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NCNMLG Newsletter

President's Message from Locke Morrisey

Aloha & Mahalo!

It's Spring and the annual MLA Conference in Honolulu is almost upon us.

Mary Carlson at Good Samaritan Hospital Library in San Jose was a gracious host for South Bay NCNMLG members. We had a round robin discussion and then headed out for a tasty dinner at Viva! in Los Gatos.

The NCNMLG annual report has been submitted and distributed. If you may have missed it, let me know and I'm happy to send you a copy. I've had a great time roaming around our chapter and meeting a lot of you face-to-face. I hope you all will keep up the idea of local regionalized meetings to at least socialize, i.e. network.

Would you believe that we are already beginning the planning for the 2011 Joint Meeting? So far Ysabel Bertolucci (Kaiser), Michelle Henley (Children's) and Josephine Tan (UCSF) have agreed to be on the steering committee. I know there will be plenty of opportunities for you to get involved as the planning for 2011 moves ahead.

I want to personally thank all of you for your time and effort this year, especially those on the NCNMLG Board. I hope that some of you who have not volunteered for NCNMLG duties in the past will look at becoming more involved in the coming year. The transition meeting will be held sometime in June. Look for an e-mail to come out shortly regarding this.

Reminder for those going to MLA Annual Conference: There will be a no-host, "flash" cocktail party at the newly renovated Royal Hawaiian Hotel's Mai Tai Bar Sunday, May 17th, from 4-5pm during the conference. It's less than a mile away from the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Check for my Twitter and Facebook updates as the date and time approaches. We've formally invited MLGSCA to participate but it's open to everyone so feel free to bring friends, significant others, and colleagues from other chapters. It will be a fun time to network and catch up after the first full day of MLA activities.

Hope to see you there!
--Locke Morrisey, NCNMLG President
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[Editor's Note: Congratulations to Locke Morrisey for being a recipient of the MLA Collection Development Section 2009 Travel Award!]

NCNMLG TRANSITION MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH, AT USF

Submitted by Locke Morrisey

The NCNMLG Transition Meeting will be Tuesday, June 9th, at the University of San Francisco. The meeting will start at 2:30pm. Those who want to grab

lunch with colleagues before the meeting should show up at 1pm. Check the NCNMLG listserv for further details.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO RENEW YOUR NCNMLG MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Lauren Maggio

If you haven't yet done so, this is a reminder that your membership can be renewed online at: http://www.ncnmlg.org/pubs/pubs_membership_for_m.htm. This site provides the option of renewing either online or by using the print membership application form.

NCNMLG membership dues are \$25 per year for regular members; \$5 per year for students.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the Membership Co-chair Lauren Maggio at lmaggio@stanford.edu.

HONOR A COLLEAGUE

Submitted by Rebecca Davis, Chair, NCNMLG Awards and Honors Committee

The Colleague Appreciation Program provides an opportunity for all of us to honor those colleagues who have been mentors, advisors, hardworking committee members, or who set an example by their grace, wit or humor. Donate at least \$10 to NCNMLG in that person's name and they will receive a

certificate, be mentioned in the newsletter, and be listed on an Awards and Honors poster at the next Joint Meeting. Donations to honor a person can be made at any time. Follow the instructions found on the NCNMLG website.

LAST CALL TO COMMENT ON NCNMLG COMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Submitted by Joy Graham

At the risk of "beating a dead bush" (a mixed metaphor I actually heard somebody use in a public meeting), I'd like to make a last call for comments on the [Communications Task Force's recommendations](#). You can make your comments (anonymously, if you

prefer) on the "Start a new thread" section of the [NCNMLG Communications Task Force wiki](#).

During the past nine months, the Communications Task Force, consisting of Amy Andres, Mina Davenport and myself, has studied, surveyed,

tabulated, discussed, reported, and made recommendations on how NCNMLG does, could, and should communicate. The Google Docs [progress report](#) outlines the following recommendations for change:

1. Replace the existing newsletter with a blog or shared document.
2. Replace the web site with a wiki.
3. Use web conference software in place of or in addition to face-to-face meetings.
4. Form a LinkedIn group.
5. Reorganize the committee structure by deleting inactive and unnecessary committees and combining those that have similar purposes.

Although comments are certainly invited and welcome, I think it's time to get on with it, to avoid,

you know, beating it (the horse, not the bush) into the ground. There's lots of work to be done. Who wants to set up the LinkedIn group? Who will take the time to join the group, upload her photo and start or contribute to discussions? Who will take the lead on the new newsletter format? Should we, indeed, set up a wiki, and if so, what flavor?

In my interviews with chapter members, I noted one recurring theme: our members miss the informal, collegial, personal relationships they had in the old days and would like to have them back. While it's true that not everyone is going to be uniformly comfortable and enthusiastic about using Web 2.0 technologies for communication, it looks like we can use them more advantageously than we do now. Let's try.

