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Chair's Report

Barbara Montanary-Schader

I have just returned from SLA Midwinter. It was a very productive meeting and I have much to report regarding both our division and the Association.

First of all, Washington was lovely and fascinating and cold! Cami Loucks, BSD Chair-Elect and I started the Winter Meeting bright and early Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. with several hours of DACOLT (Division and Chapter Officers Leadership Training) sessions. These leadership training sessions differ from year to year, but always provide very practical information on how to become more effective as a chapter or division officer. If any of you hesitate to run for division office because you are uncertain of all that is required or exactly how to go about office duties, relax. The DACOLT sessions are always very helpful and a manual is prepared each year which will answer almost all of your questions. SLA does a superb job of training its officers.

Late Wednesday afternoon dealt with "planning the annual meeting" sessions. I attended the San Antonio section where all of the planners were doing the final fine tuning to the program. I think San Antonio will be a terrific program. The BSD co-sponsored programs include "Managing Proprietary Scientific Data," "Global Warming," "Toxicology Roundtable," and "Copyright Issues." (See previous *Biofeedback* issues for complete descriptions). We are planning field trips to the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research (Wednesday) and to the Botanic Gardens on Thursday. And finally, Bonnie Snow will be teaching a pharmaceutical CE course. We will have an open house on Sunday with Chemistry and Environmental Resources & Management Divisions and an open house on Monday and Wednesday with ERMD. A margarita party co-sponsored with several other divisions is planned for Tuesday. All of the divisions are planning equally interesting programs so I hope you are all planning to attend.

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Cami will report on the San Francisco planners session and all of her ideas in an upcoming issue of *Biofeedback*.

Issues discussed at the Board of Directors Meeting included the strategic plan (the two primary priorities are membership retention and research); image of the profession (we need to do a great deal of work in this area if society is to recognize the complexities of our responsibilities and award us accordingly); dues increase (we spent hours discussing this; more on this later).

Highlights of the Division Cabinet included actions of the Board of Directors to streamline the budget process and reporting; and a bylaws change for the Nominating Committee which recommends that the Chair-Elect spend the first year as Chair-Elect and then chair the second year. The current situation has the Chair-Elect serve as chair the first year and Past-Chair the second year. Sexist language will also be removed during this bylaws revision. New business focused on the results of the Taskforce on Image and the subsequent plan to "promulgate a strong professional image." Implementation will be the responsibility of all SLA members. Motions included recommending that the Solo Librarians Caucus become a division (passed); that the Employment Center at the annual meetings be upgraded for more space, individual mailboxes, longer hours, miscellaneous supplies, and a geographical breakdown of job listings (passed); that the Board of Directors rescind the October resolution to discourage candidates from campaigning (passed); rescind approval of the amendment which stated that candidates for Chair-Elect must have previous professional experience (passed).

I announced to the Division Cabinet that a few BSD members have been working over a year now to form a natural history librarians special interest group or section and that Ann Juneau would be putting an announcement in the newsletters for BSD, ERMD and Museums, Arts and Humanities Division and would also be sending out a questionnaire to interested individuals. If anyone would like to contact Ann regarding the natural history librarians, she can be reached at 202/357-4939.

The last issue I wanted to mention is the dues increase. There was not unanimity among the board members for a dues increase and thus the board voted in October to bring the issue of a dues increase to the membership at the Annual Meeting. The discussion of the pros and cons went on for quite some time. I felt the major points were that we really

need better and more complete information on the actual financial state of the association in order to determine whether a dues increase is necessary at this time, especially an increase which will automatically continue increasing for several years. There was also much discussion regarding the fact that only those members who actually attend the Annual Business Meeting will have a vote on the dues issue. The bylaws may at some time be changed to support a mail vote for all members, but for this year it will still be a vote by only those members attending the Annual Business Meeting in San Antonio.

As you can see from all of the above, it was a very busy and full meeting.

I hope to see all of you in San Antonio. Our BSD Annual Business Meeting will be Tuesday from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. That too will be a busy and full meeting, but it will be followed by the margarita party, so please join us!

