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MESSAGE FROM THE NEW CHAIR

Fred Roper

In October, Kay Collins decided that it was not possible for her to continue as Chair of the Biological Sciences Division. She and I discussed the matter at some length, and I indicated that I would support whatever conclusion she reached. Because of the demands of her work, she felt that this was the better course to take, and I believe that she has made the decision that is right for her and for the Division. We wish for her the best and thank her for her previous service to the Division.

I look forward to working with you as Chair even though it will be an abbreviated term. My becoming Chair left a vacancy in the position of Chair-Elect, and the bylaws of BSD are very clear on what happens at this point. The bylaws call for a special election to fill the position of Chair-Elect, and that person will succeed me as Chair in Seattle. By now, you may have already received the ballot. By all means, complete it and return it.

In the meantime, plans for Seattle are moving ahead full steam. Pat Murphy and her program committee have put together a wonderful series of activities for us to learn from and enjoy. The Fund Development Committee is hard at work seeking sponsors for our programs. All in all, Seattle looks to be a tremendous experience, and I look forward to seeing you there.

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I'll keep you apprised as we move ahead in filling vacancies and undertaking new initiatives. In the meantime contact me if there are ways that I can be helpful to you. I look forward to serving as your Chair.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

In recent years, the Division has been fortunate to have long line of strong leaders, serving the Division, as chair, through some difficult times. The Division has grown under this line off leaders. The Biological Sciences Division can claim the most organized program development and fund raising committees within SLA. The Division has streamlined the process by which officers are elected. Recent administrations established an electronic network that is not only used daily for professional development but it is also a forum wherein Division business is conducted in full review of the membership. Recent leaders have worked relentlessly to improve the quality of programs, sponsored by the Division at annual conferences. Programming has featured speakers who are recipients of international awards and honors. Our programming is so strong one invited speaker (Dr. Eugene Odum, a recipient of the highest award for scientific achievement offered by the National Academy of Sciences) elected to arrive early so he could attend other sessions sponsored by our Division before he gave his presentation.

Past-chairs Anna McGowan, Renee Bush, Patricia Yocum, JoAnne Boorkman and Lucy Rowland not only established strong programs during their tenure of responsibility, they continue to enrich programming within the division, mentor

chairs-elect, and ameliorate our Division. They feel the pulse of the membership. They understand the importance of communicating with members. They champion the needs of the membership and dedicate time, energy and talent to meet our needs.

These past-chairs are the beau ideal of leadership: we as members are not simply indebted to them, we must accept their contributions as challenge to get involved in Division activities, and transform this legacy into a vibrant, resolute future for our Division.

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1996 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 1996
Annual Business Meeting
Biological Sciences Division
Boston Sheraton on Dalton Street.
Boston, MA

Ms. Rowland called the meeting to order. She welcomed the members and introduced and thanked our financial contributors. Sixty-six members signed the attendance roster. The SLA Board Proctor was Ms. Julia Peterson.

Treasurer's Report-

The secretary/treasurer, Nancy Kozlowski, reported that she filed the Mid-Year Financial Report of the Division with SLA HQ. A Call-for-Budgets went out to all program planners, officers, committee chairs on May 31, 1996. Budget requests for the coming year should be sent to the new treasurer, Ms. Janet Chisman, by the end of June. The Operating Fund showed a balance of \$10,319.78 at the end of May 1996, and the reserve fund showed a balance of \$3803.54 at the end of December 1995. The \$6,250 raised this year by Dr. Larry Kelland and the Fund Development Committee was extremely important to preserving the reserve fund and meeting our current anticipated expenses for the annual conference and the bulletin.

Nominations & Elections-

Fred Roper was elected chair-elect.

Janet Chisman was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Archives-

Dottie Riemenschneider asked people to send materials to her at the University of Michigan Library. Landmark members of 30, 35, 40, 45, and 50 years were announced by Ms. Rowland -- Ms. Rowland noted that one of our 50 year members, Ms. Winifred Sewell, is in attendance today.

