

* * * * *The 60s: Vietnam War . . . Index Medicus appears January 1960, MLA News in 1961 . . . New NLM Library building dedicated December 1961 . . . Age of Aquarius... Kennedy president; assassinated, Johnson president . . . civil rights protests, marches ... Joan Baez, Bob Dylan, Beatles and Aretha Franklin . . . artificial heart used in operations ... Florence flood . . . Medical Library Assistance act passes (1965) . . . Silent Spring ... first human heart transplantation . . . two US lunar landings...DNA synthesized . . . thalidomide babies . . . Nixon presidency begins . . . NLM transferred to National Institutes of Health ... regional medical libraries established*

The next ten years saw the membership increase, reaching a high point of 87 by 1967/68. For the first time, the *Directory* for November 1966 lists "all Bay Area hospitals and institutions of 150 beds or more," and gives names of librarians "when known." "Bay Area" went south to include Santa Cruz, north to Napa and Sacramento and southeast to Fresno. Seventy-five institutions were listed, 44 (59%) with librarians. Dues increased as well, to \$3.00 by the end of the decade. The number of meetings continued at a steady pace (five or six a year), as did joint meetings. Outreach and participation with activities of other, related organizations became the norm. At the 1961/62 joint meeting in southern California, members attended the World Health Conference. In April of 1963, and the year following, the group participated in the San Francisco Medical Society Health Careers Day. 1963/64 was dominated by planning for the annual meeting of MLA, which took place in San Francisco. Louise Darling, Biomedical Librarian at UCLA and MLA president, attended two meetings that year, including the first joint meeting at Asilomar. She noted that it was a "landmark in a way, as MEDLARS entered the scene with a presentation by Clara Manson (the long-time head of the Lane Medical Library)." ³

New activities called for new committees: Placement (clearinghouse for professional librarian positions in the Bay Area), Gifts & Exchanges, and Union List ("so that smaller hospital and technical libraries may contribute to the interlibrary loan") committees were established in 1964/65. Two workshops were held in 1965/66, one in February on MEDLARS drew 66 attendees, the other on work simplification methods; representatives of the group appeared on a panel at the meeting of the American Hospital Association. The group began to offer more structured educational presentations. The first MLA continuing education course, *New Reference Tools*, was offered at Stanford University in October 1966.

The group's financial situation prompted an application for tax-exempt status, which was granted in September 1968 under Internal Revenue Code §501(c)(6). In preparation for the application, the constitution and bylaws were examined, and efforts begun to update them. Revision of the constitution and by-laws had been addressed, and tabled, in 1961 and 1963. In fall 1967 a motion passed to "amend our constitution and bylaws in entirety." A special meeting was called in January 1968 which reviewed and approved the draft of a new constitution, or *Organizational Guide*, composed by the Constitution & Bylaws Revision Committee, chaired by Winona W. Walker.

The *Organizational Guide* presented a trimmed down amalgam of constitution and bylaws. It made the committee chairs responsible for appointment of their members, and added two new sections: VIII. Archives, which mandated the appointment of an archivist to collect and maintain a permanent record of the group, and IX. Relationship to MLA. For the first time this section formally addressed the existence of the Medical Library Association, and directed that a "brief annual report" and notices of the group's activities be submitted to the Association, which published them in the *Bulletin*. As part of the process, the *Guide* announced a new name, Northern California Medical Library Group.

An MLA traveling Fellow from Scotland, Antonia Bunch, librarian at the Scottish Hospital Center, spoke at the meeting in October 1969.