



NCNMLG Newsletter



A message from the President Get Ready to Catch the Wave!

It's almost time for MLA! If you have not yet made plans to attend the Medical Library Association convention I encourage you to do so!! Come "Catch the Wave" in sunny San Diego at the Town And Country Resort and Convention Center, May 2-7. Lawrence Lessig, J.D. will present the John P McGovern lecturer this year. Dr. Lessig is considered one of the country's leading experts on copyright, technology, and the Constitution. An example of his work is the Eldred v. Ashcroft Supreme Court case, which challenges the Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act of 1998. There will also be a short NCNMLG business meeting. I will send out the date, time and location once we're scheduled. I wish to extend a big thank you to our own Ysabel Bertolucci and Gail Yokote, 2003 National Program Committee Co-Chairs, for what looks like the best MLA ever!

On the local front, our last program of the year took place on January 30th at Chiron. Almost 50 members turned out to hear presentations on EFTS and email document delivery. It was

a most informative day. There is a short recap of the program in this newsletter but if you have questions please feel free to email any member of the panel.

Lastly I wish to put out a call for volunteers for a new NCNMLG task force. As you know, our traditional sources of revenue are drying up. We need a few creative and energetic individuals to investigate new projects. There are already three volunteers but they need a few more members and a fearless leader. Please contact me if you are interested. I guarantee it will be loads of fun!

Sara Pimental

EDITOR'S CORNER

In this issue of the Newsletter, we've rounded up the usual suspects: upcoming meetings, conferences and seminars, grants and scholarships available, online resources of interest, and news from MLA. EFTS is generating great interest among our NCNMLG libraries, as was evidenced by the large turn out at our last meeting and program (Jan 30th), which focused on EFTS and document delivery. More libraries are signing on for EFTS each month.

The MLA annual meeting is fast approaching, with a savings of \$60 if you register by April 4th. Check out MLANET for details on the conference. I hope to see many of you there!

Peggy Tahir, Editor

MENTORING

MENTORING: SHARING EXPERIENCES FOR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

Mentoring has become a national movement in business and industry as organizations strive to insure recruitment, retention and productivity of talented employees. Librarians who have traditionally sought talented and respected colleagues to share opinions and experiences in an informal manner are experiencing the need to explore more formal approaches to mentoring as we continue to recruit new members to our profession.

This year at the MLA Annual Meeting in San Diego, there will be a three-hour program on Wednesday, May 7 from 9am to 12 noon where members can learn about and discuss how to further develop, implement and maintain mentoring activities in our organization. The committee responsible for planning this program is the first to be composed of members from both Section Council (Stephen Greenberg, Jett McCann, Tovah Reis) and Chapter Council (Irene Lovas, Paula Raimondo, Debbie Sibley).

Consultant Karen Garman, Ed.D., who spoke at the November 2001 joint meeting of the Association of Academic Health Sciences Librarians (AAHSL) and the Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC), will set the stage for the program by providing an overview of mentoring. Dr. Garman is a nationally recognized speaker and consultant who specializes in the fields of mentoring, healthcare education, leadership and performance.

To share some of their unique experiences of professional growth, a distinguished panel of health sciences librarians including Sue Trombley, from the Arizona Health Sciences Library in Tucson, Ruth Holst, currently the associate director, NN/LM Greater Midwest Region, and Rick Forsman, director of the Denison Memorial Library at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center will bring their perspectives of mentoring to the discussion. Sue is a recent graduate, Ruth is at mid-career and a

former hospital librarian who has been and has mentored, and Rick is a “senior” librarian who has mentored librarians throughout his career.

A Town Meeting will cap off the morning. This will be the time for everyone to express opinions, to offer ideas and thoughts, and to ask any questions about mentoring. It will be an opportunity for MLA members to hear about the mentoring activities of MLA, its Sections and Chapters, and other professional associations and organizations. The Town Meeting will be the place to continue planning mentoring initiatives for our professional organization.

Before the Annual Meeting, there will be opportunities for you to assist the Committee in planning the Town Meeting. A bibliography of mentoring resources will be posted on MLANET. There will be a place on MLANET to post suggestions, comments and questions to be addressed at the Town Meeting. You also can email any ideas or questions to either Irene Lovas (email: Irene.Lovas@cshs.org) or Tovah Reis (Tovah_Reis@brown.edu). Please take this opportunity to participate as the MLA membership continues to develop and implement mentoring activities for future health sciences librarians.