Bulletin-

Ms. Rowland announced that Adam Schiff, editor of the Division's bulletin for the past five years, is leaving the position. She thanked him for getting a good bulletin out on time for five years. Mr. John Tebo will be the new bulletin editor. Mr. Tebo asked for a volunteer to serve as assistant editor.

Committee Chairs-

Ms. Rowland thanked all the chair persons for their cooperation.

BSD-NET-no report

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By-Laws-Patricia Yocum

Ms. Yocum distributed the proposed changes to the members in attendance and reviewed the changes for the members. Today's report is for information only. The proposed changes, already approved by the BSD Executive Board, will be published on BSD-NET. These proposed changes go to the Association's By-Laws Committee for approval. By next spring these proposed changes will go to the BSD membership for a vote for approval.

Ms. Yocum reported on the Biological Sciences Division's recent efforts with SLA regarding the formation of a Health Sciences Division. These efforts center on two matters. First, the lack of a scope note on any of the 27 petitions stating the purpose of the new division is a problem. Second, the motions, made by two guests rather than two members, at the 1996 Winter Cabinet meeting, to create the new division is a problem. The BIO Executive Board has asked the SLA Board of Directors for a review of the validity of each matter. Julia Peterson, the SLA board proctor in attendance, added information about a special Executive Board meeting scheduled for later in the week following the meeting of the Division Cabinet scheduled for this evening.

Fund Development-Larry Kelland

Dr. Kelland thanked his committee. The committee members were Erin Knight, Janet Weiss, Barrie Hayes, Miranda Scott. He asked for volunteers for next year. Mr. Kelland noted the following innovations: an expanded list of vendors and a new membership brochure

He thanked Ms. Rowland for her ground work last year in developing the vendor list and brochure.

Ms. Weiss and Ms. Rowland encouraged people to stop by the exhibits with red hearts and thank the sponsors.

Government Relations-Susan Curtis

The government is coming to terms with digitization.

Membership-Carla Lee reported for David Duggar

Ms. Lee distributed the new blue brochures for 1996/97, and reported on David Duggar's analysis of the membership survey. Ms. Rowland thanked Mr. Duggar for his work.

Nominations and Elections- JoAnne Boorkman asked for nomination for chair-elect and director.

Professional Development- Ms. Rowland delivered the following report for Geeth Rao, committee chair. This year's offerings include the following:

A CE course, Molecular Biology for Non-Molecular Biologists, had a huge enrollment of 41, and could have had 55 attendees. This CE opportunity is an important service to our members and it makes money for the BSD.

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Two field trips were well enrolled:

- 1) Woods Hole-full day, sold out
- 2) Harvard Museums-half-day

Program Committee for 1996 Boston-Anna McGowan

Ms. McGowan thanked Ms. Rowland and the committee for their work.

Larry Wright- Contributed Papers session

Lorri Zipperer- Health Care program

Anne Juneau- Biodiversity program

Jeanne LaRocco- AIDS Information

Doug MacBeth- BioInformatics

Pat Murphy- Social

Geeth Rao- Professional Development

Ms McGowan noted that there were 40 tickets, one bus load, for the Woods Hold field trip and they sold quickly. Ms. Rowland thanked Anna for an outstanding job. She noted that BSD was recognized by Headquarters for being very organized and meeting all deadlines.

1997 Program Committee-Seattle-Pat Murphy

Two keynote speakers are confirmed Bill Gates and Eugenie Prime.

The four programs, in the planning stages by the BSD, include the following:

Visible Human-Barry Brown

Human Genome-JoAnne Boorkman and Louisa Worthington

Systematics 2000- Renee Bush

Managing Marine data

Contributed Papers

Larry Wright reported that the Contributed Papers Session, scheduled for tomorrow, consists of five good papers. The session will be tomorrow from 1:00 to 4:40 p.m. The proceedings will be distributed at the session.

Co-chairs for next year are Tom Turner and Liese Tajiri. Eleanor Maclean and Peggy Jones are also members of the committee.

