

**MCMLA Research Committee – Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 28, 2007; 1:15-2:15 p.m. (MT); 2:15-3:15 p.m. (CT)**  
**Meet via Skype conferencing and Skype out**

**Attending: Liz Burns, Roz Dudden, Judy Feintuch and Jeanne Le Ber**  
(Susan Sanders did try to attend, but we had connection issues.)

**Agenda:**

1. **Review Committee Goals** for 2006-2007 (Reprinted below)  
Barb Jones sent a note about Goal #1 (see below); without Barb's input, Jeanne rewrote the goal to read (Barb – let me know if this is OK?) – *“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.”*  
The committee discussed this item. Roz mentioned that developing a list of questions is not always simple due to HIPAA and the IRB and patient information. Judy has done surveys and not encountered these kinds of issues. But we agreed that the difficulty in doing a survey depends on the whether patient information is de-identified.

We briefly reviewed the other goals and agreed we were on track.

2. We discussed what information/links we want to provide for the **MCMLA Research Web** page.

**ACTION:**

- **Roz** will contact Russ Moniker about the procedure for updating the MCMLA Research Committee web page and then follow through with getting the page revised.
  - **All committee members** should provide Roz with links to materials they would like to see on the site.
  - **Jeanne** will ask Brenda if we can put her research class handout on the page; and follow through with locating past annual reports and award winners, etc. (contact MCMLA archives person, past chairs)
3. Our **Budget Request** for \$250 was approved. The money will be used for two research presentation awards at MCMLA 2007; one for a research poster; one for a research paper; each \$100. The rest of the money will be used for meeting communication.
  4. **ACTION:** Jeanne will write a draft poster proposal for MCMLA 2007 and get this out to the committee for review by Monday, March 5. The deadline for poster/paper submissions is March 15.
  5. MCMLA program submissions and **review the research process.** The MCMLA 2007 program committee will provide submissions to us around **April 15**. They did not want to provide the submissions before they

acknowledged acceptance to the presenter. So we will work with that date.  
**ACTION:** Roz has a template for reporting research she will share with us and link on the web page.

6. Roz had nothing to report about Benchmarking at this time. Roz did encourage people to look into the May 6-11, 2007 **4<sup>th</sup> International Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference** being held at the University of North Carolina-Durham. See <http://www.eblip4.unc.edu/> for details.
7. **ACTION:** Jeanne will contact Whitney and encourage her and former MCMLA Research Committee members who experimented with Journal Club presentation formats (chat, in-person, phone, etc.) in 2005-2006 to publish their findings (poster, paper, meeting paper, MCMLA Express, etc.)
8. **Other:** Liz mentioned that she will be assisting in teaching a 2-hour nursing research class this coming week. She will share any of the research parts with the committee.
9. **Future meeting dates:**  
**Time:** 1:15-2:15 p.m. (MT) (2:15-3:15 CT) **Dates:** I adjusted some of the meeting dates to deal with conflicts – so I hope these dates will work with the group:

March 21	May 30	Aug 29
April 25	June 20	Sept 19
	July 25	Oct 17

**Note from Barb Jones: (Feb 20, 2007)**

The HSL at the University of Missouri is currently beginning two pilot studies in clinical departments, testing a methodology that may also work for some institutions in the region. Concurrently, the MAHEC Digital Library is refining an evaluation study that has some of the same core questions as the MU HSL study. Our hope in doing this is that we will refine a set of core questions to be asked on each of the related studies elsewhere in the region, so that we will have comparable data. In other words, there may be unique questions on each survey, but each survey will ask the questions that are considered core. These questions relate to perceptions of how the information from the libraries was useful. Barb Jones will take the core questions from these studies, and incorporate them into a region wide study on the importance of information provided by the hospital library.

Also, Deb suggested that one way our committee might be helpful is to sponsor a journal club that focuses on research (how to conduct, impact, etc) for members of the region.

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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)