[Submitted by Irene Lovas and Tovah Reis, Co-Chairs, MLA Joint Section/Chapter Councils Committee for MLA 2003]

EFTS NEWS

The following libraries have recently joined EFTS, the Electronic Funds Transfer System for DOCLINE:

- University of California, San Diego, Biomedical Library at La Jolla, CA
- University of California, San Diego, Medical Center Library at San Diego, CA
- Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, King Drew Health Sciences Library, Los Angeles, CA

We now have 14 EFTS libraries in the Pacific Southwest Region. You will find the complete list of EFTS participants by searching DOCUSER. For more information about EFTS, please contact the PSRML staff or go to the following web sites:

- The EFTS web site - <http://efts.uchc.edu/>
- Guide to EFTS in the Pacific Southwest Region - <http://nmlm.gov/psr/efts.html>

SCIENCE.GOV

The National Library of Medicine is one of the sponsoring agencies of the new Science.gov web site, located at: <http://www.science.gov>

Fourteen scientific and technical information organizations from 10 major science agencies have collaborated to create science.gov (www.science.gov), the "FirstGov for Science" web site. Science.gov is the gateway to reliable information about science and technology from across Federal government organizations. A press release with additional background is available:

<http://www.science.gov/communications/pressrelease.pdf>

FOCUS ON TOXICOLOGY

The website, Tox Town is a new approach for NLM to presenting information on toxic chemicals and environmental health issues for the general public. The target audience is students above elementary level and educators, as well as the general public who have an interest in these issues. It is anticipated that the general public who are "concerned citizens," "citizen-scientists," advocates or have a compelling personal interest, will have the most interest in Tox Town.

Tox Town is designed to give information on:

- Everyday locations where you might find toxic chemicals
- Non-technical descriptions of chemicals
- Links to selected, authoritative chemical information on the Internet
- How the environment can impact human health
- Internet resources on environmental health topics

Tox Town uses color, graphics, sounds and animation to add interest to learning about connections between chemicals, the environment, and the public's health.

URL: <http://toxtown.nlm.nih.gov>

AIDS INFORMATION

On December 2, 2002, the HIV/AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service (ACTIS) and its sister service, the HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service (ATIS), will be merged into AIDSinfo. The new AIDSinfo will include all of the services that are currently available from ACTIS and ATIS, as well as quick and easy access to wide-ranging Federal resources on HIV/AIDS clinical research, HIV treatment and prevention, and medical practice guidelines for health care providers and consumers.

AIDSinfo, located at [AIDSinfo.nih.gov](http://www.aidsinfo.nih.gov) <<http://www.aidsinfo.nih.gov/>> is designed for full accessibility, intuitive searching, and easy navigation. The Web site presents federally approved information on HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention guidelines, a comprehensive database of HIV/AIDS clinical trials, vaccines, and information about approved and experimental HIV/AIDS drugs. The site's Education and Resource Center is a virtual one-stop shop offering links and downloadable resources specially designed for patients and the general public, researchers, health care providers, and students.

The AIDSinfo Help Line has English and Spanish-speaking Health Information Specialists who offer confidential responses to questions and assistance with navigating the web site. The Help Line is available Monday through Friday, noon to 5:00 p.m. eastern time.

Telephone: 800-448-0440

International: 301-519-0459

TTY/TTD: 888-480-3739

E-mail: ContactUs@aidsinfo.nih.gov

ALTERNATE PUBMED BROWSER

Anyone interested might wish to have a look at this site <http://www.pmbrowser.info/> for an alternate means of searching PubMed. It has a number of interesting functions, i.e., provides a TouchGraph visual representation of search results that you can use to find related articles, provides a link to XplorMed to further analyze search results based on MeSH category, allows you to put a PubMed search box onto your browser toolbar, and supports emailing of PubMed results. The major immediate benefit seems, though, to lie in providing a Direct Export to ProCite/RefMan/EndNote feature.

SPOTLIGHT ON PUBLIC HEALTH

In response to the newly released Institute of Medicine (IOM) Report, *The Future of the Public's Health in the 21st Century*, the Public Health Foundation (PHF) reaffirms its commitment to help build a more effective and accountable public health system. Furthermore, PHF calls upon the public to demand major new investments in the nation's public health system.

The IOM's 2002 report notes that progress has been made in several areas of public health, including defining and gaining broad consensus regarding the ten essential public health services and development of a national plan to strengthen our Nation's public health infrastructure. However, the report also notes several areas that still need improvement; most notable among these are consistent standards for public health agencies and professionals, and the data and research to better understand what works best to improve the public's health.

The IOM Report specifically recommends that the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice continue its efforts to promote core competencies for public health professionals, and develop a public health research agenda. The Council on Linkages will meet on November 25, 2002 to explore how it can best address the IOM's recommendations.