Ms. Rowland noted that there were so many papers this year that the Executive Board is thinking of sponsoring two contributed paper sessions in the future.

Public Relations/Career Guidance-Lois Sill

Ms. Sill reported that on the student stipend was suspended this year. She introduced the committee members and thanked them for their work. The committee has placed red hearts on the contributors' exhibits. Please stop by the exhibits hall and thank those vendors who contributed to the expenses of the division's program this year.

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Liaison Reports

JoAnne Boorkman, MLA liaison, reported that Carla Funk, the executive director of the MLA is at the business meeting this morning as is Fred Roper, chair person of MLA, and Naomi Broering, past-chair of MLA. Ms. Broering appointed Ms. Boorkman liaison to BSD. Ms. Rowland thanked MLA for their attendance and support at meetings.

Ms. Rowland thanked Adam Schiff for editing the Bulletin. She gave him a present from the Division.

Mr. Schiff thanked Larry Kelland for handling all the advertising for BioFeedback.

Ms. Rowland introduced Ms. Winifred Sewell, our 50 year member in attendance. A Landmark member of BSD, Ms. Sewell joined in 1946 and maintained membership continuously.

Ms. Rowland presented the first Distinguished Member award made by the Division to Patricia Yocum. Barbara Shader chaired the committee.

Chair's Report- Lucy Rowland

Ms. Rowland described the year as team work. There were 22 Committees and Liaisons and 61 individuals whose efforts were recognized.

The Medical Section proposal put together by two BSD members, Nancy Bryant at Morehouse School of Medicine and Sue Kaczor at SUNY-Albany.

Ms. Rowland noted the hard work of the BSD members for integrity, honesty and grit in difficult times. She thanked everyone for their outstanding support of the Division.

Ms. Rowland awarded a door prize to the member whose agenda had a heart. Joel Rudy, from UGA, won the prize, a package of grits. Ms. Rowland had hoped a Yankee would win it! Ms. Rowland turned the meeting over to Kay Collins, incoming chair. Ms. Collins has distributed sign-up sheets for volunteers for committees. Ms. Collins thanked Ms. Rowland for her work. As her first official act she presented Ms. Rowland with a gift from the BSD.

Ms. Collins called for volunteers for committees. She noted Ms. McGowan's and Ms. Boorkman's accomplishments as well those of Ms. Renee Bush. She noted what she learned from past chairs, Ms. Yocum and Ms. Rowland. She urged members to welcome new comers.

Ms. Collins introduced Dr. Roper, chair-elect who will work with Kay as a team. She asked committee chairs for next year to stand for introduction including Patricia Murphy, Seattle Program, Nancy Curtis, membership, JoAnne Boorkman, MLA Liaison, Susan Curtis, Government Relations.

Ms. Collins adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kozlowski, Secretary/Treasurer, outgoing

BYLAWS CHANGES

As noted in the last issue of Biofeedback Division Bylaws are being reviewed in two phases. The first set of proposed changes appears below. These changes have been approved by the BIO Executive Board (June 1996) and by the SLA Bylaws Committee (August 1996). The next step is to submit them to the BIO membership for a vote at the Annual Business Meeting, June 1997 in Seattle. They are offered here for your information and to encourage discussion.

If you have questions please contact Patricia Yocum, Chair of the 1995-96 Bylaws Committee (which drafted the attached changes), Lucy Rowland, Chair, David Duggar, Virginia Lingle, or Adam Schiff, members, 1996-97 BIO Bylaws Committee.

SLA BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DIVISION

Proposed Changes to Division Bylaws

July 1996

Revised November 1996

Additions are noted in **bold type**. Deletions are noted in brackets [].

1. Article III. Executive Board. Section 2.

The Board shall consists of [five] **six** members elected by the membership: the chair, the chair-elect, the [immediate] past chair, the [secretary-treasurer] **secretary, the treasurer,** and one director.

