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Chair's Report

Renee Bush

I am pleased to report that the Biological Sciences Division's program for SLA's 83rd Annual Conference was a tremendous success. The sessions were well-attended, the speakers were, without exception, informative and enthusiastic, and the presentations were enhanced by questions and remarks from interested audiences. BSD members can be truly proud of our Division's contribution to the conference.

A successful conference program is the result of much hard work on the part of many individuals. Cami Loucks, Past Chair, deserves our special thanks and congratulations for a job well done. Cami worked diligently over the past year to plan a program which would offer "something for everyone" in our diverse membership. Other BSD members deserving special recognition for their contributions are: the Professional Development Committee, led by the indefatigable Judy Wojcik, which handled so many of the details before and during the conference; Efrat Livny, who played a significant role in the inception, planning and implementation of our first Biennial Biotechnology Roundtable; Jack Cooper, for arranging a pleasant and informative field trip to Golden Gate Park; Wei Wei, for planning and moderating an excellent program on Disaster Preparedness for Libraries; and Susan McCarthy, for providing us with a superb workshop at IntelliGenetics.

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As you may know, the Annual Conference marks the beginning of a new year for our Division's leadership, and it is therefore important and appropriate to acknowledge the efforts of all our hardworking Committees and Executive Board members at this time.

I would like specifically to name the out-going Chairs who have labored on our behalf. Rita Fisher has completed her term as Secretary/Treasurer and we owe her our gratitude for the dedication and the meticulous attention she gave to that exacting post. After an exemplary term as Chair of the Career Guidance/Public Relations Committee, Janice Kemp is handing over the responsibility for this important group to Lucy Rowland who served us so well this past year as Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee. Our thanks also go to Virginia Lingle for handling the demanding task of directing our Membership Committee with such skill and enthusiasm.

In the past few months, we have had a heartening response to the call for volunteers to serve on BSD Committees. Many members contacted me before the conference offering to help our Division; others came forward in San Francisco asking how they might make a contribution. Welcome and thanks to all of our new and continuing committee members. I hope that BSD members who have never served on a committee or who have not been active in the recent past will consider becoming involved. Serving on a committee provides a sense of accomplishment and an opportunity to make new professional contacts and friends. If you are interested in making a contribution to your Division, please contact me or any of the Committee Chairs. [See

page 11 for a list of the 1992-93 committee chairs and board members.]

I will be reporting on the plans for our program in Cincinnati next June in the next issue of Biofeedback; however, I would like to draw your attention to the notice on page 4 about a session we are hoping to offer which requires your input.

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Report from the Past Chair

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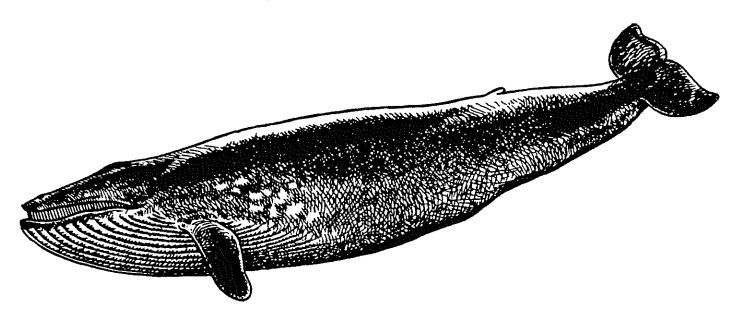
Congratulations are in order to all who served the Biological Sciences Division in the 1991-1992 season, leading to the San Francisco convention. The convention itself was a tremendous success, with attendance exceeding that of the previous year in San Antonio. The Biological Sciences Division numbered around 120 attendees.

Our Human and Plant Genome Project session was attended by nearly 275 people, a record number, I believe. Chemistry for the Non-Chemist was filled to overflowing in the hallways. The Disaster Preparedness for Libraries luncheon and the Golden Gate Park tour gained attendance even after the conference began. All in all, we had a lot of good offerings and many conferees took advantage of them.

