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Message From the Chair:

By Peggy Jones

The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division continues to prosper. As of June 2004, our membership number is 780, with 197 new members coming on board within the past year. The Medical Section comprises 203 members. At the annual business meeting in Nashville, Irene Laursen, Membership Committee chair, awarded certificates to 18 long-standing members celebrating 40, 35, 30, 25 and 20 years in DBIO. We are fortunate to have an active Student Relations and Career Guidance Committee that will be working to attract new librarians to the Division. John Tebo, the outgoing Treasurer, announced that the Division is in very sound financial shape. At the SLA Annual Conference, the Division organized and co-sponsored 10 programs, most of which were either filled or overflowing with attendees, plus the Medical Section Reception at Meharry Medical College, several business meetings, 3 continuing education courses and a tour of the Cheekwood Botanical Garden & Museum of Art in Nashville. The Fund Development Committee was successful in raising \$16,000 to sponsor the events (see Fund Development Report for a complete list of sponsors in this issue). All in all, Nashville was a great success!

At the Association level, the issue of starting a Medical Division has reappeared. I am happy to report that, after a conference call involving

SLA leadership, DBIO board members and other interested parties, the DBIO board is charged with initiating a public relations campaign to generate information and publicity about the Medical Section to SLA members and other information professionals. We will also be conducting a survey of the SLA membership to determine the needs of those who serve in health care, biomedicine and related fields.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have worked so hard and so well to make DBIO the success story that it is...and to encourage those of you who wish to serve on a committee to volunteer! Please see the Call for Volunteers at the end of this issue to match your interests with an activity, and please don't hesitate to contact me for more information about what a committee appointment entails. I am looking forward to a productive year!

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Awards Announcements

2004 Distinguished Member Award Presented in Nashville

*Submitted by Julia Perez, Outgoing Awards
Chair*

At the Annual Business Meeting in
Nashville, the Division presented the 2004

Distinguished Member Award to **Diane C. Schmidt** for innovative leadership and her contributions to the literature of special librarianship. In commemoration of the occasion, Diane received a certificate, an engraved silver Revere bowl, and a tribute, which follows.

**Special Libraries Association
Biomedical and Life Science Division
2004 Distinguished Member Award**

Diane C. Schmidt

Diane Schmidt has served the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division with dedication and hard work through her years of service and leadership on Division activities. Her work on committees, as an instructor for continuing education courses, and her record of publications in the professional literature and in *Biofeedback*, have garnered her a record of significant contributions to the Division and make Diane worthy of receiving this honor.

Diane has had an enduring effect on the Division and the library profession. As a member of SLA and the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division since 1990, she has taken on a number of leadership roles that include serving as chair of several committees. Diane's contributions have centered in areas critical to the Division's success: professional and program development, membership and publications; including serving as Chair of the Professional & Program Development Committee and the Membership Committee. She is a valuable asset to the Division, willing to serve, professional and timely. At last year's annual SLA conference, Diane served the Division by moderating the 'Tree of Life Project' and instructing a continuing education course. When she served as Chair of the Membership Committee, Diane very ably spent an entire year working as a committee of one, a service above and beyond her duties.

In addition to her committee work and teaching, Diane has amassed a record of publications and presentations in the

biological sciences. Recently, she authored *Guide to Reference and Information Sources in the Zoological Sciences* and co-authored the second and third editions of *Using the Biological Literature: A Practical Guide*. All of her guides are excellent resources, and the biological literature guide is considered a significant contribution to the profession of special librarianship. Along with her publication record, Diane also finds time to be a steady contributor to *Biofeedback*!

Through her numerous years of service and leadership on Division committees, participation in continuing education courses as a leader and instructor, and publications in the professional literature, Diane has made an impact on the Division, the library profession, and on her colleagues. The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association is pleased to recognize Diane Schmidt with the 2004 Distinguished Member Award.

**2004 Chair Recognition Award
Presented in Nashville**

Submitted by Nancy Stimson, Past Chair

This year the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association proudly recognizes **Janet Weiss** for her outstanding work as Chair of the Nashville Program Committee.

The division's programming at the annual conference is one of the primary benefits, or products, for members, along with the newsletter and the listserv. Putting together a diverse, exciting slate of programs is a difficult task that requires the ability to lead and coordinate the efforts of committee members who are dispersed all over the country, and to deal with an almost overwhelming array of details. Serving as

the division's Program Committee Chair is the most difficult position in the division.

Over the last year, Janet has headed the Program Committee with grace and perseverance. She instituted the very effective new practice of holding telephone conference calls to keep the committee up to date. As with any committee, the Chair delegates to committee members, but in the end the final responsibility for the success of the program rests with the Chair. For all her contributions, the 2004 Chair's Recognition Award is presented to Janet for her outstanding and meritorious service to the Division. Thank you, Janet.

Membership News

By Irene S. Laursen, Membership Chair

We are happy to welcome new members to the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division, celebrate those who have been members of the Division for twenty or more years, and share brief profiles received from Division members who joined this winter and spring.

New Members of the Division - April 2004

Rachel L. Bradley, of Mt. Airy MD
 Sheila R. Campbell, of Powell OH
 Kaura Gale, of New York NY
 David Goodman, of Brooklyn NY
 Marcia E. Horner, of Coeur D'Alene ID
 Linda L. Keltner, of Kansas City MO
 Patricia Lee, of Nashville TN
 Robert S. Lyle, of Philadelphia PA
 Sally A. Mandler, of Mounds View MN
 Mark L. Marchino, of Philadelphia PA
 Sondra J. Pfeiffer, of Birmingham AL
 Laura E. Ray, of Cleveland OH
 Nancy C. Seeger, of Cleveland OH
 Barbara B. Sisolak, of Madison WI

Longevity Awards – June 2004

The Division is delighted to acknowledge eighteen members whose collective membership totals 485 years! We are grateful for their support of the Division through their longtime membership and participation in person and through the Division's listserv. We introduced the members who were able to attend the conference in Nashville and sent certificates of appreciation to all longevity award winners. (If anyone did not receive his or hers, please contact me right away. Irene Laursen, ilaursen@wellesley.edu, or 781-283-3082.)

40 years

Alice J. Kennedy

35 years

Sara I. Blackwell
 Jane Rogers Bottoms
 Natalie N. Owen
 Virginia R. Weiser

30 years

Christine C. DeGolyer
 Drynda Johnston
 Eleanor A. MacLean

25 years

Helen J. Hohman
 Carolyn S. Kopper
 M. Sandra Wood

20 years

Katherine A. Chambers
 Bette Jean Ingui
 Michael L. Newman
 Carolyn C. O'Reilly
 Mary L. Warwick
 Margaret A. Welshmer
 Larry L. Wright

Member Profiles

Shirley Dellenback, a Librarian for the California Department of Health Services, manages a small library of tobacco control related resources. She offers customized circulation, reference and research assistance, and selective dissemination of information to promote the mission of the Tobacco Control Section. This mission is to advocate a social norm that creates a tobacco free lifestyle and environment for all Californians.

Carla Smith earned her MLS from The University of Arizona. Throughout her career she worked in special libraries, most recently for Motorola Semiconductor Products Sector in the Global Information Center. After being laid off from Motorola, Carla stayed home to care for two young sons. Last year, she joined the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division after being hired by the Maricopa Integrated Health System as a Medical Librarian.

Winifred Halsey, an independent information professional with a Master's degree in the biological sciences and more than a decade of experience working in the life sciences, joined SLA this winter. She is employed by Techknowledge Research, a full service information research and analysis company. Winifred recently rejoined SLA after a hiatus of several years and looks forward to meeting other Biomedical and Life Sciences Division members at next year's annual conference in Toronto.

Christine De Bow Klein, Associate Director of the Amgen Libraries, headquartered in Thousand Oaks, California, started her career with a Bachelor's degree in history from Chestnut Hill College, a Master's

degree in Library Science from Catholic University of America, and a Certificate in Competitive Intelligence from Drexel University. An active Special Libraries Association member since 1990, she recently finished a three-year term as Director-at-Large for SLA, Inc. A past President of the Hudson Valley Chapter, Christine was awarded the Chapter's Distinguished Member Award in May 2003. She is a member of the Society for Competitive Intelligence, a founding member of the Society of Jewelry Historians, and has served as a Trustee for CAPCON, the Washington, D.C.-based affiliate of OCLC.

Change of Address:

Please note the following new address for Peggy Jones, Division Chair:

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pmjones@childrensmemorial.org

Consider Becoming a BLSD Leader! Call for Nominations

The 2004/2005 Nominations and Elections Committee of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division invites nominations (including self-nominations) for the offices of **Chair-Elect**, **Director** and **Secretary**. Those elected will begin serving at the end of the Annual Conference in Toronto, Ontario, Canada on June 4-9, 2005.

The term span for the Chair-Elect is three years (Chair-Elect, Chair, Past Chair). For the Director and Secretary, it is two years.