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Chair-Elect's Report

Cami L. Loucks

As I develop strategies for accomplishing my duties as Chair-elect, I am finding out how important it is to receive communication from each of you. I have three important topics on my agenda and they are long range planning, special projects, and the conference program for the 1992 conference in San Francisco.

First, Anna McGowen, Past-Chair, has been formulating ideas on long range planning for the Biological Sciences Division and such an undertaking requires our support and ideas. If you have any designs on the future planning of the Division, please let us know about those ideas.

Secondly, the Association allows the Divisions to apply for funding of special projects and applications for funding must be made prior to the new budget year. So, if you have ideas for special projects for the Division, please contact any of the Division officers to let us present these ideas before the annual meeting in San Antonio.

And last, but certainly not least, the Winter meeting in January was the first meeting for each of the Division Chair-Elects to plan the 1992 conference in San Francisco. Excitement was abound as the meeting planners shared their ideas for discussion topics and field trips. A note of caution came from the convener of the meeting that with such an enriched scientific and cultural center as San Francisco, we might be tempted to over plan the total number of events. With this in mind, we were encouraged to joint plan with other Divisions, wherever practical. At this stage of the planning, however, I would like to have as much feedback from each of you regarding your special interests in programs and speakers and field trip events in the San Francisco area. Listed below are some of the ideas that some of you and I, and other Division Chair-Elects, have developed as possibilities. Please share your reactions or additional ideas with me by mail, phone, or fax, or see me at the San Antonio meeting in June.

Ideas for the 1992 San Francisco Conference:

Program topics:

Genome (Gene Mapping, Gene Sequencing)
Fiber Optic Communications
Molecular Design
Chemistry for the Non-chemist
Techno-stress
CD-ROM Full Text
How to Write Mission Statements
Leadership and Management
Value-added Information Searching and Retrieval
Ethics in Library Management
Marketing Swap and Shop
Government Documents - How to Find
Desktop Publishing
Organizing and Maintaining Archives
Library Services in Crisis Situations (e.g., Bopal incident)
Importing Data into Spreadsheets
Neutraceuticals
Emerging Technologies
Demographics - Product Planning
Copyright
Pacific Rim
Strategic Planning
Collection Development

Field trip ideas:

Wine Country
Wine Country on the Orient Express
Dialog, Apple, Silicon Valley
Museums: Railroad, Art, History, Botanical, Aquarium, Planetarium, etc.

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Southwest Foundation of Biomedical Research Field Trip

*Ann Campbell, Chair
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Be sure to make plans for the tour of the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research following the SLA Business Meeting on Wednesday, June 12, in San Antonio. The facility includes 95 state-of-the art laboratories, a 60,000 volume research library, a modern data processing center, and a staff of 270. The Center houses, treats, and feeds the world's largest colony of research baboons (approximately 3,000 with all five species represented) as well as 170 chimpanzees, 1,400 short-tailed opossums, and 2,000 various types of mice, rabbits, and rats. The Center conducts research programs in the areas of immunology, virology, heart/lung research, genetics, cancer, and perinatology. The field trip will include luncheon and a presentation by Corporate Development Director, Albert Steves or one of the researchers followed by a tour of the facilities and an opportunity for questions. Be sure to make your reservations early for this event.

Ad Hoc Committee on Committees

Jean Crampon, Chair

The Chair has asked me to chair an Ad Hoc Committee on Committee Appointments. In order to complete this project, I need your help. If you are currently on a committee or have previously served on any BSD committee, I welcome your input. Here are some questions to consider:

- On which committee have you served? How long?
- Did you serve as chair? How long?
- How long do you think someone should be on that committee?
- Should a chair have served on the committee first? (For example, the chair of the nomination committee must be a member the previous year.)
- Should there be staggered or overlapping terms?
- Should there be a limit to how long someone should be on a particular committee?
- What suggestions do you have to increase involvement on the committee level?
- Any other comments, suggestions, etc.?

To the current committee chairs, I add this plea: Please think about all the questions above. If I don't hear from you, I will call and ask!

