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NCNMLG Newsletter

President's Message Submitted by Rebecca Davis



President's Message

As we near the end of the year, we have made considerable progress on a number of new initiatives and programs. The

details can be found in the minutes of the Executive Board and Business Meetings held on December 14, 2004, that are included in this issue of the newsletter; however, here's a summary of the excellent work done by your colleagues and an update on recent decisions. Remember that the list of current committee reports can be found at <http://ncnmlg.stanford.edu/calendar/dec-14-2004/EBMeeting1204.htm>

- NCNMLG will celebrate its 60th anniversary on November 12, 2007. Since there won't be a Joint Meeting that year, we'll need to think about how we might commemorate the event.
- Sixty members responded to the recent (and first!) online CE survey designed by CE chair, Cindy Perkins. 75% indicated that they would be interested in distance education for CE classes, with most interested in web based and video conferencing. The most popular class topics were, Managing electronic resources: beyond the basics, Mini-med school, and providing and evaluating electronic full-text information delivery. *(Continued on p. 2)*

UPDATES

- The NCNMLG Business Meeting (and ice cream social) at the Joint Meeting will be held on Friday, February 4, 2005, 4:00pm-5:00pm. Please plan to stay along enough to attend the meeting. The winner of the Professional Excellence Award will be named and the election slate will be presented.
- NCNMLG and MLGSCA will be attending the Tri-Chapter Meeting in Seattle in October 2006, hosted by the Pacific Northwest Chapter. The next Joint Meeting will be hosted by NCNMLG in February 2008 in Las Vegas.

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- Sara Pimental and her committee of savvy eBay users continue to refine the NCNMLG eBay Auction slated to start at the end of January. Hold on to those unwanted gifts!
- Bylaws chair, Carolyn Kopper, has assembled a small committee to review the current Bylaws and Policy and Procedure Manual to make sure they are up to date.
- Remember that NCNMLG member, Gail Yokote will be on the MLA ballot for the MLA nominating Committee.
- The Stanford IT department has requested that we remove the NCNMLG web site from their server, but the listserv can remain. Our web manager, John Ward has investigated 3 hosting services, including MLANET, and we will be making a decision soon. This will be a new, ongoing cost for us.
- Thanks to the recent availability of lists of MLA members in our geographic area, and the efforts of Membership chair, Kristi Wessenberg, 83 people have been identified as MLA members in our area, who don't belong to NCNMLG. Current NCNMLG members are needed to volunteer to contact these folks. Please call Kristi at 510-869-6833 or email her at kwessenberg@samuelmerritt.edu if you are interested.

NEW PROGRAMS

More details and procedures for the following three new programs will appear in the January/February 2005 issue of the newsletter, or via the NCNMLG listserv.

- Past-President and Mentoring chair, Lisa Jerant, has already started the **Colleague Connection**. This new program utilizes current members to welcome new members into the chapter. **Colleague Connection** isn't

a mentoring program, though it is possible that a mentoring relationship may grow out of the initial "welcome". The focus of the new program is to connect a new member with an existing member as soon as they join, so that they might have their questions answered, and be encouraged to attend NCNMLG events. Preference is given to a current member in the same geographic area as the new member, but any willing current member can be involved.

- The Awards & Honors Committee, led by chair Julia Kochi, has broadened its offerings by creating the **Colleague Appreciation Program (CAP)**. CAP is intended to give NCNMLG members an opportunity to acknowledge a colleague for work on a committee, for a promotion, for assistance or advice, etc. A minimum of \$10 is donated to the NCNMLG treasury in the name of the honoree. Those honored will receive a certificate and be publicly acknowledged. The monies received will be used to help fund the **NCNMLG Professional Development Grant**.
- The **NCNMLG Professional Development Grant** will be initially funded for \$600 by the chapter to provide money for educational activities. Thereafter, the grant monies should be supplemented by the CAP. Any current NCNMLG member can apply for funding. There's no limit on the amount awarded to any individual, but the yearly total for all grants cannot exceed \$600. After the program has been in effect for a few years, consideration might be given to increasing the total amount available for grants.
- Public Relations Committee chair, Cathy LeGrand, continues to promote our chapter at library career fairs. She could really use some good prizes to give away at these events. Our student membership, though valuable, would be even more appealing if something more tangibly of value accompanied it. If you have any ideas or good connections with vendors, contact Cathy.