Each and every one of the committee chairs and members of the committees and BSD Board are to be recognized for a very successful year, which included not only the annual conference, but an increase in division membership, some new thoughts on old bylaws, and an idea for a process for division recognition and awards. The Board voted to honor the former editor of *Biofeedback*, Steven Sowell, for an outstanding job for four years. We also gained support from a record number of vendors last year.

Thank you, one and all, for a most enjoyable year as your Chair.

Editor's Note: A hand-rubbed box with a ceramic lid, upon which two whales were painted, was sent to Steven Sowell as a gift of appreciation from the Division.



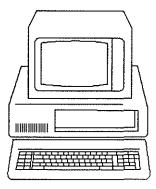
INTERNET Users: Come to the Aid of Your Colleagues!

More and more librarians are gaining access to the Internet. However, as we all know, having access does not necessarily mean that we are using the resources and tools available through the Internet to their fullest potential. The Internet offers so much and so much that is new, it can be difficult to get a clear picture of what it is, what it offers, and how to use it.

With this in mind, we are planning a session for the 1993 Annual Conference in Cincinnati on the Internet, with an emphasis on resources for biological sciences librarians. We intend this to be a somewhat unusual program, in two respects. First, rather than having a speaker addressing an audience, we will provide a room for an informal gathering, where people can enter (and leave) at any time during the scheduled session, join in discussions with colleagues, ask questions of the session's "facilitators," and pick up relevant materials about the Internet. The second way in which this program will differ from our usual approach is that we hope to make this an entirely "homegrown" product. That is, the handout materials will be produced by Biological Sciences Division members and the facilitators will be BSD members as well.

For this to become a reality, we need volunteers! You need not be an "expert" on the INTERNET to make a valuable contribution. If you use the INTERNET for e-mail, file transfer, searching remote bibliographic or non-bibliographic databases, other libraries' OPACs, accessing computer conferences or electronic journals, or any other purpose, then you can help us pull together relevant information to share with your colleagues. If you know you will be attending the conference in Cincinnati next June and would be willing to devote an hour and a half to the Wednesday afternoon session, you could be one of the BSD members present to help facilitate discussion among the attendees.

Internet users: please help us make this the informative, practical, and enjoyable session we envision. Contact Renee Bush (SFEFANG@UBVM.CC.BUFFALO.EDU or SFEFANG@UBVM) and offer to help others utilize this important resource.



Fund Raising Committee Formed

At the Division's 1992/93 Executive Board Meeting in San Francisco, the Board approved the creation of a Fund Raising Committee, chaired by Jo Anne Boorkman, Division chairelect. The charge to this committee is to create a plan for ongoing fund development for the Division. Funds are used to support the publication of *Biofeedback*, as well as for sponsoring speakers, workshops, field trips and open houses at the Annual Meeting.

The Division's fund raising efforts have heretofore been on an ad hoc basis. With funds and funding sources shrinking, the Board formed the committee to address the issue and develop a plan for ongoing fund raising by the Division that could carry forward from one year to the next.

This first year the committee will devote its time to planning and setting a structure for fund raising for the Division. As a beginning, we are asking all members of BSD to answer this brief questionnaire and return it by October 1, 1992 to:

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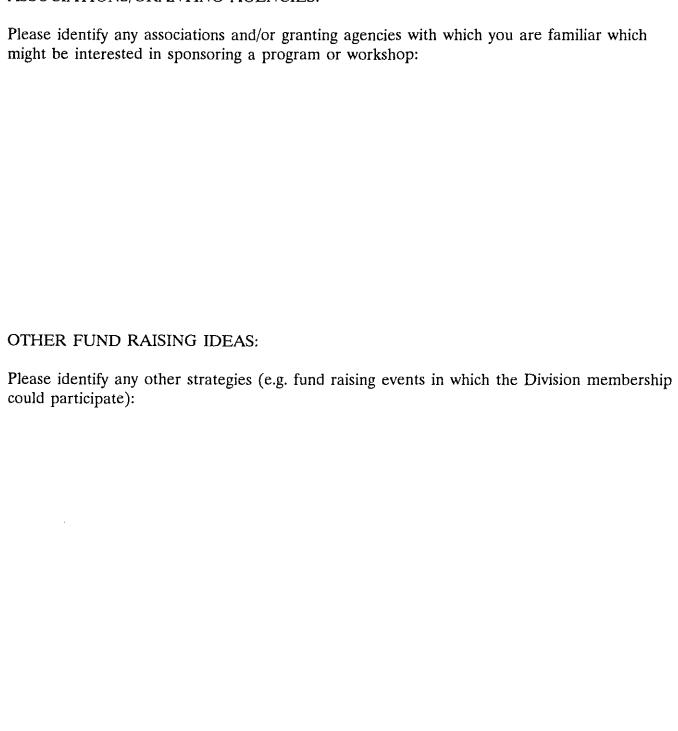
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Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

