

## NCNMLG—BE A LEADER

Y—O—U—Three little letters, just one word that make a big difference to the Nominating Committee and to NCNMLG! The Nominating Committee, made up of Justine Roberts, Chair, Gloria Won, and Laurie Potter, is preparing the chapter's 1998/99 slate of officers to be presented at the February MLGSCA/NCNMLG Joint Meeting in Tucson, AZ.

A leadership role in NCNMLG is a terrific way to become actively involved in NCNMLG, the professional organization that does so much for you. When you become involved the reward is tremendous. You learn how NCNMLG functions, you have the inside track on what is happening in the chapter, and you connect and collaborate with colleagues. When you hold an office you also enhance your professional growth since it will count as credit towards AHIP certification or tenure status.

Any member of the Nominating Committee will be happy to learn of your interest via phone, mail or e-mail. I encourage you to run for office in NCNMLG. Our group is what we make of it—let's make it the best it can be!

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Dr. Kevin Starr has announced a conference series for special libraries which is intended to be an important step in the evolution of a statewide program of resource-sharing among libraries of all types. An all-day conference for those working in healthcare/hospital libraries is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29 in Los Angeles. All conference costs will be covered by the California State Library including travel reimbursement for participants. PSRML will be sending out further information on this conference or contact Beryl Glitz at 1-800-338-7657.

## NCNMLG 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

*November 12th, 1997 marks 50 years for NCNMLG!*

On November 12, 1947, thirteen medical librarians gathered for the first time to form what was to become NCNMLG. We are going to celebrate our golden anniversary on Nov. 12, 1997 in the Bay Area with a reception for library school students, a program to honor our anniversary and a celebration dinner. Invitations will be sent to all members.

—*Andrea Woodruff*

HELP! We need to locate the following former NCNMLG presidents to help us celebrate NCNMLG's 50th anniversary. Any information/leads gratefully received. Since the date for the celebration is November 12, we need a response by mid-October. Send information to:

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Copy for the November/December newsletter is due by the **1st of November.**

# CALENDAR CALENDAR CALENDAR

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	15	Paper/poster abstracts deadline for Joint Meeting—Tucson
	15	Union List of Serials available for purchase
	18	Fall Board meeting and program
	1-31	NCNMLG Awards & Honors nominations accepted
<b>OCTOBER</b>	1-31	Medical Librarians month—celebrate!
	28	Fall CE class
	15	Nominating Cmtte. begins work on 1998 slate of officers
	1-31	NCNMLG Awards & Honors nominations accepted
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	1	Copy deadline for November/December Newsletter
	1	MLA Honors nominations due
	15	Newsletter mailed
	12	Chapter's 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary date—program
	15-18	CLA meeting—Pasadena
	TBA	Officer and committee reports due for MLA mid-winter report
<b>DECEMBER</b>	1	MLA Scholarships and Grants applications due
	15	Deadline for nominations to Awards & Honors Committee
	TBA	Deadline for acceptance of papers/posters to Joint Meeting
<b>JANUARY</b>	1	Copy deadline for January/February Newsletter
	15	Newsletter mailed
	15	Nominating Committee completes NCNMLG slate of officers
	TBA	Joint Meeting pre-registration deadline
	Mid-month	Winter Board meeting and program
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	12-14	NCNMLG/MLGSCA Joint Meeting, Tucson, AZ
	14?	Nomination of chapter officers at Joint Meeting
	17	Ballots mailed for election of NCNMLG officers

## ***NEW MEMBERS***

List of 9 New Members/Member Changes as of 9/4/97 (listed in order by last name)

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## ***DON'T PROCRASTINATE!***

Please find the renewal notice that we sent you and carefully review your membership record. Dues are due **October 31st!**

On your membership record, please be sure to indicate whether you: a) want your home address included in the printed directory; b) want your name/phone/e-mail to appear on the NCNMLG Webpage; c) are a library science student; d) want to be a mentor or a mentee

Make out a \$15 check payable to NCNMLG.

