Business Meetings
November 14, 2008 California State University, Northridge, CA

Advisory Council Meetings
July 25, 2008 Providence St. Joseph Medical Center, Burbank, CA
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MLA Goal 1: Recruitment, Membership, and Leadership in the Profession

Total membership for 2008 was 243, of which 28 were student members and 34 were new members. We continue to use Acteva for online registration, and renewals for 2009 went live in mid-December. (In contrast to our financial and administrative year, which is July through June, our membership year is January through December.) We continue to welcome new members through email and a letter with coupon, to attend their first meeting and CE for free. Under co-chairs Eileen Wakiji and Danielle Linden, the Membership Committee is working on criteria for nominating and selecting Honorary Members. We have transitioned from a printed to an online membership directory.

For the Professional Issues Committee, Irene Lovas and Craig Haynes have developed a coordinated plan to recruit members for the chapter, to encourage individuals to pursue careers in librarianship, especially health sciences librarianship, and to retain existing members. In November, the Advisory Committee approved their proposal for recognizing paraprofessionals working in health sciences libraries. Components include a special paraprofessionals recognition day during National Medical Libraries month in October 2009, with an award for the "Health Sciences Library Paraprofessional of the Year" to be given that day; collaboration with the RML to identify solo librarian assistants in hospital library setting and reach out to them with a personal Chapter contact; and a new award to provide financial support for a paraprofessional for continuing education or for pursuing a graduate library/information science degree.

The Awards Committee, chaired by Laura Stubblefield, has received and is evaluating applications for the three scholarships we grant each year to current graduate students in library/information science. Later in the year the Louise Darling Award will be given.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Past-President Cheryl Bartel, has completed the proposed slate of officers for 2009-10. This slate will be sent to the Advisory Council for approval and then publicized to the membership very shortly. The ballot will be created in Survey Monkey and distributed in February, and the new officers will be announced at the April Business Meeting.

The Advisory Council is investigating the question of whether we should carry Directors and Officers liability insurance, in addition to our general liability policy.

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. Another course is being planned for spring 2009.
Ordinarily, MLGSCA would host 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, MLGSCA and NNLM/PSR will co-sponsor a day-long technology symposium, including an invited presenter as well as contributed papers and a hands-on workshop. The co-chairs of this event are 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 has begun serious planning. The meeting will be held January 27-30, 2010, in the Phoenix area.

Tania Bardyn replaced Julie Kwan as Chapter Credentialing Liaison and is planning various efforts to promote the Academy of Health Information Professionals, including a presence at the Technology Symposium in March. She is working to add information on the Academy to the Chapter website.

The Research Committee, chaired by Craig Haynes, surveyed the membership regarding ways the Chapter might encourage and facilitate professional research. The Committee plans use these results to develop an action plan.

The Awards Committee has publicized the availability of Chapter Professional Development Awards; however none have been awarded this year to date. Likewise, the Research Committee has publicized the availability of Research Grants, but no proposals have been received so far this year.

MLA Goal 3: Advocacy

Charlotte McClamma replaced Deborah Klein as MLGSCA Benchmarking Liaison.

MLA Goal 4: Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

As Archivist, Marsha Kmec continues to keep the Chapter archives up-to-date and in order. The archives are retained in a storage facility at UCLA. Marsha is interested in speaking with other chapter archivists at the MLA meeting in May.

The Chapter’s Advisory Council Manual has been updated.

MLA Goal 5: Building a Network of Partners

The Finance Committee, chaired by Ellen Aaronson, worked with President Deborah Klein, Treasurer Kathy Zeblisky, and President-Elect Lisa Marks 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 will be 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.

Newsletter editors Rikke Ogawa and Adrian Follette published issues in July and October 2008, and are completing the January 2009 issue. They are in the process of transitioning to a blog format.

The Exchange Committee, chaired by Evonda Copeland, collected and distributed journal exchange lists in December, and is planning for two more later in the 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 through outsourcing.
Over a year ago, 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 and assisted in joining 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.

MLGSCA OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2008-9

Elected Officers

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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  
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Membership Co-Chairs  
Eileen Wakiji  
Danielle Linden

Newsletter Co-Chairs  
Rikke Ogawa  
Adrian Follette

Nominating Committee Chair  
Cheryl Bartel (see Past-President)

Professional Issues  
Irene Lovas

Public Relations  
Judy Bube

Research  
Craig Haynes

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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

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