New Member Profiles

Maxine Becker

Maxine is the Librarian for the Health Archives of Micronesia. The planning for the archives began last November. Its mandate is to preserve the history of health sciences in Micronesia and to provide support for current health-related research. The collection will consist of serials, monographs, papers, dissertations, unpublished documents, pathology slides, photographs, and other pertinent materials. It will be housed in the Micronesian Area Research Center at the University of Guam. Maxine has a B.A. from Olivet College and an M.L.S. from Western Michigan University. She was previously Programs Manager for Depreciation Programs, Kalamazoo, MI.

Marian Blecker

Marian is an M.L.S. student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She will graduate at the end of 1993. She has been a medical technologist for 14 years and is currently working full-time while attending library school. She has a B.S. in biology from the University of Michigan at Flint. Although she isn't sure whether she prefers technical services or reference work, she hopes to work in a health sciences or hospital library upon graduation.

Kerryn A. Brandt

Kerryn is Training Coordinator with the Genome DataBase, an international collaboration hosted by Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the William H. Welch Medical Library, Baltimore, MD. Prior to her current position, Kerryn was Basic Sciences Information Specialist at the Welch Library. She has a B.S. and M.S. in chemistry from Rensselaer Polytechnic and the University of Michigan, respectively, a Ph.D. in macromolecular science and engineering/chemist from the University of Michigan, and an M.L.S. from the University of Maryland. Before entering the information profession, Kerryn was a staff scientist at Procter and Gamble.

William Karnoscak

Bill recently graduated from Rosary College's School of Library and Information Science in May 1992. He has been the AV Acquisitions Coordinator at the Library of Rush University, Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, Chicago, since August 1989. He was an editorial assistant on the Health Sciences Communications Association's (HeSCA) 1990 publication, *Patient Education Sourcebook, Volume 2*. A Chicago native, Bill has lived in Austin, Texas and Danbury, Conn., where he received his B.A. in social science from Western Connecticut State University.

Dawn C. Rowan

Dawn received her M.L.S. from Syracuse University in 1990. She is currently employed as an Analyst with the New York State Senate Finance Committee. She has worked in hospital administration and in a medical library, and is eager to find a position in a health sciences or medical library. She is especially interested in access services, reference, user education, and database searching. Dawn has a B.A. in English from SUNY Stony Brook.

Duane Wenzel

Duane is the Library Chairman at the Bishop Museum Library, Honolulu, a private library established in 1889 with the opening of Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum. The library is one of the very few American libraries devoted exclusively to collecting materials on Hawaii and the Pacific. Duane has worked at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, and has an M.L.S. and an M.B.A. from Rosary College.

Minutes of the 1992 Natural History Caucus Meeting

June 8, 1992 San Francisco, CA

Twenty-six people attended the first official meeting of the Natural History Caucus. Ann Juneau began the meeting by welcoming all members and new participants and asked that each person introduce him- or herself and their institution. The agenda for the meeting consisted of four parts: Announcements; Communication Links; Program and Projects Planning; Priorities for the Future.

Announcements:

DEWEY CLASSIFICATION CHANGES. Julianne Beale, Library of Congress, announced that LC is proposing revisions to the present Dewey classes of 560-590. She distributed copies of *Dewey News*, the newsletter of the Decimal Classification Division of LC and asked for feedback.

BIODIVERSITY RESOURCE CENTER VISIT. A sign-up sheet was circulated for a tour of the Biodiversity Resource Center at the California Academy of Sciences. Tours on two different days were agreed upon. A total of 14 participants signed up.