Please call or write to:
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Thank you to all who answer my plea for help.

CE Course on Drug Information

Renee Bush

The Biological Sciences Division will be sponsoring a full day continuing education course on Thursday, June 13, 1991, at the SLA Annual Conference in San Antonio. Bonnie Snow will teach "Drug and Pharmaceutical Information Resources," MLA CE 310, which will provide an introduction to printed resources and to background information on drug nomenclature, development, and the regulatory processes necessary to effectively answer drug information questions. Product identification, pharmacology and therapeutics, adverse reactions, and consumer information sources are among the topics to be covered. Group practicum exercises will emphasize a systematic approach to problem solving. To facilitate open discussion and exchange, class size will be limited to 30 people.

Ms. Snow, perhaps best known for her monthly column, "Caduceus," which appears in the journals *Online* and *Database*, is currently employed as Manager of the Mid-Atlantic Region for DIALOG Information Services. As a Medical Library Association Continuing Education Instructor, she has developed and taught courses on toxicology online information retrieval, biochemical searching in the health sciences, designing end user education, and competitive intelligence in the pharmaceutical industry. Ms. Snow has presented CE310 in Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Canada, and the United States.

One of Ms. Snow's most recent publications, *Drug Information: A Guide to Current Resources*, will be used as the text for this class. The price of the book will be included in the course fee.

BSD Election Candidates

*Carolyn Dodson, Chair
Nominations and Elections Committee*

The Nominations and Elections Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for consideration for Biological Sciences Division offices, 1991-92:

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Ballots, including candidate information, will be sent out by first class mail in March. The current mailing labels from SLA headquarters will be used. If members have any questions they may write: Carolyn Dodson, Chair, General Library, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131; 505/277-7162.

New York Zebra Mussel Information Clearinghouse

Susan Grace Moore

During the last decades many non-indigenous species have been introduced into the Great Lakes Basin. These exotic species - fish, crustaceans and plants - have created some significant problems within the Basin. One of the most prolific, and potentially the most damaging, is the zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha* Pallas). A bivalve mollusc, the zebra mussel is native to the Black and Caspian Seas in Eastern Europe. The development and use of canals helped spread the zebra mussel throughout Europe and the United Kingdom during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The zebra mussel is believed to have entered North American waters via fresh water ship ballast sometime in 1986 in Lake St. Clair. To date, there have been no confirmed sightings outside the Great Lakes Basin in either U.S. or Canadian waters.

In August 1990, the Zebra Mussel Information Clearinghouse opened. The clearinghouse exists to meet the information needs concerning all aspects of the zebra mussel issue, and to facilitate the flow of information among stakeholders addressing this complex issue. The intended audience includes academic researchers; utility, industrial and water treatment plant personnel; water resource managers; boaters and anglers; legislators; students; and the general public.

The clearinghouse is a non-profit, educational project of New York Sea Grant. Its first 18 months have been funded by grant money from the Empire State Electric Energy Research Corporation (ESEERCO), a consortium of New York State electric utility companies (Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, New York Power Authority, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc., and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation), the Eastman Kodak Company, and the Monroe County (NY) Water Authority. New York Sea Grant is a cooperative program of the State University of New York and Cornell University. Although the clearinghouse is a project of New York Sea Grant, the audience is not geographically limited.

Susan Grace Moore has been hired as the

Clearinghouse Coordinator. She is a librarian with a background in ecology and botany. Jayne New assists with the administrative activities. Technical advice is provided by the two Sea Grant Extension Specialists who oversee the project: Charles O'Neill and David MacNeil. They have been involved with zebra mussel activities (control and biology, respectively) for almost three years.

The primary activity of the clearinghouse is collection and dissemination of information relevant to the zebra mussel issue. Our collection consists of published and on-going research and reports, as well as applied and in-house research. Current federal, regional and state legislation is tracked.

