

MCMLA Research Committee
Wednesday, January 31, 2007; 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Met via phone conferencing

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

Agenda:

1. **Introductions:** New members of the committee include: Liz, Barb, Susan; Past members include Jeanne, Claire and Judy.

Jeanne thanked everyone for coming and asked members to introduce themselves.

2. **Goals for 2006-2007**

- a. [**Barb Jones** will rewrite goal A to more closely align with what Deb Ward and she are doing in Missouri. (To be added.) We will support and advise this effort.] Barb Jones will take the core questions from the MU HSL study, and incorporate them into a region wide study on the importance of information provided by the hospital library. The MCMLA Research Committee will sponsor a journal club that focuses on research (how to conduct, impact, etc) for members of the region.
- b. Review and update the **MCMLA Research Committee website**. **Roz Dudden** expressed interest in spear-heading this effort. We will identify some key research tools. In addition we will add a link to list past MCMLA research paper/poster award winners; Jeanne would like a **Committee Business** link that will include the minutes of meetings and an Annual Report. (This will hopefully provide some continuity as the chair and committee rotates.)
- c. 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).
- d. Inform ourselves about the research process
- e. Mentor our colleagues about the research process, encouraging them to turn a poster or paper into a research project.
- f. Award two research awards at MCMLA 2007 in Omaha

Goals C, D, E and F relate to one another. It was noted that the deadline for submission of abstracts for MCMLA 2007 is **March 15**. Our “task” will be to assist submitters turn a “case report” into a research report by mentoring and critiquing the presenter’s work. We talked about having examples of weak versus strong research posters and papers on our

website. But, as a committee we can learn as well through this mentoring process. Claire would like to see us be more proactive about mentoring the research process. We could also ask Brenda Pfannenstiel to help in an advisory role.

- g. 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.
- h. 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.)
Claire suggested that we could repurpose the posters for other meetings, including MLA and MPLA.
- i. Provide support for MLA's Benchmarking project. (Roz will ask for our support and tell us what needs to be done.)
- j. Encourage former MCMLA Research Committee members to do a research paper/poster on the Journal Club experiment done in 2005-2006.

3. Task assignments

Barb Jones: Will rewrite Goal A and advise of need for our support and advocacy.

Ros Dudden: Will lead the effort to update the MCMLA Research website

Jeanne Le Ber: Will write an abstract for an informational poster for MCMLA 2007 due March 15.

Jeanne Le Ber: Will contact Whitney to ask for budget of \$250.

All Committee Members: Will become familiar with the research process in order to advise and critique presenters.

Jeanne will see if we can get copies of MCMLA conference submission after the March 15 deadline.

Jeanne will investigate a Skype account; **Claire** will talk to Sibbohan about a tool she is using.

4. 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:

Feb 28 May 30 Aug 29

March 21 June 20 Sept 19

April 25 July 25 Oct 17

5. Other

6. **Next meeting Feb 28** – Please let me know your Skype contact name
Agenda: 1. Review goals and tasks accomplished to this date.
2. Mini-review on the research process

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.