new evaluations every day creating a consensus map of important papers and trends across biology, which users can view to reflect their research interests.

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**CONTRIBUTED PAPERS SESSION  
CALL FOR PAPERS**

Biomedical and Life Sciences Division, Special Libraries Association Conference  
June 5-10, 2004 in Nashville Tennessee

The SLA Biomedical and Life Sciences Division invites submissions for its annual Contributed Papers Session at the Nashville Conference in June 2004.

**SESSION THEME:** *Beyond Bibliographic Instruction: Teaching Old Dogs New Tricks*

Not all of our library users have “grown up digital” and many of us have found the need to take a slightly different approach when dealing with established library patrons. Have those of you in medical libraries developed programs that have successfully trained physicians or researchers to use new library resources? Have you academic librarians found new ways of reaching faculty or essentially “training the trainers”? Or have you corporate librarians found ways to keep managers abreast of new developments that is outside the realm of the one-hour BI session? Clearly, we go beyond bibliographic instruction when dealing with our established library patrons. Please consider sharing your successful programs with your colleagues.

**ABSTRACT:** A 200-500 word abstract should accurately convey the subject of the paper, its scope, conclusions, and relevance to the program theme. Attention will be paid to evidence of scholarship and methodology.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS:** September 15, 2003.

**PAPERS:** If chosen, acceptance of your paper reflects a commitment on your part to: 1) submit the complete text of your paper to the program convener by March 31, 2004; 2) give a presentation of your paper for no longer than 20 minutes at the SLA annual conference, June 5-10, 2004 in Nashville; 3) where appropriate and feasible, offer a brief demonstration or representation of your project during your presentation.

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## **Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries Conference Report**

CBHL Meets Again in New York

By Joan DeFato

The 35<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries began on Tuesday, June 10 with a late-day reception and book fair at the Horticultural Society of New York. During the reception, two CBHL Annual Literature Award winners for 2003 were announced: *The Cactus Family* by Edward Anderson in the technical category, *The Greater Perfection* by Francis Cabot in general interest.

On Wednesday we returned to HSNY for tours and talks. Kate Chura spoke on Green Ways, their program for training prisoners for horticultural jobs. Diana Kresh of the Library of Congress spoke on "Making a World Difference: Information Sharing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." "Making Magic in the City" was a presentation by Lynden Miller about the quickly installed, small gardens she has been designing in the city. She also participated in the redesign of Bryant Park, which we saw later in the day.

The first stop on Thursday was at a Brooklyn library to see a garden in the Green Branches program, a cooperative program between HSNY and the Brooklyn Public Library that puts educational and ornamental plantings around branch libraries. A short bus trip away is the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. The renovated administration building includes a library that is mostly aimed at gardeners. The larger science library is housed in a building across the street along with the scientific staff and the herbarium. Presentations were given on the benefits of consortia, BIOSIS, and chat reference. After tours that included the BBG Florilegium Society exhibit and specific areas of the Garden, we were happy to retire to the Fragrance Garden for a reception.

The third site of the meeting, The New York Botanical Garden, was Friday's destination. There the Charles Robert Long Award of Merit, named for a former librarian of the NYBG, was awarded to the highly deserving Ruth Schallert, the longtime and only botany librarian at The Smithsonian. She is also a founding member of CBHL. The program continued with a panel discussion on "Redefining Stewardship—How Libraries, Book Collectors and Booksellers Collaborate in Collection Integrity and Development." After lunch the presentation was "Cleaning, Rehousing and Moving A Library Collection," a process recently undergone in the LuEsther T. Mertz Library. After a final presentation on OCLC Question Point and a tour of the new library, we all adjourned to Mario's for our banquet. It has been a tradition to raffle off the books nominated for our Literature Award and the organizers made good use of that by requiring that evaluation sheets be turned in before attendees could qualify for the raffle.

The optional field trip on Saturday started with a trip to Battery Park and the new gardens there. The bus continued on to Planting Fields Arboretum, a former estate in Oyster Bay on Long Island. Because plantings date from the early 1900s, there are many specimen trees on the grounds. The visit ended with a bang when a thunderstorm developed.



