

**MCMLA Research Committee
2007-2008 Annual Report**

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The committee met monthly throughout the year via Skype. It had a productive year, accomplishing almost all of its priorities! Towards the end of the year Judy Feintuch regretfully resigned from the committee due to downsizing of staff at her hospital giving her additional responsibilities. The budget for the year covered expenses for the Skype account, research awards and flash drives.

The committee accepted an additional activity and assisted the MCMLA 2009 program committee. The committee developed criteria for submitting poster and paper abstracts for the annual meeting and then reviewed the submissions.

Priorities for 2007- 2008

1.
Inform ourselves about the research process by producing a research wiki with the following content: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sample templates of questions○ Basic information on how to analyze data (simple statistics)○ Basic information about how to publish○ Guidance on how to use language that administrators will understand○ Bibliography on how to do research and on successful projects. <p><i>Brenda Pfannenstiel's Research 101 class material has been added to the wiki. There was interest in working with the MLA Research Section on this. Nothing has been finalized.</i></p>
2.
Complete paper on the Journal Club experiment done in 2005-2006. <p><i>Susan Sanders is in the final editing phase of an article describing the use of different communication methods in holding a journal club. The committee members supported Susan through this process by reviewing her drafts. The next step is to find a journal to publish it. It will be submitted first to JMLA.</i></p>
3.

<p>Provide support for MLA's Benchmarking project. <i>Flash drives were ordered and were sent out to 35 members to reward them for participating in project. This was an additional budget item approved by the MCMLA executive committee. Members contacted hospital librarians in their states to encourage participation.</i></p>
4.
<p>Recommend that the MCMLA annual meeting CE committee offer a workshop on collecting and using statistics. <i>Critical appraisal taught by Connie Schardt was successfully recommended for the MCMLA 2008 annual meeting program by Liz Burns.</i></p>
5.
<p>Maintain the MCMLA Research Committee website. <i>The web site has been maintained by Roz Dudden. Under Susan Sanders coordination, the content from the committee's web site is being moved to a wiki. http://mcmlaresearch.pbwiki.com/</i></p>
6.
<p>Mentor our colleagues about the research process, encouraging them to turn a research project into a poster or paper. <i>Barb Jones and Cam Gentry facilitated a session held with some of the participants who had completed projects for the "Marketing as if Your Library Depended on It" workshop where they shared what they had learned about needs assessment.</i></p>
7.
<p>Award two research awards at MCMLA 2008 in Cody WY <i>Claire Hamasu, Barb Jones and Judy Feintuch reviewed and selected the paper and poster abstracts to be presented at the annual meeting. Susan Sanders recruited judges for posters and papers. Cam Gentry and Claire Hamasu will lead the judges and determine which paper and poster will receive the best research award. The award ceremony is scheduled during the last plenary session of the meeting.</i></p>