The **Chair-Elect** is Chair of the Fund Development Committee and raises funds to support programs at the Annual Conference for the Chair-Elect year. In addition to the Annual Conferences, the Chair-Elect is expected to attend the Winter Leadership Summits for the years that s/he is Chair-Elect and Chair to represent the Division in Cabinet and attend leadership training. The Division's Chair-Elect and Chair detailed descriptions of duties are located at <http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/procedur/index.html>

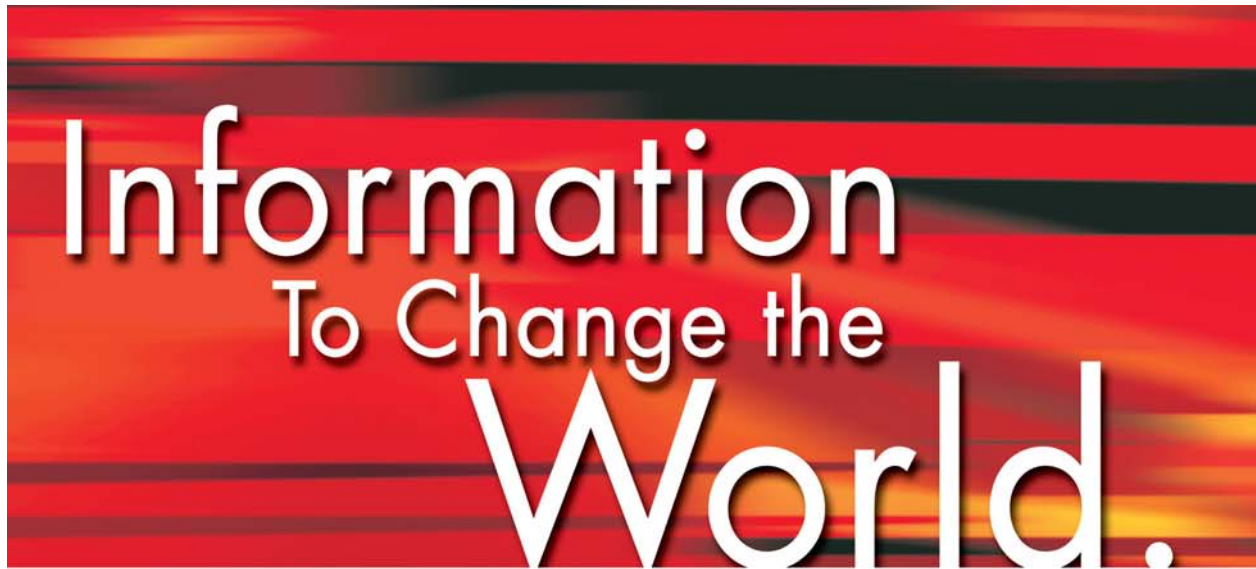
The **Director** serves as a member of the Division's Executive Board and initiates and develops ideas for Division planning and activities, acts as Parliamentarian at Division business meetings, reviews and revises the BIO Procedures Manual annually, and reviews the division's long-range plan. Detailed description of Division Director duties is found at <http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/procedur/direct.htm>

The **Secretary** serves as a member of the Division Executive Board and is responsible for recording minutes of the annual business meeting and Executive Board meetings at the annual conference. Detailed description of Secretary duties is located at <http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/procedur/sec.htm>

Questions about these positions may be sent to Ruth Gustafson, the Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, at ragustafson@ucdavis.edu

Nominations (including self-nominations) may be sent to any of the 2004-2005 Nominations and Elections Committee members:

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Nashville Conference Highlights

Phylogenetics and Systematics CE Class

June 5, 2004 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Reported by John Sisson

On June 5, I attended the Biomedical & Life Sciences CE Course for the 2004 Nashville SLA Meeting entitled: "Phylogenetics and Systematics for Information Professionals: Science and Resources". It was taught on Saturday morning by Michele Tennant and her husband Michael Miyamoto. 8 dedicated librarians attended who wanted to expand and update their understanding of phylogenetics and how it has been revolutionized through the expanded number of DNA sequences that are now available for a wide variety of species.

Phylogenetics is the study of the evolutionary history that underlies the biological diversity of organisms. By comparing physical traits or molecular sequences the scientist can construct evolutionary trees of how closely organisms are related to each other. The first half of the class was taught by Michael who gave us a brief review of the concepts and terminology. This was followed by a discussion of the importance of phylogenetics in areas such as conservation biology, pharmaceutical research, forensics, and epidemiology. Michael then discussed the types of phylogenetic data that scientists work with and the methods they use to analyze this data to construct "trees" of relatedness.

After a short break we broke up into small groups and tried some of the simpler data analysis techniques ourselves on some test datasets provided. Michael then returned to show us some of the software tools that are

used to analyze large datasets of comparative DNA sequence data. Two of the most popular free software packages used are: MEGA

(<http://www.megasoftware.net>) and PHYLIP (<http://evolution.genetics.washington.edu/phylip/general.html>). He also described the most popular commercial tool available, PAUP* (<http://paup.csit.fsu.edu>).

Michele took the rest of the class time telling us about online sources of taxonomic and DNA sequence information. We finished the class with Michele drawing for door prize books for many of the participants. These books on phylogenetics and related topics were donated by Sinauer Associates. The class was enjoyable and helpful to me in understanding some of the information needs of the faculty I work with.

For an excellent discussion of much of the same material this class covered, see the NCBI site [A Science Primer: Systematics and Molecular Phylogenetics](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/About/primer/phylo.html) at: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/About/primer/phylo.html>

Vendor Roundtable

June 6, 2004 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 am.

Reported by Susan Kendall

This year's Biomedical and Life Sciences Division Vendor Roundtable again featured four diverse vendors: the American Society for Microbiology Press, Embase (Elsevier), NetLibrary, and CABI. 36 people attended the session and breakfast, which was sponsored by these same vendors. Jeff Holtmeier of the **American Society for Microbiology Press** presented their *EcoSal* Web site. This is an online version of the major reference work, *E. Coli and*

Salmonella Cellular and Molecular Biology.

The last printed edition of that work came out in 1996, but the publisher's plan is to continue the work only as an online product. The 1996 edition is included on the site along with updated Web-only modules. New content is in the process of being added, and 26 new chapters are waiting to be finished and uploaded. Institutional as well as personal subscriptions are available to this work in a couple different options.

Ray Colon from Elsevier presented the history of the index **Embase** and compared its coverage with that of Medline. Embase is the online version of Excerpta Medica, founded in 1946. It is strong in indexing drug research and pharmacology and covers more European journals than does Medline. The Emtree thesaurus, an integral part of Embase, incorporates MeSH terms but goes deeper than MeSH in drug and disease indexing. Embase is available on several platforms but is also now available direct from the publisher at the Embase.com site which is updated daily.

Gillian Harrison of **netLibrary** talked first about electronic books in general. Her data on e-book usage showed that the average netLibrary session length is 15 minutes, and time spent in an e-book averages 11 minutes. The inference from this is that people tend to use e-books for reference and research but not for extended reading. Several subject centers of netLibrary books are available, and the company is currently building a medical subject center. Medicine comprises about 11% of netLibrary titles but is a growing area for them. Greater than 300 new titles were added to the collection in the last 60 days in the areas of biology, chemistry, medicine, and general science.

Patricia Neenan-Kilmartin from **CABI** reminded us that CABI is not just a

publisher but also sponsors scientists doing fieldwork. CABI publishes books, journals, and databases. One of these databases is CAB Abstracts, an agriculture and applied life sciences index. Another is the Global Health Database, strong in covering tropical diseases, parasitology, human nutrition, and foreign journals not covered in Medline. These two databases are now being made available as a combined product on CAB Direct, the company's own platform. Version 2 will be coming out in the summer of 2004. This new version will seek to rectify problems that appeared in version 1 and should be a viable option for libraries to the CAB databases on other platforms.

Nanotechnology: What is it and How is it Used?

Monday June 7, 2004: 12:15PM-1:30PM

Reported by Claudia Lascar

The Engineering Division, Aerospace Section, was the lead Division for this program, with the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division, Physics-Astronomy-Mathematics Division, and Science and Technology Division co-sponsoring. The program "Nanotechnology" featured Dr. Christopher Tourney, University of South Carolina; and Mr. Charles Trotter, Cordis/Johnson & Johnson. The American Chemical Society was the sole sponsor. This session was very well attended, with standing room only.

