Advisory Council Meetings

June 30, 2010 Transition Meeting
Kaiser Permanente, Downey, CA and also conference call capability for AC members not able to attend in-person

August 6, 2010 Budget Meeting
City of Hope, Duarte, CA and also conference call capability for AC members not able to attend in-person.

February 24, 2011
Joint Meeting NCNMLG/MLGCSA
Parc55 Hotel, San Francisco

June 2011 Transition Meeting
To be scheduled

Business Meetings

October 25, 2010
via MLA’s MegaMeeting & in-person at Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center, Burbank, CA.

February 24, 2011
Joint Meeting NCNMLG/MLGCSA
Parc55 Hotel, San Francisco

April 8, 2011
via MLA’s MegaMeeting & in-person at Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center, Burbank, CA.

MLA Goal #1 – Recruitment, Membership, and Leadership in the Profession

MLGSCA works to recruit and retain health science librarians, library students, and health information professionals as members. In line with MLA President Ruth Holst’s vision of partnering with library schools and promoting the MLA mentor database, MLGSCA reaches out to students and encourages them to explore health sciences librarianship through our Mentorship and Scholarship programs. MLGSCA supports the development of 21st-century health information professionals by providing a means for networking with peers, students, and seasoned professionals.
Membership Committee, chaired by Danielle Linden, handled all membership activities for the membership year which ran January through December. As of April 15, 2011, membership totals 188 members which includes renewing, new, retired, and student members. MLGSCA negotiated a new contract with Cvent for online registration and payments for both membership and programs.

Professional Issues Committee (PIC) chaired by Irene Lovas, cooperating with other Chapter committees and task forces, explored avenues and implemented methods to recruit new members for the Chapter, to encourage individuals to pursue careers in librarianship, especially health sciences librarianship, and to retain existing membership.

- In 2010, in response to a request from MLGSCA’s Chapter Council representative, PIC provided information about any formal or informal recruitment and retention activities in the Chapter. A report was forwarded through the Chapter Council representative to the Chapter Council Recruitment and Retention liaison.

- PIC utilized the MLGSCA Link (blog) to publicize the opportunity for MLGSCA members to mentor or be mentored. Interested members were asked to contact the PIC or Membership chairs. There were only two requests from members wanting to be mentored during the year.

Blog Committee, chaired by Kathleen Carlson and co-chaired by Emily Brennan, posted mentorship and leadership opportunities through Link, MLGSCA newsletter/blog. http://www.mlgsca.mlanet.org/newsletter/

Finance Committee, co-chaired by Ellen Aaronson and Deborah Klein, contributed to the Chapter’s fundamental strength and thus its ability to support all the MLA Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives and the Presidential Priorities through:

- Oversight of the annual budget process
- Evaluation of the Chapter’s existing Internal Auditor position
- Proposal for and implementation of an external financial review
- Initiation of a review of accounting practices, in collaboration with our CPA firm
- Participation in the review of event planning/registration software programs and ultimate selection of Cvent

Awards Committee, chaired by Laura Stubblefield, gave the 2010 Outstanding Health Sciences Library Paraprofessional of the Year Award to Jan Grabowski. This year the Scholarship for Paraprofessionals in Health Science Libraries was not awarded despite numerous attempts of advertising the award. At the Spring Business Meeting, three (3) Student Scholarships were awarded to the following MLS students: Jamie Navarette, Katia Karadjova, and Patricia Benefiel. Also at the meeting, the 2011 Louise Darling MLGSCA Achievement Award was awarded to Ellen Aaronson.
Nominating Committee, chaired by Lisa Marks, began recruiting candidates for the 2011 election in the fall of 2010. A slate of candidates was compiled and presented to the general membership during the Business Meeting at the Joint Meeting in San Francisco, CA. The slate of candidates included:

President-elect: Emily Brennan and Leslie Shell  
Secretary: Amy Chatfield and Janet Crum  
Treasurer: Elisa Cortez and Sheila Hofstetter  
MLGSCA Nominating Committee: Paul Bielman, Molly Harrington, Andrea Harrow and Judy Kraemer

• Election was held for 2 weeks beginning March 8, 2011 and ending March 22, 2011. Underlined names above are the newly elected officers for the 2011-2012 MLGSCA year.

Melissa Just was submitted and approved by the MLGSCA Advisory Council as MLGSCA’s nominee to the MLA Nominating Committee.

The Spring CE program covered a leadership topic. It was held on April 8, 2011 and entitled *Gaining Leadership Skills without Formerly Supervising People* presented by Natalie Reed.

