The conference business meeting was held at The Great Divide Lodge on Thursday September 24, 2009.

Official attendance was reported to be 91 total registrations, 15 exhibitors, and 5 CE classes with 48 attendees.

Jeanne noted that the accomplishments of the chapter for 2008-2009 were many. For example, the chapter:

- Conducted an audit of chapter finances
- Established a Business Plan Task Force to look at possible ways to increase revenue to the chapter (see http://mcmla.org/wordpress/executive/?p=3 for more information)
- Advocated for colleagues and worked toward establishing the Library Advocacy Task Force as a standing committee
- Revised the Policy & Procedure Manual
- Conducted new officer training
- Established the Web Site Task Force, headed by Amy Ritterskamp, to provide a more interactive and dynamic web presence
- From the profits of MCMLA 2009 in Cody, WY, established the Professional Travel Scholarship to give rural/micropolitan librarian funds to attend annual meeting


Go Wichita! After the Colorado planning committee received a much deserved Standing Ovation for such an excellent meeting, the MCMLA 2010 planning group previewed the Wichita meeting.

Next year’s theme is “Breaking Barriers, Navigating Change.” The meeting will be held in Old Town Wichita, October 6 – 9, 2010.

MCMLA 2011 to be held in St. Louis

Due to job cuts, the South Dakota librarians are unable to host MCMLA 2011. The St. Louis librarians have graciously offered to host MCMLA 2011. Thank you, St. Louis! Claire Hamasu will be appointing an Annual Meeting Rotation Task Force to look at the issues regarding annual meetings.

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Forward Momentum!

Submitted by Claire Hamasu, MCMLA Chapter Chair; Edited by Andrew Youngkin, AHIP

All year I’ve had the opportunity to watch and note how Jeanne Le Ber has expertly led the chapter as Chapter Chair. It’s now my turn…and I intend to keep up the momentum that Jeanne has set as a standard. As a chapter of MLA one of the ways we show our affiliation is to align our priorities with the priorities of the MLA president. So that’s what I’ve done, taken MLA President, Connie Schardt’s, priorities and added a chapter twist on them. Where am I leading us this year? Hopefully into the next decade with library school members that will be with us a long time in a chapter that has a sound financial base offering professional development that everyone can participate in through an organization that communicates. More details? Read on.

MLA 2009-2010 Priority: Emerging Leadership of the Association

MCMLA 2009-2010 Priority: Health Sciences Librarianship and Library Schools

When I was in library school I didn’t have a clue that there was such a person as a medical librarian. I’m sure that all of you were more enlightened than me. None of the library schools in our 7 state region are teaching health sciences librarianship as a regular course. I believe it’s the role of the chapter to promote our profession so that we attract the brightest into our specialty. I’ve asked the Membership Committee to look into opportunities to promote medical librarianship at library schools in the region. If you have the opportunity to interact with library school students, be sure to let them know about the rewarding and challenging work that we do. Don’t forget to add that they can join our chapter at no cost for 2 years.

MLA 2009-2010 Priority: Building Life Long Learning

MCMLA 2009-2010 Priority: Local Learning Opportunities

Life long learning is important for all professionals especially when the tools and resources we use change so quickly. Wasn’t it just two years ago when mobile devices referred to PDAs? Now they refer to smart phones. The major event for the chapter has been the CE and programming offered at our annual meeting, but attendance at the annual meeting has been dropping. Respondents to the NN/LM MidContinental Region’s Network Member Questionnaire conducted last year told us that 15% of our member institutions had had no professional development for their staff in the past year. Yes, the chapter is not the only source for workshops and training, but we need to offer professional development opportunities that a majority of our membership can attend. If we assume that participation in annual meeting CEs may be prohibitive due to travel and registration costs, as a chapter we need to explore how we can make learning opportunities available at the local level. The NN/LM MCR is concerned about this issue too. How can both organizations work together and make things happen.

MLA 2009-2010 Priority: Connecting Members to Annual Meeting

MCMLA 2009-2010 Priority: Connecting Members to Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is the chapter event of the year. It gives the local group the chance to focus programming on what they feel is important, show off their local experts and what makes their community unique. At the Breckenridge meeting attendees wrote what they got out of the annual meeting (See the cloud on http://www.wordle.net/show/wrdl/1159862/MCMLA_2009)

Variations on “Networking” “Learning” “Inspiration” and “Ideas” predominate. How can members who can’t attend an annual meeting still receive these outputs? This is one of the questions that the Annual Meeting Task Force will study so that more members can be connected to the annual meeting. (continued page3)
MCMLA 2009-2010 Priority: Connecting Committees, Task Forces, and Sections

MCMLA 2009-2010 Priority: Communicating What We’re Doing

Communication is a necessity for a strong, cohesive organization. There are over 50 members who actively contribute to the operations of our chapter. That’s a lot of busy librarians who feel that the chapter is worth their time and effort. With the assistance of the Publications committee and the Web Task Force, committee and task forces will communicate what we’re doing to achieve the priorities and activities that have been planned for the year. Goals and minutes will be posted on the MCMLA web site and announcements will be made on MCMLA-l. This is our professional organization and we should know what its doing to support health sciences librarianship.