AUGUST 13TH CONSUMER HEALTH AND HEALTH LITERACY EVENT IN BERKELEY

Submitted by Marcus Banks

This summer NCNMLG is teaming up with BayNet to present an informative panel discussion about consumer health resources and health literacy. These are increasingly important concerns for many libraries, as patrons rely on librarians for authoritative information and sometimes place librarians in the uncomfortable position of desiring personalized medical advice. This two hour panel discussion will address good resources and how to handle these tough situations.

Confirmed speakers include Kelli Ham, the Consumer Health Coordinator for the Pacific Southwest Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine; and Barbara Bibel, a long-

time active member of NCNMLG who is a reference librarian at the Oakland Public Library. Barbara published the chapter, "Public Libraries and Health Literacy" in the recent Medical Library Association Guide to Health Literacy.

The event will be held at the historic and elegant Berkeley City Club on August 13 from 4-6 PM. The City Club is in downtown Berkeley, close to BART and many restaurants. During the event light refreshments will be served.

Please see the NCNMLG and BayNet listservs for further information over the summer, and we look forward to seeing you in August!

NN/LM PSR ANNOUNCES NEW BLOG "NEWSBITS"

From PSR-News, Sharon Dennis

There is now a new PSR blog called "NewsBits." The NewsBits blog has brief announcements and short news items of interest, including technology tidbits. The blog will be regularly updated by PSR staff.

NewsBits postings from March and April cover the following topics:

- Google Health and NLM
- Survey about outreach strategies for community-based organizations
- What are the MeSH terms for economic stimulus funding?
- Twitter Search Engines
- Add Other Services to Google Search
- HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach Projects 2009
- NLM's role in the Recovery Act
- Evernote: Cool Tool for Keeping Track of Everything
- Federal Government Open Source Gateway Software for EHRs
- Online Facebook presentation
- Follow the HIMSS 09 conference online
- SNAPS: Community profile information from the CDC
- Cleveland Clinic Experiences with Microsoft HealthVault

- Article on open source projects in health informatics
- Nature Publishing Group e-licensing opportunity
- Health applications on mobile devices
- Technology to watch: Cloud computing and the "G" drive
- Are hospitals starting to relax IT restrictions?
- Learn about electronic health records
- Create short tutorials with Jing
- Share presentations with Slideshare

In addition to the news items, all PSR-news listserv postings will be archived in NewsBits, so if you're looking for a previous PSR-News announcement, you can find it in NewsBits.

There are two ways to access NewsBits. You can visit the blog directly at <http://nmlm.gov/psr/newsbits/>, or subscribe to the RSS feed at <http://nmlm.gov/psr/newsbits/?feed=rss2>.

The PSR newsletter, Latitudes, will continue to offer longer feature articles; the latest issue of Latitudes is always sent out in the PSR-News listserv as well as available on the web at <http://nmlm.gov/psr/newsletter>.

If you have questions, please contact Sharon Dennis, Technology Coordinator, NN/LM Pacific Southwest Region, sdennis@library.ucla.edu, (310) 825-9170

HELP NLM COMPLETE ITS JOURNAL HOLDINGS: DONATE UNNEEDED JOURNALS

From PSR-News, Heidi Thiessen Sandstrom

NLM is launching a new program to ensure that its holdings of journals, indexes, and other serials are as complete as possible. Your library can help by donating print volumes that you no longer wish to

retain. If you are a DOCLINE library, use the new Web based system at www.nlm.nih.gov/journaldonation/ to find out what NLM needs.

The system is easy to use. All you need is a list of the titles and volumes you are planning to discard. You can search by title words or phrases or by ISSN. The system searches your DOCLINE holdings so titles are retrieved quickly. If NLM does not need any volumes of a title, the system notifies you immediately. If NLM needs volumes, the system displays a list of them, and you just click on the volumes you will donate. For some titles, the system cannot do an automatic check on what volumes are needed. In these cases, the system will ask you to enter the volumes you can donate, and NLM will send you an

email when we determine which volumes we need. You submit your offer electronically from the system. You can print your offer or save it to an Excel file. NLM will send an email to confirm receipt of your offer and to provide instructions on how to have NLM pay for shipping.

If you are not a DOCLINE library, please contact us at 301-496-0081 or at NLMJournalDonation@mail.nih.gov to make donations. NLM appreciates your help with this important program.

MORE THAN 9,000 NATIONAL ACADEMIES REPORTS NOW AVAILABLE IN OPEN ACCESS

From a news release by Maureen O'Leary, NAS

The National Academies announced on April 10th the completion of the first phase of a partnership with Google to digitize the library's collection of reports from 1863 to 1997, making them available – free, searchable, and in full text – through Google Book Search. The Academies plan to have their entire collection of nearly 11,000 reports digitized by 2011.