Mail check and record ASAP to:  
NCNMLG Membership Committee  
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If you have not received your membership record, please contact James Liu at (415) 725-4579 or [james@krypton.stanford.edu](mailto:james@krypton.stanford.edu).

# **TRANSITIONAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

NCNMLG Board Members, Committee and Task Force Chairs met on June 20, 1997 at Hs Lordship Restaurant in the Berkeley Marina for the annual NCNMLG Transitional Meeting. What follows are minutes for the meeting.

**Present:** Mary Buttner, Maria Feng, Terry Henner, James Liu, Betty Moore, Terri Malmgren, Nancy Mangum, Patrick Newell, Michael Newman, Janice Perlman-Stites, Laurie Potter, Justine Roberts, Tilly Roche, Sara Pimental, Rochelle Schmalz, Anne Shew, Dorrie Slutsker, Debbie Sommer, Gerald Saunders, Jane Thomsen, Dorothy Thurmond, Doug Varner, Gloria Won, Beth Weil, Andrea Woodruff.

## **I. Welcome, Acknowledgments, Transition to New Chair**

1. 1996/1997 President, Laurie Potter, opened the meeting at 9:55 a.m., welcoming those in attendance. She handed out a certificate of appreciation and gift to each of the officers and committee chairs on the Board including: Dorothy Thurmond, Rochelle Schmalz, Gerald Saunders, Debbie Sommers, Sara Pimental, Angela Wesling (in absentia), Heidi Heilemann (in absentia), Terri Malmgren, Michael Newman, Nancy Zinn (in absentia), Justine Roberts, Dorrie Slutsker, Jane Thomsen, Dorothy Spencer (in absentia), Anne Shew, Mary Buttner, Patrick Newell, Ron Schultz (in absentia), Beth Weil (in absentia), Kim Schwartz (in absentia), Peggy Tahir (in absentia), Maria Feng, Valeria Su (in absentia), Andrea Woodruff, Nancy Austin (in absentia), Billie White (in absentia), and Terry Henner.

2. Laurie Potter passed the gavel to Dorothy Thurmond, President for 1997/1998, who presented a certificate of appreciation and gift to the outgoing President for her outstanding service. The meeting was called to order and the members briefly introduced themselves.

## **II. NCNMLG/MLA 1997/98 Goals**

President Dorothy Thurmond explained that at the recent MLA Annual Meeting four categories of goals were presented by MLA as the 1997/1998 goals. Local chapters should use these as a guide for establishing their own goals for the year. A wide-ranging discussion followed on determining the NCNMLG objectives for the year.

*(For complete text of the NCNMLG 1997/98 goals as approved by the NCNMLG Board at the Transitional Meeting, please refer to the July/August Newsletter.)*

## **III. MLA Centennial**

MLA raised approximately \$58,000 for the 1997 annual meeting in Seattle. The target fundraising goal for the 1998 centennial is set at \$75,000. Discussion followed on NCNMLG contributing to MLA for the 1998 centennial effort in light of a show of support for MLA offsetting the fact that NCNMLG has made contributions in the past to MLA. Discussion led to the following resolution:

### **RESOLUTION:**

NCNMLG will make a monetary donation to MLA in honor of their 1998 Annual Meeting which will be used by them to offset the additional cost of presenting the Centennial celebration in Philadelphia. The dollar amount of our chapter gift will be voted on at a later date.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **IV. Chapter Council News**

Terri Malmgren provided an update on MLA Chapter Council business:

1. Much discussion centered around the upcoming centennial in Philadelphia, specifically the development and distribution of promotional materials and the development of a poster recognizing the event which will appear on the April cover of the *Bulletin of the Medical Library Association*.