Communications Links:

How might we best communicate among group members between annual meetings?

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DIVISION NEWSLETTER. Adam Schiff, editor of *Biofeedback*, has volunteered to have a column or some portion of the newsletter allocated to information about the Caucus and natural history librarianship.

ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIVISION NEWSLETTER. Carla Heister, chair-elect of that Division, agreed to act as liaison and to disseminate news about the Caucus through the divisional newsletter.

MUSEUM, ARTS, AND HUMANITIES DIVISION NEWSLETTER. Ann Juneau agreed that MAHD and its newsletter was also an appropriate means of disseminating Caucus news. She will contact them and request, as she has done for the past two years, that they print Caucus minutes in their newsletter.

BITNET/INTERNET. Ann Juneau proposed that the Caucus consider using electronic mail conferencing as another means to increase our communications. Though not everyone has access to either network now, the numbers are growing. More and more members can take advantage of this vehicle once their organizations join. Ann will investigate through the Smithsonian the possibility of setting up a conferencing group.

Program and Projects Planning:

A committee consisting of Carla Heister, Wendy Wasman, Duane Wenzel, Fred Sepp, Fred Lohrer, Michelle Calhoun, and Linda Rossi was formed prior to the meeting to discuss ideas for future programs, discussion topics, and projects for the Caucus, and to present these to the membership. Carla Heister announced that she was not able to continue as head of the committee, and Ann Juneau will solicit a volunteer(s) to act as the new chair(s). (Editor's Note: Wendy Wasman has agreed to serve as the new chair of this committee.)

PROPOSED SPEAKERS. A great deal of discussion and enthusiasm was generated about particular topics and prospective speakers for cosponsored sessions. Several speakers were suggested, including: Robert McCracken Peck, Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia (art historian); Stephen Jay Gould, Harvard University; E.O. Wilson, Harvard; Daniel Janzen, University of Pennsylvania; Thomas Lovejoy, Smithsonian Institution (conservation biologist); Ernst Mayr, Harvard.

Ways were discussed to try and persuade Stephen Jay Gould to come as a speaker. Once the Caucus officially approaches Dr. Gould, Geraldine Kaye (Harvard) volunteered to be the secondary point of contact for him. After further discussion about the October 1 deadline to have a clear-cut commitment from a speaker, members thought that it would be more appropriate to ask that he speak at the 1994 SLA Conference in Atlanta. Ann Juneau and the Program and Projects Planning Committee will pursue this further after the conference.

PANEL DISCUSSION ON BIODIVERSITY. An alternative idea for the 1993 Conference in Cincinnati is to have a co-sponsored session on biodiversity and the role of different kinds of institutions in preserving biodiversity. This idea won support from the group. An attempt will be made to have a panel discussion with representatives from some research organizations, a regulatory organization (e.g. the Environmental Protection Agency), and an industrial (biotechnology or pharmaceutical) firm. If we can find local speakers, we may be able to get by with little or no costs. Adam Schiff will pursue getting a speaker from the Cincinnati Zoo. Wendy Wasman will contact the librarian at the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History for assistance. Barbara Rodes (World Wildlife Fund) will check with possible panelists from the Fund.

OTHER DISCUSSION TOPICS/PROJECTS. Carla Heister discussed other suggestions her committee received for future endeavors.

MITRE STUDY. This is a project spear-headed by the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History to survey the "big 8" natural history museums about computerization and standardization for specimen collections databases. Natural history libraries that are a part of these museums have an important role to play and their computerization needs must also be taken into account.

UNION LIST OF CAUCUS LIBRARY COLLECTIONS. Adam Schiff suggested that this may be feasible through OCLC, and several members have talked with OCLC's Resource Sharing Services staff during the conference. The Caucus will continue discussions with OCLC about the options available for union listing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS and how to promote the library within the organization.

COMPUTERIZATION OF NATURAL HISTORY LIBRARIES

SCOPE OF THE NATURAL HISTORY CAUCUS. What does natural history include? Fred Lohrer volunteered to generate further discussion and group participation to define our subject scope.

