MLGSCA Business Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2006
MLA Phoenix, AZ

Welcome, Call to Order, Introductions

Alice Kawakami opened the meeting at 4:40 p.m., welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending. She introduced student members in attendance: Cliff Bushin from San Jose and Jill Detrick from UCLA.

Approval of minutes

Minutes from the March 14, 2006 Business Meeting at Cal State, Northridge were approved as corrected.

Announcements

Western Chapters Meeting, Seattle WA – Pamela Corley introduced the Program Co-Chairs, Gail Kouame and Lisa Oberg, who entered the meeting sporting umbrellas to give attendees a Seattle weather fashion preview! The meeting will be held in Seattle on October 14-17th with 2 full days of CE in addition to the programming. CE program days are Saturday and Sunday, October 14 and 15. The banquet speaker will be Gordon Taylor, a local author who has written a book about a medical missionary who went to Kurdistan in the 1830’s and 1840’s. Other speakers confirmed are Stephen Bezruchka and Mark Oberle, both from the University of Washington’s School of Public Health and Community Medicine. Bezruchka will be speaking on the differences between health and health care; he often talks about how medical care is a leading cause of death in the United States. Oberle will speak about his experiences in Thailand when the tsunami hit. OVID is throwing a bash and the hope is to do it at the Seattle Public Library. The conference hotel, the Red Lion on 5th Avenue, is downtown and close to the waterfront, museums, etc. The hotel is accepting reservations now, just mention Western MLA Chapters meeting when making the bookings.

President-Elect Address (Ellen Aaronson)

Aaronson said she was pleased to announce the incoming Advisory Council & Committee Chairs, thanking them for stepping forward to fill positions so quickly. She asked those present to stand as she named the officers and committee chairs:

| President Elect: | Cheryl Bartel | Gov’t. Rel./Bylaws: | Marie Kennedy |
| Past President: | Alice Kawakami | Interlibrary Loan: | Marian Hicks |
| Secretary: | Paula Romeyn | Coupon Manager: | Kathleen Carlson |
| Treasurer: | Sue Trombley | Membership: | Eileen Waliji |
| Treasurer-Elect: | Sharon Lezotte | Newsletter Co-chairs: | Elisa Cortez, Andrea Griffith |
| Archivist: | Marcia Kmec | Professional Issues: | Irene Lovas |
| Awards: | Arpita Bose | PSRML Rep.: | Irene Lovas |
| EIRC & Webmaster: | Andrea Lynch | Public Relations: | Jude Bube |
| Assist. Webmaster: | Melissa Just | Research: | Mary Aldous |
| Exchange: | Evonda Copeland | Finance: | Lisa Marks |
Officer and Committee Reports

Treasurer’s report (L. Marks) - There is $6602.43 in the primary checking account. Expenditures this quarter totaled $6,067.12 and included CE program expenses, awards, and some miscellaneous fees. The Joint Meeting accounts will remain inactive until the next Western Chapters meeting in our area. Coupon account liability is $175,950.00 and there is $2,081.99 in the Coupon account. The Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund balance is $278,785.47. Dividends have been reinvested in the account. We were doing well financially.

Chapter Council (M. Just, D. Keough) – Keough reported on the Chapter Council meeting held Saturday, May 20th in Phoenix. They heard reports from the current and incoming MLA Presidents. According to Chapter Council website statistics, the Chapter Council Round Table section is one of the most popular portions of the website. There were 370 plus folks at the Round Tables in Phoenix. 2 New MLA members were sponsored by donations from the chapters. The first 2 new members who register for a round table get the donated seats.

CE/Program (E. Aaronson) – The Spring program, “Geeks Bearing Gifts,” was presented by Michael Miller March 14, 2006 at Cal State University, Northridge and March 17 in Arizona at Banner Good Samaritan Hospital. 90 registrants participated in the 2 presentations. Evaluations were wonderful as he captured the essence of new technologies and interacted well with attendees. Aaronson thanked Heidi Sandstrom for monetary support from PSRML. The average cost for CE programs this year was $34.60. Next year’s programming will have to be adjusted so as not to compete with the Western Chapters Meeting in October. There will probably be a Winter (January) CE instead of a Fall CE Program.

EIRC & Webmaster (A. Lynch) – The Membership Directory on the MLGSCA web page has been updated with the new members. Lynch has assisted members and non-members posting to the list and has been monitoring spam. SurveyMonkey is now available for all members to use. 2 members have used it so far: Lisa Marks and Marian Hicks. Guidelines & procedures for its use are on the website. Marks commented that it is very easy to use. She used it for her annual library user survey and get double the responses from her previous year’s survey.