2. MLA presented a bylaws amendment of Article XI-section 6 at the Annual Meeting in Seattle and there will be a ballot vote taken from the general membership sometime this summer. The current bylaw states that officers of Chairs and Sections & Chairs of Chapter and Section Committees shall be MLA members (voting members). If passed, the revised bylaw would require that only Chairs of Chapter and Section *Standing Committees* be MLA members, thereby permitting non-MLA members to Chair chapter *ad hoc committees* and *task forces*. MLA proposed an update to Special Rules of Order #5 "Continued Recognition of Chapters and Sections" and this was voted on and passed by the membership at the Annual Meeting in Seattle. MLA has had a compliance requirement that chapters must maintain a membership of MLA voting members equal to one-half of the association's voting members. MLA proposed dropping this requirement because the original MLA petition has been lost and therefore the base number necessary for calculation is not available, thus making this requirement invalid. This amendment was voted on at MLA and passed

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and became effective immediately. Our chapter bylaws will be updated to reflect this change by MLA.

## V. Union List of Serials

1. Dorothy Thurmond moderated this discussion in Tonya Kraft's absence. Tonya Kraft will continue as the Union List Committee chair. The main question to the Group was whether to pay a one-time fee of between \$50-\$150 to have Region 6 "map" our tier coding system (4GUTTMAN) to the corresponding SERHOLD ID coded (SES) for the new printed Union List for the purpose of identifying the library listing. If we don't tie these codes together, then the only identifier for the institution will be the SERHOLD ID code, which will be vague at best. Discussion ensued leading to the following resolution:

### RESOLUTION:

NCNMLG will pay a one-time fee to Region 6 of between \$50 - \$150 to have a customized "map" of each library's tier code to the matching SERHOLD number to make the identification of libraries easier in the new Union List of Serials.

Results: 5 yes, 0 oppose, 2 abstentions.  
Motion passes.

Tonya Kraft will contact Region 6 to request that this special feature be included in our printed Union List of Serials.

2. The Directory of Participants disk will be updated by Tonya Kraft prior to further enhancement.
3. The new edition of the NCNMLG Union List of Serials will be printed and available in September.
4. The budget for the project was discussed. The following figures were used as a rough estimate, and may be revised as follows:

### Budget:

Total number of copies to be printed:	150
Estimated total cost:	\$2,300
Proposed individual cost/list:	\$15.30
Proposed member, union list participant:	\$50.00 plus tax
Proposed member, non-union list participant:	\$80.00 plus tax
Proposed non-member, non-union list participant:	\$100.00 plus tax

## VI. Chapter's 50-Year Celebration

Celebration has tentatively been set for date in November with a specific date to be set later in the day's agenda. Discussion focused on the nature of the event and ways to commemorate the celebration. The celebration will be primarily a social event with presentation of the chapter history as slated at the major component of the program. Special invitations would be sent to honorary members, emeritus members, and past presidents. T-shirts were suggested and a special effort will be made to contact past presidents who are no longer members of NCNMLG.

Meeting called to recess by Dorothy Thurmond at 12:00 noon for lunch.

Meeting called to order by Dorothy Thurmond at 1:00 p.m.

## VII. Unfinished Business

1. Dorothy Thurmond showed the Board the certificate of the 1997 MLA Chapter of the Year Award that was presented to NCNMLG at the MLA Annual Meeting in Seattle. The award was for the creation of NCNWeb by our Electronic Resources Committee: Patrick Newell, Mary Buttner, and Heidi Heilemann. We were the first chapter to have a web page. The award, which includes a \$500 prize, was sponsored by Majors Scientific Books. After showing the certificate to the Board, it was passed on to the ERC who will forward it to Nancy Zinn, Archivist.
2. Gerald Saunders proposed that meeting minutes be distributed by e-mail to the board and chairs for preliminary approval to be completed within 2 weeks of original transmission date.
3. Dorrie Slutsker reported that a bylaws revision would be necessary in order to allow members to vote by electronic means.
4. Laurie Potter proposed a motion to approve the minutes of the March 26th business meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Rochelle Schmalz and Dorothy Thurmond discussed modifications to the membership and fee structure proposed at a previous business meeting. At the November 7, 1995 business meeting, a resolution was passed defining the membership categories and fee structures. This resolution became problematic and so at the November 7, 1996 Board meeting further clarification was requested on 6 points and the Ad-hoc Committee was charged with

