Medical Library Group of Southern California & Arizona (MLGSCA)

Mid-Year Activity Report

Area 1: What MLGSCA Does

Beginning September 1, 2015, MLGSCA contracted the services of a bookkeeper to streamline reconciliation of our accounts. This will allow the treasurer to focus on reporting and general oversight of the chapter’s finances.

The leadership of MLGSCA and NCNMLG is currently in discussion regarding the benefits to all parties involved regarding a merger of the two chapters. Potential benefits envisioned include: a larger pool of potential leadership candidates with greater diversity, more professional development opportunities, an increased impact on policy and professional issues beyond the local area, streamlining the administrative aspects of chapter management to make possible more time and resources for local events and education. Next steps will take the discussion to the greater MLGSCA and NCNMLG memberships.

Area 2: New Professionals

As our business meetings and continuing education courses are near completely online, MLGSCA is working to organize social events to engage existing members and recruit new members. In September, we partnered with California Library Association and participated in 6 “happy hour” meet and greets in the greater Southern California area. This allowed our members to connect with each other and allowed us to promote our professional group and medical librarianship in general to public and academic librarians.

MLGSCA has a strong history of mentoring students and new professionals. Our Professional Issues committee arranges mentor/mentee relationships, pairing members with similar interests and skill sets.

Area 3: Education

This year we will continue to augment our Continuing Education offerings by sponsoring viewing sites for the MLA Webinars. We have several sites scheduled in Southern California and Arizona for the upcoming webinar on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 and plan to do the same for the entire Fall Webinar series. Additionally, we will offer four Continuing Education classes at our upcoming Joint Meeting to be held in January 2016 at Stanford University.

Area 4: Technology

In September 2015, we upgraded our membership payment and event registration platform to Wild Apricot. This will allow for a more user-friendly and streamlined registration process on both the user and administrative ends and reduces our administrative cost in half.
Motion:

This report is informational and requires no action by the Board of Directors.

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