Nanotechnology is the act of purposefully manipulating matter at the atomic scale, otherwise known as the "nanoscale". It uses a basic unit of measure called a "nanometer" (abbreviated nm), equal to one billionth of a meter. This nanoscale is also the domain of biological structures: a hydrogen atom is 0.1 nm, DNA width is ~2 nm, a protein is ~5 - 50 nm, a red blood cell is ~7,000 nm in diameter, and ~2000 nm in height, a virus is

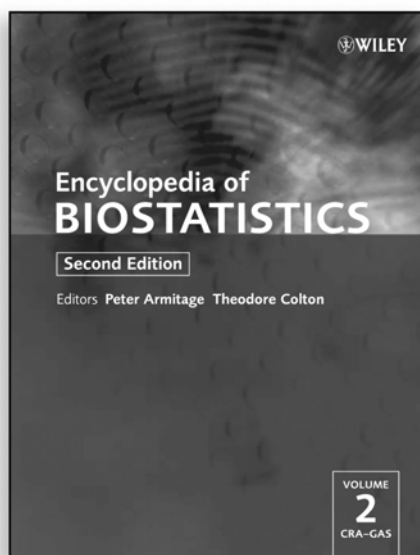
~100 nm, etc. Because of this similarity in scale and certain functional properties, nanotechnology is a natural progression of many areas of health-related research.

Dr. Christopher Tourney, Department of Anthropology, The University of South Carolina, introduced the topic of nanotechnology and gave poignant examples of discoveries in the field. In his visionary 1959 talk “There's Plenty of Room at the Bottom”, the physicist Richard Feynman was the first scientist to suggest that devices and materials could be miniaturized at the atomic scale and that atoms can be manipulated one by one. The first journal article on the subject, by K. Eric Drexler in 1981, introduced the theory of “Molecular Manufacturing” which is the building of complex structures by mechanochemical processes. In 1986, Drexler published the book “Engines of Creation” in which he described the unbelievable applications of nanotechnology and brought the topic to a controversial forefront. A debate started when Richard Smalley, the Nobel Prize winner, wrote an article in the 2001 *Scientific American*, titled “Of Chemistry, Love and Nanobots,” and subtitled, “How soon will we see the nanometer-scale robots envisaged by K. Eric Drexler and other molecular nanotechnologists? This article asserts the impossibility of molecular manufacturing theory. Nanotechnology can be viewed as *tools*, such as the family of scanning tunneling microscope (STM) used to visualize individual atoms, *materials*, such as gold-nanoparticles used as biological markers for cancerous cells, or the carbon nanotubes used in nanometer-sized electronics or to strengthen polymer materials, *devices*, such as microarrays, and *intelligent materials and machines* such as the nanoelevator — a rig-like construct with three legs, that can be made to move between two levels. Dr. Toumey asserted

that nanotechnology poses important social and scientific problems for our lives. Public understandings of these issues are approximately zero at the present time. Therefore it is very important for scientists to inform the public of the intriguing possibilities of nanotechnology.

The second speaker was Mr. Charles Trotter from Cordis, a Johnson & Johnson company. Mr. Trotter has dedicated his career to training physicians, hospital staff and sales representatives in new techniques and products for the treatment of coronary artery disease. Patients diagnosed with coronary artery disease undergo percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA), also known as balloon angioplasty treatment. The father of interventional radiology, Dr. Charles T. Dotter, performed the first angioplasty in 1964. In 1967, the radiologist Dr. Melvin Judkins went on to create the “Judkins Technique” of coronary angiography, which remains the primary diagnostic tool used in catheterization laboratories around the world. Andreas Gruentzig performed the first peripheral human balloon angioplasty in 1974 using the Dotter catheter. Since the early 1990s, metal stents, also known as conventional stents, have lowered the odds of reclosure, called restenosis, after angioplasty. But restenosis levels associated with these stents have remained frustratingly high, between 15 to 40 percent. Restenosis can trigger symptoms like chest pain (angina), sending the patient back for another artery-opening procedure. Until 1994, many approaches to reduce restenosis failed. In 1994 Cordis Corporation introduced drug-eluting stent therapy, using sirolimus (seh-ROLE-eh-mus) to open clogged coronary arteries in angioplasty procedures. Sirolimus is an immunosuppressant drug used to prevent kidney transplant rejection. It's in a class of

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drugs known as cell cycle inhibitors that work by preventing cell overgrowth. Serolimus-eluting stent delivers medication directly to the site of artery damage and lessens the threat of restenosis by 70 to 80 percent. This therapy was approved for use in the U.S. in 2003 under the name CYPHER stent. Presently there are many different types of drug-eluting stents undergoing clinical trials such as paclitaxel-coated stent and rapamycin-eluting stent. The drug-eluting stent is a perfect example of a nanotechnology application. It combines the innovative biocompatible coating technology with drug release technology.

Stress Management: Laugh for the Health of It

June 8, 2004 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Reported by Janet Weiss

Stress, the final frontier...When I told people here at work that we were planning a stress management workshop for the annual conference, the answer I got back was “you know we have drugs for that!!!”

Who would have thought a bunch of librarians would voluntarily come to a meeting about stress management when they could have been hearing about taxonomy, intranets, competitive intelligence or best international business websites? Common to all of us is the stress of our jobs and our lives.

The room was filled to overflowing, and Elaine Lundberg, humor therapist, did not disappoint. She filled her session with a combination of stand-up comedy, physical exercise, massage therapy, information about the physiology of stress and laughter, and toy distribution. She reminded us to avoid people with negative energy whom she labeled “bummers.” We sang, we cried, we walked out feeling ready to face the

world. From the introduction to the closing minute the room was energized and engulfed in waves of laughter. Stay tuned. We plan to include her in next year’s conference.

I apologize for the insufficient supply of toys. We underestimated the number of people with stress! I have obtained some from a secret source and will send one to you if you were shortchanged. Email me at weissj2@wyeth.com

Open Access Publishing

June 8, 2004 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Reported by Carol F. Creech

Moderator: Carolyn Mills, University of Connecticut

Panelists: Mr. David Stern –Yale University; Mr. Chuck Hamaker – University of North Carolina-Charlotte; Dr. David Goodman – Long Island University; (Ms. Julie Blixrud – SPARC – was unable to attend).

The Open Access Publishing session was sponsored by Bentham Science Publishers and presented by the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division. It was attended by well over 100 people in the Washington B room of the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. The session featured a panel of three experts who presented varying perspectives on the current state and possible future of Open Access.

Mr. Stern began the discussion by defining an Open Access Initiative as something that goes beyond archiving, with important issues including free and immediate access for readers, copyright, authenticity, archiving and migration, and peer review. A key point was made that Open Access is not a cost model and revenue system. In other words, Open Access does not equal author fees, and there are other possible revenue sources. Mr. Stern went on to present underlying issues for special interest groups

(e.g., readers, authors, editors, and publishers), that included immediate and valid access, peer review recognition, citation history and impact factor, and the concern of publishers about providing fee or free back file and how to address perpetual access issues. Mr. Stern went on to describe cost models that can be used to pay for Open Access, including author page charges, institution pay models, and government funding (e.g., ERIC Clearinghouse, ArXiv). However, he points out that none of these models addresses the problem of the corporate world paying its fair share to support this infrastructure. In his conclusion, Mr. Stern emphasized that Open Access Initiatives can indeed be an alternative to traditional publishing, supporting traditional needs such as distribution of articles and the peer review process. However, he stressed that librarians have a responsibility to be involved in the early stages and collaborations regarding Open Access and that time is needed for a stable migration to a new model.

Mr. Hamaker sees the discussion of Open Access Initiatives having taken place in a fairly limited audience so far. He described initiatives on the worldwide distribution of peer-reviewed journal literature, including the Budapest Open Access Initiative (BOAI), which asserts that new journals should not charge fees for access or subscriptions, as well as the Bethesda Statement on Open Access Initiatives, which stimulated the biomedical community and garnered participation by PLOS, Wellcome Trust and others. Mr. Hamaker pointed out that The Wellcome Trust position statement on Open Access states that it is the intrinsic merit of the work, not the title of the journal that should be used to evaluate further funding of scientific work. This is a revolutionary change in the current thinking and will require other measures of quality to

be developed. Mr. Hamaker also touched on the debate about certain factions not considering some free access as being equal to Open Access, e.g., the HighWire repository of free, full-text articles. Finally, Mr. Hamaker mentioned some other open access initiatives such as BioMed Central, Directory of Open Access Journals, OAIster, and E-Prints, and indicated that he feels Open Access is coming, but is not here yet.

Dr. Goodman presented a speculative view of what a full Open Access system would be like. He discussed advantages to Open Access journals such as being slightly less expensive (70-90% of present cost) and not requiring major changes in tenure and promotion, peer review, quality control or preservation. However, Open Access requires the redistribution of library funding, co-participation by publishers, and is susceptible to possible inequities in funding. The discussion then moved on to repositories (or Open Archives), which are much less expensive (1-10% of present cost), can be done by the academic world acting alone, do not require a major change in institutional finances, and provide more equitable funding. However, Open Archives requires re-evaluation of criteria for tenure and promotion and additional mechanisms for peer review, quality control, and preservation. A series of flow charts helped to illustrate the flow of money for Open Access journals and repositories (Open Archives). Finally, Dr. Goodman presented his view of four different alternatives: I. Open Access journals develop first, II. Repositories develop first, III. Conventional and Open Access Journals Collapse, and IV. Publishers act rationally in self-preservation. In each of these scenarios, Dr. Goodman sees conventional journals becoming less than half of the present system around 2007-2009.