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reporting back on these items at the next Board meeting. As of the Transition Meeting, however, clarification of the 6 points still remained unfinished business. Therefore, notice was given at the 1997 Transition Meeting that the original motion would be rescinded at the September 1997 Board meeting in order to nullify it. In its place a detailed Fee Policy, drafted by Laurie Potter, Janice Perlman-Stites, and Dorothy Thurmond will be proposed to clarify issues regarding membership services and our fee structure. A **draft** policy was distributed to give Board members time to review it before the September vote. Rochelle Schmalz indicated the new proposal will clarify issues regarding membership categories and institutional fee structures.

6. Maria Feng discussed planning a library school reception to promote NCNMLG and MLA. A library school reception will be scheduled for 1997. Suggestions followed relating a tie-in between the 50-year celebration and the student reception. This would allow for information about NCNMLG, its history, and its future directions to be presented to potential members. In addition, this forum would facilitate informal discussion between library school students and NCNMLG members. A further suggestion was put forth to establish a differential fee structure for students at a discounted rate for dinner and program admission charges. Attendance would be directed at library school students and students in 2-year paraprofessional programs. Collaboration will begin with the Paraprofessional Committee to coordinate publicity and planning. Members felt a joint meeting such as proposed would significantly boost attendance at the 50th anniversary celebration. Maria Feng also presented the fact that 39 NCNMLG members are interested in participating in the mentorship program.

### VIII. Joint Meeting 1999

Discussion commenced on establishing a location for the 1999 Joint NCNMLG/MLGSCA meeting slated for a Northern California venue. Dorothy Thurmond has been in communication with Elizabeth Mason, President of a San Jose area consortium of medical libraries, regarding hosting the meeting in San Jose and her willingness to chair the local Hospitality Committee. One proposed location for the meeting would be the Fairmont Hotel located in downtown San Jose near many San Jose attractions. Other suggestions as a site for the meeting included San Francisco and Monterey. Discussion followed on the need to commence planning for this meeting immediately. We need a cohesive group of local individuals to spearhead planning and coordination for the event and to solicit volunteers for the effort through e-mail listservs and newsletter announcements.

### IX. 1997 Calendar

1. Laurie Potter proposed that tentative approval be granted to meeting minutes via e-mail followed by publication in the newsletter and formal approval at the next board meeting. This would allow for timely publication of the minutes in the newsletter.
2. Budget forecasts will be mailed out by Treasurer Tilly Roche on July 1 and are to be submitted to her by August 4, 1997.
3. Board meetings and programs were set for September and November 1997, January and March 1998 with the September 1997 program and meeting tentatively set for the week of September 16th.
4. Nancy Magnum reported the fall Continuing Education course will be set for mid-October with the speaker to be determined.
5. The 50th-year anniversary celebration is scheduled for November 12, 1997.
6. Other scheduling items discussed:
  - July 1997: Union List participant directory information due.
  - July 31, 1997: Membership fees due.
  - September 1997: Union List of Serials available for purchase.
  - November 1, 1997: MLA Awards and Honors nominations due.
  - November 1997: Mid-year officer and committee reports due for MLA.
  - February 1998: Business meeting will coincide with the Joint meeting in Tucson.
  - March 15, 1998: Annual reports due for MLA.
  - April 1998: National Library Week/Special Librarians Day will be coordinated with a continuing education course.
  - May 1998: MLA meeting in Philadelphia will include a presentation on NCNMLG history.