### **Recap of 2002/2003 by Outgoing Chair**

I managed not to give a report during our Annual Business Meeting in New York. What follows is my recap of the Division's year as your outgoing Chair's report.

The year 2002/2003 was very successful for the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division. Forty-seven members served on Division committees with an additional four previously untapped as moderators of programs during the Special Libraries Association conference. The Division's *Procedure Manual* was

updated by the Director and revisions made to the online version on the Division's web site. *Biofeedback*, the newsletter of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division, celebrated its one-year anniversary as an electronic-only newsletter. No longer a fiscal drain, it is now a revenue generator. It also included two Product Reviews by members of the Vendor Relations Committee and seven Book Reviews arranged by the Publications Committee, along with the quarterly Members Publication List compiled by the Public Relations Committee. No changes were made this year to the Division's listserv, BSDNet-L. Regular maintenance continued, ensuring a Spam-free list. The listserv still only has about one-third of the members signed-on to it. The moderators, Carol Vreeland and Laura Osegueda, plan to change the name to BIOSLA-L during the early part of the 2003/2004-year and create the BIO-Announce list, which will have all members' e-mail for critical notices on an infrequent basis.

While the archivist is still looking for a volunteer to take the position, much has been sorted through in preparation for a turnover of the office. The Archivist and Chair added to the Division's web site copies of the 1985 and 2000 Long Range Plans and a Roster of Elected Officers for the Division dating back to 1952. These are just a few things in preparation of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Division in 2005.

During the fall, the Awards Committee submitted nominations for Fellow of the Special Libraries Association and Distinguished Member Award of the Division. No nomination was made this year for the Winifred Sewell Prize for Innovation in Information Technologies in Biomedical and Life Sciences Librarianship. Miss Sewell passed away during the later half of 2002 at the age of 85. The committee also updated the Awards list on the Division's web site and has begun creation of a databank of individuals' resumes and activities in the Division to facilitate future nominations.

The Bylaws Committee reviewed and proposed changes, which the membership approved by vote at the Division's Annual Breakfast Meeting during the SLA conference in New York. These changes remove the description of the Nomination and Elections Committee, which is located with all other committee descriptions in the *Procedures Manual*, allows a single-slate of candidates for office, and changes the access to the newsletter from print to electronic. The Nomination and Elections Committee in turn found one or more candidates for each office, which were elected by ballot during the spring.

Four papers were accepted for the Contributed Papers Session on the theme "Value-Added User Services in Biomedical and Life Sciences Libraries: The Informationist". One was withdrawn due to a family emergency, but the other three were presented at the session in New York. The *Proceedings* of the session are being added to the Division's web site and a call has already gone out for next year's topic.

The Fund Development and Vendor Relations Committees raised almost \$15,000 for sponsorship of Division programs at the annual conference in New York. Three new companies, Adis International, BMJ Publishing, and IBM Life Sciences, were added. Four companies committed funds to speak at the Vendor Roundtable, which offered food this year. The Smithsonian Institution Press again donated books as door prizes, this time four items. The fund brochure was revised and placed on the Division's web site, while 'thank you' hearts were distributed to the sponsors exhibiting in New York, and mailed to those not there. The LSUHSC-S institution could no longer host the Fund database and the committee opted not to continue it electronically. The committee chair will maintain a binder, which members will update annually, and communicate sponsorships through email.

The Membership Committee sent out 184 welcome letters to new members and quarterly lists of new student and Medical Section members were sent to the Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee, which sent out 45 welcome letters, and Medical Section Chair, who reported 182 members total in the section. Landmark certificates were made recognizing anniversary years of membership in the Division, and distributed to those present at the Annual Business Meeting and mailed to those not. The outgoing Membership Chair is also updating the Longevity List on the Division's web site. The Chair of the

Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee offered free tickets to the Academic Roundtable breakfast and Annual Business Meeting breakfast to student members. Five students requested tickets, which the Division Chair ordered and provided at the breakfasts. A call for mentors was also made in *Biofeedback* and on BSDNet-L as SLA receives mentor requests, more often for Chapters than Divisions, and passes these to the Division Chair. One member answered that call.