Announcements of meetings and conferences are collected. The clearinghouse, in conjunction with New York Sea Grant, provides brochures, factsheets and posters to the public. A bibliography has been compiled of the current collection, and is available upon request. A database of zebra mussel literature is being developed. Requests for searches can be made to the clearinghouse. Copies of published research articles can be obtained through the clearinghouse. Fees for these copies will include duplication and postage costs; some may also include copyright royalties as set by their publishers.

The most visible product of the clearinghouse is a bimonthly newsletter entitled *Dreissena polymorpha Information Review*. Articles in the newsletter report current research activities or summarize topics of interest from published literature. The newsletter also includes a map of the spread of the zebra mussel which is updated each issue. Annotations of clearinghouse documents are also provided. There is a subscription fee for the newsletter, although complimentary copies are obtainable.

The clearinghouse is open to the public from 8:30 to 4:30 EST, Monday to Friday. Inquiries are accepted from anyone. If you would like to speak with any of the staff, please do not hesitate to contact the clearinghouse. Please refer questions from your clients to us. Our telephone number is 716/395-2516. Our address is New York Zebra Mussel Information Clearinghouse, State University of New York, College at Brockport, Brockport, NY 14420-2928.

BSD Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 11, 1990. Pittsburgh. David L. Lawrence Conference Center. 3:08 p.m.

Call to Order

Chair Anna Theresa McGowan opened the annual business meeting. Forty-four members attended. Board Proctor was Beth Paskoff. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in *Biofeedback*.

Chair's Report and Announcements

The Chair encouraged attendance at the BSD sponsored programs on Tuesday, "Economic and Geographic Impact of Environmental Issues on Pittsburgh" co-sponsored with Geography & Map and Environmental & Resources Management Divisions and "Gene Sequence Databases: Are They in Your Future?" co-sponsored with Chemistry, Information Technology, and Pharmaceutical Divisions. The Monday night hospitality room was the anniversary celebration for BSD. There was one ticket remaining for the field trip Wednesday to the Presbyterian University Hospital for "Bioethics and the Matter of Organ Transplants." The Thursday tour to the Phipps Conservatory and Hunt Institute of Botanical Documentation has been cancelled due to low enrollment. Thursday's CE course, "Toxicology Information: An Introduction," presented by Philip Wexler and co-sponsored with Environmental & Resource Management Division, is full.

From the Board of Directors: The topic of increasing membership was discussed. The plan is to increase the membership by 1% per year. Fax numbers will be available in the 1991 directory. The gene sequencing session was selected for a PR focus by the Board; therefore, the media, both print and television, were given information about the program and invited to attend. SLA was recognized by the local news media both before and during the conference. The mortgage for the building was paid off from the General Fund. This money will be repaid. Renovation of the building is still a concern. The annual report of the Division for 1989-90 will be sent to *Biofeedback* for publication.

Chair-Elect's Report

Barbara Montanary-Schader reported on the San Antonio plans for 1991. We will be co-sponsoring a program on copyright with Science & Technology; Pharmaceutical: Metals/Materials; Food, Agriculture

& Nutrition; Chemistry; and Physics-Astronomy-Mathematics. Speakers will include Eamon Fennessay of the Copyright Clearance Center and Laura Gassaway of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Law Library. The biennial Toxicology Roundtable, co-sponsored with Chemistry, Environmental & Resource Management, and Engineering is scheduled with Kathy Deck to speak. Another session will be on global climate change with Sherwood Rowland of the University of California-Irvine and Michael Farrel of Oakridge National Laboratory co-sponsored with Science & Technology, Environmental & Resource Management, and Chemistry. A possible program is on access and control of proprietary scientific data, technical reports and lab notebooks. A margarita party is planned for Tuesday's hospitality suite, with multi-divisional sponsors. A possible CE would be on medical/pharmaceutical databases. A field trip to the Southwest Research Center is being investigated. The center has a "pension plan" for research animals as they become too old. She requested volunteers for local arrangements chair and members, membership chair and members, and nominating committee members.

Treasurer's Report

Jean E. Crampon, Secretary/Treasurer, gave the financial report. As of May 31, 1990, the division had \$3,209.65 in the interest-bearing checking account, \$6,977.37 in the money market account, and \$124.83 in the P.O. account for *Biofeedback* for a \$10,311.85 total. This is an improvement over last year.