### X. Other Business

1. Dorothy Thurmond will write a column in the NCNMLG newsletter encouraging volunteer participation in NCNMLG.
2. NCNMLG officers will receive an official letter of recognition from NCNMLG addressed to officers' supervisors acknowledging their contributions to the profession and the recognition received from the officers from peers by virtue of being voted into their respective positions.

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# JOINT MEETING OF MLGSCA & NCNMLG

February 12-14, 1998

The DoubleTree Hotel at Reid Park

Tucson, Arizona

Website: <http://ahsl.arizona.edu/infinitevistas>

“INFINITE VISTAS: CREATING THE FUTURE,  
CELEBRATING THE PAST”

3. James Liu reviewed findings of a survey study soliciting information from NCNMLG members regarding electronic mail access. Results were tabulated from 170 respondents indicating 43% of members are on the listserv. Total number of NCNMLG members is currently at 300. Non-NCNMLG members are also on the listserv. Listserv membership is now open to allow flexibility for individuals to subscribe or unsubscribe as desired. Discussion followed on the development of a selective reflector which would allow all board members to send “official” information and communications only to NCNMLG members. In addition, a proposal was suggested to subscribe all NCNMLG members. The Electronic Resources Committee in collaboration with the Membership Committee will explore the membership subscription issue. The Electronic Resources Committee will work on development of selective reflector and listserv policy development which will be presented at the September Board meeting.

4. A communication from Nancy Zinn was presented at the meeting requesting all NCNMLG documents older than 3 years to be sent to her for incorporation in the NCNMLG archives.

## XI. Annual Report Presentation

1. Annual reports from committee chairs and officers were distributed and reviewed by attendees.

2. The Treasurer’s report was discussed with the following points raised:

- coupon liability is down.
- Treasurer’s report and supporting records

will be audited following receipt of all FY statements. Bidding with several auditors will commence with the Treasurer authorized to proceed with the audit and allow for a audit service charge fee in the amount of no more than \$1500.00.

## XII. Meeting was adjourned by Dorothy Thurmond at 3:25 p.m.

## XIII. Transition of Outgoing/Incoming Officers

Informal meetings between incoming and outgoing officers as well as assembly of new committee members commenced following adjournment of official meeting and concluded at approximately 4:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Douglas L. Varner, Secretary*

### DIGITAL LIBRARIES

There will be a plenary session on digital libraries with a panel that includes Susan Starr, currently Library Planning and Action Initiative Coordinator at the University of California, Office of the President, and Wayne Peay, Director of the Eccles Health Sciences Library, University of Utah.

### ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

Alternative and integrative medicine will be represented in a plenary session and elsewhere in the program.

### LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

Barbara Peters, owner of The Poisoned Pen Book Shop in Scottsdale, Arizona, will feature one of her mystery authors at our luncheon on Thursday!

### SPECIAL EVENTS

An exciting special evening event is planned for Thursday—a night out in the old West.

### ROUNDTABLES

Topics will include: ‘publishing e-zines’; ‘digital consortia (AZHIN—Arizona Health Information Network)’; ‘developing an intranet’; ‘benchmarking’; ‘fundraising for libraries’; ‘developing a customer health center’; ‘developing your institution’s webpage’.

Anyone interested in conducting a roundtable or any suggestions for a topic, please contact Kathy Bilko at [kathybil@samaritan.edu](mailto:kathybil@samaritan.edu) or (602) 835-3024.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

Saturday, February 14 full-day classes:

“Evidence-Based Medicine for Librarians: Panning for Gold”  
Instructor: Cindy Walker-Dilks, Research Librarian at McMaster University

“The Web as a Research Tool”

Instructor: Laura Larsson, Health Services Information Center, University of Washington Regional Medical Center, Seattle. Hands-on time will be offered.

Saturday, February 14 half-day classes:

“Consumer Health Libraries and Information Sources”

Instructor: Mary Beth Train, Librarian at The Health Library, a community service of Stanford University Hospital.

