



NCNMLG Newsletter



A message from the President Farewell Message

It seems like every President's farewell message starts out with "I can't believe a whole year has passed..." Now that's it my turn I have to agree that time has flown. And I'm grateful that we made it through one more year! Your chapter will move into 2003 - 2004 with a steady membership and a strong treasury. I wish to give a standing ovation to all the officers and committee chairs!! They were outstanding!

Now it's time to look forward. Your incoming President, Lisa Lott Jerant, is a joy to work with. Please call her if you wish to chair or serve on a committee. There are still a few committees that need chairs. Your help is needed!

Our first program will be in the fall. Watch your email for details. And don't forget the Joint Meeting! It will be held at the Holiday Inn in downtown Sacramento from January 28-31. Rest assured that the program will be interesting and relevant. Rebecca Davis and the planning committee are well underway conducting all the behind-the-scenes work: contacting potential

speakers and exhibitors, arranging for social events, and making sure the rooms for the meeting are in order. This year "Joint" just doesn't mean just 2 chapters. Our colleagues from the Pacific Northwest will be joining us to make a great meeting even better.

Have a wonderful summer. See you in the fall!

Sara Pimental

EDITOR'S CORNER

The election results are in and we have new officers and committee chairs for next year. This issue of the Newsletter highlights public health resources, upcoming classes, available grants (due June 20th), MLA's new mentoring database, and more. You will also notice that there are 3 sets of minutes in this Newsletter for your review. We apologize for the delay in getting these out in print, but if you have any corrections please contact our Secretary, Doris Hayashikawa. They will also be posted to the website soon.

This will be my final Newsletter, but I am leaving it in the capable hands of my colleague Min-Lin Fang. I hope that many of you will submit items for publication in the Newsletter during her tenure.

Peggy Tahir, Editor

NCNMLG ELECTION RESULTS

The members of the NCNMLG Nominating Committee, Jerry Thompson, Barbara Ryken and Karen Halverson, wish to thank everyone who volunteered to run for office in this year's election. You provided the membership with a slate of well-qualified and enthusiastic candidates.

After counting 104 valid ballots, we are happy to announce the results of the election. The NCNMLG Officers for 2003-2004 are as follows:

Vice-Pres/Pres-Elect:	Rebecca Davis
Secretary:	Doris Hayashikawa
Treasurer:	Annette Osenga
Nominating Committee	
CHAIR:	Kristi Wessenberg
Member:	Beverly Taugher
MLA Nominating Committee Nominee:	Julia Kochi

Every candidate received strong support. If you were not elected this year, please consider running for office again in the future. And if you weren't on this year's ballot and would like to run for office, please let the NEW Nominating Committee know you're interested!

Last, but not least, the Nominating Committee thanks everyone who voted in this year's NCNMLG Election!

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Halverson
2002-2003 NCNMLG Nominating Committee Chair

EFTS NEWS

The following libraries have recently joined EFTS, the Electronic Fund Transfer System for DOCLINE.

- CAUDSC, Dominican Hospital, Santa Cruz, CA
- CAUCER, California Hospital Medical Center Medical Library, Los Angeles, CA
- CAUOMP, Western U. Health Sciences Harriet K. & Philip Pumerantz Library, Pomona, CA
- CAUKOA, Kaiser Permanente Medical Center - Oakland, Oakland, CA
- CAUPMG, The Permanente Medical Group Division of Research, Oakland, CA
- CAUKPH, Kaiser Permanente Health Sciences Library, Hayward, CA
- CAUPMU, Redwood Health Library, Petaluma, CA
- CAUMWL, Samuel Merritt College, John A. Graziano Memorial Library, Oakland, CA
- CAUHHT, Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine Library, Mare Island, Vallejo, CA

We now have 39 EFTS libraries in the Pacific Southwest, and 9 out of 12 of our resource libraries now offer EFTS.

If you are interested in exploring EFTS in order to streamline your ILL invoicing and bill payment, take a look at the newly redesigned EFTS web site (you will find all application materials under the 'Join EFTS' link). The web site is available at: <http://efts.uchc.edu/>

Congratulations to our new EFTS participants!

DOCLINE ROUTING NEWS: 4 KAISER LIBRARIES IN THE SACRAMENTO AREA

Kaiser library staffing in the Capital Service Area (CSA) is beginning to settle down. Susan Jaeger is staffing the Roseville Library; Yvonne Sargent is staffing the Sacramento Library; Jeanne Wolfe is staffing the Arden Annex Library and Michael Bennett is staffing the South Sacramento Library.

