

PNC/MLA GROUP PURCHASING COMMITTEE MEETING

August 26, 2009
2:00 p.m. Phone Conference

Participating: Robin Braun, Group Purchasing Coordinator, Patricia Devine, Cathy Burroughs, Nancy Henderson and Pam Spickelmier, Chair

Discussion Points

- Robin suggested that the Group Purchasing Committee could support her by alerting her to products that might be useful to PNC member libraries.
- It was concluded that the PNC website should be used to disseminate information about group purchasing activities, currently available products qualifying for group purchasing, etc.
- A definition and clarification of what constitutes a PNC/MLA institutional membership needs to be discussed with the PNC Board.

Recommendations

- Robin will post any new vendor proposals on the PNC website with a tickler e-mail via H-Lib that the proposal information can be reviewed on the site.
- Current and new institutional members will be asked to provide information to Robin on composition of the institution.
- A request for information will be posted on H-Lib asking:
 1. Under current Institutional Membership, how many facilities are considered as part of current membership (i.e. hospital systems)?
 2. Does the size or mission of any facility included under a current Institutional Membership preclude participation in group purchasing arrangements?

Robin indicated to the Committee that due to the recent change in direction of her career from medical to public librarianship, she may not wish to continue in her position as Group Purchasing Coordinator.