“Web Interfaces to the NLM Databases”

Instructor: Janice Contini, Head of Reference, Louise Darling Biomedical Library, UCLA

## Registration

Pre-registration packets will go out in early to mid-November with a deadline for preregistration of **January 5, 1998**.

## Call for Papers and Posters

Detailed information on submission of papers and posters may be found on the Joint Meeting Web Page.

*Visit the Website for a continual update to the Joint Meeting events.*

—*Donna Geromotta*  
*Publicity Chair for the Joint Meeting*

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## ***ELECTRONIC RESOURCE LICENSING ISSUES***

On October 28, 1997, NCNMLG will present “Electronic Resources Licensing Issues—Beyond Copyright—What You Need to Know in the Digital Age!” The workshop will be held at the Stanford University Medical School, Room M-108, from 9am - 4:30pm.

Do you have CD-ROM’s in your library? Do your patrons dial in to use any of your resources? How do you know they are your patrons? Are you trying to negotiate consortium rates for electronic resources? Have you ever tried to interlibrary loan a journal available only in electronic format?

What about the archiving of e-journals? Does your license agreement entitle you to keep the data or are you only buying “access” to current data? What happens if you cancel your contract? Will the publishers commit to archiving the data? Who will own this data?

What about reuse of data? With bibliographic managers like Endnote and Reference Manager becoming increasingly popular, individuals and libraries are creating their own databases of citations for local use—is this legal?

These are examples of electronic resources licensing issues. Publishers want to negotiate site licenses for databases and electronic journals. They will be actively marketing these services and products, and our patrons will want them. We have to know the issues.

In the good old days, all we had to worry about was mastering the Copyright Law. We would acquire a book or a journal, post and monitor a “fair-use” photocopy policy, and go on about our business. Now disks arrive; we become connected with online sources. And with each delivery of digital information, there arrives a set of licensing terms. Each

contains its own private “copyright” terms imposed by contract. And, we suddenly appreciate how simple life was!

How will these licenses affect us and our patrons and the information we can deliver? How does the Copyright Law differ from contract law?

Please join us for what promises to be a practical, educational, and entertaining workshop on life in the digital age and how to get the most for your money and your library! This is a chance to learn from and ask two experts in the field.

This workshop will give us the basics and answer questions such as: What is a digital license? What is it supposed to accomplish? What are the meanings of its essential terms? What is the nature of the contract process, and how does this affect Copyright Law and standards?

Laurie Thompson, MLS, and Harry Youtt, JD will also give us methods to develop an information-delivery needs model for our own libraries, and with it, measure the “pinch-points” that a proposed digital license will inflict upon the delivery of information. They will teach us how to negotiate license revisions to maximize returns for both our libraries and patrons.

They will feature a session on how to conduct effective negotiations, which will include a role-playing dialogue between the instructors. They will also discuss warranty and security clauses, privacy and confidentiality protection, and alternative means of dispute resolution.

Laurie Thompson is Acting Director of Library Administration and Systems at Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library at George Washington University, Washington, DC. She has been a speaker, consultant, and instructor on issues of technology and digital licensing and was recently a representative to the national CONFU Committee on Educational Fair Use of Digital Images. She has served in many capacities in both ALA and MLA, including chairing the Committee on Continuing Education. She is a distinguished member of AHIP. She and Harry Youtt presented “Archives on Disk: Practical and Legal Ramifications of the Private Digital Collection” at MLA in Seattle this year.

Harry Youtt combines expertise in both the legal and computer fields. In private practice, he has specialized in intellectual property litigation. He has been a professor of law, and is currently a speaker and consultant in matters involving electronic rights and intellectual property issues. He also is an instructor for the UCLA Writers Program. Among his many other accomplishments is designing/writing the website for the ABC/David Kelley prime time series, “The Practice” — check it out at <http://www.thepractice.com>.