The session was followed by a series of questions from the audience which ranged from the use of government research grants for Open Access publishing to whether or not the scholarly community is becoming more aware of Open Access. The need for libraries to make sure that Open Access journals appear in our OPACs and journal lists was also mentioned.

Additional resources were provided on a handout entitled Basic Open Access Web Sites, which can be found online: <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/about/publications/scholcomopenaccessbasic.htm>

Medical Section Reception at Meharry Medical College
June 7, 2004 3:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Reported by David Duggar

Christopher Hooper-Lane, Chair-elect of the Medical Section, met everyone at the Delta Portico, one of the many exits from Gaylord Opryland complex. One chartered bus departed around four o'clock from the Delta Portico, taking the roughly 34 librarians to the Meharry Medical College and letting everyone out in front of the S. S. Kresge Learning Resource Center which houses the Library on the second, third, and fourth floor. The Meharry Medical College is the largest private, comprehensive, historically black institution for educating health care professionals and scientists in the U.S. It is comprised of the School of Medicine, School of Graduate Studies, School of Dentistry, and School of Allied Health Professions. The college was founded in 1876 and has a current enrollment of 800+ students.

Bonnie Stephenson, Chair of the Medical Section, met the group and took them to the Ground Floor where a reception was sponsored by EBSCO. Two of the EBSCO

exhibitors were present for thanks but could not stay for the reception and tour. SLA members of the Medical Section networked with each other, local MLA Chapter members, and library staff over reception food and drink. After the reception the group divided in two to tour the three floors of the library. Some members left early, but the rest completed the tour of the three floors including the archives, serials, technical services, and teaching computer lab. On the walls were framed photographs of the medical school classes dating back to the 1800's and portraits of the past Deans and current Dean of the School.

Members attending included not only those from the United States and Canada but also several librarians from China. Many photos were taken which hopefully will be displayed on the Division and Section websites. The remaining group boarded the bus at six-thirty to return to the Gaylord Opryland Conference Center just before seven o'clock.

Medical Section Business Meeting and Program: What's New in Brain Science?
at Vanderbilt University
June 8, 2004 3:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Reported by David Duggar

Christopher Hooper-Lane, Chair-elect of the Medical Section, met us at the Delta Portico, and two buses were used to transport everyone to Vanderbilt University and the Eskind Biomedical Library. From there the group walked to Light Hall and took the elevators to the fourth floor to gather in a classroom for the first part of the program.

Bonnie Stephenson, Chair of the Medical Section, introduced Dr. Andrea Baruchin. She was the Associate Director of the Vanderbilt Brain Institute and now is

Associate Vice Chancellor for Research for Vanderbilt University. She discussed “What’s New in Brain Science?”, explaining that brain science covers the brain and nervous system. Four areas of recent advances are neuroimmunology, disorders appearing in childhood, nervous system injuries, and brain disorders. Her presentation was well delivered and presented at a level understandable by those present.

Her discussion of advances in neuroimmunology dealt with the study of multiple sclerosis using the EAE mouse as the MS animal model. Autism, reading and dyslexia, and mental retardation were each individually explored as disorders appearing in childhood. Autism is a diagnosis more widely applied to children today than in the past. The claims of childhood vaccines as a cause of autism have not been proven and the problems of immunizing children abroad and in the United States are troubling, especially since many nearly eradicated diseases are reemerging due to non-vaccination. The challenge of recognizing letters and numbers and the correct order and steps for training the mind to read was an intriguing part of the presentation. She also explained that mental retardation covers a wide spectrum of disorders.

The treatment options for nervous system injuries were the third part of the presentation. Nogo, gene therapy, stem cells, acute treatment for stroke (tPA and DSPA) were each discussed. Each presents ethical issues regarding research, treatment, the future of insurance, planning for families, and much more.

Parkinson’s disease, depression, Alzheimer’s disease, nicotine addiction, and sense and body function (visual system) composed the presentation on brain

disorders. One surprising fact was that medication causes the movement disorders seen in Parkinson’s disease patients. The disease itself actually causes rigidity of the body.

Looking ahead, Dr. Baruchin quickly highlighted proteomics, neuroethics, and nanoscience. Nanoscience has been around for a long time but not known under this term. Neuroethics covers ethical issues in all aspects of life resulting from the study of neurosciences. Proteomics, which was the topic of a major program sponsored by all the Science Divisions at the New York SLA conference, is the science of proteins and can be used in molecular fingerprinting. Researchers at Vanderbilt are studying brain tumors using proteomics. A brief question and answer session followed Dr. Baruchin’s talk. She referred the audience to the *Progress Report on Brain Research*, published by the Dana Foundation and available on the web at <http://www.dana.org>, as the source for information used in her presentation.

A short business meeting of the Medical Section followed. Bonnie Stephenson highlighted the programs the Medical Section sponsored this year and introduced Christopher Hooper-Lane as the Section Chair for 2004-05. She recognized and thanked the sponsors of the program and reception. None of the vendors sponsoring were able to attend since the exhibits closed on Tuesday; however, the *New England Journal of Medicine* representatives had been able to attend the Medical Section’s reception at the Meharry Medical College the previous day. Chris asked for feedback and ideas for next year’s conference in Toronto and mentioned a few ideas being considered. There were no announcements, indicating that whoever was involved with the Medical Division petition had not

attended the Medical Section's program that day, nor had made themselves known Monday at the Section's reception at Meharry Medical College.

The group next walked to the Eskind Biomedical Library where the majority attended a reception in the History of Medicine Room followed by tours of the library. A select dozen, who had responded to a call for volunteers, went to a separate floor to participate in a Focus Group, part of the research being conducted regarding the MLA Task Force on Information Specialist in Context. Vanderbilt has been granted the RFP to become the consultants for this project. Focus Groups are being conducted at several conferences throughout the United States during the summer and fall. The twelve volunteers discussed three of the seven scenarios for librarians or information specialists in various settings. After a fruitful discussion they rejoined the others at the reception. The buses arrived back at the Delta Portico entrance to Gaylord Opryland just before seven o'clock.

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Upcoming IAMSLIC Conference

By Ruth Gustafson, Outgoing IAMSLIC liaison

What do devils, the deep blue sea, librarians, and Antarctica have in common?

Answer: The 30th Annual IAMSLIC (International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers) Conference and the Joint Polar Libraries Colloquy (PLC) to be held in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia.

This is the first IAMSLIC conference to be held in the Southern Hemisphere and will be hosted by the world-renowned CSIRO Marine Research (<http://www.marine.csiro.au/>) with past IAMSLIC President and CMR librarian Denis Abbott.

The meeting will be held September 5-9, 2005, with the theme of "Voyages of Discovery: Parting the Seas of Information Technology" and the joint PLC meeting theme of "Polar and Oceanographic Information in the 21st Century". The PLC day will include a tour of the Australian Antarctic Division (<http://www.aad.gov.au/>)

A wide range of presentations, poster sessions and workshops will be presented by members from across the world. For more information about the conference and program, see the conference website at: <http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/nefsclibrary/2004iamslc/2004home.html>

And the Tasmania devil, the world's largest surviving carnivorous marsupial, is particularly common in some north, east and central districts of the island of Tasmania.

<http://www.discovertasmania.com.au/home/index.cfm?siteid=587>

Volunteer for DBIO!

Please see the end of this newsletter for an invitation to volunteer for a committee in the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division. All of the committee chairs and members are listed at the end of this newsletter and a volunteer form follows which lists committees needing new members.

Take this opportunity to meet new colleagues, share and expand your knowledge and experience, and participate in shaping the future of the Division and librarianship!

CONTRIBUTED PAPERS SESSION 2005 CALL FOR PAPERS

Biomedical and Life Sciences Division, Special Libraries Association
Conference
June 4-9, 2005 in Toronto, ON, Canada

Session Theme: **Digitization Projects in the Biomedical and Life Sciences**

If you haven't already undertaken a digitization project, you are probably at least considering how to translate some of your physical collections to a web accessible format. We want to hear from members who have undertaken innovative digitization projects. Tell us about your final product: the challenges and pitfalls; the technology and products employed; your metadata standards; your decision-making challenges; and your assessment of the process. We would also be interested in hearing from members who have launched institutional repositories or other open access sites.

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, 2004.

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, 2005; 2) give a presentation of your paper for no longer than 20 minutes at the SLA annual conference, June 4-9, 2005 in Toronto, ON, Canada; 3) where appropriate and feasible, offer a brief demonstration or representation of your project during your presentation.

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To see 2004 Contributed papers, see <http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/nashville/index.html>

Book Review

By David Duggar

How the Human Genome Works

By Edwin H. McConkey

118 p. \$24.95 (paperback)

Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett Publishers, 2004.

ISBN: 0763723843

Edwin H. McConkey is professor emeritus in the Department of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology at the University of Colorado in Buffalo. Over the last forty years he has written over thirty articles indexed in the medical and biological literature. His books include *Human Genetics: The Molecular Revolution* (1993) and *Protein Synthesis: A Series of Advances* (1971-1976).