- Kristi Wessenberg, chair of the Membership Committee, is working on the membership database so we can more easily identify new members and follow up with members that forget to renew.
- There was a long discussion on the various options for the date of the next Tri-Chapter meeting and the next (after 2005) Joint Meeting. The current and incoming chairs of PNC, MLGSCA and NCNMLG met via conference call in July 2004 to discuss possible meeting dates. The following option was agreed on, subject to discussion with the respective executive boards:

Feb 2005 - Joint Meeting in Long Beach hosted by MLGSCA

Oct 2005 - PNC/MLA meeting in Portland

Feb 2006 - NO JOINT MEETING

May 2006 - MLA in Phoenix

Oct 2006 - Tri-Chapter Meeting hosted by PNC/MLA in Seattle

May 2007 - MLA in Philadelphia

February 2008 - Joint Meeting in No. CA or NV hosted by NCNMLG

Based on the Treasurer's review of our usual yearly expenditures and the larger profit made on the 2004 Joint Meeting, it would be feasible for NCNMLG to wait for Joint Meeting income until 2008. However, the consensus of the Executive Board was that the above schedule was too cumbersome. It was proposed and unanimously decided that NCNMLG commit to the Tri-Chapter meeting concept by proposing that the Joint Meeting be eliminated and that we move to a Tri-Chapter meeting from now on. This Tri-Chapter meeting would be hosted alternately by the three chapters in their respective geographic areas. Since NCNMLG and MLGSCA have traditionally met together, MLGSCA must agree to this change if it is to happen. R. Davis will contact current MLGSCA President, Marsha Kmec, to ask her to bring this idea to her Advisory Board.

- Lastly, I'm continuing to work on updating our Bylaws and Policies and Procedures to reflect the changes that have been made in the last 5 years. If any of you have documentation regarding the changes in the role of the Vice-President and Past-President and in the reimbursements for travel – both decisions made around 2000-2001, I'd be thrilled to have it. I'm checking issues of the newsletter for those years to view the minutes.

Member News

Anne Shew, MLS, AHIP

This last July Anne Shew took over as Director of the Health Sciences Library at the California Pacific Medical Center and University of Pacific (UOP) School of Dentistry. She will continue in her role as webmaster of the medical center's intranet and internet websites. This gives her the opportunity to incorporate traditional library informational skills in the web environment. Anne's vision as Director is to deliver easily accessible virtual and physical resources to the Library's diverse and geographically dispersed clientele. Her new contact information is as follows:
Tel: 415.600-5352; 415.923-3240
Email: shewa@sutterhealth.org

Tilly Roche, MLIS

As of November 22, 2004, Tilly Roche has joined the staff of the Health Sciences Library at the California Pacific Medical Center and UOP School of Dentistry. She will be serving as Assistant Librarian and will work in both the Pacific and Davies campus libraries. She is very excited to be working with Anne Shew who took over the Library Director position from Doug Varner last summer. Tilly thinks that this new position will nicely combine the hospital library skills she gained from her three years at Seton Medical Center and her academic medical library work for the California College of Podiatric Medicine (1987-2001). Tilly will be working weekdays except Wednesdays and her new contact is as follows: 415-600-6584 or rochet@sutterhealth.org.

Congratulations! Anne, Tilly.



Sailing Into the Future

*MLGSCA/NCNMLG Joint Meeting
Long Beach CA February 2-5, 2005*

Register Now!

Meeting at a Glance

- February 2 Pre-conference CE Classes
Clearing Copyrights;
Communicating with Physicians: or Librarians;
Data Detective;
Joint Commission Standards;
Extreme Googling
- February 3 Full Conference Program with Keynote Address: Jay Cohen, MD,UCSD
RLM Updates; Evening Entertainment
- February 4 Full Conference Program with morning address by Marshall Keyes, PhD
“Writer and speaker on the impact of technology and social change on libraries”;
Lunch Speaker: Joanne Marshall, MLA President; MLA Updates
NCNMLG Business Meeting (Ice Cream Social) 4-5pm
- February 5 Post-conference CE Class
Leadership & Emotional Intelligence

Conference registration is \$200 for NCNMLG members before **January 10, 2005**. If you can only attend one day, the registration fee before January 10, for either Thursday, February 3 or Friday, February 4 is \$125. After January 10, member registration fees are \$250 and \$175.

Non member registration fees are \$235 or \$285 for the full conference and \$160 or \$210 for one day. Students/Retiree registration fees are \$50 or \$100 for both days.

Cancellation requests received by January 9, 2005 will be refunded in full. Cancellation requests received between January 10 and January 21 will be assessed a \$50 cancellation fee. No refunds will be granted after January 21, 2005.