One hundred and thirty-five former members were sent renewal encouraging letters by the Membership Committee. The Public Relations Committee created a business card sized ad to attract new and former Division members. This ad was placed in the program of the second South Atlantic Regional Conference, held September 2002. It is also being placed in the program of the fifth Great Lakes Regional Conference being held September 2003.

In addition to these activities the Public Relations Committee compiled its quarterly Members Publications List from *Biofeedback* for the year for distribution at the Annual Business Meeting. Likewise, the Publications Committee in addition to the seven book reviews arranged, added several new members' web sites to the Members Web Sites section of the Division's web page.

The Division's Professional Development, Program, Vendor Relations Committees, and Medical Section officers were very busy organizing activities for the 2003 SLA conference in New York. Two continuing education courses, two field trips (one of which was canceled), one reception (later canceled), five board/business meetings, one past chairs' luncheon, and eleven sessions for a total of twenty activities were held at the 2003 SLA conference in New York. Two sessions were cosponsored with other Divisions as lead. Rooms were full for many and overflowing for two programs: Monday's Knowledge Technologies: Broadening the Opportunities for Librarians, and Wednesday's Genomics and Proteomics General Session, and the field trip to the New York Botanical Garden was sold out. Claudia Lascar, Division Liaison to the Medical Library Association, coordinated a last minute dinner with Dr. Donald Lindberg, one of the Genomics and Proteomics General Session speakers, and his wife followed by the ISI reception at the Whitney Museum of Art.

In addition to the dinner and work on the Program and Public Relations committees, Claudia attended the Medical Library Association's annual meeting in San Diego in May. The posters, presentations, and other information from the meeting as well as other projects and news from MLA can be found at <http://www.mlanet.org>. Most liaisons were not kept quite as busy, though there were exceptions. Ruth Gustafson attended the 28<sup>th</sup> conference of the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers (IAMSLIC) held in Mazatlan, Mexico in October 2002. As liaison to IAMSLIC she will be in Mystic, Connecticut this October for the 29<sup>th</sup> conference. Information on past and upcoming conferences can be found at the web site, <http://www.iamslc.org/index.html>. The Governmental Relations liaison had a quiet year, while the International Relations liaison looked at surveys regarding current and future directions of the association. While the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIST) held its fourth Information Architecture Summit in March in Oregon, and plans another organized by the New England Chapter on Digital Archives next year, their upcoming annual conference will be in October in Long Beach, California. John Tebo reports that ASIST has also formed a virtual SIG on Bioinformatics that is still in its infancy but already has 190 listserv subscribers. More information can be gotten at <http://www.asis.org>.

The officers of the Division, in addition to their committee and liaison work above, were also busy with their regular duties representing the Division within SLA. The Chair as chair and as a member of the local hosting chapter, Chair-Elect, Secretary as Program Committee Chair for New York, and Director as a speaker, attended the SLA Winter Meeting in January in New Orleans. Janet Weiss joined the group as the Program Committee Chair for Nashville, the site of the 2004 SLA annual conference. Highlights from the winter meeting were reported in the Winter issue of *Biofeedback*.



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## Book Review Section

**Henry Gee & Luis V. Rey**

**A Field Guide to Dinosaurs: The Essential Handbook for Travelers in the Mesozoic**

144 p. \$24.95 (Hardcover)

New York: Barron's Educational Series, Inc., 2003

ISBN: 0-7641-5511-3

Reviewed by Hilary Leon

Gee and Rey's Field Guide to Dinosaurs is an unusual animal, to say the least. Its lively and fascinating introduction describes the book as "useful to safari enthusiasts with a fondness for time travel." The contents are an odd amalgam of material garnered from current paleontological research (although without any citations) and bizarre theories crafted entirely out of the authors and artists imaginations. However, as the book is straightforward about its intention to entertain and excite the reader, rather than to enlighten with strictly factual knowledge, I shall put aside this issue for the remainder of the review and comment on other aspects of the Field Guide.