How the Human Genome Works is arranged in seven lectures, rather than chapters, as the book is meant to be a refresher, review, or supplemental text depending on the reader. McConkey assumes everyone reading the book has had an introductory college biology course or knows the basic facts about genes, DNA, and cells. A humorous quiz is included in the Preface for those unsure of their knowledge. McConkey admonishes the reader to “skip whatever is boringly familiar and move onto the part you need to learn or re-learn.” He promises new facts one might not yet know. A one-page review concludes each lecture and summarizes the main points. Rather than the reader having to highlight sentences within the lectures to refer back to, keynotes and major facts are printed in blue ink to stand out against the black ink in the text. Instructors may also find these highlighted parts good test questions. The illustrations are clear and referred to within the text of the lectures. The terms forming the glossary

at the end are defined in an understandable manner, and the index is well arranged.

The seven lectures build upon each other. The first three form the basic foundation that should have been covered in a high school or introductory college biology course. The first lecture covers the history of the study of DNA and genes, RNA, and the major steps in gene expression. The second lecture reviews DNA replication and mutation in DNA sequences that can occur spontaneously or be induced through radiation. The third lecture discusses Mendelian laws of inheritance as applied to human chromosomes and genes, dominant and recessive traits, and their use in studying the passing of diseases and disorders from parents to children and how a generation can be skipped.

The fourth through seventh lectures discuss aspects of genetics not covered or not covered in depth in high school or basic college biology. The fourth lecture covers genetic screening and gene therapy. The fifth lecture deals with mitochondria, which are covered to some extent in beginning biology, but more in-depth topics such as mitochondrial diseases and disorders are also discussed. The sixth lecture presents cancer and cancer genetics. The final lecture looks at the study of embryogenesis and developmental biology as related to humans through the use of transgenic mice and also discusses what lies ahead in the study of the human genome.

How the Human Genome Works stays true to its purpose as a good overview refresher text for those who studied biology years ago.

**Biomedical And Life Sciences
Division
Special Libraries Association
Outgoing Board Meeting
5 June 2004
Nashville
Sponsored by Humana Press**

Present: Peggy Jones (Incoming Chair/
Acting Chair for Nancy Stimson.
Biofeedback report for Jonathan Nabe and
Carolyn Mills, Awards for Julia Perez,
Contributed Papers for Catherine Hanson-
Tracy, Fund Development, Student
Relations/Career Guidance for Bruce Smith,
Medical Section for Bonnie Stephenson),
David Duggar (Bylaws), Ruth Gustafson
(Natural History Caucus for Steve Johnson,
IAMSLIC Liaison), Barbara Hedges
(Professional Development), Susan Kendall
(Vendor Relations), Claudia Lascar (Public
Relations, MLA Liaison), Irene Laursen
(Membership), Laura Osegueda (BSDNET-
L), Laurie Scott (Director), John Tebo
(Treasurer and Archives for Dottie
Riemenschneider), Anne Turhollow
(Secretary), Tom Turner (Nominations and
Elections), Janet Weiss (Nashville Program),
Christina Woodward (Toronto Program),
Lorri Zipperer (Publications)

I. Call to Order

Peggy Jones called the meeting to order at
6:30pm.

II. New Business – Lorri Zipperer

[Taken out of order due to meeting conflicts
for Zipperer] Zipperer presented her outline
for Endowment Fund Grant proposal, which
is due August 1. Proposal is based on work
done on systems thinking under the auspices
of the Division. Division would provide
personnel support for website and content
review--there is no outlay of funds required
by the Division. Zipperer and colleagues
have developed a benchmarking tool for
librarians to assess their personal systems

thinking behaviors. The Endowment Fund
is used for education and awareness, not for
research, so research is only a small part of
the proposal. Zipperer will be at the
incoming board meeting for a longer
discussion. The CE course being offered is
not the same as the proposal. All questions
on the proposal should be directed to her.

John Tebo asked if the proposal should
be discussed at the annual business meeting.
Tom Turner pointed out that the proposal
has not been seen by the membership, so it
should be a board decision. The proposal
was approved.

**III. Approval of minutes from New York
City – Peggy Jones**

Minutes of the incoming board meeting
were approved.

**IV. Ratification of Executive Board votes
– Jones**

A. DBIO Distinguished Member Award –
ratified.

V. Treasurer's Report – John Tebo

The annual report was submitted at the end
of January; Tebo ran another report on
Friday, June 4 to reflect vendor donations.
The division has current assets of
\$54,632.27. These will diminish greatly
once the conference expenses have been
paid.

VI. Director's Report – Laurie Scott

She had a quiet year. The coming year,
Scott will be converting the Division's
Procedures Manual into the new
Recommended Practices and working with
the Bylaws Committee to make sure items in
the Bylaws that were not in the Governing
Documents are put into the Recommended
Practices.

VII. Appointed Positions' Reports

A. Archivist – John Tebo

Tebo will be the new archivist.

B. Biofeedback – Peggy Jones

Biofeedback has gone completely electronic. Four issues were published last year. The publication is now a moneymaker for the Division. The new editor will be Susan Kendall. It was suggested the newsletter should be redesigned with a new logo and layout. Irene Laursen suggested a contest for the new logo. Tebo wondered if members might not see that newsletter since it has gone electronic and not all are on the list serve. Mills and Nabe will send print copies to those members who need them. Tebo mentioned that all members should receive a notice on the Division announcement listserv; however that list has not yet been set up and will be delayed due to the recent attack on the SLA server.

C. BSDNET-Laura Osegueda

She needs to examine the differences between the list serve software at North Carolina State University and SLA to determine which will be more secure from attacks and to minimize problems to subscribers. There will ultimately be two listservs: one for announcements to all members (with an option to “opt out”) and one to continue as the general discussion list for the Division.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Awards Committee – Jones for Julia Perez

The Awards Committee is looking for ways to better identify members and their activities. They have been asking members to send CV’s and updates of their CV’s to the Committee. This will be discussed in greater detail at the Incoming Board meeting on Wednesday. The question was raised of who is asked to send in their CV’s. Claudia Lascar asked if there was a role for the Public Relations Committee in this. There is

a gray area between Public Relations and Awards. The Public Relations Committee only collects information about members’ publications. It was suggested that the Committees for Awards, Public Relations, Membership, and Publications should discuss areas in common and how to coordinate this work. It was recommended that the editor of Biofeedback be included in these discussions as well. One area where we would like more information on members is their local and regional work.

B. Publications Committee – Lorri Zipperer

Fourteen book reviews were written for 23 books received by the committee. The Committee’s website has been updated. It was moved and seconded to approve funds to buy and ship books for review. Zipperer asked to be notified by reviewers when they receive a review copy from a publisher.

C. Bylaws Committee – David Duggar

Duggar distributed copies of the old bylaws and the new governing documents. The governing documents were approved in January and went into effect in February. Eleanor MacLean can answer all questions. It appears that the word “bylaws” was simply changed to the phrase “governing document.” The remaining changes were sections that were deleted. We need to look at the SLA Recommended Practices and move our procedures manual and the deleted bylaws sections into the division’s recommended practices.

D. Contributed Papers Committee – Jones for Catherine Hanson-Tracy

Catherine Hanson-Tracy will rotate off the committee; Barbara Butler and Todd Hannon will remain. The committee needs two additional members. The theme for 2004 is “Beyond Information Literacy: Teaching Old Dogs New Tricks.” There

will be two papers: “Managing Nostalgists: Extending Information Services Infrastructure” by Geeth Vijay-Rao of Bayer HealthCare and “Partnerships in Instruction: Teaching Dogs Old and New, Near and Far” by Michele Tennant, Amy Buhler, Nita Ferree, Barbara Francis, Peggy Hsu, Rae Jesano, Beth Layton, Nancy Schaefer, and Pamela Sherwill. The theme for 2005 will be announced at the Business Meeting on Tuesday.

E. Fund Development Committee – Peggy Jones

The Committee raised \$16,000 for this meeting. Funds that came in after the Committee’s annual report was written are \$1500 for ACS and \$1700 from Elsevier. A thank you to Humana Press for sponsoring tonight’s dinner meeting. There are several other vendors who are not listed in the program; these include Sinauer Associations (\$100 plus books for the CE course on Phylogenetics) and Bentham. The print program deadline is March 15; only a verbal commitment is necessary for inclusion. Three members will leave the committee: Renee Bush, Michele Tennant, and Eleanor MacLean.

F. Membership Committee – Irene Laursen

SLA Headquarters was slow in producing lists; the website redesign was one of the reasons. Unfortunately the person responsible at HQ for producing the list has just left. Laursen will spend the rest of the summer sending out membership letters to the new members. At the end of March there were 746 members, the same as last June. 18 anniversaries (20-45 years) will be honored at the business meeting. Laursen will need two more committee members. The list of new members is on the website; Laura Osegueda may write a welcome letters. They will also check with HQ to see

if Steve Abram’s tips for first time conference attendees can be sent to new members.