Registration form is at <http://www.mlgscamlanet.org/jtmtg2005/reg-form.pdf>
More details on the CE courses, visit <http://www.mlgscamlanet.org/jtmtg2005/ce%27s.html>
Detailed program and hotel information, visit <http://www.mlgscamlanet.org/jtmtg2005/>

New Recognition and Professional Development Grant Programs

Submitted by Awards Committee, Julia Kochi, Chair, Mary Buttner, Candace Walker, Jacqueline Wilson

Do you have colleagues you'd like to honor? Do you need some financial aid to attend a CE course or conference?

These questions are related in two new NCNMLG programs. The Colleague Appreciation Program (CAP) is a member-to-member recognition program. The Professional Development Grant will provide financial assistance to members in support of activities such as attendance at CE courses, conferences, and meetings. Money raised through the Colleague Appreciation Program will help fund Professional Development Grants.

Colleague Appreciation Program

This program allows anyone to honor an NCNMLG member by making a donation (\$10 minimum; no maximum). Some examples of reasons to honor a member are:

- Celebrating an award or promotion
- Acknowledging a mentor/mentee relationship
- Recognizing a retirement
- Thanking a member for assistance or advice

Each honoree will receive a letter and a certificate. Each donor will receive a letter acknowledging receipt of the donation. Donors can remain anonymous if they wish. Information about honorees will be included in the NCNMLG newsletter and formally at Joint Meetings.

Professional Development Grants

NCNMLG members will be able to apply for grants from \$100-\$300 for activities that will contribute to their professional development. Applicants will have to fill out a form with a description of the program, amount requested, statement of career objectives, and how the program contributes to attaining those objectives. A follow-up report must be written for the NCNMLG newsletter after the program has been completed.

Details to Follow...

The Awards Committee will distribute detailed information about procedures for both programs in the next NCNMLG newsletter and on the listserv. Watch for it and be thinking about all the colleagues you'd like to honor or thank for their contribution to you or to our chapter. The formal kick-off for the Colleague Appreciation Program will be at the Joint Meeting in Long Beach.

MLA Sponsored Grant and Scholarship

HLS/MLA Professional Development Grant for Hospital and Clinical Librarians

Submitted by Deborah L. Jameson, MS, RN, AHIP
Application Deadline: **February 1, 2005**

Are you looking for funding to attend a meeting? further your professional education? or conduct research?

The HLS/MLA Professional Development Grant is designed to support participation in professional programs or scientific research.

The grant helps librarians in hospitals and other clinical care settings to develop and acquire knowledge and skills as described in Platform for Change (MLA's Educational Policy Statement) and Using Scientific Evidence to Improve Information Practice (MLA's Research Policy Statement.)

For further information and an application, contact Lisa Fried, credentialing, professional recognition, and career coordinator, at (312) 419-9094, Ext. 28, or email at mlapd2@mlahq.org

MLA/NLM Spectrum Scholarship

Application Deadline: **March 1, 2005**

The Medical Library Association (MLA) and the National Library of Medicine (NLM) jointly sponsor a scholarship through the American Library Association (ALA) Spectrum Initiative Scholarship program. The two organizations make a total annual donation of \$5,000 each year to support minority students in their goals to become health sciences information professionals. African American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, or Pacific Islander individuals attending ALA-accredited library schools are eligible.

For more information, contact the ALA Spectrum program at 800.545.2433 x4276 or email the [Spectrum Inquiry Line](#) .

Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) Receives the MLA Award for Distinguished Public Service

MLA President Joanne G. Marshall, AHIP, FMLA, distinguished alumni professor, School of Information and Library Science, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, presented US Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) with MLA's Award for Distinguished Public Service on December 3, 2004 in Washington, DC. Accepting the award on behalf of the senator was John Myers, health care legislative assistant for Senator Specter.

Established in 1988, the MLA Award for Distinguished Public Service recognizes persons whose exemplary actions have served to advance the health, welfare, and intellectual freedom of the public.

Senator Specter was honored for his support of issues that make a difference in the quality of programs and services the health sciences library community provides. A member of the US Committee on Appropriations, Senator Specter supported the National Library of Medicine (NLM) and the ongoing effort to design and construct a new NLM facility on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) campus, helped to secure the recent doubling of the NIH budget over a five-year period, and has been committed to increasing federal support for telemedicine and library science programs.

In presenting the award, President Marshall stated, "We acknowledge Senator Specter's contributions to the health information community for causes to which we, as an association of health information professionals, are strongly committed. His knowledge and understanding of the key role of information and information services in support of quality health care have been invaluable to us."