As a work of speculative science, this book will be vastly enjoyable for dinosaur enthusiasts. Its text is well written and accompanied by huge, full-color illustrations of exceptional quality. The "field guide" illusion is maintained effectively throughout the book, without becoming silly or overwrought.

From a non-fiction perspective, the lack of citations, notes, or even suggested further reading is a real detriment to this volume. Particularly frustrating is the absence of a pronunciation guide for the dinosaur names. I would have considered this a requirement for any dinosaur text. The table of contents lists the dinosaurs included in no particular order, divided into four significant time periods. The index is no better, only two pages long and with little cross-indexing. A brief glossary is also included, but with only a few dozen important terms. Given all these facts, the book will be of limited use in most academic settings.

Having discharged my responsibility to call attention to these failings, I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. The science is just as fascinating as the fiction, and the blurred line between the two could easily spark a reader's interest in further investigating current research. This, combined with the gorgeous illustrations, make the book a fine purchase for any public library, and perhaps for libraries serving science education programs or with extensive popular science collections.

**William T. Stearn**

**The genus *Epimedium* and other herbaceous Berberidaceae including the genus *Podophyllum***

(A Botanical Magazine Monograph)

342 p. \$49.95 (cloth)

Portland, OR: Timber Press, 2002

ISBN: 0881925438

Reviewed by Roger Beckman

First I must admit that epimediums are one of my favorite garden plants (the so called Cadillacs of the ground covers) and that I am a fan of Timber Press books. Epimedium species from China and cultivars from Japan are becoming more available in nursery catalogs.

This book doesn't disappoint and comes out as epimediums are becoming more popular. Professor Stearn completed this account shortly before his death in 2001. The first sections cover the general history, morphology, classification, distribution and cultivation. This is followed by the detailed taxonomic treatment with keys. Fifty-four species of *Epimedium* are covered giving the history of their discovery, description, distribution, literature references, and published illustrations. Shorter sections cover the *Vancouveria*, e.g., the North American *Jeffersonia diphylla* or Twin-leaf, and the genus *Podophyllum* with one species, *peltatum* or the May Apple, from eastern North America.

For the gardener who has less interest in taxonomy the illustrations are a real treat. There are 27 handsome colored plates from the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew and 31 line drawings illustrating individual species. Seventy-five color photographs of plants complement the other illustrations. Many of these are taken in the wild in China or natural habitats elsewhere and give hints of the horticultural conditions favored by these plants. There is a 22-page bibliography, an index of scientific names, and appendixes to epimedium hybrids and cultivars.

This book is an expansion and revision of Professor Stearn's *Epimedium and Vancouveria* (Berberidaceae), London : Linnean Society of London, 1938. The section on the genus *Podophyllum* was prepared by Julian M.H. Shaw. The frontispiece portrait of Professor Stearn in his grey tweed coat, flying white hair, holding a red biscuit tin with blooming epimediums shows us a most remarkable, genial man. He started his work on these plants around 1930 and states in the preface "Later, when librarian of the Lindley Library, I was earning enough money to visit and study the material in Bonn, Florence ...." His affection for these plants is obvious.

I would recommend this book for libraries with patrons interested in advanced gardening and horticulture as well as those with an interest in botany.

**Michael Jordan**

**Hush Hush: the Dark Secrets of Scientific Research**

192 p.

Toronto: Firefly Books, 2003

Reviewed by Martha Yates

From UFOs, Bhopal, and thalidomide to the Tuskegee Syphilis study, this book reveals 40 stories of science and engineering gone bad and then kept secret as long as possible. The book is divided into 7 sections: big business keeping the public in the dark, medical ethics under the knife, "top secret" cover-ups, political gain takes precedence over public interests, the separate truths of governments and greens, when professional pride comes before public safety, and violating human rights in the name of science. Each story gets 3-6 pages of coverage with lots of graphic pictures.

