

**Biomedical And Life Sciences Division
Special Libraries Association
2003/2004 Annual Business Meeting
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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 a 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.

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

Four electronic issues were published last year. The incoming board will discuss going to only electronic PDF distribution.

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 list serves; 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. He will be moving deleted sections of the old 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 of 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 - Haidya 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 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 meeting and 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 IAMSDLIC is only \$35; their website is at <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 9:45pm.

Submitted on 8 July 2004 by Anne Turhollow, Secretary.

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, with the biological literature guide 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.