

# BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DIVISION SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

SPRING 1973

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

This has been a year of austerity so that the treasury of the Division could be replenished and I am pleased to inform you this has now been accomplished. I am sorry there could not be more communication with the Division members but this seemed to be the best policy.

I wish to urge every member who attends the annual meeting to participate in the business meeting as we have several important things to decide. Some of them are:

a. **Type of publication for the Division**

Do you want a Newsletter, a bulletin similar to the "Reminder", or something else? A Newsletter can be financed out of the annual dues but the "Reminder" required advertising. Most of the divisions have a Newsletter.

b. **The role of the Division**

What else should the Division do besides plan its part of the annual program? This is a question the officers of the Association are asking the Division chairmen and what is decided may well determine whether the Division will continue to be a part of the Advisory structure of the Association.

c. **Project for the Division**

Each Division is urged by the Association to select a project that will provide professional stimulation and more unity in the Division as well as a product that will be useful and profitable. At the last business meeting it was voted to consider the publication of a guide to veterinary drugs that would be updated regularly by members of the Division. This possibility was explored by your Chairman who wrote to veterinary librarians and other interested persons. It was found that (1) There was no strong sentiment for such a publication, (2) A similar publication was produced commercially in 1964 but was never revised and (3) A stipulation was made by the purchaser of **Unlisted Drugs** that the Association or its divisions could not produce another publication that would compete with **Unlisted Drugs**.

It was, therefore, decided by the officers not to undertake this project. It is hoped that other proposals will be made.

## REPORT OF THE MIDWINTER MEETING

The Association considered a number of items at this meeting that will be of interest to all of the Division members. In some cases, the Board was collecting information and opinions from the members preparatory to making a decision.

1. **Dues**—The board members were asked to consider a proposal to raise the dues for individual members from \$30 to \$40 effective January, 1974. This proposal will have to be approved at the annual meeting in June in order to go into effect next January. The response from the various chapters that had been approached was overwhelmingly against a dues increase. It was suggested that the association seek increased income through publications, conferences, grants and expanded membership. It was predicted that such a large increase would result in the loss of many members and hamper the recruitment of new members. The dues have not been raised in five years and the Board maintains services and programs will be adversely affected without a dues increase. Each member should give this serious thought before the annual meeting to determine in his own mind if there are reasonable and attainable alternatives to what may be the paralyzing effects on the association's program if a dues increase is denied.

2. **Copyright Law Revision**

The status of the Williams & Wilkins case in regard to photocopying of their journals and books was reviewed by Dr. McKenna. Following a report by a commissioner to the U. S. Court of Claims in favor of Williams & Wilkins, the company instituted a policy of higher rates on its journals varying from 3% to 40% for institution subscribers as opposed to individual subscribers. An institution was then permitted to photocopy articles for patrons in the library at no charge but not for interlibrary loans. This policy met great resistance, so the company announced it would continue the institution rates on journals but would hold in abeyance any restrictions on photocopy until after the courts have made a decision on its case. Some other companies have also followed this policy.

## ANNUAL MEETING IN PITTSBURGH

Plans for the annual meeting are all set and we think we have a very interesting program. After the boatripe on Sunday evening we will have our own Open House so that you will meet the other members of the Division. The Program itself is as follows:

### CONVENTION PROGRAM, JUNE 10-14, 1973

#### Sunday, June 10

9:00-11:00 p.m. Open House

#### Monday, June 11

12:00-1:30 p.m. Luncheon and Program  
**Speaker:** Dr. Joseph Buckley, Associate Dean and Professor of Pharmacology, School of Pharmacy, University of Pittsburgh

**Topic:** Environmental Stresses and Their Relationship to Disease

2:00-4:30 p.m. Business Meeting

#### Wednesday, June 13

12:00-1:30 p.m. Luncheon and Program  
**Speaker:** Henry W. Pierce, Staff Writer, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette  
**Topic:** Science Looks at ESP

2:00-4:00 p.m. Contributed Papers  
**Speaker:** Grace T. Jenkins, Medline Management Section, National Library of Medicine

**Topic:** Medline

**Speaker:** Dr. David A. E. Shephard, Dept. of Biomedical Communications, Mayo Foundation and Jack Key, Mayo Clinic Library

**Topic:** Do Libraries Prevent or Promote Entropy in Information

#### Tour

#### Thursday, June 14

9:15 a.m. Leave Hilton Hotel  
10:00 a.m. Arrive at the Hunt Botanical Library  
10:00-11:00 a.m. Tour Hunt Botanical Library  
11:00 a.m. Leave Hunt Botanical Library  
12:15 p.m. Arrive at Old Economy  
12:15-1:15 p.m. Lunch at Old Economy  
1:15-2:45 p.m. Tour of Old Economy  
2:45-3:45 p.m. Arrive at Hilton Hotel

#### Notes on Program

Dr. Joseph Buckley is an internationally known scientist, lecturer, author and teacher. He is a member of 16 scientific, honorary and professional organizations and the author or joint author of over 90 publications. He has received numerous awards and honors including the Honors Achievement Award from the Angiology Research Foundation, the award in Pharmacodynamics of the American Pharmaceutical Association and an honorary professorship at the University of San Carlos, Guatemala. In recent years, Dr. Buckley has lectured widely in the United States and abroad. His current research activities are concerned with the effects of experimental stress on behavior, the cardiovascular system, the endocrine system and other biochemical systems. This research is supported by four grants from the National Institutes of Health and grants from three pharmaceutical companies.