The complete IOM Report can be accessed online at <http://www.nap.edu/books/0309086221/html/>

INFORMATION RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS PERFORMANCE

- To learn more about the National Public Health Performance Standards Program, visit <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/nphpsp/>
- Tools and resources for helping to improve public health systems performance can be found at <http://www.phf.org/PerformanceTools/NPHPSPtools-EPHS.pdf>
- If you are interested in learning about performance management in public health at the state level, visit the Survey on Performance Management in States: Results of a Baseline Assessment of State Health Agencies at http://www.turningpointprogram.org/Pages/pmc_state_survey.pdf

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES FROM THE COUNCIL ON LINKAGES

- General information on the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice can be found at <http://www.phf.org/Link.htm>
- View the Council's list of core competencies for public health professionals at <http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/list.htm>
- Tools for helping to implement the core competencies can be found at <http://www.phf.org/Link/tools.htm#Competencies>
- A description of the framework, "Developing a Public Health Research and Applications Agenda," can be found at <http://www.phf.org/Link/vol13n1/devagend-ronbialek.htm>

More information on what PHF and the Council on Linkages are doing to support implementation of the IOM Report recommendations will be posted at <http://www.phf.org>

ONLINE ARCHIVE OF CALIFORNIA

The Online Archive of California (OAC) <http://www.oac.cdlib.org/> has available a new electronic text search and browse feature. The electronic text search and browse addition is part of a series of "soft releases" as OAC continues to broaden and enhance access to content, including oral histories, documents, images and finding aids. In October 2002, the OAC provided a prototype image search and browse feature designed to meet the needs of users seeking direct access to online content associated with finding aids (see CDLINFO, Vol. 5, No. 19 <http://www.cdlib.org/news/cdlinfo/cdlinfo092602.html#3>).

Upon visiting the OAC home page, users have the option of searching or browsing from three different kinds of content formats: finding aids, images, or texts. Using tabs at the top of the screen, users are then passed to their interface of choice, each one designed to provide access to a unique type

of content. With this new release, the OAC now provides access to an expanded group of oral histories, letters, and newspapers that were previously only accessible through the UC Berkeley Library Sunsite. Text content from the Regional Oral History Office (<http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/ROHO/>), the Free Speech Movement Digital Archive (<http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/FSM/>) and the San Francisco Earthquake and Fire Project - literally hundreds of documents - now complement the Japanese American Relocation Digital Archive (<http://jarda.cdlib.org/>) text content previously available through the OAC's former Dynaweb interface. This new release allows keyword searching across all texts, keyword searching within a single text, and the ability to browse text content according to a project topic.

RESOURCES

CDC Resource on Smallpox:

Information for both the public and health professionals.

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/index.asp>

Medical Algorithms

<http://www.medal.org/>

Find a Family Doctor

The American Academy of Family Physicians recently launched an online directory listing 42,000 of its member physicians.

<http://www.familydoctor.org>

Nursing Home Quality

Quality rating system for nursing homes in California.

<http://www.calnhs.org>

Online Index to National Geographic Magazine

Indexed from 1888-to-date (no full-text is included in the index).

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/publications/explore.html>

MLA ELECTION RESULTS

Election results are in! Successful candidates in the 2003/04 elections, who will assume office at the conclusion of MLA '03 in San Diego, are:

President-Elect

Joanne Gard Marshall, Ph.D., AHIP

Board of Directors

Nancy W. Clemmons, AHIP

Rosalind K. Lett, AHIP

Nominating Committee Members

Gary Byrd, Ph.D., AHIP

Helen-Ann Brown

Jacqueline Donaldson Doyle, AHIP

J. Michael Homan, AHIP

Michael Kronenfeld, AHIP

Julie J. McGowan, Ph.D., AHIP

Connie Poole, AHIP

Jocelyn A. Rankin, Ph.D., AHIP

Jean P. Shipman, AHIP

MLA PUBLISHING

NEW MLA PUBLISHING FORMAT AND PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

The MLA Publishing Program, under the guidance of the MLA Books Panel, introduces the Quick Guide format to showcase current or emerging issues in librarianship. Envisioned as quick-turnaround publications, the approximately 100-page, six-by-nine-inch soft cover books will assess the current state of the profession. The titles will be co-published with Neal-Schuman Publishers and undergo peer-review by the Books Panel. Quick Guides are not intended to be comprehensive treatments of topics but concise, easy-to-digest books on focused topics. Quick Guides will help capture the immediacy of hot topics and guide readers through the issues.

The Books Panel also announces a change in the proposal process that makes submitting proposals easier for would-be authors. Please submit Quick Guide topics as well as proposals to the new publishing hotline at pubproposal@mlahq.org. Visit www.mlanet.org/publications/books/bookguid.html to view the new easy, two-step proposal guidelines.

NEW ON MLANET

- A new page has been created to capture press coverage about MLA, its members, and the profession. The current list, by month, dates back to June 2002. New for January 2003 is a letter from MLA President Linda Watson, AHIP, to the editor of the Miami Herald, in response to the Herald's "Online Medical Advice Expands: Some Data Shaky, but Public Unfazed." Visit http://www.mlanet.org/press/mla_in_news/

- The full-text of the January 2003 issue of MLA News is available. Find the results of a survey designed to assess expert searching roles, take a behind-the-scenes look at the process of nominating MLA officers, and discover why fundraising has become a desired leadership skill. Visit http://www.mlanet.org/members/mla_news/2003/jan_03/
- To keep abreast of recent developments in the content subscription business of divine/Faxon/RoweCom, visit http://www.mlanet.org/resources/faxrowe_updates.html
- Link from the MLANET home page to the transcripts of the January 17 edition of NOW with Bill Moyers, "Tollbooths on the Digital Highway," which tackles intellectual property issues. Visit <http://www.mlanet.org/>

MLA '03: CATCH THE WAVE!

