Business Meetings: -No Business Meetings held to date; Scheduled for October 25, 2010 via MegaMeeting & in-person at Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center, Burbank, CA.

Advisory Council (AC) Meetings: June 30, 2010 ~ Transition Meeting at Kaiser Permanente, Downey, CA and also conference call capability for AC members not able to attend in-person; August 6, 2010 ~ Budget Meeting at City of Hope, Duarte, CA and also conference call capability for AC members not able to attend in-person.

The following represents the activities of the Chapter for the period of May 2010 through September 2010, relative to the strategic plans and goals of MLA, as well as the President’s priorities: Note: MLGSCA Chapter year is July-June.

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’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. We support the development of 21st-century health information professionals by providing a means for networking with peers, students, and seasoned professionals.

Membership year runs January through December. As of June 30, 2010, membership totals 219 including renewing, new, retired, and student members.

The Professional Issues Committee (PIC), cooperating with other chapter committees and task forces, explores avenues and implements 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 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.
- Working with the MLGSCA webmaster, PIC plans to develop a mechanism for tracking chapter recruitment and retention activities.
- An item was published on the MLGSCA blog newsletter (Link) about being a mentor for a chapter member. The blog entry also requested that members wanting to be mentored contact the PIC or Membership chairs.

The MLGSCA Link posts mentorship and leadership opportunities (as noted above).

The Awards Committee advertised the availability of three (3) scholarship awards for library school students in southern California and Arizona, the Outstanding Health Sciences Library Paraprofessional of the Year Award, and a professional development award for members.
MLA Goal #2 – Life Long Learning
The Fall CE Program is “Getting Magnetized: Search and Service Strategies for Nursing Excellence” and will be taught by Joy Kennedy and is scheduled for Monday, October 25, 2010. It has been approved for four (4) MLA CE credits. Once again MegaMeeting will be utilized to provide access to as many members as possible. MLGSCA was the first MLA Chapter to use MegaMeeting for a continuing education course last spring. A decline in attendance of CE/programs had been noted and MLGSCA sought to experiment with MegaMeeting to increase attendance which was accomplished.

The MLGSCA Link promotes this goal by posting blog entries about continuing education (CE) opportunities, conferences, and presentations.

The Electronic Information Resources Committee (EIRC) continues to investigate the possibility of establishing a continuing education (CE) library of MLA offered courses and methods by which to offer these courses online to MLGSCA members.

MLA Goal #3 – Advocacy
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’s idea of “communities of practice” within health sciences librarianship. The MLGSCA Link demonstrates 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 from the officers and the recipients of awards and promoted excellence within the MLA chapter.

The Government Relations/Bylaws Committee is in the process of revising the Bylaws. Also, The Government Relations/Bylaws Committee disseminates pertinent information regarding government decision and discussions related to health information to the MLGSCA membership via the listserv and MLGSCA Link.

MLA Goal #4 – Creating and Communicating Our Knowledge
The Research Committee continues to connect persons wishing to collaborate on various research projects, provides financial support if requested, promotes the scholarship award to members, and encourages research through collaboration.

The Archivist continues to keep archives of MLGSCA materials up-to-date and organized. Archived materials are currently maintained at two locations: Olive View/UCLA Medical Center Library and the Southern Regional Storage Facility at UCLA. The assistance of a graduate library student is being pursued to begin the scanning of older materials into the catalog within the UCLA system.

The Connections Committee maintains/administers the chapter’s email list, supports/promotes the chapter subscription to Survey Monkey, and explores other ways MLGSCA might connect with members and other organizations.

The MLGSCA Link and the email listserv continue to be the communication tools for the members.

MLA Goal #5 - Building a Network of Partners
The Exchange Committee continues 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.

The MLGSCA Link is a global network of members and partners who share expertise and resources by posting announcements to the electronic newsletter (blog). The Link seeks national partnerships with others who share its values and goals on information access by promoting meetings and conferences. It has introduced two new columns for its members, Best Bytes and Newbies.

**MLA Goal 6: Information Technology**
The Electronic Information Resources (EIRC) has been tracking e-resource trends and issues by working with the NN/LM PSR E-Licensing Program to track trends and issues in electronic publishing and communicating offers from the Southern California Electronic Library Consortium (SCELC) to MLGSCA members. Also the EIRC has been investigating topics related to point-of-care tools and how they integrate into electronic health records, managing electronic resources, electronic journal access and licensing issues.

The Awards Committee is developing an electronic awards application process to save applicants and Committee time.

MLGSCA has recently entered into a one-year service agreement with Cvent to handle our event/meeting registrations and membership renewal. The 2011 membership will inaugurate this new service. Our contract with Acteva for online registration and payments for both membership and programs will end with the fall CE.

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This report is informational and requires no action by the Board of Directors.
Respectfully submitted on October 1, 2010 by Eileen Wakiji, 2010-11MLGSCA President