

MLGSCA Business Meeting
Friday, March 28th, 2003
SCCO; Fullerton, CA
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Alan Carr called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

MLA Strategic Plan

Alan introduced Carla Funk, who outlined the draft Strategic Plan for MLA. There was much discussion about the strategic plan, and many recommendations were made. There was also much discussion about the vision statement needing more strength and detail.

EFTS

Julie Kwan gave an overview of the Electronic Funds Transfer System. Bob Freel then spoke about UCLA's experiences in implementing EFTS. Laurie Piccolotti spoke about Patton State Hospital's experiences in implementing EFTS.

Nominating Committee

MLGSCA Election and Bylaws Results for 2003/2004 Year were announced:

President-elect:	Marsha Kmec
Secretary:	Laurie Piccolotti
Treasurer-elect:	Helen Seaton
MLGSCA Nominating Committee:	Mary Lou Goldstein and Deborah Klein
MLA Chapter Council Representative:	Melissa Just
MLA Chapter Council Representative Alternate:	Mary Linn Bergstrom

MLGSCA BYLAWS Proposed Amendments were accepted

Financial Issues

Brad Ptolemy, MLGSCA's financial advisor gave an overview of MLGSCA's financial standing. He said that the organization was fiscally sound, but that the current reserve would not allow for borrowing money from the reserve for general operating expenses should the organization decide to fund any new projects. **Brad stated that the proposal under consideration of raising the annual dues from \$25.00 to \$35.00 would be a sound financial decision for our organization given the loss of interest income during the economic downturn. There was a lively discussion concerning the pros and cons of such an increase. MOTION: The matter will be put to a vote by ballot in April.**

Lunch – MLA Update

Linda Watson gave an update on MLA highlighting the following issues: Recruitment, retention, and mentoring initiatives; health information literacy; salaries; CE offerings; and the David Kronick Fellowship. Additional topics included:

- The establishment of an MLA task force focusing on Health Literacy (for public seeking health information)
- Donald A. Lindberg Research Award of \$25,000 which will require an endowment of \$400,000
- A task force that has just been formed stemming from the Informationist Conference
- Legislative efforts including the "Friend of the Court" brief challenging the Sonny Bono Act; and Linda urged everyone present to support HR107 – the "Digital Media Consumers Rights Act"
- Linda encouraged MLGSCA members to go to MLAnet and answer the MLA Netforum survey
- Benchmarking Network
- Standards and JCAHO
- April 11th, 2003 is Medical Information Day

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.