What better place to catch the wave than San Diego, home of the great waves! MLA '03, May 2-7, 2003, at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center is designed to facilitate learning, informal sharing, and personal networking in a casual, fun environment, with pool-side venues, small group "hot topic" sessions, mentoring programs, plenary sessions, and paper and poster sessions. In addition, the Hall of Exhibits provides opportunities to see and experience the technology waves that impact health sciences libraries. Continuing-education offerings will steady your position on the knowledge wave.

Register online, via fax, or mail. Register before April 4, 2003, and save \$60.00.

PROGRAM ON VIRTUAL REFERENCE: REGISTER NOW!

The SF Bay Region Chapter of the Special Libraries Association and BayNet Present:

"Virtual Reference -- The 24/7 Answer to Global Information Needs?"

Does your organization have information needs:

- When your library is closed?
- When your users are not in the building?
- When your users need quick, timely personal assistance?

Are you providing an email-based service but looking for the next big thing to "bring it up a notch?"

Join Mary Beth Train, Coordinator of the QandA Cafe for the Golden Gateway Library Network and Christina Peterson, SJSU's Health Professions and Distance Learning Librarian, as they explain and demonstrate how they provide virtual reference around the clock.

They will discuss implementing and marketing a virtual reference service, setting policies and standards, staffing and training needs, integrating virtual services with existing electronic reference service models, and evaluating transcripts, statistics and patron feedback. They will also demonstrate the use of virtual reference as an instructional tool for both individuals and groups. Web-based software with impressive interactive capabilities will be showcased.

Date: Friday, February 28, 2003
Time: Registration: 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.
Program: 9:30 to 12 noon
Place: World Affairs Council, 2nd floor conference room
312 Sutter (near Grant), San Francisco, CA
Cost: SLA and BayNet members: \$15
Non-members: \$20
Students/Not Employed: \$10

Morning refreshments will be served.

The World Affairs Council is approximately three blocks from the Powell Street BART station.

Mail your reservations NOW to: Richard Geiger, San Francisco Chronicle Library, 901 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94103, rgeiger@sfchronicle.com, 415-777-6001.

Deadline for reservations is **Tuesday, February 25, 2003.**

CENSUS 2000 WORKSHOPS: FREE!

The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) are hosting free workshops on Census 2000 data.

HALF-DAY WORKSHOPS IN OAKLAND

ABAG will offer 2 half-day workshops at the MetroCenter Auditorium in Oakland, CA.

(1) "Census 2000: Data Comparability and Caveats" (DCC)
February 19 (9 am - 12 noon.) Registration begins at 8:30 am.

(2) "Census 2000: Geographic and Mapping Tools" (GMT)
February 19 (1 pm - 4 pm.) Registration begins at 12:45 pm.

Please register no later than February 14th at

<http://www.abag.ca.gov/abag/events/census>

Please e-mail datacenter@abag.ca.gov if you have questions about the workshops.

WORKSHOPS ON FINDING CENSUS DATA (VARIOUS LOCATIONS)

MTC and ABAG will offer a hands-on computer workshop on "Finding Census Data" (FCD) using the Census Bureau's American FactFinder website. You will learn how to find Census data at various geographic levels such as county, city, census tract, and zip code, and how to create maps. Links to other data sources and resources will be provided.

FCD workshops offered at 6 locations. Registration begins at 8:30 am.

March 5 (9 am - 4 pm.) San Francisco

March 10 (9 am - 4 pm.) Pleasant Hill

March 14 (9 am - 4 pm.) Santa Rosa

March 19 (9 am - 4 pm.) Vallejo

March 24 (9 am - 4 pm.) Oakland

March 26 (9 am - 4 pm.) San Jose

Please register no later than 2 weeks before a given FCD workshop at

http://www.mtc.ca.gov/census_registration.htm

Please e-mail workshop@mtc.ca.gov if you have questions about the workshop.

This information provided by MTC-ABAG Library (library@mtc.ca.gov) 510-464-7836

MLA SATELLITE TELECONFERENCE

PSRML is able to underwrite the registration cost for a number of regional downlink sites for the March 12 Medical Library Association Satellite Teleconference, Get HIP to HIPAA: Health Information Professionals and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. (We also will be hosting a downlink site at UCLA; the registration page will be up shortly.)

If you would like to serve as a PSRML-sponsored downlink site that will be open to health sciences librarians and other interested individuals in your area, please send an email request to psr-nnlm@library.ucla.edu.