Although there might be the occasional nod to mitigating circumstances, overall the book paints each topic in the harshest light possible. The stories are too short to have much detail or to tell both sides of the issue. Many of the incidents in the book started innocently enough and were made worse when people tried to cover-up mistakes that were made or when new, damaging information became available and was not made public. Some incidents were just terrible. No group was singled out for blame. There are examples of dishonesty from environmentalists and politicians as well as the more traditional scientific establishment.

There is a great deal of interesting information in this book, but I am troubled by its conspiracy mentality and lack of balance. The premise of the book seems to be that scientists lie and who knows what lies



haven't been uncovered yet. Although I am reluctant because of this to recommend the book, it should be a reminder to scientists of the importance of dealing with the public in an honest, straightforward way even when things go bad.



***The report of the 2001/2002 Annual Business Meeting was not included in the Summer 2002 Biofeedback, so it is published here.***

**Biomedical and Life Sciences Division  
Special Libraries Association  
2001/2002 Annual Business Meeting**

June 11, 2002

Los Angeles, California

Westin Santa Barbara B

7:00 – 8:30 am

1. Call to Order and Introduction of Board Members

Michele Tennant called the meeting to order at 7:20 AM. She welcomed members and introduced the Board. Michele Tennant, Chair; David Duggar, Chair-Elect; Nancy Curtis, Treasurer; Peggy Jones, Secretary; Lorri Zipperer, Director; Virginia Lingle, Past-Chair. She welcomed Hope Tillman, SLA President, attending as Board monitor. Dav Robertson, newly elected Chapter Cabinet Chair-elect, was also present.

2. Approval of Minutes from 2001 Annual Business Meeting

Minutes were approved as printed in *Biofeedback* Summer 2001.

3. Treasurer's Report

Nancy Curtis distributed the Annual Treasurer's Report 2002. She reported that the news and outlook were good this year. BIO ended Calendar Year 2001 with a net gain of \$5,787.91. As of May 31, 2002, the Division's assets consisted of a total of \$44,817.98. She noted that the budget planning chart contained details. Treasurer's Report was approved as received.

4. Election Results

Fred Roper reported on behalf of Anna McGowan. He acknowledged the other members, Jo Anne Boorkman and himself. Nancy Stimson was elected Chair-Elect for 2002-2003, and John Tebo as Treasurer for 2002-2004.

He introduced a proposal to change two things in the Division's bylaws regarding elections: one to change to the option of a single slate and the second to remove the committee's description as an updated version of the committee's description is in the Procedures Manual and should not be in the bylaws. These were to be acted on by the Bylaws Committee for the 2002/2003 year and voted on by the membership during the 2002/2003 year.

5. Brief Committee Reports

**Archives**

Dorothy Riemenschneider announced she would be looking for a volunteer to become the next archivist in December. Anyone interested was to contact David Duggar.

**Awards**

Nancy Curtis reported that nominations were submitted for two SLA Fellows and the Information Technology award.

**Biofeedback**

Jonathan Nabe reported that the first two issues were in print, and the second two were electronic only. The move to electronic had gone very well.

**BSDNET-L**

Laura Osegueda reported that she and Carol Vreeland run the BSDNET-L list from NC State University. They would get an upgrade of the software during the summer on 2002. The name change to BIO-SLA would go into effect also. They will be working to promote the list.

**Bylaws**

Anne Malley reported that there was no action regarding the division bylaws during 2002 pending the extensive revision and acceptance of the bylaws of the entire association.

**Contributed Papers**

Anne Malley reported for Barbara Butler. The theme: "Innovative Applications for Digital User Services in Biomedical and Life Sciences Libraries" had three presentations. The proceedings were posted on the Division web site. Heather Cunningham was the new member. Next year's topic was presented as a handout: "Value-Added User Services in Biomedical and Life Sciences Libraries: The Informationist."

