MLGSCA Business Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2008 12:00 – 1:00
California State University, Northridge, CA

Call to Order
Deborah Klein called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Welcome and Introductions
Deborah welcomed us all and called our attention to the handouts of the minutes (to be approved) of the last business meeting. She thanked Marcia Henry for hosting the event and CSUN for the use of their facility. Marion Affifi, the Associate Dean at CSUN, extended an invitation to tour the library and the display celebrating the 50th anniversary of the school. Deborah also thanked Lisa Marks and Steve Clancy for organizing and presenting a wonderful CE event.

Agenda Changes
Deborah asked for any changes to the agenda, and received no response. The agenda is set as written.

Announcements
Deborah also announced that Emily Brennan from USC library will be assisting Rikke Ogawa with the newsletter/blog
2008-9 Annual Report to MLA:
Deborah reported that the annual report will be posted to the MLGSCA website, or you can email Deborah for a copy.

2009-10 Committee Interest Form
The Committee Interest Form will not be available on the website as it usually is in April because it is being reorganized. Once it is finished, it will be sent out to members to solicit for interest.

2009-10 Election Results
Cheryl Bartel thanked the Nominating Committee which included Alan Carr, Evonda Copeland, and Laurie Piccolotti. 129 votes were cast. President-Elect is Eileen Wakiji; Secretary is Cynthia Porter; Treasurer is Molly Harrington. Kathleen Carlson and Laura Brown are the Nominating Committee; Andrea Lynch is the MLGSCA Chapter Representative and Pat Auflick is the alternate.

Other Announcement
Julie Kwan from the SCELC e-licensing consortium asked members to consider the resources we were trialing and comparing at the CE event and tell her what we would be interested in. She reminded us that Stat-Ref is still on offer, as is Serial Solutions.

Approval of the Minutes for November 14, 2008
Kathy Zelinsky motioned to approve the minutes. Kay Deeney seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
Officer and Committee Reports
Treasurer
Kathy Zeblisky directed us to view the 2nd and 3rd Quarter Treasurer's Reports. See handouts.

ILL Coupon Exchange
Kathleen Carlson reported that the coupon exchange is officially over. Money from the main B of A account was deposited in the coupon account. She personally contacted four institutions to ask them to cash their checks. $272.65 remains and will be transferred back to the main account, and the account will be closed. The records will be sent to Marsha Knec for archiving. In total, $63,000 was exchanged.

MLA Chapter Council
Kay Deeney reported that the Chapter Councils will be meeting at MLA. She also reported that Andrea Lynch will be the new Chapter Rep. Julie Kwan has been involved in organizing hospitality in Honolulu. MLGSCA will sponsor five registration spots at the Chapter Roundtables.

Technology Symposium
Cheryl Bartel reported on the Technology Symposium that took place on March 6th. There were 90 attendees and 34 volunteers. Cheryl thanked some of the members that helped to organize the symposium. Feedback was positive with an “A” average. Attendees will be getting another survey. Attendees were from medical, academic, public, and corporate libraries. The event cost $14,000 and came just under budget. It was funded by the NN/LM which allowed it to be a large, but inexpensive event. Question: Will it happen again? Answer: Probably not yearly, as it would conflict with attending the Joint Meeting. Deborah also thanked the Symposium organizers. She pointed out that it was a novel relationship with NN/LM and MLGSCA. She again thanked all who forged the partnership.

Awards
Laura Stubblefield thanked her committee members. She thanked those responsible for getting flyers distributed promoting the Scholarship Fund. A scholarship is being awarded to Ted Wilson at an analyst at the County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health. He is attending San Jose State University. The Professional Development Award is going to Ellen Aaronson. Deborah called for all members to note their colleague’s involvement and volunteer them for this award.

CE/Program
Lisa Marks asked for all CE ideas to go to the new Chair, Eileen Wakiji.

EIRC and Webmaster
No report from Andrea Lynch.
Exchange
Evonda Copeland reported that the April Journal Exchange list went out. The next deadline is July 24. She reported no progress on implementing a database and asked for suggestions. She will be exploring the possibility of using Google Docs. Deborah suggested that if the group were to move toward using a wiki, this could take care of the exchange list.

Finance
Ellen reported that the financial advisor has been changed over to a new partner in the group who seems more receptive to the group’s needs. All files are in order. Alan Carr has looked at the books and has submitted his report. Directors and Officers (D & O) liability insurance was purchased after the okay from the Advisory Committee.

2010 Joint Meeting
Ellen reported for the quad chairs for this meeting: Ellen Aaronson, Rebecca Birr, Judy Bube, and Kathy Zeblisky. The meeting will be held Jan. 27-30, 2010 at the Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa, in the Phoenix metro area. Ellen showed a webpage of what will be loaded to the MLGSCA website. The chairs are determining a reasonable fee for registration. They are developing a schedule and lining up speakers. David Levy has a clip on YouTube called “No Time to Think,” David Rothman, medical library blogger and Connie Scharp asking whether EBM is dead, are also confirmed. Nancy Pearl from Seattle Public Library and the model for the popular librarian action figure, also Fred Lee, corporate author, are being considered. Dr. John Medina with “Brain Rules” book may also come. These speakers are commanding between 6-10K. Ellen told members that they are trying to make an appealing meeting but keep it affordable. There was a suggestion to get a fun speaker rather than someone highly paid. She answered that they are aiming for a high-impact speaker. Comment made that Cokey Roberts cost 25K in the past and was disappointing. Question about cost recovery? Ellen answered that they are looking to subsidize the event and make it affordable for everyone. Question about whether we could find a recently published author who did not charge, someone who may not be listed with a speaker’s bureau? Member Peg Eby-Jager offered to help with this. Question about whether the speaker should be medical or if they could fit a broad scope?

