

**MCMLA Research Committee**  
**Wednesday, November 28, 2007 2pm MT, 3pm CT**  
**Skype**

**Attending:** Liz Burns, Camillia Gentry, Claire Hamasu (Chair), Susan Sanders  
**Absent:** Judy Feintuch, Barb Jones

**TO DO:**

- Claire to send research award winners to Roz to be put up on the committee web site
- Claire to send project summaries for discussion at next meeting
- Members to verify their information on the committee web site. Changes go to Roz

**Next Meeting**

December 12, 2007 2pm MT, 3pm CT

**Agenda**

**1. Welcome**

Claire thanked all the members who were able to attend the meeting on a non-scheduled date. She confirmed with the members that this would be a working committee and asked that people be assertive in voicing their ideas and options.

**2. Activities for 2007 -2008**

Members were asked to speak about activities that they thought should be priorities for the meeting this year. This information will be sent to Jerry Carlson by the end of the month.

Priorities for the research committee for the year 2007-2008 are:

1. Maintain the MCMLA Research Committee website.
2. Inform ourselves about the research process by producing a research wiki.
  - a. Use the content for Brenda Pfannenstiel's class
  - b. Committee members augment the class content
3. Mentor our colleagues about the research process, encouraging them to turn a research project into a poster or paper.
  - a. Claire suggested that members who worked on projects for the *Marketing as if Your Library Depends on It* workshop would be a good group to mentor. They've begun the research since for their marketing project they did an assessment.
4. Recommend to the MCMLA annual meeting CE committee workshop on collecting and using statistics.

Liz started the discussion started with the idea of offering an advanced research class. Several classes were mentioned:

- Roz took a class on critical appraisal taught by Connie Schardt
- Evidence-Based Library and Information Practice (EBLIP) taught by Jon Eldredge
- A moodle class on interpreting statistics also taught by Jon Eldredge

- The discussion then evolved to a more specific aspect of research--statistics.
5. Award two research awards at MCMLA 2008 in Cody WY
  6. Provide support for MLA's Benchmarking project.
    - a. Cam did a 15 minute presentation at the Kansas Biomedical Libraries meeting last week.
    - b. The Utah Health Sciences Librarians Consortia meeting is next week. Claire will promote participation at that meeting.
    - c. Roz reminded everyone that the deadline for submissions is December 31, 2007
  7. Complete paper on the Journal Club experiment done in 2005-2006.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm MT, 3:35 pm CT