"Much has changed since the National Academy of Sciences began advising the government in the late 1800s," said Victoria Harriston, manager of library and information services at the National Academies' George E. Brown Jr. Library. "Our early reports are essential to understanding the scientific advances made in this country as well as the science and technology issues the government struggled with in the 19th and 20th centuries."

Notable reports from the library's archives that are now available include:

- [Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences](#), Vol. 1 (1863–1894). This was the first NAS publication series, and it includes information about the Academy's early work for the government on topics such as how to prevent compass deviation which sent iron warships off course, whether the

metric system of weights and measures should be adopted, and how the new U.S. Geological Service should be organized.

- [Investigation of the Scientific and Economic Relations of the Sorghum Sugar Industry](#) (1882). This report was the Academy's first self-initiated study, produced by the first committee to include non-Academy members.
- [Proposed U.S. Program for the International Geophysical Year, 1957-1958](#). American participation in the International Geophysical Year – a historic, worldwide scientific effort that investigated the workings of the Earth and saw the launch of the first satellites – was guided and coordinated by a committee of the Academy.
- [The Polar Regions and Climatic Change](#) (1984). Changes in Earth's polar regions are widely covered in the news today, but the Academies have been studying this phenomenon for more than 20 years.

Prior to this project, the Academies digitized more than 4,000 books and made them available online through the [National Academies Press](#); most of those can also be found in Google Book Search. However, researchers who needed to gain access to hard copies of older reports, part of a legacy collection in the library, could not always find what they wanted.

Many of these reports exist as single copies, and the library feared potential damage or loss of this important collection. These older reports have been digitized and are now accessible through Google. In addition, the "digitizing of these materials will add another dimension to the preservation of our reports," said Harriston. The Academies hope that wider availability of its reports will be of use to scientists in developing countries, who often rely on the Internet to gather information.

The National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine, and National Research Council make up the National Academies. They are private, nonprofit institutions that provide science, technology, and health policy advice under a congressional charter. The Research Council is the principal operating agency of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering

ONLINE NLM CLASSIFICATION UPDATED From MEDLIB-L, Chong Chung (NIH/NLM)

The online National Library of Medicine Classification, available at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/class/>, has been issued in a newly revised edition as of April 23, 2009. Seventeen new class numbers were added to the main schedules and four new class numbers were added to the 19th Century schedule (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/class/19thcenturyschedule.html>). One class number was canceled. Eighty-one MeSH terms were added to the index, including

thirty-four new to the MeSH vocabulary as of 2009; in addition, seventy-one schedule records and five hundred and eighty index entries were updated since the 2008 edition was published on April 24, 2008.

Contact [NLM](#) for further information, questions, or comments.

TERRI MALMGREN RETIRING IN JUNE Submitted by Rebecca Davis

Terri Malmgren will be retiring June 29, 2009, after 37 years in health sciences librarianship. Most of Terri's years of service were as the UC Davis Head of the Medical Center Library (now the Blaisdell Medical Library) located at the UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, CA. Most recently, Terri was the Head of the UC Davis Health Sciences Libraries located in Davis and Sacramento.

Terri began her health sciences library career as a solo hospital librarian in 1972 at Good Samaritan Hospital of Orange County in Anaheim, CA, where she was the editor of the hospital newspaper in addition to her librarian duties. Moving on to East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina, she was employed at the Health Affairs Library from 1974 until 1979. Though she was initially hired as a Serials/Reference Librarian, her managerial skills were soon recognized with a promotion to Head of Reference and Circulation and then to Assistant Director for Public Services.



In 1979, Terri accepted the position as Head of the Medical Center Library at UC Davis. As the Head of the Medical Center Library and the one with the longest tenure, Terri was responsible for the development of the library and its services into a rich resource for the medical students and personnel at the UC Davis Medical Center. During her tenure, she also shepherded two moves and renovations of the library. Her strong desire to create the best possible library facility played a major role in planning the new library at its present location in the School of Medicine's Education Building. This new facility is now enjoyed by library patrons as well as staff.

Terri has been active in both the Medical Library Association (MLA) and in the Northern California and Nevada Medical Library Group (NCNMLG). Since 1973 she has been an active MLA member

within the Hospital Library and Nursing & Allied Health Sections as well as the NCNMLG representative to Chapter Council. In addition, Terri is a Distinguished member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals.

In 2006, Terri received the NCNMLG Award for Professional Excellence. The award was the capstone of almost 30 years of unflagging service to the chapter. In addition to serving as NCNMLG President during 1990-91, she has served as Secretary twice and been a valued Chair or member of many committees.

A reception honoring Terri's many years of service will be held on June 5, 2009, 2:00pm-4:00pm at the Blaisdell Medical Library, 4610 X St., Sacramento, CA. Contributions to a memory book can be sent to Rebecca Davis, radavis@ucdavis.edu.

NEW MEMBERS

Submitted by Lauren Maggio

Please welcome our new members

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Ginna Denues

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