Government Relations/Bylaws
Judy Kraemer reported that she is looking for a new chair. She thanked members for contacting legislators as the added funding to the NIH was approved. She reported that she will be adding information to the newsletter. Judy also noted that her position looks at the bylaws and makes sure they are updated. She asked for interested members to approach Lisa or Deb. This position is appointed by the AC. Judy also informed members that her colleague, Paula Romeyne, has liver cancer. Judy has a temporary librarian who
is now working full time, Charles Hobbs. Deborah conveyed her well wishes to Paula.

**Membership**
Deborah Klein gave the report for Danielle Linden and Eileen Wakiji. Deborah reported that MLGSCA has 183 members, 11 of those are students, 7 are new. Deborah reminded members that the membership year runs from Jan – Dec. Members have until October to renew so that they can attend the fall CE program. See Handout.

**Newsletter**
Emily Brennan, the new newsletter co-chair, reported that the newsletter will move over to blog format this summer. Emily has taken over from Adrian Folette. She asked for anyone who is interested in joining the committee to contact her. The April 2009 issue will be distributed next week.

**Professional Issues**
Irene Lovas reported on the new proposal which was approved by the Advisory Council, that recognizes paraprofessionals working in health sciences libraries. Craig Haines was credited for coming up with the idea. Flyers will be distributed for nominations/applications. There will be a July 1 deadline. The paraprofessional awards grant will look like a scholarship award, but is designed for someone already working in a health sciences library, rather than a library student. See Handout. There will be a resume and interview workshop at Cal State Fullerton on May 3. Deborah thanked Irene and Craig for their work and pushing this initiative through. It was recommended that the new award be nominated for the chapter award. Deborah reported that MLA had wanted to take part in the career day at Claremont Colleges. Deborah represented medical librarians at this job fair. She reported there was much interest and it was personally rewarding. She encouraged other members who do this sort of promoting to report it to the Professional Issues Committee.

**NN/LM PSR Representative**
No report from Irene Lovas.

**Public Relations**
Jude Bube reported that she is excited by their new advertiser, BMJ Publishing. Any other vendors can be directed to Jude as possible advertisers. Advertisers will be present on the new blog format. Judy reminded members that MLGSCA has brochures available on the webpage if anyone needs them. See Handout.

**Research**
Deborah Klein reported for Craig Haynes. The committee developed a theme, "Research through Collaboration." They took a survey of members and consolidated the results into two areas: health literacy and determining the value and impact of clinical library services upon patient care and the business of
healthcare. (See Handout.) The committee will send a report of research topics to the AC and to the PSRML to determine further interest. They will also be updating the Research Committee's info on the website and adding links. No awards were given this year.

Archivist
Marsha Kmeec reported that Cherry Williams is no longer at UCLA. Marsha will meet with Russell Johnson to discuss a way to get the archives from Marcha's office to UCLA.

Benchmarking
There was no report from Charlotte McClamma. Deborah reported that Charlotte is waiting for MLA to release the report.

AHIP Liaison
Deborah Klein gave the report for Tania Bardyn and encouraged members to apply.

RML Funding
Alan Carr reported that NN/LM PSR is waiting for budget approval for the Contract Year that begins May 1, 2009, which includes proposed funding for three (rather than four) major outreach awards of up to $40K. Also proposed is an increase in the maximum award amount of the RML's Express Outreach Award program from $6,000 to $12,000.

Old Business
Nothing added.

New Business
Traditionally, the outgoing president is thanked at this meeting. Lisa Marks presented Deborah Klein with a certificate and flowers. Deborah thanked everyone and said it had been fun. She said the year went by quickly and thanked the AC and members for the opportunity.

Presentation of Louise Darling Award
This award is given to someone who has made a significant contribution to health science librarianship and to the MLGSCA. Recipient receives a plaque and a check. Deborah read the names of previous award winners. Kathleen Carlson received the 2009 award.

AOB
Steve Clancy suggested that we do not need a large mailbox now that we do not issue coupons. The bill was paid in January changing this will have to wait until next year.
Motion to adjourn by Judy Kraemer. Seconded by Kathy Zeblisky. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Handouts
MLGSCA Spring Business Meeting Agenda, April 23, 2009.
MLGSCA Location of Assets, 3rd Quarter, March 2009; and 2nd Quarter, December 2008.
MLGSCA Outstanding Health Sciences Library Paraprofessional of the Year Award: Criteria; Nomination Promotion; Nomination Form.
Research Committee’s Polled Chart of Category Topics of Interest to Members.