The libraries recently completed a massive moving of journals within the CSA. The Roseville Library now has the largest number of current subscriptions and the Arden Annex (which houses journals prior to 1997 and dead titles) now has its own LIBID. It will greatly enhance your access to the CSA periodicals if you include all 4 library's LIBIDs in your DOCLINE routing tables. As of today only 4 Kaiser libraries have the Arden Annex in their routing tables and only 9 Kaiser libraries have Roseville in the routing tables. Below are the LIBIDs for each of these libraries:

- Arden Annex CAUJBS
- Roseville CAUKMP
- Sacramento CAUKFS
- South Sacramento CAUBWV

A FOND FAREWELL TO ELAINE GRAHAM

May 30 is Elaine Graham's last day at the PSRML. She will be relocating to Washington State. I know that many of us in NCNMLG will miss her, as well as the colleagues she is leaving behind at the RML. Happy Trails, Elaine!

PARTNERS IN INFORMATION ACCESS: PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCES

Partners in Information Access: Linking the Public Health Workforce to Information for Improved Practice

The National Library of Medicine recently announced release of the new Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Workforce website (go to <http://phpartners.org> or click the graphic icon on the front page of the PSRML website, <http://nmlm.gov/psr/>).

The site offers links to public health resources in the following areas:

- Health Promotion and Health Education
- Literature and Guidelines
- Health Data Tools and Statistics
- Grants and Funding
- Education and Training
- Legislation
- Conferences and Meetings
- Finding People
- Discussion and E-mail Lists
- Jobs and Careers

PHpartners.org is one result of a collaboration of U.S. government agencies, public health organizations and health sciences libraries. The goal of both the Partners project and the Partners site is to provide the public health workforce with timely, convenient access to information resources. This goal is realized through collaborative work on five objectives:

- Increase awareness and use of distributed learning resources among the public health workforce, with an emphasis on the resources available through the National Library of Medicine, the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Assist the public health workforce in obtaining the hardware and software as well as the Internet connection and satellite reception needed for effective access to information resources
- Train the public health workforce to use the technology required for effective access to information resources
- Train the public health workforce to identify and use pertinent information resources and services

- Increase health sciences librarians' awareness of the needs of and resources within the public health workforce

The Partners in this endeavor include:

American Public Health Association ° Association of Schools of Public Health ° Association of State and Territorial Health Officials ° Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ° Health Resources and Services Administration ° National Association of County and City Health Officials ° National Library of Medicine ° National Network of Libraries of Medicine ° Public Health Foundation ° Society for Public Health Education

CLASSES

Upcoming classes from the National Training Center and Clearinghouse:

PubMed	September 15 and 16, 2003 (UCLA) November 4 and 6, 2003 (UC Davis)
NLM Gateway & ClinicalTrials.gov (half day)	November 5, 2003 (UC Davis)
Toxnet	November 7, 2003 (UC Davis)

To register, go to <http://nml.gov/mar/online/request.html>

MLA Continuing Education credit is awarded for these classes.

NEW MENTOR DATABASE

Newly created mentor Web pages are part of the career section of MLANET. Sign up online to serve as a mentor to your peers, as a provisional mentor, or as a mentor to students interested in learning about the profession. You can also search the database to find a mentor. Find links to mentor tip sheets and guidelines, and access Web resources to help you in your mentoring role. The success of the mentor database depends on the number of members who sign up. Go to <http://mlanet.org/mentor/> to explore the possibilities.

VIDEOS AVAILABLE FROM THE PSRML

The following three (3) new VHS cassettes are now available for loan from the PSRML multimedia collection. You can submit loan requests via the PSRML website:

<http://nml.gov/psr/loans/videoloans.html>

Several of the PSRML videos do confer MLA Continuing Education Credit once an individual evaluation is completed and returned to the PSRML office.

1. **MLA: Get HIP to HIPAA: Health Information Professionals and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (90 min)**

This is the official MLA Satellite teleconference videotape of the program broadcast on March 12, 2003. MLA experts provided an overview of HIPAA rules, including pending compliance dates. It also reexamined the impact of HIPAA privacy and security regulations in conjunction with library services and illustrates the role of health information professionals in promoting HIPAA education and compliance.

