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## Chair's Report

*Anna Therese McGowan*

I hope that you all had a lovely holiday season and that the New Year is starting off well. With the beginning of the new year, I am looking forward both to the SLA Winter meeting in St. Louis and the Annual Conference in Pittsburgh. The Winter Meeting gives the program planners for both the 1990 and the 1991 meetings an opportunity to work together and to attend the Association Board meetings. From attending the Board Meetings, we learn about the financial state of the Association as well as its future plans. Barbara Montanary, Chair-Elect and Jean Crampon, Secretary/Treasurer, will also be attending the meeting in St. Louis.

I am very enthusiastic about our program for the Annual Conference. Happily, we will have our Hospitality Suite in the Vista Hotel. This is the main conference hotel and is the closest to the Convention Center. I have already received promises of financial support for the Suite from some vendors, which is also good news. We will be co-hosting our Suite with the Chemistry, Pharmaceutical, and Environment and Resources Management Divisions so I am looking forward to busy evenings.

Patricia Yocum reports that the speakers who were so successful at the Great Lakes Regional Conference will speak at the Pittsburgh Meeting. The topic is: **Biosequencing: New Information, New Resources**. The speakers will discuss the topic both from the theoretical and the applied aspects. The databases that will be demonstrated are usually searched by microbiologists rather than librarians so it

will be of interest to learn about them.

The other program that has been settled is the one that we are co-sponsoring with the Geography and Map and Environment and Resources Management Divisions. Three speakers from the Pittsburgh area will discuss the economic and geographic impacts of environmental change on Pittsburgh. They will describe the results of the decline of the steel industry, the Ashland oil spill of 1988 and the changes caused by interstate construction. David McQuillan of the Geography and Map Division has put this interesting program together. With the current interest in clean air and the effect of man-made changes on the environment, this should be right on target for 1990.

Barbara Montanary will begin working with the other program planners for the 1991 meeting in San Antonio at the Winter Meeting. If you have any program ideas that you would like to suggest, I am sure that they would be welcome. Barbara will also be looking for new committee members for the coming year. If you would like to become more involved with the Division, please let Barbara know. Please feel free to call me or drop me a note if you have any ideas or suggestions that you would like to contribute, particularly any long-range ideas. We are currently working on the Division's Long-Range plan and we would like to have your thoughts on what the Division might do. I am always happy to hear from you.



## Report on SLA Winter Meeting

*Anna Therese McGowan*

The Special Libraries Association Winter meeting was held in St. Louis on January 24-26, 1990. There were quite a few members of the Biological Sciences Division Board there so we were able to meet and discuss our plans for the rest of the year. Those present were: Anna McGowan, Chair; Barbara Montanary-Schader, Chair-Elect; Jean Crampon, Secretary-Treasurer; Sarah Kelly, Chair, Nominating Committee (and Chair-Elect of the Indiana Chapter); and Karen Patrias, Consultant (and Chair, D.C. Chapter).

We attended the Board Meetings which were held each morning and learned how things are going on the Association level. The Bylaws amendment did pass this time so we will not have to redo that again. Plans for allocating the 1989 SLA budget surplus were discussed but will be decided in June. Public Relations was also a hotly debated topic for the Board as well as the Chapter and Division Cabinets. Barbara and I attended the Division Cabinet and Joint Cabinet meetings which were quite active this year. There is a move to expand the coverage in the *Specialist* of Chapter and Division activities. Currently, the Association is looking at all of its publications, particularly the *Specialist* so the timing for this discussion was right. There was much talk about the lack of communication between Headquarters and the Chapters and Divisions. I believe that message was heard and will be addressed. One method of improving communication is that the Chair-Elects of each Division will receive a copy of all the other Divisions' newsletters. We also requested that new Chair-Elects be given more information about their responsibilities before their first Winter meeting.

