**Business Meetings**
November 14, 2008 California State University, Northridge, CA
April 23, 2009 California State University, Northridge, CA

**Advisory Council Meetings**
July 25, 2008 Providence St. Joseph Medical Center, Burbank, CA
November 14, 2008 California State University, Northridge, CA
April 23, 2009 California State University, Northridge, CA
June 2009 (Pending)

**MLA Goal1: Recruitment, Membership, and Leadership in the Profession**

Our membership year runs January through December. Total membership at the end of 2008 was 243, of whom 28 were student members and 34 were new members. As of April 15, 2009, total membership was 183, of whom 11 were student members and 7 were new members. 2009 memberships will be available until October, after which all who join will have their membership extended through the following year. In 2008, we learned that a previous member was serving in Afghanistan; upon her return she was given a free membership for 2009. We continued our contract with Acteva for online registration and payments for both membership and programs. We continued to welcome new members through email and a letter with a coupon to attend their first meeting and CE course for free. Each new member's name and contact information continued to be sent to the President, Professional Issues Chair, and Webmaster. The Membership Committee, chaired by Eileen Wakiji and Danielle Linden, has continued to work on criteria for nominating and selecting Honorary Members. We have transitioned from a printed to a password-protected online membership directory.

Led by Professional Issues Chair Irene Lovas, we have worked to recruit members for the chapter, to encourage individuals to pursue careers in librarianship, especially health sciences librarianship, and to retain existing members. We have developed and are implementing a new paraprofessional recognition and support program. Components include a recognition day during National Medical Libraries month in October 2009, with an award for the "Health Sciences Library Paraprofessional of the Year"; collaboration with the RML to identify solo librarian assistants in hospital library setting and reach out to them with a personal Chapter contact; and in Spring 2010 the introduction of a new annual Paraprofessional Career Development Award to provide financial support to a medical library paraprofessional for continuing education or for pursuing a graduate library/information science degree.

The Awards Committee, chaired by Laura Stubblefield, evaluated applications for the three scholarships available each year to current graduate students in library/information science; ultimately the Advisory Council awarded one $1000 scholarship, to Ted Wilson. The committee also recommended and the Advisory Council approved giving our highest honor, the Louise Darling Award, to Arizona member Kathleen Carlson for her tireless work in concluding our ILL coupon program.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Past-President Cheryl Bartel, recruited an excellent slate of candidates for all Officer positions for 2009-10. Voting was conducted using Survey Monkey, and election results are to be announced at the April 23 Business Meeting.

We have actively supported MLA this year in several specific ways. For the annual meeting in Honolulu we are sponsoring six seats at the Roundtable Luncheon; we have given one member a Professional
Development Award toward her attendance at the meeting; we are providing generous funding toward attendance by our President-Elect; and both our President and President-Elect plan to attend leadership sessions. Our Chapter Council Representative and Alternate, Kay Deeney and Pam Corley, have kept the Advisory Council and the general membership informed about MLA issues. Our Credentialing Liaison, Tania Bardyn, has actively promoted the AHIP program to our membership; we recently added an AHIP link to our website. The Benchmarking Liaison position was assumed by Charlotte McClamma. In March we submitted an application for Directors and Officers insurance through MLA.

MLA Goal 2: Life Long Learning

The CE Committee, chaired by Lisa Marks, presented the 4-CEU course "Librarians- Let's Escape the Box" taught by Diane Wolfe, with 14 attending in Arizona on November 13 and 31 attending in California on November 14. A second 4-CEU course, "Point of Care EBM- Bedside Information Tools for Healthcare Practitioners" taught by Stephen Clancy, was presented on April 13 in Arizona with 18 attendees and on April 23 in California with 31 attendees. The chapter continued its tradition of heavily subsidizing all classes to keep the registration cost low, namely $35 for members and $50 for non-members.

Ordinarily, MLGSCA would have hosted a multiple-day joint meeting with NCNMLG in spring 2009. However, because of the MLA meeting in Hawaii in May, we decided to hold a smaller one-day event in early 2009 and to delay the joint meeting until 2010. Thus, on March 6, 2009, in a novel arrangement MLGSCA and NNLM/PSR co-sponsored a one-day 6-CEU symposium, "Technology in Libraries: Providing Access, Linking Communities". Held in the Conference Center of a local public library, the day included three nationally renowned speakers (Michelle Kraft, Patricia F. Anderson, and Tracey Hughes), contributed papers and posters, vendor exhibits, and a hands-on workshop covering blogs, mobile devices, online application sharing and mapping, photo and video sharing, and podcasting. With about 100 attendees and over 30 ad hoc committee members, the day was an outstanding success and will serve as a model for future endeavors. The co-chairs of this event were Jeff Williams and Cheryl Bartel.

The committee in charge of the 2010 joint meeting has quad-chairs- Ellen Aaronson, Rebecca Birr, Judy Bube, and Kathy Zeblisky- and planning is going very well. The meeting will be held January 27-30, 2010, in Glendale, AZ.