(Please note that compliance was to be completed by many institutions by April 14, 2003. Please visit the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) web site for further details:

<http://privacyruleandresearch.nih.gov/>

2. **Safeguarding Our Patrons' Privacy: What Every Librarian Needs to Know about the USA PATRIOT Act & Related Anti-Terrorism Measures (90 min)**

This comprehensive video kit of the December 11, 2002, teleconference was sponsored by the American Assn of Law Libraries, American Library Assn, Assn of Research Libraries, Medical Library Assn, and Special Libraries Assn. It provides libraries and their governing institutions with an analysis of the implications of recent anti-terrorism legislation. Panelists address key legal issues and policy implications for libraries and the impact of legislative and regulatory proposals on the privacy of library users.

Given the concerns that many librarians have expressed regarding the protection of patron privacy, this videotape may be particularly relevant and useful for individual review.

3. **Branching Out The MeSH Vocabulary (30 min)**

This new introductory video provides a brief overview of the MeSH® (Medical Subject Headings) vocabulary and the MeSH Browser: the online look-up aid used in conjunction with the vocabulary. The Browser is designed to help quickly locate descriptors of possible interest and to show the hierarchy in which descriptors of interest appear.

Please note that the browser does not link directly to any MEDLINE or other database retrieval system and thus is not a substitute for PubMed. The browser is located at:

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/meshhome.html>

KUDOS

NCNMLG Award for Excellence

The 2002 NCNMLG Award for Professional Excellence was presented to Linda Grix during the NCNMLG Business Meeting at this year's MLA annual meeting. Thanks for your continued dedication to NCNMLG and the profession. Congratulations, Linda!

Hospital Librarian of the Year

Ysabel Bertolucci (Kaiser Oakland) was named Hospital Librarian of the Year at this year's MLA Awards Ceremony. Congratulations, Ysabel!

RESOURCES

Genetics Home Reference:

Consumer information about genetic conditions and the genes responsible for those conditions.

<http://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/>

National Headache Foundation:

Information on the treatment and causes of headaches.

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

National Women's Health Information Center:

The federal government's most comprehensive resource for information on women's health issues.

<http://www.4woman.gov/>

GRANTS – AIDS COMMUNITY INFORMATION OUTREACH PROJECTS

The solicitation for the 2003 round of AIDS Community Information Outreach Projects is posted on the NLM web site at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/oam/oam.html>.

NLM is soliciting quotations from community-based organizations and libraries to design and conduct projects that will improve access to HIV/AIDS-related health information by patients, the affected community, and their caregivers. The application deadline is **June 20, 2003**.

MLA PUBLISHING PROGRAM SEEKS AUTHORS AND TOPIC IDEAS

MLA has a first-class publishing program. Opportunities abound for book authors and document collection editors. Email pubproposal@mlahq.org to submit your idea for a needed publication or to submit a query.

Topics of interest include database searching, providing and evaluating electronic full-text information delivery, project management, measuring and reporting usage of electronic resources, medical terminology, developing Web-based courses, developing Intranets, leading the library information organization, bioethics, complementary and alternative medicine, and developing competitive proposals. Visit <http://www.mlanet.org/publications/books/booksprog.html> to learn more!

Read about the "Joys and Challenges of Writing a Book" in the May 2003 issue of MLA News. Full-text is available at http://www.mlanet.org/members/mla_news/2003/may_03/writing_book.html (your MLA ID# and members-only password is required to view).

ONLINE TUTORIAL

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has launched an online tutorial to help libraries and museums develop project plans for its National Leadership Grant applications. This tool is designed to make it easier to develop good, competitive applications for federal IMLS grants. Others will also find the tutorial useful for planning projects. Visit the tutorial at http://e-services.ims.gov/project_planning.

NLM UPDATE

The NLM Update, presented at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association, is available for viewing on the NIH Videocast Website.

The broadcast is captioned. Real One Player software is needed for viewing the broadcast, which lasts about one hour. The Update consists of presentations by Dr. Donald Lindberg, Dr. Jack Snyder, and Ms. Betsy Humphreys. Their remarks include information on NLM's new building, SIS database activities, services of Library Operations and NCBI, and many other topics.

The program can be viewed by going to the NIH site at <http://www.videocast.nih.gov>. Click on "Past Events", click on "Conferences" and scroll down to May 6, 2003, the date on which the event was held.

