

Northern California Nevada Medical Library Group (NCNMLG)

Chapter Meetings:

Chapter has held meetings on 8/15/2008 (leadership transition meeting) & 10/30/2008

Chapter Activities:

Chapter president, Locke Morrisey, submitted letter of concern to Catholic Healthcare West Corporation on their plans to fill a library coordinating position with a non-librarian. **[MLA Goals & Objectives #3—Advocacy & MLA Presidential theme--Advocacy for the Profession and Issues of Importance to It]**

Under the direction of NCNMLG member, David Brown, NCNMLG has phased out its interlibrary loan coupon program. There is an expectation that after all money is accounted for NCNMLG coffers stand to gain approximately \$50,000. **[MLA Presidential theme--Efficiency and Effectiveness of Association Operations]**

NCNMLG has come up with a slate of office candidates for next year. Voting has already commenced and the results will be posted in late January. **[MLA Goals & Objectives #1--Recruitment, Membership, and Leadership in the Profession]**

Past NCNMLG Membership Chair, Josephine Tan, sent out the latest chapter membership directory to all members via the NCNMLG list. **[MLA Goals & Objectives #4--Creating and Communicating our Knowledge]**

NCNMLG Awards & Honors committee has received applicants for both Professional Development grants and Professional Excellence awards. Announcement of winners will be made in late January. **[MLA Goals & Objectives #1--Recruitment, Membership, and Leadership in the Profession]**

NCNMLG Goals/Foci for the current year:

Outreach **[MLA Goals & Objectives #1--Recruitment, Membership, and Leadership in the Profession]**

NCNMLG is spread out over a wide geographic area but often meetings and programs are focused in the San Francisco Bay Area. There is an effort to get more members involved that are outside of the immediate Bay Area. NCNMLG Member, Rebecca Davis, has reinvigorated the Sacramento Area Health Sciences Librarians group which already has a program planned for late January. The current President of NCNMLG, Locke Morrisey, has arranged for networking dinners in the Las Vegas area and the California Central Valley in January and February respectively.

NCNMLG Task Force on Communications **[MLA Goals & Objectives #4--Creating and Communicating our Knowledge]**

There are a number of different NCNMLG committees that historically had been inactive or overlapped in responsibility. One of the areas where a lot of overlap is present is in the broad area of communications. A Task Force of current NCNMLG members (Joy Graham, Mina Davenport, Amy Andres) was formed to look at all modes of communications that NCNMLG is involved with and come up with recommendations on what type of organizational structure but help facilitate efficient and effective communications within the organization. A draft copy of the task force report is due in February.

NCNMLG Stationery & Membership Software **[MLA Presidential theme--Efficiency and Effectiveness of Association Operations]**

Current NCNMLG Membership Chair, Lauren Maggio, has expressed the desire to send membership renewals electronically and wanted to develop an electronic letterhead for NCNMLG that could be used instead of incurring the cost of printing up new NCNMLG stationery. The electronic letterhead is now in place. In addition, Ms Maggio is actively looking at an online membership renewal through a vendor named Acteva.

Programming **[MLA Goals & Objectives #2--Life Long Learning and #5--Building a Network of Partners]**

At the last NCNMLG group meeting the current Chair of BayNet & NCNMLG member, Craig Cruz, attended to talk about the possibility of a joint program between the two groups. Craig will communicate with current Professional Development Chair and NCNMLG President-Elect, Marcus Banks and NCNMLG Josephine Tan about a possible future program

Grants **[MLA Goals & Objectives #1--Recruitment, Membership, and Leadership in the Profession]**

NCNMLS Awards & Honors Chair, Rebecca Davis, is spearheading a Membership Benefits Task Force to work on developing more grant opportunities for NCNMLG members. NCNMLG members Lauren Maggio and Sandee Brekke are also members of the task force.

Student membership **[MLA Presidential theme--Recruitment and Retention of Health Information Professionals]**

At the Oct 20, 2008 NCNMLG meeting it was unanimously decided to offer MLS/MLIS students one year free membership in NCNMLG as a way of encouraging them to get involved in a local part of the Medical Library Association and to consider health librarianship as a career path.

Submitted by Locke J Morrisey, President NCNMLG, 1/8/09