**Director**

Lorri Zipperer updated the Procedures Manual on the web site. She encouraged ideas from members.

**Fund Development**

David Duggar reported that the year was good. The committee solicited \$16,150 in pledges; between 10 and 50 books were pledged and would be given out at the Conservation and Oceanographic sessions. In addition, 3 other divisions of SLA had pledged between \$1,000 and \$2,000 as cosponsors of three programs. The committee gave their "Thanks from the Heart from BIO" heart symbol to the exhibitors for their booths. Tennant thanked MDConsult, which contributed money to get hot food. Congratulations were given to the Fund Development Committee.

**Membership**

Jean Crampon reported as Chair, and Marianne Doherty, Diane Cooper and Barbara Schader were members. She reported 690 members. The committee needed new members.

**Professional Development**

Barbara Hedges reported as Chair, and Shannon Wally and Rosalind Lett were members. Two CE courses were offered in Los Angeles: Patents 101, which had 19 attendees and Basic Immunology, with 25 attendees. Two field trips were organized, but one was cancelled. The Huntington Library & Gardens tour was on.

**Public Relations**

Nancy Stimson produced publicity for award winners in the form of press releases: the Distinguished Member Award, Winifred Sewell Prize, Chair's Recognition Award, SLA Hall of Fame and SLA Fellow

awards. Claudia Lascar produced and distributed the BIO Members' Publications List. The web site, a subcommittee of Public Relations, is run by Carol Lepzelter. Stimson announced that Anne Malley would be taking over Public Relations. Lepzelter reported that the web site subcommittee needed help in re-designing the home page, getting statistics and sending them out to be published in *Biofeedback*. She sends announcements to the list when *Biofeedback* is up on the web site.

### **Publications**

Diane Schmidt reported for Gin Lingle, Chair. The Publications committee has 3 functions: to provide a brief description of programs for the next *Biofeedback*, to provide book reviews for *Biofeedback*, and to have another Getting Published session for next year.

### **Student Relations/Career Guidance**

Janet Weiss reported the committee emailed letters to faculty advisors, students and new members. Peggy Makie was attending the meeting as a student. There were two open spots on the committee.

### **Vendor Relations**

John Tebo reported that EBSCO didn't attend the Vendor Roundtable – the speaker had injured his foot. The forum was changed in that the Vendor Roundtable was now a free event, and all vendors paid the entire cost of the event. The committee made about \$1,000 on it. Next year they will have food, and it will still be a free event. About 45 people attended this year. Susan Kendall is the new Chair.

### **Los Angeles Program**

Laura Osegueda reported that there were 18 events at the 2002 conference and, as of that date, a good turnout.

### **New York Program**

Peggy Jones reported that there was progress on program planning, with several programs in the works and a number of suggestions for CE courses and tours.

### **Medical Section Report**

Mary Glass reported that there were 189 members. Three events were offered this year: Elaine Graham spoke at the business meeting, giving an NLM update. The PDA session, coordinated by Howard Fuller, featured speaker Pamela Corley. Peggy Jones organized the reception. Glass introduced the HSOCLC Resolution for the Division to discuss. Division members moved and voted to support the Resolution and to put a copy in *Biofeedback* and asked Glass to also pass a copy on to the SLA Cataloging Committee for support.

### **Natural History Caucus**

Diana Shih announced that there were 56 members. Two field trips were organized: to the La Brea Tar Pits, and to the Natural History Museum. Steven Johnson from the Bronx Zoo would be the new convener, and would help on programming for next year.

### **Liaisons**

#### **IAMSLIC**

Ruth Gustafson is the web site committee chair for the organization. Their annual meeting last year was in France. Every third year, it's off the North American continent, in October. Their web address is <http://www.iamslc.org>. This is a new liaison position for BIO. The regional groups are very active. One may be a regional member and not an international member if one chooses. These groups have meetings as well.

#### Medical Library Association

Claudia Lascar attended the annual meeting, which was Big D – Dallas and Digital. There were 3,400 attendees. A brief description would go to *Biofeedback*. The next issue of *Biofeedback* would have minutes with long reports.