CANCERLIT RETIRED

National Cancer Institute (NCI) has retired its CANCERLIT database and is linking users of NCI's [Cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov) website directly to NLM's PubMed® database for journal citations. NCI and NLM are working together in several ways to improve access to cancer-related citations in PubMed. For more information, read the full article in the *NLM Technical Bulletin*:

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/ma03/ma03_nci.html

YOUR FEEDBACK IS NEEDED!

The National Online Training Center & Clearinghouse (NTCC) is very interested in finding out whether the Educational Clearinghouse database on biomedically related educational tools, located on the NTCC web site, is meeting the needs of users. Right now we have the capabilities to see numbers—in other words we can measure quantity, but not quality. So, the staff of the NTCC has created a survey that we invite users to complete. The survey will run from June 2 through June 30, 2003. The information gathered will be used only to update, enhance and improve the site. Thank you for your time and effort.

To complete the survey direct your web browser to <http://nmlm.gov/train> and click on the hyperlink "evaluate" at the top of the page.

MINUTES—MAY 6, 2003

Minutes of the NCNMLG Meeting, May 6, 2003

Town and Country Resort and Convention Center, Towne (Meeting Room)
Medical Library Association Convention, San Diego, CA

Call to Order and Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Sara Pimental, President, at 3 p.m. The minutes of previous meetings will be re-distributed via the Newsletter and by e-mail and will stand approved if no additions and changes are submitted.

Attendance

The following people were present: Sara Pimental, President; Lisa Lott Jerant, President-elect; Doug Varner, Past President; Doris Hayashikawa, Secretary; Annette Osenga, Treasurer; Candace Walker, MLA Chapter Representative; David Brown, ILL Coupons; Rebecca Davis, Joint Meeting, 2004, Chair; Dorrie Slutsker, Tri-chair, Long Range Planning; Lynn Van Houten, Benchmarking Educator; Lisa Wallis, new Webmaster; Maryann Zaremska, St. Francis Memorial Hospital; Janet Bruman, Natividad Medical Center; Ronald Schultz, Exchange; Gail Yokote, Tri-chair, Long Range Planning; Janet Haugen, San Francisco General; Terri Malmgren, UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento; Linda Grix, Hospital Library Consultant; Jo Anne Boorkman, UC Davis; Heidi Heilemann, Stanford University; Joan Zenan, Savit Medical Library, University of Nevada School of Medicine; Tilly Roche, Seton Medical Center.

Committee and Other Reports

Lisa Lott Jerant presented the 2002 Professional Excellence Award to Linda Grix.

David Brown presented a written quarterly report on ILL Coupons for calendar year 2002 and the 3rd quarter, 2002-2003. A problem with the bank not recognizing NCNMLG as a nonprofit organization resulted in no payment of interest on the checking account. This problem will be resolved shortly. At the end of 2002, the balance was \$13,877.28, plus a coupon liability of \$91,744.00. Maryann Zaremska encouraged libraries to participate in EFTS, an online ILL payment system. An article will appear in Latitudes with ideas on overcoming corporate or organizational barriers encountered by librarians who wish to be part of EFTS.

Treasurer, Annette Osenga, presented a balance sheet covering 6/01/02 through 4/30/03, showing an overall total of \$27,151.99, calculated using the Quicken register.

Rebecca Davis distributed copies of "Joint Meeting 2004 Update." She reported that the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association is participating in this meeting. Lynn Van Houten volunteered to design the meeting logo. The Joint Meeting needs a volunteer to handle the finances. The use of PayPal for credit card registration is being considered.

Candace Walker touched briefly on a number of MLA initiatives of interest to the Chapter, including such topics as the MLA strategic plan, the Recruitment Ad Hoc Committee, abbreviated paper work for AHIP renewal, and the Advocacy Toolkit distributed to conference attendees. The MLA would like consideration of the issues of "Publishing" and "Compensation" as Chapter program topics and would like for Chapters to sponsor at least one continuing education event in support of Consumer Health Certification. The Chapter Council, has been considering awarding 1 credit for facilitators, but not for recorders of "Sharing Roundtables. It was recommended that the matter of awarding 1 credit for recorders as well as facilitators be taken back to the Chapter Council. A Chapter Council taskforce to review this activity has been organized, since its scope has morphed beyond Chapter business to more general topics and has been very successful at drawing a large audience.

