**PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER of the MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, Inc.**

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

This report covers the period from May 2014 through April 2015.

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

* Current membership as of March 13, 2015 stands at 159, down a bit from 174 in April 2014.
* The Chapter held an early membership drive in December of 2014. 82 members renewed during this time and were entered into a drawing for a number of prizes. The winners and the prizes were as follows:
	+ Rachel Helbing – MLA membership for 2015
	+ Helen Robertson - $50 Amazon gift certificate
	+ Liisa Rogers - $50 Amazon gift certificate
* The Chapter has once again offered free memberships to students in each of the four library schools in our region. The memberships were granted in February 2015 to the following students:
	+ Ashley Ehmig – Emporia State University School of Library and Information Science Management Program (Portland, OR)
	+ We expect to award more student memberships soon.
* The Board voted to extend Lifetime Memberships to three individuals
	+ Vicki Croft
	+ Janet Schnall
	+ Leilant St. Anna

**Goal 2: Lifelong Learning**

* The Chapter participated in the wide variety of CE classes offered at 2014 Quint Essential five MLA chapter meeting. Among them were:
	+ Engaging the 21st Century Learner: Best Practices & Classroom Management Techniques
	+ Librarians Roles in Systematic Reviews: A Step by Step Approach
	+ Innovation and Lean Process Improvement Demystified
	+ Beyond the Basics: Systematic Reviews and Qualitative Studies
	+ Applying information expertise to the challenge of diagnostic error reduction
	+ Communicating Clinically
	+ Fundamentals of Data Visualization
* The Chapter will be offering CE classes at the 2015 Annual Meeting in October 2015.
* The Chapter offered 1 members scholarships to attend the 2014 Quint Essential five MLA chapter meeting in Denver, CO in the amount of $750

**Goal 3: Advocacy**

* Carol Galganski became Chair, Government Relations Committee in May of 2013. Carol updates the membership on advocacy issues via monthly emails using the regional listserv.
* The PNC/MLA website continues to host a member’s advocacy section entitled Proving Our Value.
* During the Chapters 2015 spring board meeting the board crafted and submitted a response to the NIH NLM request for information advocating on behalf of the NNLM and its valuable services to the medical library community.

**Goal 4: Knowledge Creation and Communication**

* The Chapter uses the NN/LM PNR sponsored HLIB-NW listserv as the major communication vehicle with the membership.
* The Executive Board continues to use Google Groups for its internal communication. The Board is sharing its own documents with each other using Dropbox.
* The Board held four meetings via Microsoft Lync IM/web conferencing software, in addition to two in-person meetings in the spring and during the 2014 Quint Essential five MLA chapter meeting.
* The Board held an in-person meeting March 13th at the Seattle Public Library Central Branch in Seattle, WA. The meeting lasted one day where we reviewed our chapter strategic goals and worked on business for the coming year.

**Goal 5: Partnerships**

* PNC actively participated in the 5 chapter meeting (PNC, Midcontinental, South Central, Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona, and Northern California and Nevada Medical Library Group) entitled Quint Essential: Convergence and Collaboration to be held in Denver, CO October 12-16, 2014. The meeting was a great success.
* The Chapter is in the process of planning the 2015 Annual Meeting to be held October 18-20 at the Motif in Seattle, WA.
* PNC/MLA continues to extend invitations to NCN/MLG and MLGSCA to attend our conferences and to offer the member registration rate to attendees from other Chapters.
* The Chapter is moving forward with a plan to partner with UW Special Collections to accession our archives and provide experience to a volunteer or MLIS student.

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

*Respectfully submitted, Karri Alderson, PNC/MLA Chair 2015*

**PNC/MLA**

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Karri Alderson, Chair

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Paul Howard, Recording Secretary

Tori Koch, Treasurer

Jackie Wirz, Chapter Council Rep. (May 2015)

Vacant, to-be-filled, Chapter Council Alt.

Kathy Murray, Chair, Publications Committee (Ex Officio)

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