2. Section 3.

[Three] **Four** members of the Board shall constitute a quorum

3. Section 5.

The term of office of the secretary shall be one year. The term of office of the [secretary-treasurer] **treasurer** and **the** director shall be two years.

4. Article IV. Officers. Section 1.

The chair . . . with the [secretary-treasurer] **the treasurer,** shall sign all contracts and other legal documents;

5. Section 3.

The [secretary-treasurer, as secretary,] **secretary** shall keep [,] a record of all meetings of the Division and of the Executive Board; [with the chair, shall sign all contracts and other legal documents;] and shall perform other duties as the chair may assign.

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6. Section 4.

The [secretary-treasurer, as treasurer,] **treasurer** shall have custody of the Division funds; shall sign all checks drawn upon Division funds unless determined otherwise by the Executive Board; **with the chair, shall sign all contracts and other legal documents;** and shall furnish such financial statements as may be required by the Executive Board, the chair, and the Association Division Cabinet Officers.

7. Section 6

The director shall be a member of the Executive Board; shall act as parliamentarian for the Division; **shall keep the Division Procedures Manual up-to-date;** and shall carry out such duties and special projects as the chair may assign.

8. Article VII. Sections. Section 1

Sections relating to definite areas of interest within a Division may be established by the Executive Board upon written petition of [thirty] **fifteen** members of the Division who desire to participate in the activities of the proposed Section.

9. Article VIII. Funds, Contracts, and Property. Section 4.

Officer, members of the Board or committee chairs who shall be incurring expenses connected with official programs of the Division shall obtain prior authorization for the expenditure from the chair or the [secretary-treasurer] **treasurer**. Officers, Board members, and committee chairs shall be reimbursed by the [secretary-treasurer] **treasurer** for authorized expenses upon presentation of itemized receipts.

10. Article IX. Nominations. Section 2.

Each year, the Nominations and Elections Committee shall present at least two candidates for chair-elect [,] **and secretary,** and in alternate years, for [secretary-treasurer] **treasurer** and director, each of whom will serve for two years.

11. Section 3.

The report of the Nominations and Elections Committee shall be published in the official bulletin or otherwise sent to Division members at least [ninety] **150** days before the Division annual business meeting. Further nominations, . . . may be entered by petition of twenty Division members, and shall be filed with the Nominations and Elections Committee at least [sixty] **120** days before the annual business meeting.

12. Section 4.

Election shall be by printed ballot [mailed] **distributed** to each Division member **at least [forty-five] ninety** days before the Division annual business meeting. **Completed ballots must be postmarked not later than sixty days prior to the same meeting.**

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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE

Susan C. Curtis
Government Relations Liaison

NTIS has confirmed that it will cease the print product Government Reports Announcements and Index by December 1996. The 1995 and 1996 annual indexes of GRA/I will not be published. Current plans for the replacement CD-ROM product called "Order Now" do not include depository distribution. NTIS is preparing to work with the University of California-Davis Library on a pilot project to provide depositories with online access to electronic images of federally funded scientific, technical and engineering publications in the NTIS collections. Libraries would be expected not to use the database for commercial purposes. According to the Agency's 1995 annual report, which was released this past summer, NTIS net earnings dropped due to the poor performance of its Clearinghouse Program.

The Department of Energy's Office of Scientific and Technical Information no longer has sufficient funding to support its microfiche program. Distribution of DOE reports and publications on microfiche (class E 1.99: nos. :) ceased on September 30th, 1996. The Library Programs Service division of the Government Printing Office has a test tape containing sample image files of DOE reports. Investigations are underway to determine how best to distribute the reports electronically.

The Fall meeting of the Depository Library Council was held on October 20th-24th in Salt Lake City. The National Commission on Libraries and Information Science Focus Group on Assessment of Standards for Creation and Dissemination of Electronic Government Information met to discuss the direction of electronic distribution of federal information. In the future GPO Access will utilize OpenText retrieval software to provide links between related data products, bookmarking, an online tutorial and better search capabilities. GPO hopes to work with the National Archives and Records Service to produce guidelines regarding permanent access to federal documents issued in electronic format in the coming year. It was reported that users are downloading an average of 2.5 million documents per month from over 70 databases on GPO Access. The distribution of tangible products for FY96 (some 29,400 titles) was down from FY 95 (44,700 titles).