Henry W. Pierce is a staff writer on the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette who has written and lectured extensively on Extra Sensory Perception. He has a master's degree in psychology and is the author of a book on ESP. Mr. Pierce is a member of the Association of National Science Writers and the American Society for Psychical Research.

The Hunt Botanical Library at Carnegie-Mellon University (Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation) contains an excellent collection of materials relating to the history of botany and related fields. It now has one of the largest collections of botanical illustrations in the country and sponsors periodically an international exhibition. This year there were 181 entries from 29 countries. The rooms in the library are exquisitely decorated and furnished.

Old Economy is a pietistic settlement founded in 1825 by the Harmony Society, but now maintained by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. It is located on 6.7 acres in Ambridge where many of the original buildings may be visited as well as the gardens and pavilions. Here was established a large manufacturing center which produced textiles of cotton, wool and silk. At one time, this was the leading industrial community in the West. Lunch will be served in one of the historic buildings.

#### Report of Midwinter Meeting (Continued from page 1)

#### 3. Nominating Committee Proposal

The Nominating Committee recommended that the Advisory Council consider the following proposal: In the interest of better utilization of SLA members we discuss the desirability of providing a role for both candidates for SLA President-Elect; the one receiving more votes to be President-Elect and the one receiving the lesser number to be Chairman-Elect of the Advisory Council. Discussions pointed out the difficulty of finding capable candidates for all positions as the defeated candidate seldom wishes to run a second time and the services of a capable person are not fully utilized. One argument against the proposal was that the defeated candidate would not be an elected official and it was considered to be important that all officials be elected.

#### 4. Status of Division in the Advisory Council

The report of an Ad Hoc Committee set up by the Board to review the functions and operations of the Advisory Council has been under discussion for some time and was again on the agenda. The divisions have been concerned because it appears that inasmuch as most of the business transacted by the Council is of major concern to the chapters and not the divisions, perhaps it is desirable to remove the division representatives from the council. It was pointed out that they are all members of some chapter and, therefore, are represented. In a sense they now have double representation. In rebuttal, some of the smaller divisions claimed their division would have little or no input into the Association's deliberations if this change is made. Suggestions were then made for a reorganization of the Council into two groups where the major amount of time of the division representatives would be spent on progress, planning and other matters of major interest to the divisions, while the chapters would be involved with the general business of the Association. It is still intended that the Division should have a voice in the major decisions made by the Council.

## DIVISION OFFICERS

### CHAIRMAN:

Dr. Carroll F. Reynolds, Director  
Falk Library of the Health Professions  
University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15261

### CHAIRMAN-ELECT:

Mrs. Caroline Morris, Librarian  
School of Nursing Library  
Pennsylvania Hospital  
8th and Spruce Streets  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

### SECRETARY-TREASURER:

Mrs. Gertrude Lorber, Head of Library Services  
USV Pharmaceutical Company  
1 Scarsdale Road  
Tuckahoe, New York 10707

### DIRECTOR:

Mr. Robert T. Lentz, Librarian  
Scott Memorial Library  
Thomas Jefferson University  
11th and Walnut Streets  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

### DIRECTOR:

Dr. Oliver H. Buchanan, Professor of Library  
and Information Sciences  
Graduate School Library and Information Science  
Pratt Institute  
215 Ryerson Street  
Brooklyn, New York 11205

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Susan Crawford, Chairman  
Nelson J. Gilman  
Miriam H. Libbey

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## BALLOT

### Chairman-Elect (Vote for one)

Thomas Basler                      Richard Eimas

### Secretary-Treasurer (Vote for one)

Marie Harvin                      Virginia Reed

### Directors (Vote for two)

Joanne Crispen                      Angie Durso

Robert Lentz                      John A. Timour

### Return to:

Mrs. Gertrude Lorber  
Chief Librarian  
USV Pharmaceutical Corporation  
1 Scarsdale Road  
Tuckahoe, N. Y. 10707

## NOMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR 1973-74

The Nominating Committee has presented a full slate of officers and you are asked to return your ballot by May 31.

### I. Chairman-Elect

1. **Thomas Basler**, Librarian and Associate Professor of Health Communications Library, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia, 1972.

B. Ed. (University of Miami), M.S. (Florida State University, School of Library Science).

Librarian, American Museum of Natural History, New York (1968-70); Director, Regional Medical Library of New York and Northern New Jersey (1971-72).