Priorities for the Future:

The time did not allow us to draw any conclusions for prioritizing the above topics, but other points were raised for further serious consideration by the Caucus.

NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR NATURAL HISTORY LIBRARIES. Ann Juneau called the group's attention to this 1985 by Nina Root, Library Director of the American Museum of Natural History. It advises that libraries with natural science (systematics-oriented) collections undertake a cooperative effort that would examine the literature of this discipline and provide for the necessary collections and services to support the systematics community. The text of the report was distributed at the meeting. Tom Moritz, Academy Librarian, California Academy of Sciences, was involved with this report and stated emphatically the need for an integrated information management system as a means of coping with shrinking budgets.

IMPACT OF CUTBACKS IN BASIC RESEARCH IN THE NATURAL SCIENCES. Ann Juneau distributed the recently published article in *Science* (vol. 256, pp. 1268-1271), "Museums Cut Research in Hard Times," by Elizabeth Culotta. If this is the trend, how will our libraries cope with a continuum of diminished funds? How will the scope of our collections change as a result of the shift to applied science programs?

COOPERATIVE COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT. As all of our libraries continue to be faced with shortfalls in our acquisitions budgets and the devastating effect that inflation is having on our serials, member libraries should come together with a program to communicate about the contents of their collections. Ann Juneau mentioned the serials cuts which the Smithsonian Institution is taking. She expressed the need for sharing information about serials we have and ones we are cutting. This is especially important for the larger research collections which may have more esoteric titles not owned by other libraries. Michele Calhoun (Field Museum, Chicago) volunteered to be coordinator of a serials list cooperative project. She asked that members send her their serials lists and she, in turn, will photocopy them and mail back a packet of these to the Caucus members. As members begin identifying titles they are cutting, perhaps they could send lists of title cuts to fellow members, communicate by way of the Divisional newsletters, or through Internet/Bitnet.

Minutes taken by Gail Fernald and revised by Ann Juneau

New Australian Natural History Books

Austral Biogeography, ed. by P.Y. Ladiges, C.J. Humphries, and L.W. Martinelli. Melbourne: CSIRO Australia, 1991. A\$50.00

The Australian Dragonflies: A Guide to The Identification, Distributions, and Habitats of Australian Odonata, by J.A.L. Watson, G. Theischinger, and H.M. Abbey. Canberra: CSIRO, 1991. A\$60.00

Bandicoots and Bilbies, ed. by J.H. Seebeck, P.R. Brown, R.L. Wallis, and C.M. Kemper. Chipping Norton, NSW: Surrey Beatty & Sons, 1990. A\$80.00

Biology of the Koala, ed. by A.K. Lee, K.A. Handasyde, and G.D. Sanson. Chipping Norton, NSW: Surrey Beatty & Sons, 1991. A\$78.00

Bivalves of Australia, by Kevin Lamprell and Thora Whitehead. Bathurst, NSW: Crawford House Press, 1992. A\$49.95

The Centre: The Natural History of Australia's Desert Regions, by Penny Van Oosterzee. Balgowlah, NSW: Reed Books, 1991. A\$34.95

Colour Guide to the Wildflowers of Central and Western Australia, by Denise Greig. North Ryde, NSW: Angus & Robertson, 1992. A\$24.95

Natural History of the North East Deserts, ed. by M.J. Tyler, C.R. Twidale, M. Davies, and C.B. Wells. Adelaide, SA: Royal Society of South Australia, 1990. A\$28.00

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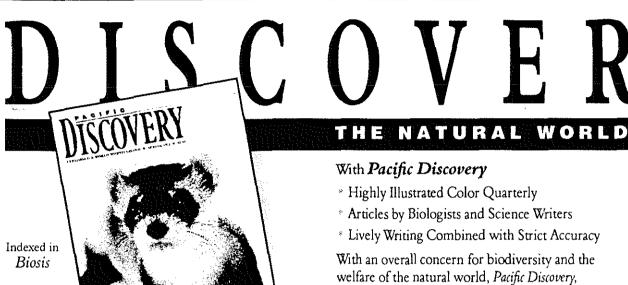
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