MLGSCA Business Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2008  9 AM – 10 AM  
California State University, Northridge, CA

Call to Order  
Deborah Klein called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Welcome and Introductions  
Deborah welcomed us all and pointed out the handouts of the agenda and minutes (to be approved) of the last business meeting. She thanked Marcia Henry for hosting the event. Karen Bontekoe from Visalia Kaweah, Delta Healthcare Medical District was introduced to the group. She is a new medical librarian who graduated in 2006. Joe Pozdol was also introduced. He is a new librarian at USC Norris Medical Library. This was also the first MLGSCA meeting for Nancy Gulliver from Atascadero State Mental Hospital.

Approval of the Minutes for April 28, 2008  
Marsha Kmec motioned to approve the minutes. Charlotte McClamama seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

Announcements  
Honorees and Candidates:  
Deborah reports that recent honors have been given to several MLGSCA members. Judy Kraemer has been placed on the Hospital Library Service scroll of exemplary service. Melissa Just was named as a participant in the Leadership Fellows Program sponsored by the NLM/ Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries 2008/2009. Deborah also announced that four MLGSCA members are candidates for the MLGSCA Nominating Committee: Rebecca Birr, Penny Copenholl-Blach, Julie Kwan, Susan Lessick.

NN/LM PSR E-Licensing Program  
Julie Kwan carried out a survey last year on library licensing needs and wish lists. She followed this up by partnering MLGSCA with SCELC: Statewide California Electronic Library Consortium as 20% of MLGSCA libraries were already members. MLGSCA members can join SCELC and become SCELC affiliates and not pay the usual fee. Libraries must be non-profit to join at this point. This may change in the future. The first two offers have come through in the past week: StatRef Core Clinical and Nursing Collections. Online demos and license negotiations are part of SCELC service. Member libraries are not obliged to subscribe. This offer is available to Nevada and California libraries – other states will get coverage from other consortia. StatRef covers 33 ebook titles that would normally cost $10,500 but will cost around $3500 on SCELC.
This fee buys one seat, or one concurrent log-in at a time. The Nursing content covers 66 ebook titles that would normally cost $6600 but on SCELC will cost around $3200. At least five libraries will need to sign up with the offer to get the discount. Libraries have four weeks to decide. Julie then asked for questions about the program. Question 1: Asks about hospital systems with more than one library – can one seat accommodate more than one library? Question 2: Wonders if there has been a price raise cap negotiated by SCELC to cover these sometimes exorbitant yearly price increases? Question 3: Can doctors get user name and passwords for offsite access? Question 4: How is it billed? Julie tells us that we can choose how we would like to be billed whether yearly, or semi-annually. Libraries must maintain payments to keep a good relationship with SCELC. Julie informs us that Stat!Ref was chosen as a good starting database for smaller institutions. Products were earmarked by visiting exhibitions at the MLA conference. 15 were ranked, though Stat!Ref was not among these. More options will be coming.

Technology Symposium
Cheryl Bartel and Jeff Williams report that the symposium is in the planning process and are asking for catchy title suggestions. The date is set for Friday, March 6th, 2009 and Cerritos Public Library is the chosen location. Cheryl was impressed by the innovative library setting there, which received agreeable comments from the membership. Judy Bube is chairing the hospitality committee and has gotten $99 room rate at the Sheraton across the street. The library has its own catering service. There is a symposium meeting set for Friday, Nov. 21 at the Sheraton for anyone who wants to see the library. The NN/LM PSR is taking part in the symposium and not just the MLGSCA, so there will be outreach and promotion beyond the usual MLGSCA network. Jeff reports that the children’s section in the CPL is terrific and that there is a performing arts center nearby. Volunteers are still needed, especially chair positions. CPL has beautiful architecture and also has technology classrooms. There is no joint meeting this year because MLGSCA does not want to compete with MLA in Hawaii in May, 2009.

Officer and Committee Reports
Treasurer
Deborah gave the report for Kathy Zeblisky. She thanked Kathy and her husband for updating the accounting records. We have $223,145.53 in assets, $68,980 liability, and are in good financial shape. See handout.

ILL Coupon Exchange
Deborah gave the report for Kathleen Carlson. As of November, 13,000 coupons have been exchanged. December 31st is still the deadline to get reimbursement.

MLA Chapter Council
Kay Deeney had asked for feedback about voting on dues-raising electronically – however, it was decided by the Council to keep it as an in-person vote. She can be contacted for the details about this decision.

**Awards**
Laura Stubblefield reported that they are advertising for scholarships, professional development, and Louise Darling award candidates. Please forward any names to Laura.