MLA Holds First Electronic Election

In September, MLA members passed amendments to the association bylaws to allow electronic voting. The 2005/06 MLA elections will be held in January 2005, when the bylaws amendments become effective. In early January, MLA will transmit electronic voting instructions to all MLA members with valid email addresses. Any members without email addresses on file will receive ballots by mail.

Candidates for 2005/06 MLA president-elect are **Elaine Russo Martin**, director of library services, Lamar Soutter Library, University of Massachusetts Medical School-Worcester and **Jean P. Shipman, AHIP**, director, Tompkins-McCaw Library for the Sciences, Virginia Commonwealth University-Richmond. Members will also choose three new MLA Board members and nine Nominating Committee members. Information about the candidates is available on MLANET at www.mlanet.org/members/mla_news/2004/novdec_04/2005_06_election/ and in the November/December issue of MLA News.

MLA Spring 2005 Teleconference

MLA is pleased to announce that its spring 2005 teleconference, "Partnering for Public Health: Information, Librarians, and the Public Health Workforce," will be held Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at 1:00 p.m., central standard time. The teleconference is cosponsored by the National Library of Medicine (NLM).

The goals of the teleconference are to enhance health sciences librarians' knowledge about public health information and to encourage participation in providing information.

The "Partnering for Public Health" teleconference will feature fundamental knowledge about public health, explore the needs of the public health workforce and describe current collaborations between health sciences librarians and those who work in public health. Participants will also receive samples of

available public health resources.

Registration for the teleconference begins in January 2005 via MLANET at www.mlanet.org/education/telecon/publichealth/goal.html.

NN/LM Offers Consumer Health Classes

The NN/LM offers free health information workshops to assist public librarians with the growing demand for consumer health information. Kay Deeney will be teaching a Consumer Health class "Beyond an Apple a Day: Providing Consumer Health Information in a Public Library" in San Jose. It's tentatively scheduled on February 18, 2005. This class covers the information seeking behaviors of consumers, addresses the recommended core reference collection, databases, and periodicals. It will examine the reference interview, privacy issues, disclaimers, and networking with medical librarians. It will also describe the possible ways to market consumer health resources to the community.

More information about this class will be announced via the NCNMLG listserv.

Call for Information Exchange

Mark Constantz, Medical Librarian at the San Mateo County Medical Center is interested in talking to other hospital librarians who have moved to mostly electronic medical journals and texts. Please call Mark at (650) 573-2520 or email him at mconstantz@co.sanmateo.ca.us

Web Resources

FDA MedWatch

<http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/index.html>

This web site provides consumers with timely safety information on the drugs and other medical products regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

IndexCat: Index Catalogue of the Library of the Surgeon-General's Office, 1880-1961

<http://www.indexcat.nlm.nih.gov>

IndexCat indexes all citations printed in the sixty-one volumes of the Index Catalogue of the Library of the Surgeon-General's Office. It covers bibliographic citations to books, journal articles, dissertations, theses, pamphlets, and reports (cataloged and uncataloged) published from the 17th to 20th century. This is a great source to verify old citations that predate Index Medicus and MEDLINE.

NLM IndexCat Help is available at

<http://indexcat.nlm.nih.gov/help/icatcontents.htm>

Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 2005

ALA Midwinter
January 14-19, 2005
Boston, MA

<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferences/midwinter/2005/home.htm>

SLA Leadership Summit

January 26-29, 2005
Tampa Bay, FL

<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferences/midwinter/2005/home.htm>

February 2005

NCNMLG/MLGSCA Joint Meeting

February 2-5, 2005

Long Beach CA

“Sailing into the Future”

<http://www.mlgscamlanet.org/jtmtg2005/index.html>

NN/LM Consumer Health Class “Beyond an Apple a Day”

February 18, 2005 (?)

San Jose CA

May 2005

MLA '05 Annual Meeting

May 14-19, 2005

San Antonio TX

<http://www.mlanet.org/am/index.html>

October 2005

AMIA '05 Annual Meeting

October 22-26, 2005

Washington DC

<http://www.mlanet.org/am/index.html>

ASIS '05 Annual Meeting

October 28-November 2, 2005

Charlotte, North Carolina

<http://www.asis.org/am05call.htm>

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Please email your submissions to the Newsletter editor **at any time**. Items for the NCNMLG Newsletter may be sent in electronic format to:

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If you have questions about submitting articles or announcements to the Newsletter, please feel free to call and ask questions.

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