

Minutes
 MCMLA Research Committee Meeting
 09/18/05
 Meeting Room B, University Guest House, Salt Lake City, Utah

Present:

Betsy Kelly
 Roz Dudden
 Jeanne LeBer
 Whitney Davison-Turley
 Cindy Schmidt

The meeting began at 7:30 AM.

1. Committee members spent the first portion of the meeting determining which posters and presentations met the eligibility criteria for the NNLM's Research Awards. Members then volunteered to judge posters and papers/presentations as follows:

Session	Betsy	Jeanne	Whitney	Roz	Cindy
Paper A		X			X
Paper B				X	
Poster East	X	X			
Poster West	X		X		

Any paper or poster judged by its author had been deemed ineligible for the research award prior to the judging assignment.

A time was set for discussing the results of poster and paper judging and designation of awardees.

2. The committee decided that the Research Awards should be promoted through the listserv beginning soon after the MCMLA annual meeting. This would provide more time for MCMLA members to plan research projects. The call for posters and presentations should ideally also include mention of the awards the website where the eligibility and judging criteria are posted.

3. _____ suggested conducting a survey to determine why those MCMLA-members who submitted research paper proposals or research poster proposals for the 2005 meeting had done so. Were they influenced by the availability of awards? A survey was planned. We decided to distribute a survey to all those submitting proposals to the 2005 meeting. Jeanne LeBer volunteered to write the survey and distribute it to Committee members by e-mail for comments. The potential use of Survey Monkey was discussed.

4. The journal clubs that will be led by Whitney and Michelle were also discussed. On 9/17, the MCMLA Executive Committee approved payment of CE fees for two of the journal clubs. Whitney had mentioned to the Executive Committee that the e-mail group was full. The Executive Committee had asked whether a second e-mail group would be opened up if the chat group didn't gain any members. The Research Committee discussed this issue. In the end, we felt that we wished to preserve the research design planned for the project. Cindy said she would be glad to participate in the Chat group and thought Roxanne Cox would also sign-up.

5. _____ brought up the need to create a database containing the chapter's 'grey literature,' especially our poster and paper abstracts. Another MLA chapter has created such a database already. Whitney Davison-Turley felt that this project might be welcomed by her library's director, Karen Cole, as a useful project for some of the paraprofessional, assistant librarians. Whitney will discuss the project with Karen.

6. The NLM/NIH grant application submitted by Cindy was discussed. The possible initial dates for funding decisions, funding and hospital recruitment were discussed.

7. Next year's MCMLA Research Committee membership roster was discussed, especially the need to fill the vacancy left by Sarah Beck Kirby's resignation.

The meeting was adjourned.