Okay, the next two priorities are strictly mine.

MCMLA 2009-2010 Priority: Implement the Business Plan Task Force Recommendations

Over the past year I chaired the Business Plan Task Force. Peggy Mullaly-Quijas, our Executive Secretary, was concerned because the chapter’s primary revenue comes from membership dues and with membership declining and no planning, the chapter could find itself unable to support the activities upon which we depend. Task force members investigated ways to put the finances of the chapter on a more stable footing. The recommendations were reviewed by you the membership and we received excellent comments. The recommendations were revised, a proposal was submitted to the Executive Committee and approved on November 20, 2009. Committees and task forces have been assigned responsibility to carry out the changes.

MCMLA 2009-2010 Priority: MCMLA and NN/LM MidContinental Region Partnering

The other hat I wear besides being chapter chair is Associate Director for the NN/LM MCR. It gives me a unique perspective to identify how these two organizations can synergistically work together. NN/LM MCR liaisons also chair MCMLA committees or serve as members. How can the two organizations build on each others strengths to push forward initiatives of importance to health sciences librarians? Can we co-sponsor training? Other things? Suggestions are welcome.

That’s the plan for the year. It’s a lot to do and a year passes very quickly so it’s very reassuring to know that there’s all of you who will be helping to accomplish these priorities!

MCMLA Research Awards

Submitted by Awards Committee, Elizabeth Burns & Alice Weber, Edited by Cindy Mitchell

Best Poster


This poster was selected by Research Committee members as demonstrating the use of research in improving library practice. The poster presented the research effort involved in the redesign of the library’s web page. The use of user surveys and current best practices of web design demonstrated the importance of assessing and responding to user needs to improve patron use of and satisfaction with library resources and services.

Best Paper

The 2009 winner of the Best Paper Award was “Changing Attitudes and Reaching New Altitudes via Results of the MLA/NLM Health Information Literacy Research Project (HILRP) presented by: Jean P. Shipman, MSLS, AHIP, FMLA, Director, Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, University of Utah, Carla J. Funk, MLS, MBA, CAE, Executive Director, Medical Library Association, and Lenora Kinzie, MLS, Director, Stauffer Health Sciences Library, Stormont-Vail Health Care.

The paper was chosen because of its well designed evaluation process and methodology. We also agreed that the subject of health information literacy is timely and of the utmost importance in today’s environment. The research also illustrated that librarians are key to providing guidance for all involved in ensuring quality care for patients. We thank the authors for demonstrating that a more extensive level of practice not only improves patient-provider communication, but also increases the visibility of the librarian. This paper clearly demonstrated new attitudes leading to new levels of performance in the profession.
As MCMLA’s chapter chair for 2008-2009, I extend my sincerest thanks to all the elected and appointed officers, committee chairs and members, and conference planners for a successful and productive year. With extraordinary input from all these members our Chapter made it happen with panache.

Of special note during my tenure as Chapter Chair:

I learned that MCMLA is fortunate to have a long-serving Executive Secretary. Peggy Mullaly-Quijas is the institutional memory and financial brainpower for our chapter. All chapter chairs and members benefit from Peggy’s exceptional knowledge of the chapter’s business.

Nancy Woelfl, our long-serving Parliamentarian, ensured that chapter business conducted during our nine monthly meetings was orderly conformed to MCMLA bylaws, policies, and procedures. Nancy’s knowledge of chapter issues guaranteed that the meetings went smoothly and that decisions were made following established precedent.

Claire Hamasu capably led the Business Plan Task Force, which was established in response to the recommendations of the chapter’s auditor (Lenora Kinzie). The BPTF evaluated the chapter’s financial health, identified potential revenue streams, studied membership as it applies to the budget, and reviewed the timeline and flow of the budgeting process. This October, the BPTF requested member input with regard to their recommendations (see http://mcmla.org/wordpress/executive/). While the comment period has past, please feel free to continue the conversation.