G. Nominations and Elections Committee – Tom Turner

This was the first time for the single slate. Laura Osegueda is the chair-elect and Eleanor MacLean is the new Treasurer. Ruth Gustafson will be the incoming chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee; she will need two new members. Because of New York state laws (where SLA is incorporated), electronic voting is not possible. The committee will explore the possibility of a voice vote at the annual business meeting. In addition because of the single slate, a procedure for what happens when the slate is rejected is needed.

H. Professional Development Committee – Barbara Hedges

DBIO is sponsoring two CE courses and co-sponsoring a third. On Saturday, “Phylogenetics and Systematics for Information Professionals: Science and Resources” was taught in the morning by Michael Miyamoto and Michele Tennant; there were nine students. Seven attended the afternoon course on “Basic Immunology for Biological Information Professionals” taught by George McGregor. On Sunday, we will co-sponsor with the Engineering Division, “Systems Thinking for Librarians” taught by Rebecca Corliss and Lorri Zipperer.

The Thursday trip to Cheekwood Botanical Gardens and Sculpture Trail is scheduled for an 8:45 a.m. bus loading with a 9 a.m. departure and a 1:30 p.m. return. People will be able to bring their luggage along and taxis will be available to take them directly to the airport. A three-course lunch is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. 28 people were signed up as of Wednesday; there is a

maximum limit of 47. Gaylord Orpyland's onsite contractor is handling all field trips. A single evaluation form exists for the conference; it is printed on lime green paper.

I. Public Relations Committee – Claudia Lascar

As usual the Committee solicited members for notice of their publications. The website was redesigned to incorporate the new SLA links. All previous contributed papers plus abstracts of the 2004 papers are available.

J. Students Relations/Career Guidance Committee – Jones for Bruce Smith

Delays in obtaining lists of student members were due to glitches at headquarters. Hadiya Drew will be the new chair.

K. Vendor Relations Committee – Susan Kendall

Four members on the committee is a good size.

L. Nashville Program Committee – Janet Weiss

The schedule for the conference was distributed. In addition clown noses were passed out for the stress management session on Tuesday morning. Board members were asked to sit in the front row. All continental breakfasts will include scrambled eggs at SLA's expense.

The counts for ticketed events are 89 for the Academic Round Table, 50 for the Meharry trip, 60 for the Vanderbilt trip, and 60 for the annual business meeting.

The West Nile program had to be cancelled due to the speaker being sent to Uzbekistan as part of her work for Homeland Security. The Audubon program and luncheon will cost \$26.

There was a round of applause for Weiss and one for her committee.

IX. Medical Section Report – Jones for Bonnie Stephenson

The Medical Section meeting and reception will be offsite at the Meharry Medical College. It was suggested that a longevity list for the section be started.

X. Liaison Reports

A. MLA (Medical Library Association) – Claudia Lascar

Lascar attended the annual meeting of MLA; details are found in her annual report. She would like to establish a permanent column in Biofeedback to report on MLA. A new liaison will be needed as she is ending her term.

B. ASIST (American Society for Information Science and Technology) – John Tebo

The Information Architecture Summit was held in Austin, Texas in February; the annual meeting will be Providence, Rhode Island in November. Keynote speakers are Tim Berners-Lee and J.C. Herz, author of "Joystick Nation." They are creating a digital library for their Journal and other publication. Please see his annual report for additional details. Tebo is looking for a replacement; Louise Worthingham of MIT was suggested.

C. IAMSLIC (International Association for Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers) – Ruth Gustafson

An African regional group has been formed; they had their first meeting in Ghana. A web page has been developed for the Latin American regional group. The 2004 conference will be in Hobart Tasmania; Gustafson has had a paper accepted and she will be sending out a survey to members to assist with the paper. The 2005 conference will be held at FAO Fisheries in Rome,

Italy. The association is looking at two major issues: the creation of a digital library and the aging of the IAMSLIC membership (the topic of her paper.)

D. SLA International Relations Committee - Jones

Nothing to report.

XI. Natural History Caucus – Gustafson for Steve Johnson

There has been concern about the demise of the caucus, but five new members have joined. There will be a business meeting on Tuesday afternoon.

XII. Old Business/New Business

A. Governing Documents and Recommended Practices

This was discussed earlier in the meeting. Scott will work on these through the coming year.

B. Communities of Practice

This mode of communication needs to be investigated further; it might be possible to incorporate in our web redesign. It was also suggested we look into this a possible recruiting tool.

C. Toronto 2005 Program – Christina Woodward

The committee is planning for four sessions and the division is co-sponsoring an additional seven. The ideas/programs include: Winner's Circle of Websites, professional updating (a co-sponsored program), e-content management, impact of the mass media on consumer health, SARS (since the meeting is in Toronto), science as business, and Quirks and Quarks, a radio science program in Canada.

Co-sponsored sessions may (or will) include: Open Access, the Academic Round Table (Chemistry Division is the lead), SARS and other diseases that have moved

from zoonoses to human diseases, the Technology Petting Zoo (Sci-Tech Division is the lead). The contributed papers session will focus on digitization projects.

The deadline for call for proposals for continuing education courses is August 15. (Side note: Janet Weiss is the incoming chair of the SLA Professional Development Committee.)

A number of ideas for field trips have been proposed. They include the Toronto Zoo, Royal Ontario Museum (but will depend on the stage of reconstruction), Royal Botanical Gardens, Mississauga Rhododendron Gardens, the Toronto islands, McMichael Canadian Art collection, Environment Canada Library, AstraZenaca, CBC, and the University of Toronto Gerstein Library. It was admitted that some of these are off scope or limited in appeal.

Possible speakers are Jane Jacobs, and the speakers for the SARS programs have been identified.

The planning committee meets tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the Magnolia Lobby.

XIII. Announcements

None.

XIV. Adjournment – Jones

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Revised and submitted 15 July 2004 by Anne Turhollow, Secretary.

**Biomedical And Life Sciences
Division
Special Libraries Association
2003/2004 Annual Business Meeting
8 June 2004
Nashville
Sponsored by Thomson Dialog,
Thomson Scientific, and IOP
Publishing**

I. Call to Order and Introduction of Board Members

Peggy Jones called the meeting to order at 7:55am and welcomed the members. She announced that there was a get-well card for Nancy Stimson located in the back of the room for members to sign. She recognized the meeting sponsors: Steve Wassburg from IOP Publishing, Bonnie Snow from Thomson Dialog, and Michael Carter from Thomson Scientific. Members should stop by their booths and thank them for their support of the division.

Dav Robertson was introduced as the liaison from the Board of Directors. He gave a brief report. The organization is in good health. There is new division for competitive intelligence and a new chapter, Australia/New Zealand. There was discussion of establishing a new medical division.

The Division Board was then introduced: John Tebo, outgoing treasurer, David Duggar, past chair, Anne Turhollow, secretary and Peggy Jones, chair-elect.

II. Approval of minutes from 2003 Business Meeting

Minutes were approved.

III. Treasurer's Report – John Tebo

The division has current assets of \$54,632.27. These will diminish greatly once the conference expenses have been paid.

IV. Director's Report – Laurie Scott

Laurie Scott has worked with Lorri Zipperer on a proposal for an endowment fund research grant.

V. Election Results – Tom Turner

The candidates were Laura Osegueda for chair-elect and Eleanor MacLean for Treasurer. The slate was approved by the membership. Ruth Gustafson will be the incoming chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee; Dave Duggar will join her on the committee, one more member is needed. There are volunteer forms on the tables. Tom Turner thanked the candidates and his committee members.

VI. Brief Appointed Committee Reports

A. Archivist – Peggy Jones for Dottie Riemenschneider

John Tebo will be the new archivist.

B. Biofeedback – Peggy Jones for Jonathan Nabe and Carolyn Mills

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C. BSDNET-Laura Osegueda

Laura Osegueda will examine the differences between the list serve software at North Carolina State University and SLA to determine which will be more secure from attacks and to minimize problems to subscribers. There will ultimately be two listservs: one for announcements to all members (with an option to "opt out") and one to continue as the general discussion list for the Division.

VII. Brief Committee Reports

A. Awards Committee – Julia Perez

The Awards Committee would like members to send in a current CV to establish a resource bank for the committee. The Distinguished Member Award was to Diane

Schmidt. Julia Perez read the tribute and presented her with a check and an engraved plaque. (The text of the tribute is found at end of these minutes.)

B. Bylaws Committee – David Duggar

David announced that the Division is now operating under the new governing documents. These were created from the old bylaws with some portions removed. He will be moving the deleted sections of the bylaws into the new recommended practices documents. Nancy Stimson will be the new chair of the Bylaws Committee.

