

Pacific Northwest Chapter, Medical Library Association (PNC/MLA)
Membership Report
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Membership as of 10/13/2011:

Member List

Level	Total	Active	Renewal overdue	Lapsed	Pending	
					New	Renewal
Emeritus	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	-	-
Individual	<u>148</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>1</u>	-
Lifetime	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	-	-	-	-
Student	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	-
Total	<u>179</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>2</u>	-

By State / Province (Change since 10/2010)		
AK	6	(+1)
CA	1	(+1)
ID	15	(+1)
IN	0	(-1)
MT	13	(-1)
OR	37	(-6)
WA	75	(-5)
AB	3	(+1)
BC	3	(-2)
QC	0	(-1)

Lifetime Members
Carolyn Adams (new)
Maryanne Blake
Melvina Brittle
Anne Girling
Marcy Horner
Kathy Martin (new)
Isabel McDonald
Jim Morgan
Gerry Oppenheimer
Jeri Van Den Top

Overview

With our adoption of Wild Apricot as a membership tracking system last March, and the discontinuation of institutional memberships previously levied to fund a Group Purchasing Coordinator, the statistics now available to us are a little different, and one cannot readily compare membership numbers with those of October 2010.

The table presented shows total members by level, but the Active column tallies those who have paid their 2011 dues, or are otherwise in good standing. Twenty-five members are in arrears, and we have 2 new members pending, who have applied for membership but have checks in the mail. So we should have 154 active members, compared to 165 this time last year. However last year's total included 122 individual members and 43 institutional members, so it appears that membership overall is down by 10 or 12.

Renewals

The draw for early bird renewal prizes was made on December 22nd among 59. The first prize, a one-year MLA membership was won by Hazel Cameron; second prize, a digital photo frame went to Nancy Henderson; and the third prize, a \$25 gift certificate to a bookstore was won by Leilani St. Anna.

Since Wild Apricot facilitates the sending out of e-mail blasts, based on a variety of filters, I have sent out two renewal reminders since the early bird drive in December and the Membership Committee has contacted lapsed members twice. The 2011 Meeting website provided a link for members to renew before registering for the conference at member rates. Nevertheless the recent flurry of membership activity has been largely new and student members rather than renewals.

Once again we awarded free Student Memberships to encourage participation in the Annual meeting and PNC after graduation. Recipients were Kirsten Himes of Emporia State University, Maria Tan of University of Alberta and Sumanjit Manhas of UBC. University of Washington did not respond. Maria who is already set on a career in health sciences librarianship, was also the winner of our student scholarship to attend this meeting.

PNC/MLA Membership Committee: Sally Bremner (Alaska), Helen Lee Robertson (Canada: Alberta, British Columbia, Quebec), Kathy Fatkin (Idaho), Mary Anne Hansen (Montana), Beverly Schriver (Oregon), and Mary Beth Simiele with Betsy Bartholomew (Washington).

PNC/MLA Membership Committee Activities:

I met socially with Betsy and Beverly at MLA in Minneapolis, and the Committee met via WebEx recently. We have plans to post profiles of our six newest members on the PNC blog over the next 6 months. However, the Committee felt also that long-time members should be profiled so newer members can get to know them in return. With this in mind, we have some profile forms on hand, and would ask all those who would like to see such introductions on the blog to help us out by interviewing a PNC friend and passing or e-mailing the form back to me. If you can manage to provide a photo, even better!

Our discussion also touched on how we might approach library school students to promote health sciences librarianship. Mary Beth Simiele who has a technician enrolled at U. Washington, will look into making contact there. Betsy suggested taking a library student to work for a day or half-day in a health sciences library. Apparently the Mentoring Committee is already working on this idea.

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