Finance (C. Bartel) – No large projects are in progress. The transition to our new financial advisor, Don Driftmier, is going well. He is going to come to the next Advisory Council meeting. She asked the group if there was any interest in having him come to a Business Meeting; no interest was expressed.

Interlibrary Loan (M. Hicks) – She surveyed both EFTS users & non-users to get feedback; she received 61 responses. These will be reviewed and an article published in the July newsletter. Comments were generally enthusiastic about EFTS.

Membership (L. Piccoliotto) – MLGSCA has 247 members and 2 honorary members. There are 10 new members, plus she just received 2 more before coming to
Phoenix. There are 15 student members. It is exciting that students are catching on to our group. Many students from last year are renewing as librarians this year. Membership has dropped from around 297 members last year. Some members forgot to renew and some left the area. One area of concern for the decline in membership is that some joined in order to participate in the ILL coupon exchange, and now with EFTS they don't see any reason to join. Former members in this category were medical secretaries, part time employees, or volunteers and others who have minimal interest in other aspects of membership such as CE. Julie Kwan suggested that if members agreed to a unified base ILL charge, there might be more incentive to renew.

Newsletter (A. Griffith, E. Cortez) – Griffith reported that the April newsletter went out on time. It's now time for the July newsletter; they will send a reminder after MLA. June 10 is the official deadline, but they will probably accept submissions until June 30. She urged members to contact her with ideas for the newsletter.

Professional Issues (I. Lovas) – Lovas appealed to everyone to signup in the MLA Mentoring database. She always goes there first when looking for mentors. Every time she appeals to the group, 1 or 2 sign up so she will continue to do so. Our Chapter has more mentors than other chapters. Jan Hobbs and she are going to teach another class in Health Science librarianship this summer for San Jose students. She recently participated in mock interviews and resume writing with students in the San Jose program. This is an annual event, usually in March and is a lot of fun. Lovas also encouraged members to think about having internships in their libraries.

PSRML Representative (I. Lovas) – The UCLA contract with NLM was renewed again for next five years.

Public Relations (M. Geiger) – The new brochure is now completed with the new logo. It was printed for MLA, and a mistake was found that will be fixed. Kawakami thanked Geiger for bringing the brochures to the meeting.

Other Business

Vote on Bylaws changes – A 2/3 vote is necessary for the motion to pass. The proposed changes were sent to all members on April 11, 2006. Kawakami read this section first and asked for a show of hands:

1) Membership renewals:
Article III. Membership. Section 3. Dues
D. If dues are unpaid by March 1st, the dues shall be considered in arrears and without further notice the member shall be suspended from all rights and privileges of membership <add: until membership dues are paid.>

Passed unanimously.

2) Ballot distribution date:
Article IV. Officers. Section 3. Nominations and Elections.
A. Ballots shall be distributed to the voting membership by the Nominating Committee at least thirty <change from sixty> days prior to the Chapter's spring meeting and shall be received by the Nominating Committee by the date
previously announced for counting ballots. Candidates shall be declared elected upon receiving a majority of the votes cast.

Kawakami read the proposed change and explained that with the new membership cycle, plus the timing of the Spring meeting, it is difficult to get the ballots out in time. A question was asked from the floor if the change to 30 days was in compliance with MLA bylaws. The answer is yes; according to MLA guidelines, it has to be from 30 to 60 days.

1 opposed, motion passed.

Awards (L. Brown) - All of the student scholarship winners were from UCLA this year: Candace Mack, Monique Escamilla, and Jill Dietrich. A Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented next fall to Phyllis Mirsky. She worked 25 years at the University of Calif., San Diego. She began her career in 1965 at the UCLA Biomedical Library with Louise Darling. Brown reviewed Mirsky’s many accomplishments, including her terms as President of MLGSCA and MLA.

Brown then announced this year’s Louise Darling Award winner: Alan Carr. Currently MLGSCA’s nominee for the MLA Nominating Committee, Carr has served MLGSCA in many capacities, including President and Treasurer. His efforts brought MLGSCA’s bylaws in line with MLA’s. Those who nominated him praised him as a wonderful mentor and colleague.

Carr accepted the award and thanked his “co-stars”, i.e., the membership of MLGSCA, for allowing him to serve the organization. He said his involvement has helped him grow personally and professionally and has been fun! Kawakami presented the award to Alan and pinned a boutonnière on him.

Adjournment

Kawakami thanked everyone for coming. The meeting adjourned at 5:24.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Rais, MLGSCA Secretary

Handouts:

Treasurer’s Report, March-May 18, 2006
Minutes from the March 14, 2006 Business meeting at Cal State Northridge