C. Contributed Papers Committee – Catherine Hanson-Tracy

Catherine Hanson-Tracy reminded members that the session is today at 2pm in Bayou D. The theme is “Beyond Information Literacy: Teaching Old Dogs New Tricks.” There will be two papers: “Managing Nostalgists: Extending Information Services Infrastructure” by Geeth Vijay-Rao of Bayer HealthCare and “Partnerships in Instruction: Teaching Dogs Old and New, Near and Far” by Michele Tennant, Amy Buhler, Nita Ferree, Barbara Francis, Peggy Hsu, Rae Jesano, Beth Layton, Nancy Schaefer, and Pamela Sherwill. The theme for 2005 is Digitization Projects in the Biomedical and Life Sciences. Handouts describing the topic and paper submission procedures are on the tables. This year’s committee members are Barbara Butler and Todd Hannon; two more members are needed. Peggy Jones reminded members that volunteer forms are on the tables.

D. Fund Development Committee – Peggy Jones

The Committee raised \$16,000 for this meeting. Peggy Jones read the names of the sponsors and asked for a round of applause. She thanked her committee.

E. Membership Committee – Irene Laursen

At the end of March there were 746 members. She needs one more committee member. Eighteen longevity awards were presented. They are: 40 years - Alice J. Kennedy; 35 years - Sara I. Blackwell, Jane Rogers Bottoms, Natalie N. Owen, Virginia R. Weiser; 30 years - Christine C. DeGolyer, Drynda Johnston, Eleanor A. MacLean; 25 years - Helen J. Hohman, Carolyn S. Kopper, M. Sandra Wood; and 20 years - Katherine A. Chambers, Bette Jean Ingui, Michael L. Newman, Carolyn C. O'Reilly, Mary L. Warwick, Margaret A. Welshmer, Larry L. Wright.

F. Professional Development Committee – Barbara Hedges

Barbara Hedges announced that the division sponsored two CE courses and co-sponsored a third. “Phylogenetics and Systematics for Information Professionals: Science and Resources” had nine students. Seven attended “Basic Immunology for Biological Information Professionals.” The co-sponsored “Systems Thinking for Librarians” attracted twenty-three.

Tickets are still available for the field trip to Cheekwood Botanical Gardens and Sculpture Trail. They can be purchased at the Concierge’s Desk in the Cascades Lobby. Buses will depart from the Delta Portico.

G. Public Relations Committee – Claudia Lascar

A handout listing members’ publications is on the tables.

H. Publications Committee – Lorri Zipperer

The Publications committee runs a book review column in Biofeedback. She is still

looking for recorders for a few sessions; please her if you are interested in doing a session write up.

I. Students Relations/Career Guidance Committee – Hadiya Drew for Bruce Smith

There are 70 new student members. Jason Price, a new librarian at the Claremont Colleges, will be the third member of the committee. They are planning on doing lots of recruitment. There was one student member at the breakfast.

J. Vendor Relations Committee – Susan Kendall

Members of the committee were Doug MacBeth, John Tebo, Bebbie Rhodes, and Ophelia Morey with Susan Kendall as chair. They planned the Vendor's Round Table and raised \$2400 for it. There were two reviews in Biofeedback. She is looking for a new member for the Committee especially in light of the difficulties other members have had in attending the annual conference. She will be continuing as chair and is the incoming editor for Biofeedback.

K. Nashville Program Committee – Janet Weiss

Janet Weiss thanked her committee members for their 18 months of planning work, seconded by a round of applause of the division members.

The remaining programs are Stress Management, Open Access Publishing, the Contributed Papers session, the Medical Section business meeting and program, the box lunch program with the Environmental Resources Management Division on sustainable fisheries, and the Winner's Circle of Best Science Websites.

L. Toronto Program Committee – Christina Woodward

The Toronto conference will also be the 70th anniversary for the division, so the Committee is hoping to make arrangements for a hospitality suite. The ideas/programs include: Winner's Circle of Websites, impact of the mass media on consumer health, e-content management, patenting science, SARS (co-sponsored with ERM), contributed papers, the Technology Petting Zoo (Sci-Tech Division is the lead), and Regulating the Wild: United States vs. Canada.

A field trip has been proposed to the Toronto islands. The conference hotel will be the Royal York plus another 6-7 hotels. Most are connected to the Convention Center.

VIII. Medical Section Report – Bonnie Stephenson

The Medical Section reception was held at the Meharry Medical College, the oldest black medical college in the United States. Today's program is at Vanderbilt on brain science. The buses will depart at 3:45 from the Delta Portico. The incoming chair is Christopher Hooper Lane.

IX. Brief Liaison Reports

A. ASIST (American Society for Information Science and Technology) – John Tebo

The Information Architecture Summit was held in Austin, Texas in February; the annual meeting will be Providence, Rhode Island in November. Keynote speakers are Tim Berners-Lee and J.C. Herz, author of "Joystick Nation." They will also unveil their digital library for their Journal and other publication. Please see his annual report for additional details. Tebo is looking for a replacement; Louise Worthingham of MIT was suggested.

B. IAMSLIC (International Association for Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers) – Ruth Gustafson

Two new regional groups have formed: Africa and Latin America. The 2004 conference will be in Hobart, Tasmania hosted by CSIRO. Membership in IAMSLIC is only \$35; their website is at <http://www.iamslic.org>

Peggy Jones announced that she is looking for new liaisons to ASIST, IAMSLIC, and SLA International Relations.

X. Natural History Caucus – Steve Johnson

There will be a business meeting today. There are 60 members, half of whom are members of this division.

XII. Presentation of Chair's Recognition Award – Peggy Jones

This year the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association proudly recognizes Janet Weiss for her outstanding work as Chair of the Nashville Program Committee.

The division's programming at the annual conference is one of the primary benefits, or products, for members, along with the newsletter and the listserv. Putting together a diverse, exciting slate of programs is a difficult task that requires the ability to lead and coordinate the efforts of committee members who are dispersed all over the country, and to deal with an almost overwhelming array of details. Serving as the division's Program Committee Chair is the most difficult position in the division.

Over the last year, Janet has headed the Program Committee with grace and perseverance. She instituted the new practice of holding telephone conference calls to keep the committee up to date,

which was very effective. As with any committee, the Chair delegates to committee members but in the end the final responsibility for the success of the program rests with the Chair. For all her contributions, the 2004 Chair's Recognition Award is presented to Janet for her outstanding and meritorious service to the Division. Thank you, Janet.

XIV. Announcements

Laurie Scott announced that the Canadian Health Librarians Association meeting takes place in Toronto just before the SLA conference there. SLA members will be able to register at the member rate.

XV. Installation of New Officers

Peggy Jones was installed as the chair and Eleanor MacLean was installed as treasurer. Anne Turhollow and Laurie Scott are continuing as secretary and director, respectively.

XVI. New Business

There was no new business.

XVII. Adjournment – Peggy Jones

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45am.

Revised and submitted on 15 July 2004 by Anne Turhollow, Secretary.

**Biomedical And Life Sciences
Division
Special Libraries Association
Incoming Board Meeting
9 June 2004
Nashville
Sponsored by CISTI**

Present: Peggy Jones (Chair, Bylaws for Nancy Stimson, Contributed Papers for Barbara Butler), Carol L. Berry (Website), Hadiya Drew (Student Relations), Ruth Gustafson (Nominations and Elections, IAMSLIC Liaison for Jean Crampon), Barbara Hedges (Awards), Chris Hooper-Lane (Chair, Medical Section), Steve Johnson (Natural History Caucus), Susan Kendall (Biofeedback, Vendor Relations), Claudia Lascar (Public Relations, MLA Liaison), Irene Laursen (Membership), Eleanor MacLean (Treasurer), Laura Osegueda (Chair-Elect, BSDNET-L, Fund Development), Laurie Scott (Director), Bonnie Stephenson (Chair-elect, Medical Section), John Tebo (Archives), Anne Turhollow (Secretary), Janet Cooper Weiss (Professional Development, Nashville Program), Christina Woodward (Toronto Program), Lorri Zipperer (Publications)

I. Call to Order

Peggy Jones called the meeting to order at 7:30am. A thank you to CISTI for hosting the breakfast meeting.

II. Introductions

The members of the incoming board were introduced.

III. Division Cabinet Report – Peggy Jones

Peggy Jones reported on the major issue for our division: Ethel Salonen (incoming president of SLA) brought up the idea of a separate medical division. Salonen said Medical Library Association members had approached SLA and asked to form one, as

the current structure does not fit them. Jones reminded Salonen there is a Medical Section within the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division.

MacLean said that the Medical Section should have been approached on this issue; they had no opportunity to discuss it at their meeting. Tebo made a motion that the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division Board does not endorse a Medical Division; we have a Medical Section; if there is a desire to set up a medical division they need to approach the medical section first. Zipperer pointed out that a multidisciplinary healthcare approach is needed, not a reinvention of MLA. There is current dissent in MLA. Osegueda said we need to seek MLA CE credit for our CE courses. We need to know the Medical Section's opinion before we make a motion.