Lynn Van Houten distributed two documents from the MLA Benchmarking Network: "Survey Participant's Guide to Finding Benchmarking Partners," and "Potential Changes for 2003 Survey." One important new data element is the inclusion of "Name of Health System" which would allow hospitals that are part of a system to pull out all data pertaining to libraries in a single system.

Old Business

The charity auction proposed for October 2003 to benefit NCNMLG was discussed. Sara Pimental will continue to investigate setting up an NCNMLG account on PayPal to support this auction.

New Business

The issue of placing online advertisements in the NCNMLG newsletter for Joint Meeting Exhibitors was discussed and will be placed on the agenda of the Transition Meeting. There will be

links to company Websites on the Joint Meeting Web page [to be available about September 2003] as part of the incentives offered to potential exhibitors.

Announcements and Informational Items

The Lane Medical Library placed third in the “Academic Libraries: Ongoing Campaigns” category of the PR Swap ‘N Shop competition for its involvement in “Community Day.” Chiron Corporation won third place for its participation in “Bring a Child to Work Day.”

Sara Pimental is seeking a Newsletter editor. Peggy Tahir will put out one more issue and will retire from the position.

The Transition Meeting will be held on Friday, May 30, 2003, at 1950 Franklin, Oakland, CA. The entire membership of NCNMLG is invited to attend.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Hayashikawa, Secretary

MINUTES—JANUARY 30, 2003

Minutes of the NCNMLG Executive Board Meeting, January 30, 2003

Chiron Corporation

Call to Order

President Sara Pimental called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Dorrie Slutsker welcomed the attendees to Chiron.

Committee Reports

Anette Osenga submitted a written financial report showing a balance of \$26,547.52; the report will be posted on the web site. A proposed budget was presented for fiscal year 2002-2003. The budget is in balance, and to date, income is ahead of outgo. California taxes of \$15 were paid.

David Brown submitted a preliminary ILL coupon report for the 3rd quarter 2002-2003. He has not yet received the most current bank statement, but believes that coupon assets have remained relatively unchanged.

The Nominating Committee announced the slate of candidates for 2003-2004:

- MLA Nominating Committee Nominee – Julia Kochi

- NCNMLG Nominating Committee – Kristi Wessenberg, Beverly Taugher, Daniel Angel
- Secretary – Doris Hayashikawa
- Treasurer – Annette Osenga
- President-Elect – Rebecca Davis

Candace Walker described a number of MLA initiatives of interest to the Chapter, including the MLA Quick Guides, the election of Joanne Marshall as MLA President, the second draft of the strategic plan, dissemination of mentoring activities via the web site, and the opportunity to host a Cunningham Fellow. She announced that the MLA Program is now available, and encouraged everyone to attend and to participate in the “Chapter Council Presents Sharing Roundtables.” Ideas were solicited for a Chapter project that might qualify for next year’s award. Ideas focused on strategies for recruiting new members.

Cathy LeGrand’s publicity report also focused on potential recruitment methods, including brochures, a “lunch with an expert” program, and interacting with community college library assistant programs.

Heidi Heilemann has agreed to serve as bylaws chair.

Keir Reavie reported that he is collecting material for the archives on a regular basis.

The new chair of the Awards & Honors Committee is Michael Bennett. Tomorrow, January 31, is the deadline for submitting awards nominations.

Peggy Tahir announced that there is never a deadline for the submission of material to the newsletter; content will be accepted anytime. Minutes are supposed to be posted to the web site, but have not been received. The number of people getting print copies of the newsletter is increasing.

Ysabel Bertolucci asked members to volunteer to assist with local arrangements at MLA. She also announced that a ½ day would be devoted to long-range planning at the transition meeting.

Karen Halverson reported that NCNMLG has 154 voting members and 143 paid members. Increasingly, members are asking to receive their newsletter and directory in print rather than electronic form. Options for encouraging online access were explored. An article describing the problem and asking for feedback will be published in the upcoming newsletter.

Lynn Van Houten presented a written report on the MLA Benchmarking Project. Three hundred eighty five (385) members participated, for a response rate of 22.9%. Various benchmarking products are available, many of which are free to participants; a resource list is available on MLANET. Lynn, Ysabel Bertolucci, and Leeni Balogh will deliver a paper at MLA on benchmarking and its impact on library funding in the Kaiser Permanente system.

