

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER (PNC/MLA)

The Pacific Northwest Chapter includes the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Washington and the two Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia.

This report covers the period from March 2007 to April 2008.

Goal 1: Recruitment, Membership, and Leadership in the Profession

- Current membership (as of April 2008) stands at a total of 134 members composed of the following categories: Individual, Institutional, Student, Lifetime, and Emeritus/Non-working. The Chapter continues its early membership renewal drive with a prize drawing for those who renew by the stated deadline for the contest. There are currently 44 members who have not renewed this year – they will be receiving follow-up emails/phone calls from Membership Committee representatives to remind them to renew.
- Free student memberships were awarded to:
 - Valeria Gallo Stampino (University of British Columbia)
 - Sarah Chase-Kruszewski (University of Alberta)
 - Michelle Massero (University of Washington)
 - Anna Huber (Emporia State University – distance program out of Portland, OR).

These student memberships encourage participation in the Annual meetings as well as PNC participation post-graduation.

- Our chapter has continued conversations with Saskatchewan, hoping they will join, but they are also considering joining the Midwest Chapter. We will continue to invite them to our events.
- Mentoring – Gail Kouame, Chapter Chair, asked the membership about mentoring activities. Listed below are the responses that include both formal and informal mentoring going on throughout the Pacific Northwest!
 - Heidi Sue Adams (Kalispell Regional Medical Center), Chapter Past-Chair, In a nutshell, I have several active mentoring/mentee relationships going on currently. MLA should know that 80% of my mentee contacts are from the MLA Mentoring Directory.
 - Gail Kouame (NN/LM PNR), current Chapter Chair, hosted two student interns in 2007.
 - Sherrilynne Fuller (University of Washington) - Mary Beth Simile -- MLIS student -- UW Information School (working w. me on a global health informatics project -- Center for Public Health Informatics) and Parmit Chilana -- PhD student -- UW Information School (working with my research group at the Center for Public Health Informatics on development and evaluation of interface to content

management system for public health practitioners in Montana and Wa. State)

- Terry Jankowski (University of Washington) - Through my work with the Sewell Foundation, I am mentoring Emily Glenn at SBRI as part of her Sewell Fellowship.
- Cathy Rayment (University of British Columbia) - I've also hosted two interns over the past year - one for a two-week practicum, and one for a four month work-study project.
- Mary Wood (Washington State University College of Nursing) - Not this year, but in the summer of 2006, I hosted a library school student from Simmons. She's now in Philadelphia with ThomsonScientific. Here's her bio -- she was selected "outstanding student" in her graduating class! I'm so proud of her ... it was fun. We keep in touch.
<http://www.simmons.edu/gslis/forms/news/07AwardLege.pdf>
- Judith Hayes (Tuality Healthcare) - I have a student intern, Anna Huber, all this year as a library volunteer, started last October. She's fabulous and I want her to come work for me.
- Dolores Judkins (OHSU) - We've had 3 internships this past year, plus let's say 5 interviews/day-long sessions with library students. I am a mentor for someone for AHIP certification
- Ann Marie Clark (Fred Hutchison Cancer Research Center) - We have two student librarians (i-school grad students) working in the library at Fred Hutchinson. Under the guidance of the librarians on staff, our student librarians perform a wide variety of duties and participate in projects. For example, one of them is working closely with me in both refining and carrying out our NIH Public Access Policy related services to faculty.
- Vicki Croft (Washington State University) - Do you consider informal mentoring? I met with Lorraine Toews, the new veterinary librarian at the U. of Calgary, last year at MLA. Also a couple of months ago I wrote a letter for her in support of her application to become a member of the Evidence-Based Veterinary Medical Association (she was accepted). Also last spring I was nominated by a colleague in Owen Sci and Engin Library for WSU Mentor of the Year.
- Noelle Harling (National College of Natural Medicine) - The OHSU cataloging folks and I "shared" an Emporia intern this winter/spring. He was working on cataloging projects in both locations.
- Janet Crum (OHSU) - I've been mentoring a new librarian for the past year or so. My department has also hosted a student intern from Emporia who is interested in cataloging.
- The current Mentoring and Recruitment Committee Chair, continues to encourage members to list themselves in the MLA mentoring database.

Goal 2: Life Long Learning

- Four CE courses were offered at the 2007 annual meeting in Billings, MT:
 - Developing Online Tutorials by Greg Notess
 - Health Issues in the Headlines: Learning to Read Between the Lines by Gail Kouame
 - Knowledge Management by Wilda Newman
 - Effective Communication by Carlos Arce
- The Chapter will not be holding an annual conference in 2008, but will host CE courses in Seattle – October 3-4, 2008. Courses planned for inclusion are:
 - Electronic Health Records and the Health Sciences Librarian: a Forum – an NN/LM sponsored event including a panel of experts
 - Collecting and Analyzing Evaluation Data by Susan Barnes
 - Web 2.0 by Greg Notess
 - Value-Added Searching by Mary Ellen Bates
- The Chapter also continues to offer Professional Development and Student Scholarships for people to attend annual conferences and CE events.

Goal 3: Advocacy

- Our Government Relations committee has been keeping regional librarians apprised of advocacy issues and activities by posting messages on the regional listserv.
- The NN/LM Pacific Northwest Region has an Advocacy page on their web site and has a staff member dedicated to keeping track of hospital library advocacy issues in particular - <http://nmlm.gov/pnr/advocacy/index.html>
- One of the hospital libraries in the Pacific Northwest was chosen as a pilot site for MLA's Health Literacy Pilot Project – the Billings Clinic in Billings, MT.

Goal 4: Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

- The Chapter MAP was updated in May 2006 and is due for review/updating in 2010. This year's Chair and Past-Chair had scheduled a meeting to review it together, but it had to be postponed.
- The Chapter continues to use a blog as its newsletter and communication vehicle with the membership. The use of the blog is a benefit of Chapter membership. Complementary messages are also posted to the HLIB-NW listserv and refer people to the blog for the full story.
- As noted above, we will be hosting a CE course about “supporting the collection and use of data for assessment and quality improvement for

health sciences libraries and information services, and for promoting the value of health information expertise” in the Fall of 2008.

- The current Chapter Chair’s focus is on “growing our profession” by encouraging members to serve as mentors or field work supervisors for students and other up-and-coming professionals.

Goal 5: Building a Network of Partners

- This year the Chapter Chair attended the Joint Meeting of the NCN/MLG & MLGSCA in Las Vegas, NV. All three chapters plan to meet together occasionally to foster communication and knowledge sharing among us. We had considered an every three year rotation to meet as a whole, but one of the Chapters felt this was too frequent. We will continue to extend invitations to each other’s conferences and events and offer the member rate to attendees from other Chapters.
- We have contracted with a librarian to serve as our Group Purchasing Coordinator. Marcy Horner, former librarian from Kootenai Medical Center library, has served in this position. She has retired and now lives in the Seattle area.
- As noted above, we continue to attempt to partner with Saskatchewan medical libraries and they are invited to attend our Chapter events.

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

Respectfully submitted, Gail Kouame, PNC/MLA Chair 2008

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