Medical Library Association (MLA) National Program Comm. (1969-71); MLA New York Regional Group Continuing Education Comm. (1969-71); MLA Janet Doe Lectures Comm. (1969-71); Academy Bookman Editorial Comm. (1970-72); Medical Archivist of New York State Executive Comm. (1970-72); MLA Honors and Awards Comm. (1970-74); ACRL Subject Specialists Nominating Comm. (1971-72).

Contributor to many professional publications.

2. **Richard Eimas**, Director of Medical-Dental Library, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1972-.

B.A. (University of Colorado); M.A. in Library Science (University of Denver).

Librarian, Division of Computer Research and Technology, National Institutes of Health (1966-67); Assistant Librarian (1967-69) and Associate Librarian (1969), Medical Center Library, University of Kentucky; Director and Associate Professor of Medical Administration, Medical Center Library, Vanderbilt University (1969-72).

MLA Comm. on Continuing Education (1969-); Library Council of Metropolitan Milwaukee Steering Comm. (1972-); MLA Midwest Regional Group Executive Comm. (1972-73); MLA Midwest Regional Group Convention Chairman (1973).

### II. Secretary-Treasurer

1. **Marie Harvin**, Librarian, University of Texas, M.D., Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute, Houston, Texas, 1966-.

B.A. (Stephen F. Austin State University); M.A. (George Peabody Library School).

Cataloging and Reference positions at Medical Center Library, Vanderbilt University, University of Maryland Medical Library, University of Nebraska Medical Library; Head of Loan and Stack Section, National Library of Medicine; Head Librarian, University of Arkansas Medical Center Library (1960-66).

Associate Editor, **Bulletin of the Medical Library Association** (1949-50); Served on many national committees of MLA; Secretary of Medical Library Association (1970-72).

2. **Virginia Reed**, Periodical Reference and Interlibrary Loan Librarian, Northeastern Illinois University.

B.A. (St. Mary of the Woods College, Ind.); M.A. (University of Chicago Graduate Library School).

Reference and Circulation Librarian, The Upjohn Co. (1960-67); Head Librarian, Institute de Recherche Farmacologique "Mario Negri" (Italy, 1967-69); Biomedical Reference Librarian, University of Chicago Libraries (1969-71).

III. **Board of Directors** (Vote for two names)

1. **Joanne Crispen**, Director of Library Services, Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Illinois, 1966-. B.A. (Chatham College, Pittsburgh); M.A. in Library Science (Rosary College, River Forest, Ill.)  
Librarian and Instructor, St. John's General Hospital School of Nursing, Pittsburgh (1953-56); Assistant Librarian, Evanston Hospital Association (1963-66). Illinois Regional Medical Program, Comm. for Regional Library Services; Council of the Midwest Regional Health Science Library and Cooperative Information Services; MLA Midwest Regional Group, President (1972-73); Council of National Library Associations, Chairman of Joint Comm. on Library Service in Hospitals.  
Contributed to professional publications. Presently Editor of **AHIL Quarterly**, Association of Hospital and Institutional Libraries, American Library Association.
2. **Angie Durso**, Head Information Services Section, Biomedical Library, University of California at Los Angeles.  
B.S. in Nursing; MS in Nursing; MS in Library Science (Case Western Reserve University).  
Formerly head, Information Services, Pacific Southwest Regional Medical Library Service, UCLA Biomedical Library.

Active in SLA, MLA, ASIS Chapter and National Activities. Publications in area of Library Networks.

3. **Robert Lentz**, Professor of Medical Bibliography and Library Science, Jefferson Medical College, 1965-. B.S. (Temple University); M.S. (Drexel Institute School of Library Service).  
SLA Philadelphia Chapter Chairman (1955-56); MLA Comm. on International Cooperation, Member and Chairman (1952-62); MLA Placement Advisor (1958-59); MLA Board of Directors (1954-57; 1959-62) MLA President (1960-61).  
Has contributed to numerous books and professional periodicals.
4. **John A. Timour**, Library Services Director, Connecticut Regional Medical Program, 1969-.  
B.A. (Miami University, Ohio); M.A. George Washington University, Washington, D. C.); M.L.A. (University of Maryland).  
Director, Off-Campus Programs, George Washington University (1960-61), Program Director of various programs and Assistant Dean of Division of General and Special Studies, American University (1961-64), Training Officer Public Housing Administration (1964-66); Training Officer and MEDLARS Liaison Officer, Nat'l Library of Medicine (1966-69).  
ALA Research Comm. Chairman for AHIL (1971-73); Advertising Manager, Connecticut Libraries; SLA Connecticut Valley Chapter Director-at-Large (1970-71); SLA Connecticut Chapter Editor of ~~Bulletin~~ (1970-72) and Treasurer (1972-73). Numerous publications and papers presented before MLA and SLA.

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