New Business

Revenue generating ideas were solicited and discussed. A possible “white elephant” sale might be held over E-Bay during National Medical Library Month in October. David Brown has agreed to serve as a member of the planning committee for this event, and additional members are being sought.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. It was followed by a brief business meeting, lunch, and a program on EFTS and electronic document delivery.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Fishel
Acting Secretary

MINUTES—OCTOBER 18, 2002

Minutes of the NCNMLG Executive Board Meeting, October 18, 2002

Samuel Merritt College, Health Education Center, Town Court 9, Rm. 203
400 Hawthorne Ave., Oakland CA 94609

Call to Order and Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Sara Pimental, President, at 10 a.m. The minutes of the June 7, 2002 Transition Meeting, prepared by Vicki Sanders, were approved as amended: Billie White won the MLA Benchmarking drawing, with Cynthia Seay, as the alternate winner.

Roll and Introductions

The following people were present: Sara Pimental, President; Lisa Lott Jerant, President-elect; Doris Hayashikawa, Secretary; Annette Osenga, Treasurer; Karen Halverson, Nominating Committee Chair and Co-chair, Membership Committee; Candace Walker, MLA Chapter Representative; Carolyn Fishel, Alternate MLA Chapter Representative; Terry Henner, MLA Nominating Committee and Research Chair; Peggy Tahir, Electronic Resources Chair and Newsletter Editor; David Brown, ILL Coupons; Rebecca Davis, Joint Meeting, 2004, Chair; Ysabel Bertolucci and Dorrie Slutsker, Tri-chair, Long Range Planning; Barbara Ryken, Nominating Committee and Meeting Host; Elyse Eisner, Paraprofessional/Professional Chair; Nancy Mangum, Program Chair and Cathleen LeGrand, Public Relations.

Maryann Zaremska, St. Francis Memorial Hospital, and Julie Kwan, PSRML, were in attendance as presenters.

Committee and Other Reports

David Brown presented a written quarterly report on ILL Coupons. It does not include a rather sizable deposit made since the report was written. He was unable to do a complete accounting of

outstanding coupons. For the quarter, June-August, 2002, the assets of the coupon operation amounted to \$11,999.72

Treasurer, Annette Osenga, reported on an audit that was done by Tillie Roche and progress she has made in clearing up outstanding payments for honoraria. Osenga also submitted a written report showing a balance of \$25,118.80, as of October 15, 2002. The Executive Board requested that she make arrangements for adding Lisa Lott Jerant, President Elect, as an additional signatory for the account, replacing Doug Varner, Past President. Remaining budget requests were addressed and the budget will be distributed via e-mail.

Karen Halverson reported that she has received 95 membership renewals so far. A second notice will be sent out. She will purchase a copy of Adobe Acrobat in order to continue the electronic publishing of the Directory. Roger Brudno has completed reconciling the electronic membership form with information to be included in the new *Directory*. The Executive Board expressed a need to engage in a membership drive and more outreach to counter our declining numbers.

Karen Halverson reported that the Nominating Committee is developing a timeline for elections. Suggestions for publicizing the slate of nominees included e-mail notification of members and posting on the Website. However, adherence to the requirements of the bylaws [*i.e.*, presentation of the slate at a business meeting preceding the annual election, with an opportunity for nominations from the floor] was recommended by the group at the suggestion of Dorrie Slutsker.

Candace Walker touched briefly on a number of MLA initiatives of interest to the Chapter, including such topics as the MLA Directory update, grants and awards, Sister Library program, and Strategic Planning. She also suggested participation in Taskforces on Expert Searching, Benchmarking, etc.

Cathleen LeGrand reported on a successful event at the UC Berkeley SIMS, at which Sara Pimental made an informal presentation. She will be following up on Career Fairs at the San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science.

Lisa Lott Jerant, who represented NCNMLG, reported on the PSR Site Visit, reported on issues raised by participants. A need for more accessible PubMed training was discussed and referred to the chairs of Continuing Education and Programming for further development. The efficacy of using effective PubMed trainers nearer to Northern California than New York, the current home of the official NLM training program, was considered, along with suitable venues for hands on computer access.

Suggestions for a panel program on ILL and document delivery were referred to Nancy Mangum. Ron Schultz expressed a willingness to be part of such a panel presentation, along with Julie

Kwan, PSRML. Elaine Graham was indicated as the contact person for CE programming support available through PSRML.