## **GEEK SPEAK**

### ***Your Questions Answered Here!***

Have you been wondering about which HTML editor to use or which search engine to select when searching the web for medical information? Been wondering what binhex is and why you can't read items sent to you which have been "binhex encoded"? Trying to set up a web presence on a commercial Internet provider for your library? Wondering if your library should have an ISDN connection? If so, members of NCNMLG may have answers to your questions.

In order to help the membership share their knowledge of technological issues, the Electronic Resources Committee will be organizing a column in the newsletter designed to answer questions the membership has about computers, the web, and technology in general. We will also be archiving questions and answers on NCNWeb in order to create a resource for members. No question is too basic. Remember the old saying that every time you have a question there are probably a few others who have been wondering about the same thing!

Simply submit your questions to:  
<ncnweb@krypton.stanford.edu>.

If you do not have an e-mail account, call Heidi Heilemann who will direct your question to the ERC's team of NCNMLG members who can help answer your question. Your questions will be answered in the GEEK SPEAK column of the NCNMLG newsletter and will also appear on NCNWeb.

If you are interested in helping answer technology-related questions, please contact the Electronic Resources Committee at <ncnweb@krypton.stanford.edu>. You are promised an overwhelming sense of satisfaction for helping out other NCNMLG members and the knowledge that members of the ERC will feed you chocolate at NCNMLG gatherings.

—Heidi Heilemann, ERC Committee

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## ***NCNMLG AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE***

The purpose of this award is to recognize an NCNMLG member for significant contributions to NCNMLG and to health sciences librarianship. Contact Betty Moore, chair of the committee, at (209) 385-7051 for more information. A nomination form is available in the July/August 1997 newsletter. **DEADLINE for nomination is December 15, 1997.**

## **MLA BYLAWS REVISED**

In the last issue of the newsletter, I reported on the following bylaws changes:

- \* Elimination of the requirement that a chapter for a period of three consecutive years must maintain a membership of MLA Voting Members equal to one-half of the **association's** Voting Members within the chapter's boundaries.
- \* Change of the requirement that only Voting Members of the association may serve as chairs of chapter committees. This new requirement provides that only Voting Members of the association may serve as chairs of chapter and section standing committees, thereby permitting non-MLA members to chair chapter ad hoc committees and task forces.

The first of these passed at the Business Session I Meeting, on Sunday, May 25, 10:30-noon, at the 1997 Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA. The second amendment required a written ballot which was mailed to MLA members earlier this summer. The change to the bylaws Article XI. Section 6. to read "officers of Chapters and Sections and Chairs of Chapter and Section Standing Committees shall be voting members of the Association" was approved by the membership. The vote was:

yes 1,426          no 184          spoiled 3

Thanks to all of you for getting out the vote to pass these amendments to the MLA Bylaws. These changes should give us more flexibility in terms of non-MLA member participation in chapter activities as chairs of ad hoc committees or subcommittees and task forces.

—Heidi Heilemann

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## ***NCNMLG UNION LIST 7TH EDITION GOES TO PRESS***

The 1997 print edition of NCNMLG's Union List of Serials is expected to ship in late November. All directory entries have been updated with current contact information and coupon charges. For the first time, the Union List Participant Directory will include indexes sorted by institution name, LIBID and SERHOLD code as well as the traditional NCNMLG code listing.

To order your copy of the 1997 Union List, please complete the accompanying order form. Be sure to enclose a self-addressed mailing label along with your check made payable to NCNMLG.



## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Information Services Librarian**

The San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center invites applications for the position of Information Services Librarian. This is a University of California San Francisco position based at the Barnett-Briggs Medical Library, San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center. For more information about the Library, consult our Web Site at: <<http://sfghdean.ucsf.edu/barnett/index.htm>>.