Once your application for funding has been approved, you will need to register directly with MLA, pay the registration fee (to be reimbursed by PSRML), and serve as local site coordinator. You may charge participants for food functions, parking, etc., but not for registration.

For the agenda and site registration details, visit:

<http://mlanet.org/education/telecon/hipaa/index.html>

The teleconference will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003, from 1:00 - 2:30 pm central time.

To become a teleconference site, an institution will need:

- a steerable satellite dish that has downlink ability for C or Ku band,

- a site coordinator who can handle the local arrangements,
- a technical support person who can assure smooth reception and viewing, and
- a meeting room where attendees can view the teleconference.

Site coordinators normally are librarians who handle all of the logistics. They must:

- register the site with MLA,
- arrange local facilities,
- obtain any technical and staff support,
- arrange supplemental local publicity, and
- host the event (registration, evaluations, and certificates.)

Participants will receive 1.5 MLA CE contact hours or 3 hours if wrap-around discussion sessions are included. Site coordinators will receive 1 academy professional activity point applicable to their membership.

PSRML will publicize the regional viewing sites in mid-February, and we will have a videotape available for loan later if you are not able to attend on March 12.

MARCH CONFERENCES FOCUS ON TECHNOLOGY

Information Today will sponsor two technology-based conferences in March. The eighteenth annual "Computers in Libraries" conference will be held March 12-14 at the Washington Hilton and Towers, Washington, DC. Visit <http://www.infotoday.com> to learn more.

The fifth annual "Internet Librarian International" conference will be held March 25-27 at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, UK. Visit <http://www.internet-librarian.com> for more information.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2003 MARCIA TUTTLE INTERNATIONAL GRANT

The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) is currently seeking candidates for a \$2000 grant to provide funding for an individual working in any area of the serials information chain to foster international communication and education through activities such as but not limited to research, collaborative projects, job exchanges, and presentation of papers at conferences. Applicants may be either North American serialists seeking funding for appropriate overseas activities or serialists outside North America seeking funding for appropriate activities in North America.

The grant is named in honor of Marcia Tuttle. Marcia was one of a select few to attend a United Kingdom Serials Group (UKSG) conference in 1984, a meeting of minds/ideas, which resulted in a genesis of our own national serials organization (NASIG). The North American Serials Interest Group

held its first conference in 1986. Marcia was present at the first NASIG conference and has attended many NASIG Conferences since. She served as chair of the Conference Planning Committee (CPC) for the Tenth Anniversary Conference held at Duke University in 1996. She has chaired the ALA RTSD (now ALCTS) Serials Section. Marcia currently serves as an associate moderator for SERIALST. She has taught a generation of serials librarians (and some vendors) in her serials courses at the library school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Marcia loves to travel, and she enjoys making presentations on serials topics. Over the years she has been invited to speak at meetings all over North America, as well as at conferences in Europe, South Africa and Australia. A number of these talks have been published in various library journals. Marcia Tuttle is indeed a well-respected international librarian, and it is an honor to have this International Grant named after her.

In addition to the grant, the recipient will also receive a one-year NASIG membership. The 2003 NASIG conference will be held at Portland State University in Portland, Oregon, June 26-29, 2003.

NASIG is an international organization committed to promoting communication and sharing of ideas among all people working with or concerned about serial publications. More information about the organization is available at <http://www.nasig.org>.

ELIGIBILITY: The applicant must have at least 5 years of professional experience in the serials information chain. The proposed project must deal with some aspect of serials and include foreign travel. Foreign or English language skills should be adequate to project needs.

The following materials are required by the applicant:

- a completed application
- a written proposal outlining the project and including proposed completion dates
- a current resume or curriculum vita
- a minimum of 3 references, including one from the person's supervisor (previous supervisor may be substituted if there is no current supervisor) and one from a colleague at a different institution or company,
- a letter of support from the foreign institution or collaborator as appropriate.

An essential part of this award is the dissemination of the results of the project. The awardee is required to submit a final project report to the NASIG Board. This report needs to be suitable for publication in a journal focused on serial issues such as *Serials Review*. The final report should include the purpose of the project, the process followed, the achievements, and a literature review or bibliography. The awardee is strongly encouraged to share the results of the project by presenting a workshop or poster session at the NASIG annual conference following the award.

Application information will be available through the NASIG Web Page <http://www.nasig.org/public/timedated/tuttle.html> and from Philenese Slaughter, Co-Chair, Awards & Recognition Committee. Completed applications should be sent to:

Philenese Slaughter, Co-Chair,
NASIG Awards & Recognition Committee
Serials Librarian
Felix G. Woodward Library
Austin Peay State University
P.O. Box 4595
Clarksville, TN 37044

Phone: (931) 221-7741
Fax: (931) 221-7296
E-mail: slaughterp@apsu.edu

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2003.