MLA Goal 3: Advocacy

Our Governmental Relations/Bylaws Chair, Judy Kraemer, kept the membership informed about areas of interest and concern and encouraged response to government officials when action was needed. This year we did not amend our bylaws.

MLA Goal 4: Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

Early in the 2008-2009 year, the Research Committee, chaired by Craig Haynes, surveyed the membership regarding ways the Chapter might encourage and facilitate professional research. Results revealed the following needs: 1) Better communication about research opportunities, 2) More information about sources for training and instruction on research methods, 3) New opportunities for research partnerships and collaboration. In consequence, the committee is working to expand the research section of our website (including addition of a link to MLANET's Research Section), to identify and publicize sources for research training, to connect members interested in the same research ideas, and to forge new research partnerships with other entities. As in previous years, the Research Committee publicized the availability of Research Grants; however no proposals were received this year.
As Archivist, Marsha Kmec continued to keep the Chapter archives up-to-date and in order. The archives are retained in a storage facility at UCLA. Marsha intends to speak with other chapter archivists at the MLA meeting in May.

**MLA Goal 5: Building a Network of Partners**

The Finance Committee, chaired by Ellen Aaronson, worked closely with the President, Treasurer, and President-Elect to identify the financial needs of the organization. Our Financial Advisor had retired and our account passed to another advisor in his firm, but this relationship proved unsatisfactory. Late in 2008, we were able to make another change within the same firm, and we now feel confident that our needs are being met. The Advisory Council appointed Alan Carr as Internal Auditor approximately 2 years ago; he completed an audit at the end of 2008 and found all records in order. The Finance Committee will continue to utilize an Internal Auditor to insure that our fiscal operations are sound. Finally, the termination of our ILL coupon program in December 2008 (described below) has made thorough strategic planning a necessity, which is being fulfilled.

In 2007, the decision was made to phase out the ILL Coupon program by the end of December 2008. Kathleen Carlson, the ILL Coupon Manager, publicized the redemption schedule extremely thoroughly via newsletter, listserv and on the Chapter website. With the assistance of NNLM/PSR, members were encouraged to join FreeShare and EFTS. Because we anticipated that not all coupons in circulation would be redeemed, we sought the advice of our Financial Advisor regarding any legal obligation to retain funds sufficient to cover all outstanding coupon liability. Ultimately, 62,436 coupons were redeemed at $2 each, for a total of $124,872.

The Exchange Committee, chaired by Evonda Copeland, collected and distributed journal exchange lists three times during the 2008-2009 year. The Committee has beta-tested a web-based database for duplicate journals, but the cooperative effort begun with MLA in 2006, has not progressed; the Committee intends to pursue this project either by working with the author of the original database code or investigating other web-based solutions.

Newsletter editor Rikke Ogawa published quarterly issues starting in July 2008 and completed the transition to blog format.

The Public Relations Committee, chaired by Judy Bube, revised the chapter brochure and managed the advertising for the newsletter.

**MLGSCA OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2008-9**

**Elected Officers**

**President**  
Deborah Klein

**President-Elect**  
Lisa Marks

**Past-President**  
Cheryl Bartel

**Secretary**  
Andrea Harrow

**Treasurer**  
Kathy Zeblisky
MLA Chapter Council Representative
Kay Deeney

MLA Chapter Council Representative Alternate
Pamela Corley

Committee Chairs

Awards
Laura Stubblefield

CE/Programs
Lisa Marks (see President-Elect)

Electronic Information Resources
Andrea Lynch

Exchange
Evonda Copeland

Finance
Ellen Aaronson

Governmental Relations/By-Laws
Judy Kraemer

Interlibrary Loan
vacant

Membership Co-Chairs
Eileen Wakiji
Danielle Linden

Newsletter Co-Chairs
Rikke Ogawa

Nominating Committee Chair
Cheryl Bartel (see Past-President)

Professional Issues
Irene Lovas

Public Relations
Judy Bube

Research
Craig Haynes

Other Advisory Council Members

Archivist
Marsha Kmec
ILL Coupon Exchange Manager
Kathleen Carlson

PSRML Representative
Irene Lovas (see Professional Issues)

Additional Important Contact Information

Internal Auditor
Alan Carr

Joint Meeting Chairs (4) Ellen Aaronson (see Finance) Kathy Zeblisky (see Treasurer) Judy Bube (see Public Relations) Rebecca Birr

Symposium Co-Chairs
Cheryl Bartel (see Past-President) Jeffrey Williams

MLA Benchmarking Liaison
Charlotte McClamma

MLA Credentialing Liaison
Tania Bardyn

MLGSCA Mailbox
Stephen Clancy

Webmaster
Andrea Lynch (see Electronic Information Resources)

Associate Webmaster
Melissa L Just

Financial Advisor
Heidi White
Vavrinek, Trine, Day and Co., LLP
8270 Aspen Street
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730