#### ASIST

John Tebo reported that ASIS has added a “T” to its name, and its conference would be November 18-21 in Philadelphia.

### **6. Landmark Members**

Jean Crampon announced the 20 (5), 25 (5), 30 (4), 35 (1), 45 (2) and 65 (1) year members. The names of the landmark members were read out and certificates would be sent to those who couldn't attend.

### **7. Chair's Report**

The annual report was turned in to SLA on time. 53 different members were on committees, were officers, etc., this year. Tennant thanked all members who contributed.

### **8. Presentation of Awards**

#### **Distinguished Member Award**

Nancy Curtis of the Awards Committee presented Jo Anne Boorkman with the 2002 Distinguished Member Award for her innovative leadership and support of the Division, and her contributions to the literature of special librarianship. In commemoration of the occasion, Jo Anne received a certificate, an engraved silver Revere bowl, and a tribute, which follows:

**Special Libraries Association Biomedical and Life Sciences Division  
2002 Distinguished Member Award  
Jo Anne Boorkman**

She has served the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division with ability, grace and humor as a member of the Executive Board and numerous committees. As Chair-elect she headed the fledgling Fund Development Committee and set guidelines for development of our effective fundraising process for Division programs. During her tenure as Division Chair, she championed the first peer-reviewed Contributed Papers Session, now a permanent addition to annual conference programming, and established the BSDNET-L listserv.

She has been an effective leader and proponent of the Division's activities and initiatives for over a decade. During that time, she has actively advised all Division Executive Boards during a period of great change within both the Division and the Special Libraries Association. Her ability to analyze situations and her rock solid competence in decision-making has made her a sought after advisor to all who know her.

Jo Anne Boorkman has been honored as a Fellow of both the Special Libraries Association and the Medical Library Association. She served for many years as Biomedical and Life Sciences Division Liaison to MLA and concurrently as MLA's Representative to the Division. She has, with Dr. Fred Roper, authored and edited three editions of *Introduction to Reference Sources in the Health Sciences*, and has served since 1986 on the editorial board of *Medical Reference Services Quarterly*. She has also been active in SLA at the Chapter level, serving as President and Treasurer of the Sierra Nevada Chapter and as Secretary of the North Carolina Chapter.

As Head of the Carlson Health Sciences Library at the University of California at Davis, she is a recognized leader in biomedical and life sciences librarianship and has contributed to others through professional activities in local, state, and regional organizations, and through her many publications and presentations.

No one reflects better the meaning of the words "Distinguished Member" than Jo Anne Boorkman. A member of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division since 1971 and a charter member of the Medical Section in 1996, Jo Anne has served the Division, the Association, her colleagues, and the profession with distinction. The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association is pleased to recognize Jo Anne Boorkman with the 2002 Distinguished Member Award.

#### **Chair' Recognition Award**

Tennant presented this year's award. Instead of the traditional one, she presented two, to Laura Osegueda (LA Program Chair) and David Dugger (Fund Development).

#### **9. Announcements**

Larry Wright mentioned that W. Davenport Robertson, a member of our Division was running for Chapter Cabinet Chair.

#### **10. Installation of New Officers**

The officers for 2002/2003 were installed.

David Duggar- Chair

Nancy Stimson- Chair-elect

John Tebo- Treasurer

#### **11. New Business**

Gifts were presented by the new Chair, David Dugger, to the outgoing Chair, Tennant. Duggar also presented a gift to Osegueda for her work with the Chair-elect this year on the conference and funds. Duggar acknowledged Hope Tillman and Dav Robertson in the audience. He announced the names of committee Chairs for 2002/2003, and pointed out that volunteer forms were on the tables, and a few more committee Chairs were still needed. He announced that the winter meeting would be in New Orleans.

#### **12. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Peggy Jones, Secretary

Biomedical and Life Science Division

**OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2002-2003**  
**BIOMEDICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES DIVISION, SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION**

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