Applications postmarked after this date will NOT be considered. Fax submissions and electronic submissions as email attachments are acceptable.

AWARD NOTIFICATION: The award recipient shall be notified by APRIL 1, 2003.

SCHOLARSHIPS

2003 FRITZ SCHWARTZ SERIALS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) and the Serials Industry Systems Advisory Committee (SISAC) team up each year to award a \$2500 scholarship to a library science graduate student who demonstrates excellence in scholarship and the potential for accomplishment in a serials career. The purpose of the scholarship is to advance the serials profession by providing an aspiring library student who has prior serials experience with enhanced educational opportunities.

The award is named in honor of Fritz Schwartz, who was a well-known and highly respected authority on Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), the Internet, and library standards. A frequent speaker at NASIG annual conferences, his last NASIG appearance was to conduct a highly rated workshop at the 10th Conference at Duke University. He actively participated in various committees within SISAC, the National Information Standards Organization (NISO), and the International Committee on EDI for Serials (ICEDIS). At the time of his death, Fritz was Manager of Electronic Services and Standards at the Faxon Company. NASIG and SISAC are pleased to offer this scholarship in memory of Fritz's

many contributions to the library profession and to honor his energy, warmth, humor, and passion for standards.

NASIG is an international organization committed to promoting communication and sharing of ideas among all people working with or concerned about serial publications. More information about the organization is available at <http://www.nasig.org>. SISAC provides a forum for professionals throughout the entire serials chain to work together in developing standardized formats with which to electronically transmit serials information. More information about SISAC is available through the Book Industry Study Group site: <http://www.bisg.org/sisac.htm>.

In addition to the scholarship, the recipient will also receive a Student Grant Award to attend the NASIG conference for the year in which the scholarship is granted and will receive a one-year NASIG membership. The 2003 NASIG conference will be held at Portland State University in Portland, Oregon, June 26-29, 2003.

ELIGIBILITY: At the time the scholarship is awarded, the applicant must be entering an ALA-accredited graduate library program or must have completed no more than twelve hours of academic requirements towards the graduate degree at a graduate library program accredited at the time of enrollment. The applicant must have serials-related work experience and a desire to pursue a professional serials career after earning the graduate library degree.

The following materials are required by the applicant:

- A completed application form;
- Letters of reference from two information professionals;
- A resume or curriculum vita;
- A statement of the applicant's career objectives (not to exceed 250 words);
- A statement describing how the applicant's qualifications satisfy the eligibility requirements and the purpose of the award (not to exceed 250 words).

The award winner will be required to be enrolled for a minimum of six credit hours of library/information science courses per semester/quarter during the academic year that the award is granted. The award winner will be ineligible to reapply for the scholarship. Only one scholarship will be awarded per academic year.

Application forms will be available after November 15, 2002, in ALA accredited library schools, through the NASIG Web Page, <http://www.nasig.org/public/timedated/fritzapplication.html>, and from Joan Lamborn, Co-Chair, Awards & Recognition Committee. Completed applications and all related materials should be sent to:

Joan Lamborn
Co-Chair, NASIG Awards & Recognition Committee
University of Northern Colorado
James A. Michener Library
Campus Box 48
501 20th St.
Greeley, CO 80639-0091
Phone (970) 351-2601
Fax (970) 351-2963
E-mail: joan.lamborn@unco.edu

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications must be postmarked/faxed/emailed by FEBRUARY 15, 2003. Applications postmarked/faxed/emailed after this date will not be considered.

AWARD NOTIFICATION: The award recipient will be notified by APRIL 1, 2003.

MINUTES

Northern California and Nevada Medical Library Group
Executive Board and Chairs Transition Meeting
Friday June 7, 2002
Kaiser Corporate Facility
1950 Franklin St.
Conference Room C
Oakland CA

Present: Doug Varner, Sara Pimental, Annette Osenga, Terry Henner, Julie Kwan, Jane Irving, Janice Perlman-Stites, Cathy Le Grand, Ysabel Bertolucci, David W. Brown, Nancy Mangum, Peggy Tahir, Clair Kuyendall, Carolyn Fishel, Jerry Thompson, Doris Hayashikawa, Lisa Lott Jerant, Rebecca Davis, Karen Halverson, Barbara Ryken, Rikke Greenwald, Elyse Eisner, Anne Shew, Candace Walker, Roger Brudno, Mary Beth Train, Vickie Sanders

Topic	Discussion / Motion
Call to Order:	Doug Varner called the meeting to order at 10:15am.
Old Business: Approval of Meeting Minutes:	Approval of February 28, 2002 Teleconference meeting minutes Rebecca Davis accepted the February 28, 2002 minutes as written. Nancy Magnum second the motion. The minutes are approved as submitted by the secretary.

