

MCMLA Research Committee

Wednesday, June 20; 12:45-1:45 p.m. (MT); 1:45-2:45 p.m. (CT)

Meet via Skype conferencing and SkypeOut

Attending: Liz Burns, Claire Hamasu, Barb Jones, Jeanne Le Ber, Susan Sanders

Tried: Roz Dudden tried – but we got her answering machine; Judy had a conflict.

Agenda:

1. MCMLA Research Website

Deferred until next meeting.

Jeanne has received a number of files from Cindy (former chair). We can link to the Meeting Minutes page. Other resource links? (JML send files to Roz)

2. 2007 Omaha MCMLA-Mid-West Meeting

The committee discussed providing an open research mentoring session at the Omaha meeting on Sunday, October 14 from 8-9:00 a.m. [**Jeanne checked with Siobhan and we have a room. We will need to provide a title and 100 word description for the program.**] We agreed to partner with an experienced “researcher” (we identified Claire Hamasu, Cindy Schmidt [jml], Betsy Kelly [ch] and Roz Dudden [jml], Deb Ward [bj] and Mary Ellen Sievert [bj]) as potentials and will ask for their help) when providing the mentoring.

We will ask Brenda to direct people from her research class our way; and we will send an email to the list serv or conference registrants.

Claire will contact the program committee about the possibility of playing the MLA research interviews at the Omaha meeting.

2008 Cody MCMLA Meeting – October 3-7, 2008

Theme: Open Spaces; Frontier Places

Jeanne mentioned that is the committee wants to influence program or class content at the 2008 meeting they need to do this now with Mary Henning.

3. **Susan** provided a draft of her article on the Journal Club; titled: *Librarian’s Crystal Ball Sheds Light: the Future of HSL*. The committee believes this is a good start. Jeanne suggested that Susan create a table comparing the four journal club methods and how well they were received (e-mail; chat; phone conference and in-person).

4. Review MCMLA program submissions

There were **2 posters** and **1 paper** submitted by MCMLA members. With assistance from Claire, committee members agreed to contact:

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| 1. Jane Fishkin and Madonna Knudson – Art and Medicine | Jeanne |
| 2. Marty Magee – Moving to Moodle | Susan |
| 3. Sue Fleming, Camillia Gentry, Kristin Sen – Achieving Sensational Survey Returns in a Hospital setting. | Liz |

This is an opportunity to talk with them about creating a research project versus a case report; not a hard sell.

5. **MCMLA 2007 Poster – work distribution**

The committee started preparation for the **Presenting Library Research Projects** poster. We identified 5 content areas:

1. Why do research? (**Claire**)
2. Why report out research? (to be assigned)
3. Styles of presentation (**Susan**)
paper, poster, where to submit
4. Examples of LANDMARK research (**Liz and Barb**)
Keith Cogdill, Joanne Marshall, Jane ?, and Roz Dudden
5. How MCMLA Research Committee can assist you! (to be assigned)

Jeanne offered to coordinate the creation of the poster and provide graphics

Timeline: Initial draft content by the July 25 meeting

Aug – refine content

Sept – finalize content and design

print by October 1

6. **Review Progress with our Goals** for 2006-2007

On track.

7. **Task assignments**

- a. **Ros Dudden:** Will lead 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.

8. **Future meeting dates:**

Time: 12:45-1:45 p.m. (MT) or (1:45-2:45 CT)

Dates: July 25 Aug 29 Sept 19 Omaha

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.