Responsibilities: Maintain fully-equipped, networked Microcomputer Center in a health sciences library; teach classes on Internet, World Wide Web, HTML and other computer-related topics; analyze software and hardware needs; maintain collection development of computer-related materials (print and electronic); provide end-user technical support; prepare user documentation and training materials; assist in planning and evaluation of library services; recommend emerging information technologies; provide reference/research consultation services.

Requirements: ALA-accredited Masters degree in Library/Information Science; minimum 3 years post-MLS professional experience; technical expertise in Windows 95 and Macintosh operating systems and applications, Internet, HTML and computer networks; excellent training, presentation and documentation proficiency; experience doing mediated searches on health topics; strong interpersonal communication skills; and demonstrated ability to work effectively with patrons.

Preferred: TCP/IP, Novell Netware, UNIX, desktop publishing. Reference experience in a health sciences library and Melvyl Medline searching skills.

Salary/Benefits: Salary \$33,300 - \$49,900 commensurate with experience and skills. Standard University of California benefits.

Application Deadline: Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Send letter of application, resume and names of three references to:

Joan Fierberg, Library Manager  
Barnett-Briggs Medical Library  
San Francisco General Hospital  
1001 Potrero Ave., Bldg. 30  
San Francisco, CA 94110

The University of California San Francisco is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

## **DIRECTIONS FOR NCNMLG LISTSERV**

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Everyone is encouraged to subscribe to either or both of these lists. They are very low-volume lists designed for communication of important information from NCNMLG to its members. They won't fill your mailbox with too many messages. The only time you will need to unsubscribe is when your e-mail number changes. In this case two actions are necessary. You will need to unsubscribe your old e-mail number and then subscribe the new number. This keeps our listserv current!

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## **NCNWEB and MLANET**

Visit <<http://www-ncnmlg.stanford.edu:5000>> our chapter's *award-winning* Web site! It contains information about the membership, a calendar of events, publications, the chapter constitution and bylaws, chapter history, and a membership application form.

Also, be sure to visit MLA's new home page on the Web at <<http://www.kumc.edu/MLA>>. It contains information on MLA as well as a hot link to our chapter Web page.

# ***DRAFT AGENDA***

## ***Fall Board Meeting***

### ***UCSF***

***September 18, 1997***

- 1.0 Call to order/Approve minutes of June 20, 1997 (Dorothy T)
- 2.0 Introduce new cmtte appointees (Credential.; Jt. Mtg; Parliamentarian; Public Relations) (Dorothy)
- 3.0 Unfinished business:
  - 3.1 Membership Categories: rescind
  - 3.2 Fee Policy: discuss & vote (Dorothy)
  - 3.3 Contribution to MLA's Centennial Celebration: discuss \$ amount & vote (Dorothy)
- 4.0 Public Relations Committee: poster and press release (Janie G. & ERC)
- 5.0 MLA Chapter Council: chapter poster for MLA's centennial—May 1998 discussion (Heidi H)
- 6.0 Program report: Sept. numbers & Nov. plans (Andrea W) + Chapter history Nov. mtg (Nancy Z)
- 7.0 Treasurer's report: (Tilly R)
  - 7.1 Audit of 1996/97 books—discussion
  - 7.2 1997/98 draft budget & vote
- 8.0 Union List of Serials Committee: update on project (Dorothy)
- 9.0 Honorary Membership nominee approve (Dorrie S)
- 10.0 Membership Committee: mailing list policy revision (James L)
- 11.0 Electronic Resources Committee: (Patrick N./ Mary B.)
  - 11.1 NCNWeb re-design + poster
  - 11.2 Selective reflector and listserv policy development
  - 11.3 E-mail attachments—recommendation of uniform way to send
- 12.0 CE Committee: October class (Nancy M)
- 13.0 Bylaws Committee: bylaws revision (Dorrie S)
- 14.0 Joint Meeting Planning Committee: update (Brian W.)
- 15.0 Research Committee: proposed chapter project (Terry H)
- 16.0 Announcements/New Business
- 17.0 Adjournment

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