<p>Recognition of 2001-2002 Officers, Committee Chairs</p>	<p>Approval of April 3, 2002 Business meeting minutes Rebecca Davis accepted the April 3, 2002 minutes as written. Nancy Magnum second the motion. The minutes are approved as submitted by the secretary.</p> <p>Doug Varner recognized the outgoing Board Members and Chairs for 2001/2002 with Certificates of Merit and thanked the officers. He enjoyed working with the officers, and felt important initiatives were accomplished. Doug passed the gavel to Sara.</p>																																																		
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four members on the list in regards to the unclear checks.

- In May 2002, the State board of Equalization cancelled the seller's permit for NCNMLG due to no sales reported. The State now mandates this cost-effective action. Approximately two weeks time is needed to request a new license, should NCNMLG decide to sell items or services.
- July 15, 2002 is the last day to submit receipts to Annette. She would prefer to have the receipts by June 15, 2002.
- There should be more than one authorized signer on the NCNMLG checking account. Annette to pick up new signature card in preparation for updating. The signatures cards will include Annette Osenga, Treasurer, Sara Pimental, President, and Lisa Lott Jerant, President-Elect. Only one signature would be required on a check.
- Doug Varner will write a letter of resolution on NCNMLG letterhead and sign it stating that he is no longer President, and to remove his name from the signature card. He authorizes incoming President (Sara Pimental) and President-Elect (Lisa Lott Jerant) to sign in addition to the continuing treasurer (Annette Osenga).
- Annette to close the books after receipt of May bank statement.

Recommendations

- The revised "request for expense reimbursement" form needs to be posted to the Chapter's website.
- The Board had asked the previous Treasurer to consider an accrual method of accounting to allow all expenses/income derived from the current fiscal year to be a part of the final year end financial statement. Subsequently, accountants advised the outgoing Treasurer against this change, and to maintain cash accounting.
- Previously, a discussion took place about the fact that the Chapter follows an academic fiscal year (May-June) while MLA follows a calendar fiscal year. This impacts the variety of taxes that the Chapter must file. All tax reports except one for the state and federal levels are based on a calendar year. Since Quicken provides flexible reporting within date ranges, the Treasurer does not consider the difference in fiscal year to be a burden.
- The Group must recruit a volunteer to audit the books for FY 2001-2002 before the California state tax return (Form 199) for calendar year 2001 is completed and filed this summer or early fall. Annette to have a volunteer from another department within her institution review the books.

- The Treasurer should solicit input and propose the budget for FY2002-2003 earlier than was possible in the past year.

ILL (David W. Brown)

Account Summary for 2001/2002

Checking account total	\$	37,447.46
Money Market account total		69,889.41
Coupon Liability		91,744.00
Bank balances minus liability		15,592.87
Interest income		1,571.71
Less operating reserve		500.00
Interest income available to Chapter Treasury		1,071.70

- The number of outstanding coupons is a fictitious number. David and Doug have reviewed archive records, receipts, and have not been able to agree on the number of outstanding coupons.
- David will estimate outstanding coupons by reviewing old invoices, and report to the group at the next meeting.
- Send mailing labels when reordering coupons.

Web Page Resign Update (Peggy Tahir)

- All web pages are populated. However, there is nothing on the subjects of Mentoring, Advocacy and Vendors. Peggy will link Mentoring to the MLA net page, Advocacy to the Library of Congress, ALA and MLA Net page, and Vendors to the Northern California vendors list from the San Francisco Joint Meeting.

Joint Meeting Update (Rebecca Davis)

- There are changes in the location and date of the 2004 Joint Meeting. The meeting will be held January 28-31, 2004 at the Holiday Inn in Sacramento. The hotel provides a better location and a room rate of \$129.00 per night. The Pacific Northwest Chapter will be attending the meeting. Letters to exhibitors will be sent a year in advance of the conference. Rebecca is looking for volunteers to assist with the conference.

CE Report (Candace Walker and Vickie Sanders)

- On March 22, 2002 the CE Course, "Creating Database-Driven Content for your Web Site" was held at Washington Hospital. Brian

Westra, the instructor, formerly of University of Washington, and now Head Librarian at Hazardous Waste Management, taught an excellent class. We encourage having him teach another class in the future. 32 students attended the class. The subject interest SLA, as well as NCNMLG members, therefore we had 11 SLA members attend the class. Profit for the class is \$470.51. A big thank you to Karen Halverson for letting us have the class at Washington Hospital, and for all her hard work with the logistics of the course. Thank you to PSRML for contributing to the instructor expenses.

- On February 6, 2002 MLA had a teleconference on *PDA's Sync or Swim: Managing the Flood of PDA's in Healthcare*. The program was well attended at Stanford University and Kaiser, Oakland.
- Workshops and teleconference will continue to be sent to the group via email. If any member knows of an interesting upcoming course or conference, contact the CE Co-Chairs.