Committee Reports

Past-Chair: Eleanor A. MacLean reviewed the procedures manual this year and worked on a revision of the division bylaws. Bylaws must be approved by the Association before they may be voted on by the BSD membership next year.

Archives: Caroline Morris has organized materials back to 1934. She gave a brief historical report. There were 19 people at the first meeting in New York. Adeline Macrum served as Chair. Nursing and Medicine joined in 1938 from the Sci-Tech Division. By 1940-41 there were 400+ members and 600+ by 1943. There was no meeting in 1945. She is working on a report from 1950 on. She requested

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assistance in working on the archives, preferably someone near Philadelphia.

Newsletter: *Biofeedback* Editor, Steven Sowell, reported that four issues were produced this year, 38 total pages, 2785 copies distributed, for a cost of \$2.06 per member per year. He thanked Assistant Editor, Adam Schiff, and Business Manager, Kurt Baumgartner. All three welcome contributions from the membership.

Consultation: Karen Patrias reported no activity. She asked is this because no one needs help or because no one knows of the assistance of the committee?

Government Relations: Toni Powell said this position requires much reading, but little action was needed this year. The focus is on the upcoming White House Conference and copyright in Canada.

Local Arrangements: Lynn Labun was given official thanks by the Chair for her excellent work this year in assisting the planning for local arrangements in Pittsburgh.

Nominating: Sarah Kelly reported 699 ballots mailed, 250 valid ballots cast. Cami Loucks is the new Chair-Elect for 1990-91 and Rita Fisher is incoming Secretary/Treasurer for 1990-92.

Professional Development and Programs: Ann Campbell reported the sold-out CE program and thanked co-sponsor, Environmental & Resource Management Division.

Publications: Mary Compton requested contributions from members for preparing the biological sciences section of the new edition of *Tools of the Profession* with other divisions of SLA. Also working on this will be Linda Ordogh, Tracy Powell, and Elisabeth Davis from the Publications Committee and Adam Schiff from *Biofeedback*. Member contributions may be sent to any of these people. The proposal for BSD sponsorship of an issue of *Special Libraries* should be the next major project for the committee. They request suggestions for a theme for the issue.

Membership: Rita Fisher thanked members Mae Cutler, Susan Lake, Jeff Wehmeyer, and Maggie Welshmer. The committee has welcomed new members to the division, whether new to SLA as a whole or just new to BSD. The minimum 100 responses were not received regarding a directory of the division, so this project is on hold due to low response. Changes in position, as identified, are reported to *Biofeedback*. Assistance from members in providing this information was requested.

Student Stipend: Winner Katherine Hart was introduced by last year's winner, Janice C. Kemp. Ms. Hart read her paper, "Access to Non-print Materials in Science Libraries," which will be published in *Biofeedback*. She will be an Associate as NLM next year.

Old Business

None.

New Business

The Division needs to work on a new long range plan. This will be a priority now that we have the SLA strategic plan for guidance. Ann Juneau of the Smithsonian will meet with members interested in a natural history sub-group following the business meeting. Elizabeth Winiarz wishes to identify members interested in exercise science and acknowledged the NALS group, a network for sports and exercise.

Cami Loucks, Chair-Elect for 1990-91, asked for volunteers to start work on the San Francisco meeting in 1992.

Chair Anna McGowan thanked everyone for their work.

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean E. Crampon, Secretary/Treasurer, 1988-90

Member News

Former Board member (and BSD Past-Chair) Beth Paskoff has replaced Kaycee Hale on the Board of Directors of the Special Libraries Association. Beth officially took her seat at the January Meeting of the SLA Board (January 23-25, 1991). Beth is a professor in the School of Library and Information Science at Louisiana State University. She served formerly on the SLA Board as Division Cabinet Chair-Elect and Division Cabinet Chair.