**CE/Program**
Lisa Marks reported that 14-15 participated in the AZ program on Thursday, Nov. 13, 2008. She reminded us of the CE presentation by Diane Wolf to come after the meeting: Librarians – Let’s Escape from the Box.

**EIRC and Webmaster**
No report from Andrea Lynch.

**Exchange**
Evonda Copeland was not in attendance so Deborah gave her report. We had 18 members participate in the last Exchange list in July. We typically have between 14 and 19 libraries participating in each list. The deadlines for 2008/2009 are: Dec 12, April 10, July 24.

**Finance**
Ellen reported on the chapter’s communication with our financial advisor, Dave Helms. After no contact with him, a decision was made to contact higher management in the company. We are trying to find out if the company has any interest in our account or if we should move to a different company. Ellen is interested in any recommendations that members have for a financial advisor who specializes in non-profit organizations. The previous advisor, Don Driftmeyer, recommended that we carry out an internal audit by someone other than the Treasurer. Alan Carr was the previous Treasurer and has looked at the books and reported they look reasonable. He is working with Kathy Zeblisky (current Treasurer) and is following Don’s guidelines. Ellen suggests that a credit card for MLGSCA would help with creating continuity with the accounts. She asks who the cardholder might be and whether a card could be obtained by Bank of America where the chapter has its current account? There was no negative response to this suggestion.

**2010 Joint Meeting**
Ellen reported that there are quad chairs for this meeting: Ellen Aaronson, Rebecca Birr, Judy Bube, and Kathy Zeblisky. They have employed an event coordinator who is doing the negotiating. It will be held Jan. 27-30, 2010 at the Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa, in the Phoenix metro area. It is in walking distance to restaurants, shops and entertainment venues. The quad chairs will soon be asking for committee members. There is lots of room for vendors, CE,
and breakout rooms. Ellen hints at a non-librarian theme for the meeting. Seed money will soon be needed and speaker recommendations are asked for.

**Government Relations/Bylaws**
No report from Judy Kraemer.

**Membership**
Danielle Linden and Eileen Wakiji reported that the committee now has Arizona members. There is a slight increase in members over last year. She thought that the CE on Community Assessment attracted new members who then got free entry to the CE. Membership is from Jan – Dec, not a rolling 12 months. The directory is online and is password protected. You will have options about what information to include in the directory during membership renewal. (See Handout.)

**Newsletter**
Rikke Ogawa reported that they were having some trouble getting the coordination of the new blog format worked out. The print will be eliminated once the advertisers are on board digitally.

**Nominating Committee**
Cheryl Bartel asked members to think about leadership for 2009/2010 and send suggestions of ourselves or others for specific positions.

**Professional Issues**
No report from Irene Lovas for the Business Meeting.

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

**Public Relations**
Jude Bube reported that she has three committee members including Linda Murphy, Diana Lane and Stephen Clancy who will be working with the advertisers in the MLGSCA Newsletter to determine their willingness to continue to advertise in the new blog format. The blog format will not begin until the March issue in 2009. The PR Committee suggests placing the ads on the MLGSCA Homepage in a rotating fashion to accommodate advertisers who do not wish to use the blog. MLGSCA has earned advertising revenue of approximately $800 from the last two issues of the newsletter. Judy requested that if there are any suggestions for new advertisers, please contact her.

**Research**
Craig Haynes' report was given by Deborah. She reviewed the committee's overall goals and reported that there were no applications for awards. The committee will be looking at the results from their recent survey and decide on a course of action.
Archivist
Marsha Kmec reported that she is waiting for the new RML archivist, Cherry Williams, to acclimate before liaising with her.

Benchmarking
Charlotte McClamma reported that the long awaited benchmarking report will have test reports ready to be launched in mid-November. She also called for members to participate in future surveys. Charlotte also reported that Kate Corcoran at MLA apologized for the delay, as they are involved in acquiring a new association management system and its capabilities for interfacing with the benchmarking data. This has slowed down the process of getting the current benchmarking data online and available. There was a member comment that her new library used benchmarking data to justify there space needs.

Old Business
Nothing added.

New Business
Nothing added.

CSUN Director Sue Curzon welcomed colleagues to the CE on strategic positioning as an important topic for all librarians, especially medical librarians.

Motion to adjourn by Kay Deeney. Seconded by Andrea Harrow. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Handouts
MLGSCA Location of Assets, fiscal year-end Sep 30, 2008.
MLGSCA Treasurer’s Report, 3rd Quarter Jul-Sep, 2008; and 2nd Quarter Apr-Jun, 2008.