Chapter Council (Rebecca Davis)

- Rebecca shared Linda Watson, MLA President-Elect's, goals for 2002/2003 as follows:
 1. Cultivate an expanded and energized workforce.
 - a. Identify and support the next generation health information professionals.
 - b. Serve the needs of members and engage their energy and creativity in the life of the association; seek 100% participation and deliver 110% return on investment.
 2. Foster a learning and evidence-based culture.
 3. Reach a shared community of users to improve health.
- The concept of the "informationist" will be discussed at future local meetings.
- During chapter council each chapter summarized events in their local chapter. One highlight was a triple chapter meeting with 400 members in attendance.
- Using Pay Pal as a payment method for Joint Meeting would alleviate monetary transactions. Julie Kwan explained the pros and cons of the Pay Pal process, and how it is used by regions in the East. Sara stated the Pay Pal issue will be discussed at a future meeting.

Awards and Honors (Lisa Lott Jerant)

- December 1, 2002 is the deadline for submitting award application. Lisa would like to see this date changed to October 15, 2002.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt a mascot for the armadillo accolade. If anyone has a mascot suggestion, see Lisa. One suggestion is a ying yang silver gold symbol pin. During Joint Meeting a member of the Awards and Honors Committee would pin a member who has made a contribution to NCNMLG during the year. Funds from the accolade go toward the scholarship fund. <p>Newsletter (Karen Halverson)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen is in her second and final year as newsletter editor. She has published 5 issues of the newsletter during this past year. • Issues are in Word(using the newsletter template) and mailed to Chris Stave. Chris turned the issue into a .pdf file, and then mounts this file on the NCNMLG website. • Roger Brudno(Membership Chair) provides email address for members who get electronic copy, and mailing labels for members who get hardcopy. • The committee members Roger Brudno, Cynthia Seay and Chris Stave have all been indispensable in making the newsletter happen electronically. • Washington Hospital underwrites copying and mailing for the 20 hard copy issues. For future editors who do not have this luxury, NCNMLG does have a Kinko's account. <p>Membership Update (Roger Brudno)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are currently 175 NCNMLG members. • Currently there are three addresses in the directory, a mail address, home address, and professional address. Instead of three address, the home address will be deleted. • Roger Brudno and Karen Halverson have worked out a transition process. Roger and Karen will put the purchase of Adobe Acrobat in their budget. NCNMLG may own a copy of ACCESS. Lisa to check with Dena.
<p>Adjournment for Lunch</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:00pm.</p>
<p>Reconvene after Lunch</p>	<p>Meeting reconvened at 12:45pm.</p>
<p>Other Reports</p>	<p>Research (Terry Henner)</p>

<p>/Agenda items:</p>	<p>Terry is doing a study of the Perception of PUBMED. 60 members responded to his questionnaire. The first survey was done 4 years ago. He is interested in finding out how many libraries are using MEDLINE via subscription versus PUBMED on the web.</p> <p>Public Relations (Cathy LeGrand)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathy contacted Julie Kwan at PSRML to run a small ad in "Latitudes" about joining NCNMLG. This is in progress. • Contacted Kristi Mitchell at UC Berkeley about sending a presenter to the Berkeley School of Information Management and Systems Career Fair. Ms. Mitchell would be willing to schedule a time for an NCNMLG representative to talk to students, but she doubts medical librarianship would appeal to Berkeley students. Ms. Mitchell is willing to accept and pass out information on NCNMLG to students. Ms. Mitchell recommends we announce our meetings and programs to Berkeley students. Cathy is waiting to hear from Ms. Mitchell. • Cathy has prepared a brochure combining information from NCNMLG with information on medical librarianship as a career option, and MLA handout on medical librarianship as a career beyond the cutting edge. • SLA and NOCALL sponsor a reception every fall for Berkeley SIMS students and faculty. NCNMLG would be welcome to join in as a reception sponsor. • To increase membership NCNMLG could consider additional membership benefits to attract students. • When Cathy lived in Colorado, all professional librarian groups (medical, law, academic, public, school, special) co-sponsored a "Colleague Connection" where all groups came together once a year and networked. Perhaps, a program could be planned as an annual event.
<p>Announcements:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sara Pimental announced the tri-chair Long Range Planning Committee of Ysabel Bertolucci representing hospitals, Gail Yokote representing academia, Dorrie Slutsker representing business. This will be a "think tank" group. • Sara suggested everyone review Linda Watson's "Theme and Priorities for 2002/2003" for future discussion. • There will be a Fall and Spring face to face meetings. Meetings will be held at UC Davis and Kaiser Oakland. Business meetings will be held via conference calls. There will be a Business Meeting in San Diego during MLA.

MLA Benchmarking Drawing:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The winner of the benchmarking drawing is The alternate is
Adjournment	Annette Osenga made the motion to adjourn. Nancy Magnum second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2pm to transition.

Minutes submitted by Vickie Sanders, Secretary

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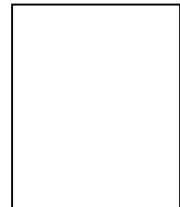
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