The Government Printing Office's Access service now provides selected sections of the Code of Federal Regulations including those parts dealing with the Food and Drug Administration (Title 21) and the Environmental Protection Agency (Title 40). To go directly to the CFR on the WWW enter: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr>. Each title is revised annually. When a revision is printed, an online edition will also become available so soon the entire set should be available at the Web site.

Sandy Morton-Schwalb, SLA's former Government Relations Director, is now a member of the Government Printing Office's Electronic Transition Staff. She will assist the Library Programs Service with the move to an electronically based Federal Depository Library Program. Her office will be working with PURL (Persistent Uniform Resource Locators) software for use among Federal publishers. PURLs allow servers to map a request to a new URL when a server moves. It is hoped that use of PURL software will eliminate the need for the GPO to change URLs in Monthly Catalog records.

Canadian depositories are rejoicing that now they now may search Canadian documents which are listed in the pink checklists from January 1995 to the present on the Web. The Weekly Checklist Catalogue is the Depository Services Program's searchable catalog of Parliamentary, departmental and statistical publications. The search engine permits searching by title, author, subject, language, Checklist number and ISBN or ISSN. Select the service from the Depository Services Program's homepage <http://www.ccg-gcc.ca/dsp-psd/index-e.html>.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD

First Call for 1996/97

Applications accepted until March 15, 1997

The Biological Sciences Division will award its second Distinguished Member Award at the 1997 annual SLA Conference in Seattle. Our Division has many distinguished members and this will give us an opportunity to recognize our colleagues for all of their hard work! Please take a few minutes to read over the selection criteria and then nominate one of your fellow BSD members for this award.

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. The award honors a member who has been active in the Division for at least the past four (4) years.
2. Particular attention will be given to contributions to the Biological Sciences Division
3. The following broad criteria will govern the selection process:

Nominees must excel in one or more areas:

- * Outstanding leadership in the Division, at meetings, and/or in committee work.
 - * Special and notable service to the Division, such as participation in special projects.
 - * Participation in workshops, seminars, teaching courses, public speaking activities, fund raising.
 - * Publications and editorial contributions to Biofeedback and/or the professional literature.
 - * Innovations in the work place.
 - * Mentoring activities, which result in publicity and acclaim for the profession and/or the Division.
 - * Other achievements indicating noteworthy dedication to the profession of special librarianship/information science
4. The contributions made by the candidate shall have been made over an extended period of time and shall be deemed to have had an enduring effect on the Division and/or the profession.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Complete the attached nomination form. Attach documentation describing the outstanding professional achievements or contributions to the Biological Sciences Division of SLA and to special librarianship/information sciences. Include pertinent biographical data for the nominee. Forward the nomination form and description, in confidence, with your name, phone number and e-mail address to:

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**SLA BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DIVISION
DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD
NOMINATION FORM**

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Position:

Address:

Nominated by:

Signature:

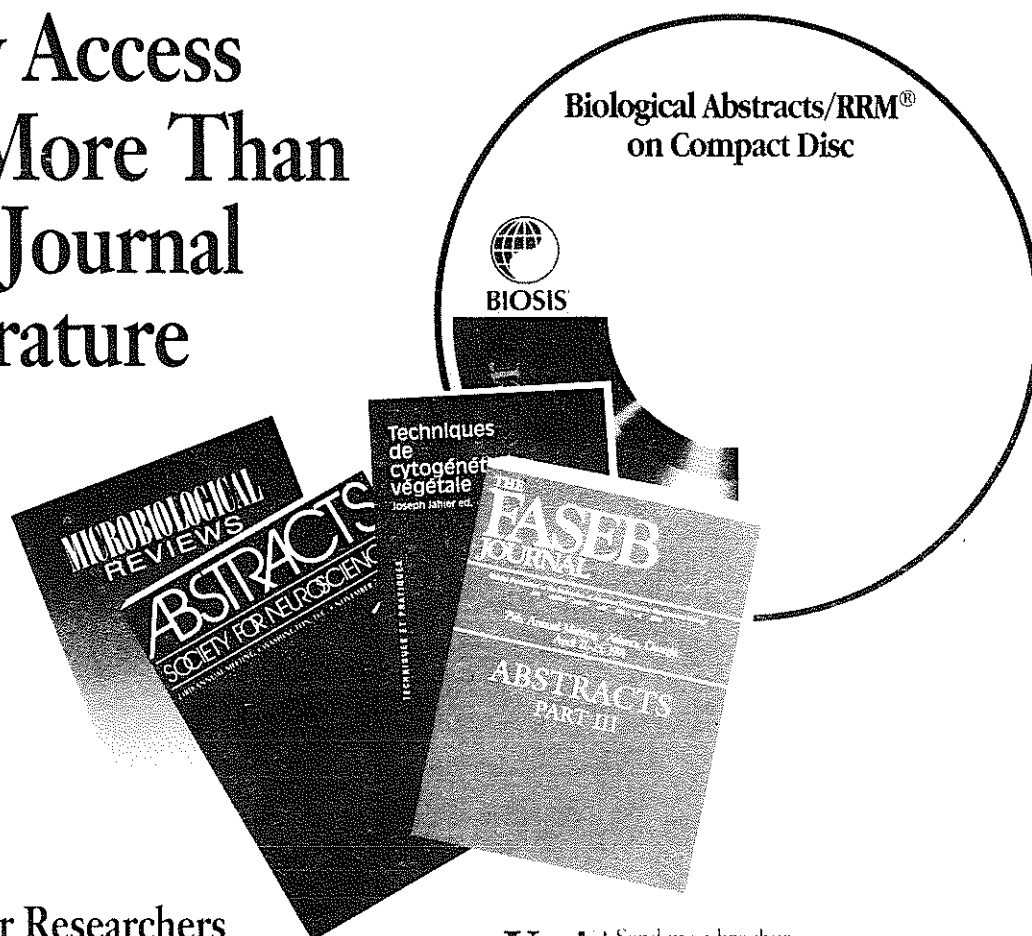
Nominator's phone:

E-mail address:

Describe the reasons you are nominating this person for the Biological Sciences Division Distinguished Member Award. Include contributions to the Biological Sciences Division and/or to the profession of special librarianship. Attach an additional sheet if more space is needed.

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE SURVEY

Last year the International Relations Committee developed an outline for a database to be used to organize information about internationally based projects in which members were currently participating or had worked on in the past. The hope was that this database would provide a starting point for identifying SLA members who might be a source of information but also to provide information on activities that might be open for participation by others. The Committee has not yet acted to initiate the collection of data for addition to this database. At a BioSci Division board meeting in Boston, it was decided to initiate our own database for the same reasons expressed by the Committee. Examples include collection and distribution of library materials for foreign organizations, overseas consultancies, and partnerships, both formal and informal, with foreign institutions.

We are encouraging you to participate. Each project or activity should be a separate entry. Any questions should be directed to Rita Fisher at fisher@wsu.edu or (509) 335-8000. A copy of the survey will also be sent to the listserv or responses could be sent to me directly at the above e-mail address. If you prefer to use a paper copy, please return the completed form(s) to me at:

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"Common sense tells us that it is impossible to pass the human voice through a wire."

— New York Times Editorial, 1873
referring to a demonstration of an apparatus that would become known as the telephone

"I think there's a world market for about five computers."

