

Northern California and Nevada Medical Libraries Group
Minutes

November 13, 2007

University of San Francisco

Gleeson Library/Geschke Center Electronic Classroom

Attending: Locke Morrissey, Joy Graham, Jerry Dear, Keir Reavie, Josephine Tan, Candace Walker, David Brown, Michelle Henley, Peggy Tahir (Minutes), Joe Pozdol, Rebecca Davis, Justine Roberts, Paul Howard, Tina Peterson, Lydia Collins, Marilyn Tinsley, Terry Henner (by telephone)

Meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

The meeting was started with introductions and a round robin to talk about new activities at members' institutions.

University of San Francisco: USF has a new doctoral program in nursing practice. The USF Libraries has implemented instant messaging for reference on their website, which is currently open to anyone.

San Francisco General Hospital: SFGH will be cutting print journals to purchase more online resources for non-UCSF patrons that use their library.

San Francisco Public Library: SFPL is working on integrating more web 2.0 technologies into their library website.

University of California, Davis: The Biological and Agricultural Sciences Department at UCD is working on outreach to the growing number of molecular biology researchers using bioinformatics tools on their campus. They have recently hired a new librarian to serve this community. The UCD Medical School has received a \$100 million gift for a new nursing school. They will be starting a PhD Nursing program in the fall of 2008. It was announced that Jo Anne Boorkman, Director of the Carlson Health Sciences Library will be retiring at the end of June 2008.

UCSF: UCSF has developed toolbars that can be downloaded into web browsers for quick access to library resources. Their online newsletter is now available via an RSS feed. UCSF has developed a number of online evidence based medicine tutorials for second and third year medical students. They now conduct regular surveys after each library class using Survey Monkey, with online pre- and post-tests for PubMed classes. UCSF have been converting many of their public access computers to require logins, reducing the number available for the general public. UCSF are also participating along with other UC campuses in WorldCat Local trial, to explore the possibility of using this interface for the next generation MELVYL Catalog. It was noted that UC Davis is involved in this trial as well.

Dominican Hospital, Santa Cruz: Dominican is currently experiencing budget challenges. The librarian has taken on a new role managing physician network passwords for electronic records, etc.

St. Francis Hospital: Michelle Henley has recently been hired as the new Library Manager and is getting oriented to the library. She has been working on organizing and developing a web portal for easier access to online resources.

UCLA (PSRML): The Biomed Library instituted card access for UCLA affiliates only after 7pm each evening. They currently have a Library School Intern developing an online course focused on biomedical tools (i.e., NCBI genomic databases).

San Francisco State University: SFSU has hired a new director for the School of Nursing. They have also configured their OPAC to run Google searches.

San Jose State University: The occupational therapy librarian at SJSU is conducting a distance education class for the occupational therapy program. A new nursing/biological sciences librarian has been hired.

Presentation:

MLA's Participation in Google Co-op for Health: The First Year. Speaker: Howard Fuller, Stupski Foundation

Business Meeting

Minutes from the last business meeting were approved.

Committee Reports

The Treasurer's Report was submitted; Keir will send to the Executive Board members.

Awards and Honors: The Colleague Appreciation Program will have a poster at the upcoming Joint Meeting. A call went out for the Award for Professional Excellence, but no nominations have been received. Two awards for the Professional Development Grant were given last April. No applications for grants have been received yet for the November 15 deadline.

Newsletter: Current issue is almost ready.

Archives: There was one request for information to be used for planning NCNMLG's 60th Anniversary.

Membership: Renewal letters went out in late October. Reminders will be going out. There was a brief discussion on automating the registration process.

PSRML: There is a new webcast series developed by Kelli Ham in conjunction with InfoPeople (information is in a recent Latitudes article). MLGSCA is eliminating ILL coupons.

Other Business

Coupon elimination: David Brown presented a proposed timeline and draft of the announcement to eliminate the coupon program. A letter and announcement on the NCNMLG listserv will go out in January 2008.

Joint Meeting Update (Terry Henner): Registration is now open for the Joint Meeting; the website is complete. Financially things are looking good. We have 27 confirmed exhibitors and will be shooting for a total of 30. We have approximately \$7,000 in sponsorships. The meeting will end at 4:00pm on Friday so people can make their flights. The CEs are lined up. We have 14 papers and expect a few more before the deadline. There will be 3 invited speakers plus a panel discussion. Check the website for more information (<http://www.med.unr.edu/ncnmlg/>).

Benchmarking: To encourage hospital librarians to participate in the MLA benchmarking process some chapters offer raffle prizes or gifts. NCNMLG approved an allocation of \$50 for two \$25 gift cards, which will be drawn for at the Joint Meeting for two of the benchmarking participants.

60th Anniversary Celebration: Kim Schwartz is planning a celebration for spring 2008 (date TBD). A call for photos went out to members (only 1 has been received so far). A website is being developed. We are unable to find the poster that was created for the 50th Anniversary. The celebration will be called the diamond jubilee. Volunteers are still needed for planning and assisting with the celebration.

New Business

There was a discussion on advertising the Joint Meeting to other groups, public libraries in the Las Vegas area, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Tahir