**MLA Goal #2 – Life Long Learning**

Blog Committee promoted this goal by posting blog entries about continuing education (CE) opportunities, conferences, and presentations.

The Fall CE program held on October 25, 2010 was entitled *Getting Magnetized: Search and Service Strategies for Nursing Excellence* and presented by Joy Kennedy. The Spring CE program held on April 8, 2011 was entitled *Gaining Leadership Skills without Formerly Supervising People* and presented by Natalie Reed. Both programs were offered via MegaMeeting with the assistance of MLA’s Kate Corcoran. This enabled participants to choose a site location to network with other participants or to attend individually at their desktop. Both CE classes were available to any non-MLGSCA members. It was promoted to NCNMLG as well as local library groups in Arizona. Library school students were also among the registrants to both classes.

The 2011 NCNMLG/MLGSCA Joint Meeting hosted by NCNMLG took place February 23-26, 2011 at the PARC 55 Wyndham Hotel, San Francisco. (Please see NCNMLG report for CE courses.)

Awards Committee awarded the 2010 *Professional Development Award* to Deborah Klein. Elisa Cortez and Erica Bass were the recipients of the 2011 *Professional Development Award*.

Archivist, Marsha Kmec, continues to develop and maintain liaisons with other national and international health care and library associations, agencies, and relevant corporate groups. Archivist may attend archive group discussions at the Annual MLA Convention in order to
network with other archivists and to ascertain new information being considered in regards to archival materials

**MLA Goal #3 – Advocacy**

Government Relations/Bylaws Committee sent numerous emails to the membership via email regarding calls for action for pending legislative issues and other informative communications. The proposed Bylaw changes were approved by the Advisory Council and submitted to MLA headquarters, third quarter 2011.

Blog Committee demonstrated the value of quality health information to its members and the role that health professionals play in producing and managing that information by posting entries to the Link from outgoing and incoming MLGSCA presidents.

**MLA Goal #4 – Creating and Communicating Our Knowledge**

By fostering a culture of shared ideas among a membership of peers, MLGSCA supports the need for its members to advocate for the value of quality health information to society and the role that health information professionals play in producing and managing that information. This culture of shared ideas also promotes MLA President Ruth Holst’s idea of “communities of practice” within health sciences librarianship.

Research Committee, chaired by Zoe Pettway Unno, continued to connect persons wishing to collaborate on various research projects, provide financial support if requested, promote the scholarship award to members, and encourage research through collaboration.

Archivist, Marsha Kmec continued to keep archives of MLGSCA materials up-to-date and in order. The archivist will keep apprised of the digitization of archived materials for MLGSCA stored in the Southern Regional Storage Facility at UCLA.

Connections Committee, chaired by Andrea Harrow, maintained/administered the Chapter’s email list. The Committee also connected with members by administering the MLGSCA Facebook page, by actively tweeting newsbites on Twitter, and by contributing reports to the MLGSCA Newsletter Link, now known as the Blog.

Government Relations/Bylaws Committee disseminated pertinent information regarding government decisions and discussions related to health information to the MLGSCA general membership via email.

Blog Committee supported the practice of demonstrating the value of health information for improved health, improved professional practice, and supported lifelong learning by promoting and posting appropriate blog entries.
MLA Goal #5 - Building a Network of Partners

Exchange Committee, chaired by Evonda Copeland continued to collect and distribute journal exchange lists electronically three times per year. Participation in the journal exchange has been fairly consistent with prior years, with 17 to 20 institutions participating regularly. The Committee will continue to work toward an electronic database for journal exchange.

Link (blog) is a global network for its members and partners who share expertise and resources by submitting and posting announcements.

Both CE classes offered this year were available to any non-MLGSCA members. It was promoted to NCNMLG at the member rate as well as local library groups in Arizona. Library school students were also among the registrants to both classes.

MLA Goal 6: Information Technology

Membership Committee worked to implement a new online system for membership and CE registration. The transition to a new system was meant to simplify the registration process for members, streamline the reporting and payment process for Advisory Council members, and take advantage of new technologies to reach out to existing and potential members.

MLGSCA will be awarded the 2011 Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year Award at the Awards Luncheon and Ceremony at MLA ’11 for the use of MLA’s MegaMeeting for MLGSCA’s 2010 Spring CE and Business Meeting.

Electronic Information Resources (EIRC), chaired by Paul Bielman, continued to track e-resource trends and issues.

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