— Thomas J. Watson, 1948
Chairman of the Board, IBM

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MEDICAL SECTION REPORT

Nancy Bryant,
Medical Section Organizing Chair

The Medical Section membership climbed to 70 as of Oct. 31, 1996. Welcome to all! We will convene our first meeting at SLA Annual Conference in Seattle, on Sunday, June 8, 1997 from 1:30-3 PM. Judy Wojcik of Grady Hospital Library in Atlanta is our Biological Sciences Division Program Committee Liaison. There are a number of programs planned that will be of interest to all. Please contact Nancy Bryant, Organizing Chair, if you have agenda items for our business meeting, or any other comments or suggestions (nbryant@msm.edu, 404-752-1942, FAX 404-752-1075). Remember that membership in the Medical Section is free to all members of the Biological Sciences Division.



NOMINEES FOR BSD OFFICE

Jo Anne Boorkman
Nominations and Elections Committee, Chair

The Nominations and Elections Committee is pleased to announce its slate of candidates for Biological Sciences Division offices for 1997/98. For the position of Chair/elect, the nominees are: Judy Wojcik, Grady Memorial Hospital, Emory University, and Lorri Zipperer, American Medical Association Health Law Division. For Director, the candidates are: Adam Schiff, California Academy of Sciences, and Liese Tajiri, Research Triangle Institute.

Additional nominations, accompanied by the written acceptance of the nominee, may be entered by petition of twenty Division members and must be filed with the Nominations and Elections Committee at least sixty days before the annual business meeting (June 10, 1997).

Elections will be held in spring 1997. Petitions should be sent to: Jo Anne Boorkman, Carlson Health Sciences Library, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA 95616-5291.

When Fred Roper assumed the position of Chair, the position of chair-elect became vacant. According to our Bylaws, we must conduct a special election within 60 days to fill the vacant office. The newly elected chair-elect will assume office immediately and become chair in June 1997.

The slate for the special election for chair-elect is:

Larry Kelland, University of Rhode Island
Geeth Rao, Promega Corporation

Ballots for the special election were mailed November 13, 1996. They should be returned by December 16, 1996 to: Jo Anne Boorkman, Carlson Health Sciences Library, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA 95616-5291.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Nancy R. Curtis
Chair, Membership Committee,

As of July 30, the Biological Sciences Division has a total of 649 members. 8 members joined the Medical Section of our Division in July. As of the end of September the Biological Sciences Division has a total of 616 members. Reinstated members account for a significant portion of this increase in our numbers. Welcome back, and thank you for renewing your membership in BSD and SLA. The Medical Section is open to all BSD members and there are no additional fees for joining. For more information about the Medical Section, contact:

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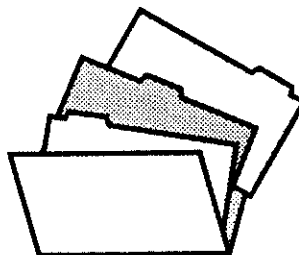
Over the summer and early fall, several committees have been working on plans for the division's program at the 1997 annual conference. The Program Committee has developed programs on four interesting and timely topics. To begin, Dr. Brent Mishler, University of California, Berkeley, will speak on the Systematics Agenda 2000, followed later in the day by "Managing Marine Information: Bringing Data to the Desktop," a panel discussion on making scientific images and large environmental data sets available to researchers. Following the example set by the Boston conference planners, we will again devote a day to medical information with a program on the Visible Human Project, presented by Dr. Michael Ackerman, National Library of Medicine, and a panel discussion on "Promoting Understanding of the Human Genome Project: Social, Ethical, and Policy Issues." We will also be co-sponsoring a Toxicology Roundtable on indoor air quality issues and information sources. I'd like to thank Program Committee members Jo Anne Boorkman, Barry Brown, Renee Bush, Barb Butler, Janet Hughes, Julia Perez, Judy Wojcik, and Louisa Worthington for their contributions, and Lucy Rowland for her assistance throughout the planning.