MacLean moved that the following statement be made by the Biomedical and Life Sciences Board to the SLA Board of Directors: "There is an existing Medical Section within the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division. We encourage people to join the section and develop the section as they feel appropriate. It is not appropriate without member support to attempt to form a new division that does not take existing structure into account. The scope of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division encompasses all aspects of the life sciences, both pure and applied, including: biology and biochemistry, zoology and botany, microbiology, genetics, biotechnology, evolution, ecology, veterinary and human medicine, health sciences, and other aspects of the life sciences not specifically noted, or encompassed by another SLA Division." The motion was seconded by Tebo and passed unanimously.

Hooper-Lane urged board members to find out from the SLA Board of Directors what the issues and problems are so we can have the background for a thorough discussion.

Jones then reported on other information from the division cabinet meeting. There is a new Competitive Intelligence Division and a new chapter for Australia-New Zealand. There is a new fund for professional development and there was discussion of current endowment fund research proposals. It has been suggested to move the association's year to a calendar basis; it was pointed out this would significantly impact fund raising. Jones will send information to the officers on the form that needs to be signed by June 30.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Eleanor MacLean

John Tebo will forward his files by the end of the month. Her new e-mail address will be <eleanor.maclea@mccill.ca>. Reimbursement request should now be sent to her (Blacker-Wood Library of Biology, McGill University, Redpath Library Building, 3459 McTavish Street, Montreal, PQ H3A 1Y1, CANADA.) Tebo will retain the checkbook through the end of conference for immediate reimbursements.

V. Secretary's Report – Anne Turhollow

The bank signature card has been completed and sent off.

VI. Director's Report – Laurie Scott

Laurie Scott will be converting the Division's Procedures Manual into the new Recommended Practices and working with the Bylaws Committee to make sure items in the Bylaws that were not in the Governing Documents are put into the Recommended Practices.

VII. Biofeedback Report – Susan Kendall
She has not yet met with Jonathan Nabe.

VIII. BSDNET-Laura Osegueda

Nothing new to report since the Outgoing Board meeting.

VIII. Committee Reports

Archives – John Tebo

Dottie Reimenschneider will send the archive files to him. He was planning to have his student assistants scan back issues of Biofeedback, the annual reports, and contributed papers; but his budget has been cut. It was moved, seconded, and passed that up to \$500 of division funds will be used to pay for these student assistants. Tebo will do one year of each category and then report on expected costs to the Board. He expects this to be a six-month to one-year project.

Awards Committee – Barbara Hedges

The committee will continue to build the member CV bank. These could be used to create member profiles. The committee will partner with Kendall to use these for Biofeedback. Claudia Lascar pointed out that the needs of the Public Relations and Publications Committees should also be considered.

Publications Committee – Lorri Zipperer

Fourteen book reviews were written for 23 books received by the committee. The Committee's website has been updated. It was moved and seconded to approve funds to buy and ship books for review. Zipperer asked to be notified by reviewers when they receive a review copy from a publisher.

Bylaws Committee – Jones for Nancy Stimson

It was pointed out that since we no longer have bylaws the committee's name should be the Governing Documents Committee. This change was approved. For a while the

committee will be listed as Governing Documents (formerly Bylaws).

Contributed Papers Committee – Jones for Barbara Butler

The theme for next year is “digitalization projects in the biomedical and life sciences.” Two new committee members are needed.

Fund Development Committee – Laura Osegueda

New members are needed. Janet Weiss volunteered. A fair number of current sponsors will be continuing. There will be some customs issues for next year; a Canadian Customs official was at the vendor planning meeting to meet with vendors. As a side note, we were reminded that a passport is the best travel document for next year.

Membership Committee – Irene Laursen

She is trying to get a hold of Linda Broussard, SLA’s Director of Member and Leadership Services.

Nominations and Elections Committee – Ruth Gustafson

David Duggar and John Sisson (University of California, Irvine) are the additional committee members.

Professional Development Committee – Janet Cooper Weiss

Three field trips have been proposed: a Toronto Islands trip with ERM, the zoo, and a museum/art gallery trip. Only two are possible; three is too many. She needs to pull a committee together. Laurie Scott knows the librarian at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM). Scott and Christina Woodward recommended dropping the zoo proposal. ROM is doable; they suggested McMichael Gallery will require a bus. There was also a suggestion of doing some library hopping.

Medical Library Association accreditation will be sought for the CE course on Systems Thinking. The call for other course proposals will be forthcoming; the deadline will be August 1. There is talk of restructuring continuing education for the Baltimore conference in 2006.

Public Relations Committee – Claudia Lascar

They will work with Awards, Biofeedback, etc. on the CV bank.

Publications Committee – Lorri Zipperer

Dorothy Barr (Univ. Mass. Medical Center) is joining the committee; a third member is needed. The book review column will continue; they will put out a call for reviewers.

Students Relations/Career Guidance Committee – Hadiya Drew

She and Jason Price have discussed a mentoring program. MacLean asked about the focus of the program: SLA, career, etc. Weiss said there is an informal network in place. Several members were approached over the last year; this was possibly related to a library school course. The committee will continue discussions.

Jones brought up that in the past the Division had an award for a student paper that was presented as part of the contributed papers session. MacLean said the award was a travel stipend and ceased due to lack of applications. There was talk of a poster session for students at the Baltimore conference. It was moved, seconded, and passed that there be \$1000 student travel stipend awarded on the basis of an essay contest. Drew, Scott, and Zipperer will work on this. Drew’s e-mail address is hadiya22@hotmail.com.

Vendor Relations Committee – Susan Kendall

Nothing new to report.

Nashville Program Committee – Janet Cooper Weiss

Most sessions were well attended; overall attendance was greater than expected. People were reminded to stop by the concierge's desk and get a printed ticket for the Cheekwood trip. There was a round of applause for Weiss.

Toronto Program Committee – Christina Woodward

Woodward offered thanks to Weiss, Jones, and Scott for their assistance. She asked for advice on how to figure projected attendance at sessions. It was felt that attendance could be high; many are looking forward to visiting Toronto.

X. Subunit Reports

Medical Section Report – Chris Hooper-Lane

Aside from the main issue of the proposed medical division, the section is planning for Toronto programs. They will also be working on the section's webpage. Bonnie Stephenson is the new chair-elect. The Vanderbilt program was well received and attended. The audience had more people from out of the section than in. Stephenson will write up the program for Biofeedback. They will also work with Laursen on a longevity list for the section.

Natural History Caucus – Steve Johnson

Johnson will analyze the membership of the caucus for trends. He will continue for one more year as convener.

X. Liaisons

MLA (Medical Library Association) – Claudia Lascar

Nothing to report.

ASIST (American Society for Information Science and Technology) – John Tebo

Nothing new to report.

C. IAMSLIC (International Association for Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers) – Gustafson for Jean Crampton

New liaison is Jean Crampton from the University of Southern California.

XII. Old Business

None.

XIII. New Business

Website – Carol Berry

Berry proposed burying the e-mail addresses on the website as mailto links. (This will help cut down on harvesting of addresses for spam mailers.) She would like to work on the focus and purpose of the website from the viewpoints of potential members, current members, and officers. If we redesign the logo, we should redesign the website. Please remember to send her updates.

Formation of Task Force - Jones

The task force will look at coordinating some of the efforts of the Public Relations, Publications, and Awards committees with Biofeedback. Jones will send out a call for volunteers. Gustafson volunteered as she has done similar work for IAMSLIC.

Proposal for SLA Endowment Grant Program – Lorri Zipperer

She will resend the proposal via e-mail to the board members.

XIII. Announcements

XIV. Adjournment – Jones

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02am.

Revised and submitted on 15 July 2004 by Anne Turhollow, Secretary.

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Liaisons are 3 year terms max. The Student Relations Committee should have at least one student member. The Contributed Papers Committee has a 4 yr cycle. (1st yr, 2nd yr, jr, sr)

Archivist, Biofeedback Editor, and BSDNET-L Moderator have no set terms.

Volunteer for DBIO!

To those of you who have stepped forward to serve on DBIO committees, many thanks. It is because of your talents and commitment that our division is so strong. If you always wondered what a particular committee did or wanted to serve on a committee but were not sure where to start, here is your opportunity. Committee appointments are two years in length and may be renewed for up to a maximum of 6 years total. There are also some appointed positions that may have vacancies within the near future.

We are particularly interested in filling the positions of SLA Government Relations Committee member and SLA International Relations Committee member. Both of these offer the exciting opportunity to interact association-wide on issues that are critical to the future of our profession.

Check out the Division's Procedure Manual <http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/procedur/index.html> for committee and position descriptions. Contact any of the committee chairs or members listed here to find out what a committee's workload is like. Then fill out the Volunteer Form on the next page and mail it, fax it, or e-mail it to the Division Chair. Take this opportunity to meet new colleagues, share and expand your knowledge and experience, and participate in shaping the future of the Division and librarianship!

Peggy Jones
 Chair, Biomedical and Life Sciences
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 Publications Committee
 Homepage Subcommittee
 Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee
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