2014-2015 Mid-Year Report
October 20, 2014

Business Meeting:

October 15, 2014 Denver, CO at the Quint Essential Meeting (Five Chapters: Midcontinental, Northern California and Nevada, Pacific Northwest, South Central, and Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona.)

Advisory Council Meetings:

June 24, 2014 Transition Meeting via Meet Me conference call
July 22, 2014 Budget Meeting via Meet Me conference call

Chapter Activities
39 members of the Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona made the trek to the Quint meeting in Denver, Colorado October 13-16th. Over 300 members attended this conference.

Goal 1: Recruitment, Membership and Leadership in the Profession
Membership co-chairs Lori Tagawa and Sondhaya Sritongsook said they are interested in creating a survey to find out why chapter members do not renew their membership.

• Vacancies on the MLGSCA Advisory Council led to appointments in several committee chairs:
  o Sue Shelly – Professional Issues
  o Amy Nadell - Connections
  o Molly Harrington – Internal Auditor
• The eleven other committee chairs and co-chairs remained the same.

• Sondhaya Sritongsook was elected to MLA Chapter Representative Alternate to take over the remaining year of Kathleen Carlson who was elected MLGSCA Chapter president.

• Amy Nadell was appointed Connections Committee chair, she is responsible for adding and removing member emails from the MLGSCA List.
• Susan Shelly, was appointed Professional Issues Committee chair, she is responsible for mentoring and contacting the library schools in southern California and Arizona. They include:
  - San Jose State
  - UCLA
  - University of Arizona
  - University of North Texas at California State Northridge

• Molly Harrington was appointed to replace Alan Carr as Internal Auditor and will assist the finance co-chairs and treasurer in monitoring the budget. The chapter president now receives a weekly update (when an expense has been made) from the treasurer and QuickBooks and all committee chairs now receive a quarterly update of the chapter’s budget.

• As of October 6, 2014 there are a total of 205 MLGSCA members including nine student members, and three honorary members. Later this year the membership co-chairs will be conducting a survey to find out why previous MLGSCA members did not renew their chapter membership. The co-chairs have been in contact with MLA staff, the MLA membership committee, and several membership co-chairs of other chapters. The survey is being based on the “MLA Phone-a-thon” that is conducted by the MLA Membership Committee to follow-up with lapsed members.

Professional Issues Committee Goals for 2014/2015 (October 3, 2014 meeting):

• Create G-mail address for Professional Issues chair
• Update the MLGSCA mentor web pages, including the mentor program application form.

Goal 2: Life Long Learning
The Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona (MLGSCA) was one of five western chapters that collaborated and participated in the Quint Essential meeting in Denver, Colorado. The conference kick off was on Monday evening Oct. 13 and ran through Thursday, Oct. 16th and the theme of the conference was Quint Essential: Convergence and Collaboration. There were a total of seven Continuing Education courses. Two 6-hour courses were held on Sunday, Oct. 12th at the University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, CO and five 4-hour sessions held on Monday, Oct. 13th at the Marriott Denver Tech Center. The classes were:

• Engaging the 21st Century Learner: Best Practices & Classroom Management Techniques
• Librarians Roles in Systematic Reviews: A Step by Step Approach
• Innovation and Lean Process Improvement Demystified
Thanks to a grant from the H.W. Wilson Foundation there were three MLA summer sponsored continuing education courses that the chapter participated in both California and Arizona. They were:

- Your Keys to Successful Database Searching (July 15th)
- Instructional Skills for Health Sciences Librarians (August 21st)
- Leadership Skills for Health Sciences Librarians (September 3rd)

The Research Committee chaired by Deborah Schneider developed a survey for the membership last spring to help the committee assess how to best meet the research needs of the membership. The tool was developed based on a survey tool created by the Mid-Continental Medical Library Association (MCMLA) and used with permission. The survey was opened for 8 weeks (through July) and received 79 responses. One of the areas of interest to the membership was supporting/providing research training opportunities for members and another area of interest was for research resources. The committee is addressing both of these issues.

Last year the Research committee had agreed to support participation in a research writing retreat being held at the Quint meeting. Part of this sponsorship was for the opportunity for the selected participants to receive “train the trainer” mentoring so that they could share this information with other MLGSCA members in a mentoring role or potential workshop (if sufficient interest) in the future. This fits well with the membership’s expressed interest in training opportunities. Applicants were recruited from MLGSCA and we received more applications than available slots. The participants were selected by the workshop trainers from “blinded” applications. Two participants and an alternate were chosen but due to several vacant slots going unfilled by other chapters, MLGSCA was able to secure three slots for the workshop for a modest cost. One of the projects selected was a write-up of the research committee survey (potentially comparing/contrasting it with MCMLA results 4 years earlier) and this write-up will be shared with the membership once the project is completed.

A subcommittee has also been formed with four members (2 AZ, 2 CA) working together to develop a Research resources page that will be published on the website for our membership. This project will be continuing this fall with a goal of a spring 2015 launch date.

**Goal 3: Advocacy**

The Government Relations/Bylaws Committee headed up by Kristyn Gannerman collected information about pending legislation and calls for action, and distributed the information to MLGSCA chapter members via the MLGSCA List, web blog and other venues.
Goal 4: Knowledge Creation & Communication

The MLGSCA Web Master Tim Ream was busy updating the MLGSCA website including the Advisory Council link which we have included current years of service. In addition to these changes Tim added the recipients of all scholarships and awards to-date on the website. Advisory Council minutes were added under password protection similar to the ‘Log of Motions’ which are accessed by the chapter president. Tim also had to update the WordPress blog to version 4.0 because of posting issues.

Goal 5: Partnerships

Our Professional Issues Committee chaired by Sue Shelly continues to coordinate the Mentor Program with hopes of expanding the program. They expect to establish a process for matching mentors/mentees, including lines of communication with the Membership Committee, which will include updating and maintaining records of library school contacts. Between July and October 2014, three new mentor/mentee connections were made.

The Journal Exchange Committee chaired by Monique Liston has sent out two “calls for lists” since April of 2014. The “call for lists” letter is sent out to the MLGSCA LIST on a quarterly basis. The July list included two newly participating libraries for a total of nine individual libraries with well over 500 titles shared to the list serv.

The possibility of tracking the exact number of titles that are offered through the Exchange Committee was brought up at the June 24, 2014 Transition Meeting, but that was not something that the chapter felt needed to be tracked at this time. Monique Liston is proposing the idea of creating a publicly available web form that works off a Google Docs spreadsheet. This would enable MLGSCA member’s continuous access to available title, rather than only gaining access to available titles on a quarterly basis. It would also mean that libraries could continually update available journals and remove titles that are no longer held.

Linda Walton, MLA President’s Strategic Priority: “Structure and focus of the Medical Library Association to ensure it is meeting the future needs of membership.”

Elected officers of MLGSCA along with committee chairs conduct surveys to obtain ideas and opinions from chapter members. The Research Committee created a survey on supporting and providing research training opportunities for its members, the CE Program chair conducted a recent survey on MLA Webinar locations, the Membership Committee will create a survey by the end of this year on why memberships are not being renewed and the president will conduct a survey on allocation of profit from the 2013 Joint Meeting at the University of California San Diego.

This report is informational and requires no action by the elected officers of MLGSCA.
Respectfully submitted,

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MLGSCA Chapter President 2014-2015
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**MLGSCA Chapter Advisory Council:**
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