For Barbara and me, a major concern was planning the Pittsburgh and San Antonio conferences. I saw a draft of the Preliminary program for Pittsburgh and there were only a few corrections to be made. Our Hospitality Suite will be at the Vista Hotel so you may want to make your reservations for that hotel. It is the one closest to the Convention Center. The field trips will both be ticketed items and the trip to the University Hospital to learn about liver transplants will have a limit of 15 attendees. Therefore, if you are interested, please register early. We are cosponsoring Phil Wexler's MLA course on toxicology on Thursday. We believe that there is a great deal of interest in this course so I would recommend early registration for it as well.

Barbara met with other Division planners for San Antonio and already has some plans for programs. It is still early days for this conference so if there is something that you think should be included, please contact Barbara. Her new address and phone number are included in this issue of *Biofeedback*.

All in all, the three days in St. Louis were quite busy and productive for all of us who attended. It was very helpful to be able to discuss the Long-Range plan with the other members there. I will write more about this in the next issue. At the 1990 Annual meeting, the Biological Sciences Division will celebrate its 55th anniversary! I am planning some ways for marking our achievement and would appreciate any help from you. If you remember particular high points or members, please let me know. As always, if you have any questions or comments, I can be reached at (202)245-1298.

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## What Is Happening in Government Relations

*Antoinette P. Powell, Government Relations Chair*

While I have been inundated with paper there is not a whole lot to report, but I thought mid-year might be a good time to let you know what is happening in Washington. Sandy Morton does an excellent job of keeping me informed and here is the latest on five issues that are being watched by SLA. If you would like information on any of these issues please let me know and I will get you the appropriate information.

### White House Conference on Library and Information Science

There was some concern that \$3.25 million appropriation for the conference would not be put in as the House did not include it in the 1990 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Bill. This money was included in the Senate version and it was approved by Congress but vetoed by President Bush because of some language on abortion. Congress did not override the veto so a new bill is in the works.

### Canadian Copyright

Many issues of concern to the library community have not been worked out since the enactment of revisions to the Canadian Copyright Act. SLA staff is monitoring activities in this area with the assistance of SLA members in the provinces. Sue Merry has sent a letter on behalf of the Toronto Chapter to the Society of Copyright Consumers expressing the library community's concerns.

### Library of Congress Licensing

There has been much discussion about the licensing of the MARC database, but the Librarian of Congress has decided to put this on hold for further study.

### Permanent Papers

Legislation to establish a national policy on the use of permanent papers was passed by the full Senate in July. It is currently pending in both the House Government Operations and House Administrative Committees. No hearings have been scheduled. SLA is on record in support of the legislation.

### Paperwork Reduction Act

There has been much activity surrounding the reauthorization of the Paperwork Reduction Act

(PRA), but it seems unlikely any action will be taken before the end of this fiscal year (September 30th). The biggest concerns for the library community are the authority of OMB over information dissemination and the role of the private sector in the process. SLA is working closely with other library organizations and public interest groups to see that our needs are met in the final version of the PRA.

### National Trade Data Bank

The Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 mandated the establishment of a National Trade Data Bank to provide international trade information, no matter what format, in a timely fashion to U.S. business firms that are engaged in export-related activities and to federal and state agencies that promote exports. SLA commends the Commerce Department for its action and hopes that the distribution of the data will be in a timely fashion.

SLA's 1990 Regional Continuing  
Education Program

## Mainstreaming the Special Library

Toronto, ON	March 30
Boston, MA	April 20
Chicago, IL	May 11
Sacramento, CA	Oct. 12
Princeton, NJ	Oct. 26
Daytona Beach, FL	Nov. 9

For further information contact SLA's Professional Development Section, 202/234-4700.

## BSD Members' Publications

compiled by the Publications Committee

The Publications Committee has compiled this list from member contributions and from scanning recent issues of library science journals. The list is by no means complete and we are interested in more contributions. Please send your list of publications to: Mary Compton, Sandia National Laboratories, Technical Library, Division 3144, P.O. Box 5800, Albuquerque, NM 87185. We look forward to hearing from you.

