

**MCMLA Education Committee Meeting
Minutes**

March 10, 2015

10:00AM Central Time / 9:00AM Mountain Time

Attendance:

Gwen Wilson(chair), Kansas; Marty Magee, Nebraska; Monica Rogers, Nebraska; Ben Harnke, Colorado; Tallie Casucci, Utah

I. Old Business

- a) Executive Committee has finished the discussion on all the committee sections of the MCMLA Policy and Procedure Manual and it will be presented to the Executive Committee for a formal vote on Friday, March 13, 2015.

II. New Business

- a) Review/Discuss MCMLA CE Survey Results

Monica stated that she has experience with Moodle and is currently co-teaching a Moodle course.

There was concern from the committee about the time commitment for the instructor to set up and teach a Moodle course.

Ben requested that the committee keep a record of the number of actual attendance during any CE event to compare to the responses on the CE survey.

Marty commented that if the instructor was not in RML then it would be a big time commitment for the committee members. The committee would have to have a Moodle account and a server to store the documents online.

Ben presented the possibility of the committee co-sponsoring a Moodle course with RML.

Gwen asked if the people who take a Moodle course from RML have to be a RML member. Monica said no but, people in their RML region are given the first chance to register for the Moodle course.

Ben asked what MCMLA would bring to the table if we co-sponsored a Moodle course.

Marty said that we could help offer a course topic that RML would not normally offer.

Marty asked the following questions for the committee to consider:

-Does anyone on the committee or MCMLA membership have the time to teach a Moodle course?

-Is anyone willing to commit to the time needed to do this?

After reviewing the responses to the symposium of sages questions.

Gwen asked if the committee would like the one CE offered during the virtual meeting to be a symposium of sages.

The Education Committee is taking the lead on the CE during the virtual meeting. Marty is on the virtual meeting planning committee and will be the liaison between the two committees.

Ben asked if participants get MLA CE credit for a symposium of sages.

Marty – Yes, as long as a RML person applies for the MLA credit then there is no cost for the application and this is something that has been done in the past.

It was decided that everyone was in favor of having the symposium of sages be the CE offered during the virtual meeting.

The highest ranked topics for the symposium of sages are: dashboard to show statistics, promote library value, and best practices for effective monthly reports to communicate your/library value.

It was suggested that these topics would be best presented as practical examples that people can take back to their workplace.

Monica mentioned that it is hard to give a 10 minute presentation and that we need to consider the lag time between speakers. After discussion it was decided that the presentations would be around 15-20 minutes and there would be 3-4 speakers total.

Gwen suggested that all the presentations happen in a row then all the questions would be at the end.

Ben mentioned that the committee could have canned questions ready to fill time if there are no questions.

Marty suggested that a draft for proposal requests (which would be for potential speakers of the symposium) be created.

Shawn and Gwen will draft a proposal request for presenters that would be sent out to the MCMLA membership. The committee will review the draft at the next meeting.

Discussion about the general CE topics for a potential webinar over the summer.

Marty mentioned that the National Center & RML can do free presentations or we can pay an outside speaker that we have heard is really good on a certain topic.

Questions to consider for discussion during the next committee meeting:

- 1. Does the Education Committee and MCMLA membership have the time to commit to doing a Moodle course?**
- 2. Does the Education Committee want to offer a webinar over the summer? (No matter if we pursue offering a Moodle course)**
- 3. If we offer a webinar, based on the survey what could the topic be and are there any suggestions on who the presenter(s) could be?**

Also for the next meeting Shawn and Gwen will present a draft for the symposium of sages CE request for proposals from potential presenters.

III. Next Meeting – When should we meet next?

We will meet next in April. Gwen will send out a Doodle poll to find the best day and time.

Reminder: Please RSVP to the chair if you are unable to attend a meeting.