



Chapter Council Report 2013

Chapter Council Meeting Minutes 2013

Boston MA

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Chapter Council Chair's report – Julia Shaw-Kokot

Several chapters were working with Activa for dues and registrations to meetings. The system had worked well until this year, when three chapters began having trouble getting their money from Activa. MLA, including their legal representatives, helped two chapters recover their money and is helping the third chapter involved work out the issues. MLA is also interested in working with chapters to see how they can help with these systems. Many chapters are now happily working with Wild Apricot. If your chapter is interested in participating in a task force to investigate working with MLA on these systems, please let Angela Dixon know about it.

Majors/MLA Chapter Project Jury - Todd Hannon

The Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year Award is a \$500 award which is not awarded every year. The awards are based on chapter projects that focus advocacy and advancement of the profession. This year there were four applicants, and the award went to the South Central Chapter for offering 12 uninterrupted hours of education and training for would be writers. The program paired up experienced with inexperienced writers.

Chapter Roundtables – Becky McKay

246 people registered; there are 32 tables and 24 topics.

Continuing Education – Janet Cowen

The MLA CE Committee has a WIKI and the Continuing Education person for each chapter should be providing chapter CE related details to this WIKI. Council discussed whether the WIKI was needed and the consensus of the council was to keep the WIKI, and try to get folks to use it.

Web/Home Page – Lisa Ennis

The chapter council web page has been redesigned

MLA Core Membership Liaison – Melissa Ratajeski

The committee is looking at ways to increase the membership of chapters and sections by combining the chapter recruitment with section shuffles at the MLA annual meetings.

President-Elect of MLA Report Carla Funk/Dixie Jones

Dixie Jones' priorities for the coming year include: Advocacy, Ethics, Research, History, and Education/Mentoring. She wants to continue the work initiated by Jerry Perry on Hospital Library

Advocacy. A Task Force on Ethics has been created and is seeking new members. She proposed doing systematic reviews of research proving our value. A Research Task Force is seeking potential areas of research and working on research mentoring. MLA will offer a series of two hour courses on research and mentoring. MLA is exploring digitizing old MLA programs in order to highlight parts of our history.

Director of MLA Report

Carla Funk reported MLA is working with several chapters to solve the Activa issue. MLA had positive financial results in 2012. The meeting has over 2,000 attendees, with more than 200 international attendees representing about 40 countries.

New Business

Angela Dixon is the new Chapter Council Chair.
Eugene Garfield has funded a \$5,000 research scholarship.
Meetings for the next four years: Chicago Hyatt: May 16-21, 2014; Austin: May 15-20, 2015; Toronto, May 13-18, 2016 and 2017 will be in Seattle.

MLA President Report – Jane Blumenthal

J. Blumenthal, outgoing MLA president, reported that MLA rallied financially this year in a positive financial climate. The Futures Task Force will be meeting at this conference to discuss ways of being more responsive to the membership. MLA is working at ways to make the research program more visible, and looking at ways to make the mentoring process easier. They are also examining how to best support our teachers and educators, specifically those teaching MLA CE Courses. The Disaster Information Specialist certificate program is up and running.

ONE MINUTE REPORTS

Pacific Northwest Chapter

There are currently 136 PNC members. We completed the transition of our web site content from the University of Washington to Wild Apricot web servers. Based on low use and recurrent problems with logistics, this year the Board decided to discontinue the PNC blog. Communication among chapter members will now take place on a regional health sciences listserv (h-lib) and through targeted messages to PNC membership via Wild Apricot's messaging system.

We didn't have an annual meeting this year but PNC organized continuing education opportunities to coincide with an NNLM/PNR sponsored Emerging Roles for Libraries Symposium hosted by Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, OR. 75 people attended and the following CE was offered

Becoming an Expert Searcher for Evidence-Based Content

Terry Jankowski

Bullet Point 1, Bullet Point 2, Bullet Point 3... the Audience Flees: Visual Communication Skills for Effective Teaching and Presentations

Sally Gore

Optimize Your E-Learning Design and Development: A Hands-On Workshop

Jan Buhmann

Electronic Health Records in the Era of Meaningful Use

Vishnu Mohan

Our next annual meeting is scheduled for Sept. 14-17, 2013 in Anchorage Alaska and the theme is "Visual Stories Transform."

We will also be planning and participating in a joint meeting of five chapters – Pacific Northwest, Northern California and Nevada Medical Library Group, South Central, Midcontinental and the Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona slated to take place in Denver, CO. in 2014.

Hawaii-Pacific Chapter

Members participated in a sister organization event. Sponsored by the Hawaii-Pacific Chapter of the Special Libraries Association, this event called the "Mentoring Mixer" took place on August 24, 2012. A "speed dating" activity with professional librarians setup as stations and groups of library studies students from the University of Hawaii went from station to station meeting and asking questions of the librarians.

Mid Atlantic Chapter

MAC's Research and Assessment Committee (RAC) awarded Douglas Varner the 2012 MAC Research Grant. Douglas is from the Georgetown University Medical Center John Vinton Dahlgren Medical Library and his project is titled 'Library Return-on-Investment: Model of Establishing the Value of a Health Sciences Library in Support of Research'.

MLGSCA (Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona)

This chapter uses and likes mega meeting which allows people to attend meetings remotely. This and other involved chapters...Midcontinental Chapter (MCMLA), the Northern California and Nevada Medical Library Group (NCNMLG), the Pacific Northwest Chapter (PNC/MLA) and the South Central Chapter (SCC) expressed enthusiasm for the forthcoming Quint Chapter meeting.

Philadelphia Regional Chapter/MLA

The Chapter initiated a program of financial support and mentoring for first-time applicants to AHIP; 6 such awards were announced at their Annual Meeting.