Terry Henner reported that his survey on PubMed usage and acceptability is being prepared for publication. Preliminary results indicate a shift to PubMed from commercial Medline search engines. His success in obtaining extramural grant funding for projects was recommended as a potential topic for the Newsletter.

Peggy Tahir solicited any newsletter items from the group, without regard to deadlines, and expressed a need for referrals to cool Websites, which she can feature in the Newsletter. Sara Pimental's recent attendance at the Medical Informatics program at Woods Hole, MA, was used as an example of the type of activity that needs to be shared via the Newsletter. Tahir is expecting to get a search function for the Website, soon.

Rebecca Davis expressed a need for volunteers for the 2004 Joint Meeting.

Sara Pimental asked for volunteers and suggestions for the open positions of Documentation, Bylaws, and Parliamentarian. Feili Tu has filled the Mentoring Task Force position.

New Business

Maryann Zaremska presented information on the EFTS (electronic fund transfer system) contract awarded by NLM to the University of Connecticut and implications for adoption among Northern California medical libraries. She reviewed the requirements, which include: use of a system such as QuickDoc for electronic fund accounting, signature of a fiscal officer of the institution, and money deposited in the system. Savitt Medical Library, University of Nevada, was the first NCNMLG member to adopt the system and its staff can serve as resource persons to others interested in participation. Resource library directors have met to discuss implementation. A pilot project is underway in Southern California among a few libraries with differing document delivery needs. The group recommended that the EFTS be prominently featured in the program on document delivery and interlibrary loans, developed earlier in the meeting. Julie Kwan recommended serious consideration among libraries of their current locally focused ILL fee structures in light of this national program, which is expected to result in changes in lending and borrowing patterns. Implications for continuance or abandonment of the ILL coupon system were considered.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m. to a viewing of a videotape to publicize the MLA Conference in San Diego, lunch, a brief NCNMLG business meeting, and a program on the MLA Strategic Planning Process, led by Neil Rambo.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Hayashikawa, Secretary

Informal Minutes of the NCNMLG Business Meeting, October 18, 2002

Samuel Merritt College, Health Education Center, Town Court 9, Rm. 203
400 Hawthorne Ave., Oakland CA 94609

The Business Meeting of the NCNMLG was called to order by Sara Pimental, at 12:06 p.m.

Approximately 21 people were present.

Sara Pimental summarized the results of the Executive Board meeting on behalf of a few additional attendees who were not present during the morning meeting.

Mary Beth Train expressed concern about the loss of income from the management of the ILL Coupon system.

Ysabel Bertolucci encouraged the group to attend the MLA '03 meeting, "Catch the Wave," May 2-7, 2003, in San Diego.

The program portion, led by Neil Rambo, Associate Director, University of Washington Health Sciences Library, and MLA Board member, resulted in numerous suggestions for changes to the document, "MLA Future: Issues, Challenges and Choices." The discussion summaries will be sent to Sara Pimental for distribution to members. Carla J. Funk, MLA Executive Director, is the point person for any follow on comments NCNMLG members wish to submit. The group expressed thanks to Neil Rambo for generating the discussion and providing a venue for input by members.

The meeting ended at about 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Hayashikawa, Secretary

DIRECTIONS FOR JOINING THE LISTSERV

LISTSERV ADDRESS: ncnmlglist@lists.stanford.edu

Everyone is encouraged to subscribe to the general listserv. These are very low-volume lists designed for communication of important information from NCNMLG to its members. The only time you will need to unsubscribe is when your e-mail address changes. In this case two actions are necessary. You will need to unsubscribe your old e-mail address and then subscribe the new address. This keeps our listserv current!

TO SUBSCRIBE:

Send a message to: majordomo@lists.stanford.edu

Leave the subject line blank

Type in body of the message: **subscribe ncnmlglist *your_email_address_here***

TO UNSUBSCRIBE

Send a message to: majordomo@lists.stanford.edu

Leave the subject line blank

Type in body of the message: **unsubscribe ncnmlglist *your_email_address_here***

TO SEND A MESSAGE:

Send a general e-mail: ncnmlglist@lists.stanford.edu

SUBMITTING ITEMS TO THE NEWSLETTER

Please email your submissions to the Newsletter. Items for the NCNMLG Newsletter may be sent in electronic format (text or WORD format preferred) to:

Peggy Tahir

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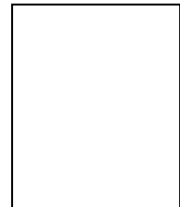
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