Adam L. Schiff has been appointed Associate Librarian for User Services, California Academy of Sciences Library, San Francisco. Adam's new address is California Academy of Sciences Library, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA 94118. Telephone: 415/750-7104; BITNET: CASLIB@CMSA.BERKELEY.EDU.

BSD Members' Publications

The Publications Committee has compiled this list from member contributions. This list is not complete and we are interested in more contributions. Please send your list of publications to: Mary Compton, Sandia National Laboratories, Technical Library, 3144, POB 5800, Albuquerque, NM 87185. We look forward to hearing from you. BSD members' names are in bold type.

Barnes, Judith A., Barnes, Richard F., & Asher, Doris H. (1989) Micro-based Integration System with Nutshell Plus. *Computers in Libraries*, 9 (9): 7-15.

Oakland Library Consortium, Standing Committee on Preservation, **Kwater, Elizabeth**, Chair. (1990) *Air Drying Wet Books*. (Publications in Preservation #1) Pittsburgh, PA: Oakland Library Consortium.

Oakland Library Consortium, Standing Committee on Preservation, **Kwater, Elizabeth**, Chair. (1990) *Air Drying Wet Documents*. (Publications in Preservation #2) Pittsburgh, PA: Oakland Library Consortium.

Oakland Library Consortium, Standing Committee on Preservation, **Kwater, Elizabeth**, Chair. (1990) *Conservation of Library Materials: Identification and Treatment*. (Publications in Preservation #3) Pittsburgh, PA: Oakland Library Consortium.

Oakland Library Consortium, Standing Committee on Preservation, **Kwater, Elizabeth**, Chair. (1990) *Preserving Library Resources: A Guide for Staff*. Pittsburgh, PA: Oakland Library Consortium.

New Member Profiles

Laurie Curtis

Laurie is a reference librarian at the medical library of the Illinois College of Optometry. She received a Master of Arts in Library and Information Science from Rosary College, River Forest, Illinois. She also holds B.S. and M.S. in nursing. Prior to obtaining her M.A.L.I.S. in August 1990, Laurie was employed as a nurse and nursing instructor in Chicago.

Joan L. Raphael

Joan is a student in the library science program at the University of Arizona, where she is currently Vice-President of the SLA student chapter. She received a B.A. in history and a split biology/chemistry minor from UA. After completing her studies in May 1991, Joan hopes to relocate to southern California in a community college library.

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Natural History Special Interest Group Minutes

June 11, 1990

Attendees: Lyn Badger, University of Florida, Gainesville; Renee Bush, State University of New York, Buffalo, Science and Engineering Library; Ann Juneau, National Museum of Natural History Branch, Smithsonian Institution Libraries, Washington, D.C., convener; Brian Lym, California Academy of Sciences Library, San Francisco; Eleanor MacLean, McGill University, Blacker-Wood Library of Biology, Montreal; Adam Schiff, University of Colorado Science Library, Boulder; and Frederick Sepp, Pennsylvania State University, Life Sciences Library, University Park.

During the June, 1980 Biological Sciences Division annual business meeting, time was set aside for a discussion on forming a group of interested members to share concerns common to natural history collections and librarians maintaining such collections. A group of seven people met from 4:30 to 6:00.

The discussion concentrated on basic issues which are important to the orientation of a new group.

1. The definition of natural history and how inclusive should it be from the standpoint of membership and collection development issues. Should anthropology and geology be included? Wildlife and conservation? The group seemed in favor of including this type of collection. Do we want to include natural resources as part of the definition? Participants were inclined not to.

2. Type of institutions from which participants come. Should the group be restricted to museum librarians or open to anyone interested, be it academic or other special library environment? The group was in favor of leaving membership non-restrictive, subject-based regardless of the type of organization at which they work or role they perform.

3. Recruitment of members. Recruitment will be from the membership within SLA and non-members and will take a four-tiered approach. A.) Biological Sciences Divisional members in natural history related collections; B.) other divisions within SLA such as Museums, Arts and Humanities and the Environment and Resource Management; C.) the major natural history museum collections, inclusive of the TANSIL members; D.) smaller museum libraries and academic

collections with natural history collections.