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## Working Smarter the Key to Success

In today's hectic business environment, the key to success is working smarter, not harder. SLA's 1990 Regional CE course "How to Work Smarter," taught by Randy Bauer, will help you improve a range of business management and human relations skills.

Randy Bauer, one of SLA's most popular instructors, is president, Leadership Training Associates, a management training firm. Mr. Bauer consistently receives outstanding evaluations at SLA's Annual and Winter Education conferences. His teaching techniques include a combination of lecture, small group discussion, group exercises, and self-awareness activities.

During the first portion of "How to Work Smarter" the attendee will learn practical techniques guaranteed to eliminate time-wasting behavior, improve concentration, and reduce stress. Mr. Bauer suggests techniques in how to get more done in less time and how to manage stress and avoid burnout.

The second portion of the program concentrates on improving human relations skills such as conflict management, effective listening, and assertiveness. You will learn to identify communication strengths, different communication styles, and the art of listening. These new skills can be used to streamline communication with supervisors, subordinates, co-workers, and the public.

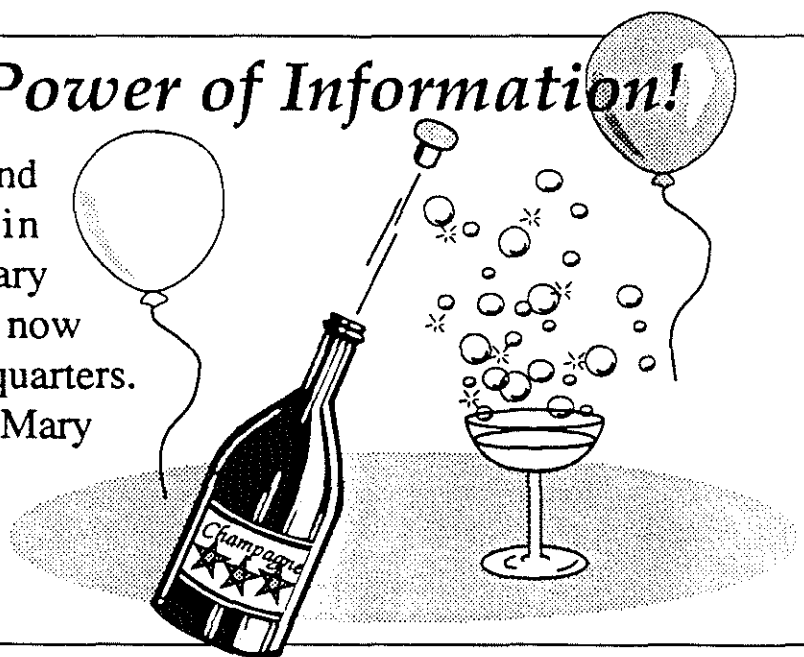
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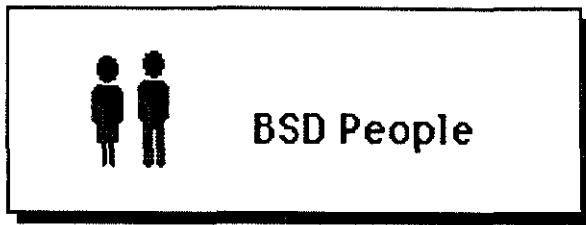
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Learning how to work smarter is the first step in replacing frustration with confidence and enthusiasm. For more information on "How to Work Smarter" contact the Professional Development Section, SLA, (202)234-4700. ■

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Martha received her M.S.L.S. from Kent State University in December 1989. She has a B.A. in business administration and allied health from Thiel College. In addition to working as a Library Student Assistant at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, Martha has been employed as a manager of Marketing and Special Projects for the American Red Cross and as a recruitment officer at both St. Luke's Hospital, Cleveland, and Case Western Reserve University's School of Dentistry.

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