In addition to the programs described above, Geeth Rao and the Continuing Education/Professional Development Committee will offer an all-day course, "Competitive Intelligence: Understanding and Analyzing Your Competition," as well as two field trips, one to the Wyerhaeuser Library and adjacent rhododendron garden and the other to Bloedel Reserve. Nancy Bryant, Organizing Chair, will be moderating the first annual meeting of our division's Medical Section. Liese Tajiri and Tom Turner will serve as moderators for the annual contributed papers session entitled, "From Reactive to Proactive: Substantive Approaches for Incorporating the Internet into Biological, Medical, and Life Sciences Libraries." And rounding out the program will be our annual business meeting/breakfast, a joint breakfast with the Chemistry and Environment and Resource Management Divisions, and two evening receptions.

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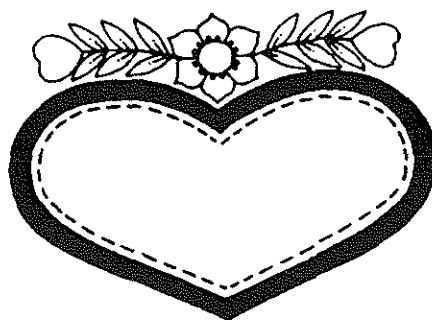
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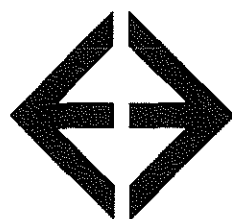
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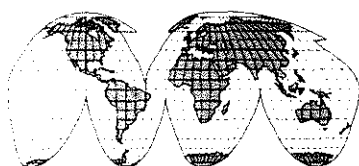
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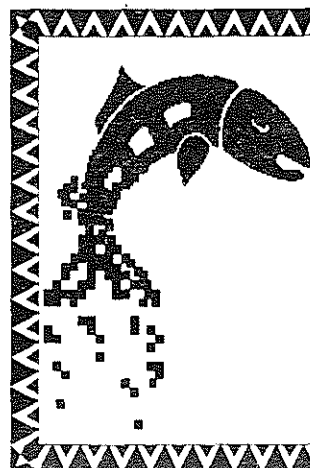
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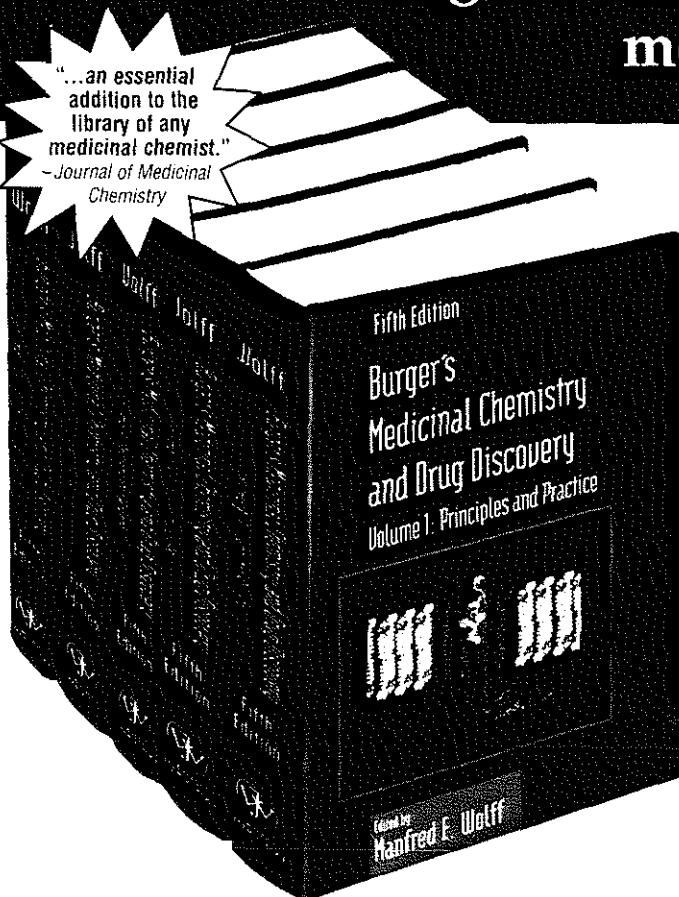


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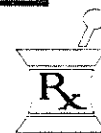
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