For this last phase, the libraries will be grouped regionally and assigned to group members to contact on that basis. Eleanor MacLean -- Northeastern Canada; Adam Schiff -- Rocky Mountain Region; Renee Bush -- New England; Lyn Badger -- Southeastern U.S.; Brian Lym -- West Coast; Ann Juneau -- mid-Atlantic. Additional assignments will be made to cover regions not discussed at the meeting. A letter and brief survey form will be mailed to selected SLA members and nonmembers and will mention the fundamental reasons for the group's formation. It will ask them to indicate their preference for joining SLA's Biological Sciences Division. The survey may include questions on whether they would prefer joining SLA or be part of an independent venture; which other divisions in SLA they are members of and which other associations they belong to; and which cataloging utilities and e-mail networks they participate in.

Brian Lym will draft the letter and transmit it by BITNET to the participants.

4. Sponsorship and funding future activities. Should support come from within the Biological Sciences Division or some other division within SLA; or, should support be self-generated and independent of SLA? Ann Juneau agreed to discuss these questions with Barbara Montanary-Schader and perhaps with David Bender, if necessary, for guidance in establishing an initial strategy. Could the Biological Sciences Division provide funding for mailings? On an organizational level, should a roundtable within the Biological Sciences Division or caucus be established?

5. Promotion of future natural history subject-related programs, sessions, and field trips of interest sponsored by the Biological Sciences Division.

Full minutes or highlights of the meeting will be published in the *Biofeedback* newsletter for the Division and any other divisional newsletter that is suggested. Copies of the full minutes will be mailed to each participant and those expressing interest in the group who did not attend the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Ann M. Juneau
July 9, 1990

Natural History Interest Group Survey

February 11, 1991

Dear Colleague:

Would you be interested in joining a group of natural history librarians?

At the 1990 Special Libraries Association Meeting, several members express an interest in having a forum which could concentrate on discussing natural history topics. Depending on the response for this survey, a special interest group for natural history librarians may be organized within a division of the SLA or as an independent group. Would you be interested in joining? There is currently no organization--nationally or internationally--for natural history librarians. With such a forum, we can exchange information and ideas regarding resource sharing, collection development, funding, etc.

We would appreciate if you would indicate your interest by April 15, 1991. Please detach the form below and mail to me.

Sincerely,
Ann Juneau

Yes, I am interested in joining a special interest group: one which is affiliated with an existing organization, i.e. _____
(please fill-in your preference)

Yes, I prefer to join such a special interest group: one which is independent and not affiliated with an existing organization.

No, I am not interested.

Comments:

Name:

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City/State:

Phone:

Fax:

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What other organizations do you belong to:

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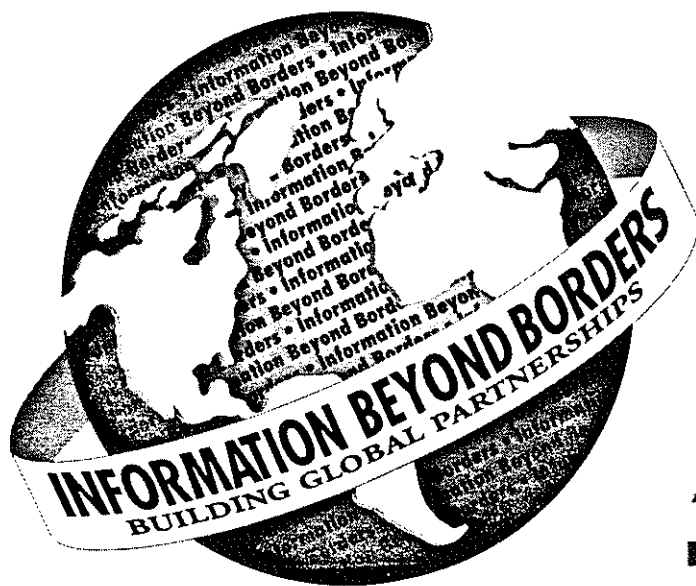
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