

MCMLA Research Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 25; 12:00-1:00 p.m. (MT); 1:00-2:00 p.m. (CT)
Met via Skype conferencing and SkypeOut

Attending: Liz Burns, Roz Dudden, Judy Feintuch, Claire Hamasu, Barb Jones, Jeanne Le Ber, Susan Sanders

Skype and SkypeOut Connections: Worked very well – some background noise, but all could hear and talk

Agenda:

1. **MLA Research Chapters**

5 of 13 chapters have a Research Committee; and two of those are in the formative stage. The Medical Library Group of So. California and Arizona and the South Center and Southern Chapter have strong programs with a statement of purpose. **The Midwest Chapter does not have a research committee.**

Roz suggested that the Midcontinental Chapter invite members of the Midwest Chapter to attend our business meeting at the Omaha meeting; this could be done with an article or announcement on their listserv – or on our website. The purpose would be to generate interest for them in forming such a committee.

The committee accepted and Roz posted a statement of purpose on our Research Web page.

2. **2008 Cody MCMLA Meeting – October 3-7, 2008**

Theme: Open Spaces; Frontier Places

Program Planner: Mary Henning is the (307-766-6537)

Mary is open to our providing a potential CE class related to research and/or a program.

Susan will continue to think this one over. She plans to make contact with Kathy Pearly (LS instructor at Emporia State) and a few others to flush this idea out. Identifying chapter members with this expertise would help avoid the expense of bring in a speaker from outside our region. The idea would be to get a “panel of experts” that could stimulate members to do research. “How can I get started?” “How do I present research findings?” etc. The committee will also provide some input. (Jeanne will contact Susan in mid-May.)

3. **Susan** has met with Whitney and Michelle about the Journal Club format study that was done a couple of years ago. Susan has all the original surveys and will go ahead and write an article for the next issue of the **MCMLA Express**. Our committee offered their editing expertise; and Judy was willing to help with the writing.

4. Progress with **MCMLA Research** website update; Roz has worked with Russ Moniker to gain access to the MCMLA website server. Roz has made a few edits

to the page and will return to this task in June (after all the national meetings she is attending; EBM and MLA). Claire offered to help; and the committee will be available to help as well.

5. MCMLA program submissions

Jeanne is still waiting to hear from Siobhan about the MCMLA 2007 program submissions. Hopefully before our June meeting we will have abstracts to review and mentor.

6. Benchmarking – Roz indicated that there is nothing going on with benchmarking at this time; there will be a meeting at MLA in May.

7. Other: Barb Jones mentioned a couple of things that are going on with the value of hospital libraries study and the potential for a region-wide study. Barb knows that she can ask the committee for help if she needs it this summer.

8. Reviewed progress with committee goals for 2006-2007

9. Task assignments

- a. **Ros Dudden:** is leading the effort to update the MCMLA Research website
- b. **All Committee Members:** Will become familiar with the research process in order to advise and critique presenters.

10. Next meeting date:

Date: Wed, May 30

Time: 12:45 (MT) and 1:45 (CT)

11. Future meeting dates

Time: 1:15-2:15 p.m. (MT) (2:15-3:15 CT)

June 20 July 25 Aug 29 Sept 19 Omaha

Minutes submitted by JML – April 25, 2007

Goals for 2006-2007

1. Identify a set of core questions related to the value of hospital libraries; this will lead to a region wide study on the importance of information provided by the hospital library.
2. Review and update the **MCMLA Research Committee website**.
3. Ask MCMLA for a **budget of \$250** to fund two research awards to be given at the MCMLA meeting in Omaha (one for a poster and one for a paper).
4. Inform ourselves about the **research process**
5. Mentor our colleagues about the research process, encouraging them to turn a poster or paper into a research project.
6. **Award two research awards** at MCMLA 2007 in Omaha
7. **Hold monthly meetings.**
We agreed to meet the 4th Wednesday of every month from 1:15-2:15 via some phone

conferencing method. We are hoping that a combination of Skype and phone will work.

8. For **MCMLA 2007** do a poster about the research process (informational). For **MCMLA 2008** do a research poster about how we assisted conference submitters turn their submissions into a research report. (Essentially a report on what we do this coming year.)
9. Provide support for MLA's Benchmarking project.
10. Encourage former MCMLA Research Committee members to do a research paper/poster on the Journal Club experiment done in 2005-2006.
11. Sponsor a journal club that focuses on research (how to conduct, impact, etc) for members of the region. (added and related to Barb's #1)

MCMLA Research Committee – Statement of Purpose:

The Research Committee encourages MCMLA chapter members to engage in research activities by providing mentorship and support. The Committee advertises the availability of an annual award for the best paper and best poster that is presented at the annual chapter meeting. The judging of the work is performed by committee members based on published criteria. In order to cultivate the research process, the committee's website provides links to resources, classes, services and committee business as a way to improve the knowledge and skills needed to perform and present research.