During my address at the chapter meeting in Breckenridge I talked about one of my life journeys (I was 24 years old) that had me hitch-hiking from Dillon, Colorado to Lone Pine, California to Los Angeles, up the Pacific coast, across the Sierra-Nevada Mountains to Salt Lake City, and up to my final destination of Yellowstone National Park. My friend Ann and I had dozens of rides and camped in dozens of campgrounds during this two-month trek. As a result of this amazing trip, I believe and my experience has shown me that people are there to help you when you most need it—think getting a ride on a deserted Utah highway in the late afternoon just ahead of an impending rain storm. I believe that we are guardian angels to one another, not in the religious sense, but in common everyday matters. Friends, colleagues and strangers are there for you; all you have to do is put your thumb out. I found many “guardian angels” among my MCMLA colleagues during my year as chapter chair and I thank every one of them. You were the “rides” when I was the hitchhiker.

I wish my colleague and friend Claire Hamasu all the best this coming year as she steps in to continue the good work we do as a chapter.

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MCMLA in Breckenridge, CO

Submitted by Lisa Traditi, Edited by Andrew Youngkin

The 2009 Annual Chapter Meeting was held at the Great Divide Lodge in Breckenridge, Colorado and was attended by over 100 members, vendors, and speakers.

Here’s an overview of this year’s speakers reprinted from Council Quotes, Nov 2009:

T.R. Reid: An Excellent Presentation at an Excellent Meeting

On Oct. 2, MLA Past-President Mary Ryan posted a review on the MLA blog of conference keynote of speaker T.R. Reid’s presentation. Following is an excerpt:

“…The program for the Midcontinental meeting was excellent, but one presentation really stands out in my mind. It is the presentation given by T.R. Reid, a former reporter for the Washington Post. During the past several years, Mr. Reid has traveled around the world to study different health care systems. …

Mr. Reid said that the existing health care systems found throughout the world fall into one of four general categories:
• Beverage model – public payer/public provider. Providing health care is the government’s job, and the government pays for the health care through taxes and provides health care. The government owns the hospitals, labs, etc., and pays for health professionals’ salaries and for drugs. …
• Bismarck model – private payer/private provider. …In this system, everyone must carry health insurance through their employers and split the cost with them. Insurance companies, hospitals, and doctors are private, but insurance companies are non-profit. …
• National health insurance model – public payer/private provider. In this model, health professionals, hospitals, and labs are private, but the payment is public (based on monthly taxes). The number of specialists is limited, and elective procedures are put on a waiting list. …
• No health-care-system model – This is also known as the out-of-pocket model, which basically means that those with money can purchase health care, and those without money get no health care unless they barter for it. …

Mr. Reid says that the U.S. has all four models. … [There are] three major reasons Mr. Reid gives for having one system:

1. Cost - In the U.S., administrative costs make up 20% of the total cost of health care, while France is at 4%, the U.K. at 5%, Japan at 5.5%, and Canada at 6%. Lowering our administrative costs would save billions of dollars.

2. Preventive care - Having everyone in the same system would provide a much stronger incentive for preventive care, which cuts costs, reduces illnesses, and saves lives. We don’t have incentives for prevention in our current system, and insurance companies try to shift the costs to each other or the public. …

3. Fairness - It’s fairer to have one system which covers everyone. These are subjective and moral judgments, but the design of a health care system is a moral issue. …

Mr. Reid said that the question facing the U.S. is a moral one: Are we going to provide a fair system that includes health care for everyone? He said that until we get a consensus on this question, we’ll have a difficult time improving our health care system.”

To read the full post, see http://connections.mlanet.org/2009/10/02/midcontinental-chaptermeeting-speaker-on-health-care-reform/
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Mary Ellen Bates: “Negotiation Is Not a Four-Letter Word”
Mary Ellen Bates, the president and founder of the information research company Bates Information Services, presented “Painless (no, really!) Negotiating,” which focused on ways librarians (and everyone else) can approach negotiation without dread. Her suggestions include:
• Assume any situation is negotiable.
• Remember that negotiation is not personal; it’s a matter of business that need not be confrontational.
• Present requests as wants rather than needs or rights.
• Identify your best outcome and your boss’ best outcome.
• Be flexible; consider concessions that will make the outcome beneficial to all parties.
• Think best-case, not worst-case.
For more suggestions and to view the PowerPoint slides that accompanied the presentation, see http://www.batesinfo.com/mla2009/painless_negotiation.pdf.

Michael Kahn: Changing Librarian’s Role, Improving Clinical Care
In “Action-Oriented Medical Librarianship: Integration with Clinical and Operational Excellence,” pediatrician and clinical informatics specialist Michael Kahn described and explained:
• The theorem of clinical informatics
• Computer-based clinical-decision support
• Barriers to using knowledge management to meet objectives
• The changing role of medical librarians: knowledge steward vs. action-oriented medical librarian
Dr. Kahn highlighted ways the role of librarians has changed from static owners and providers of information to active participants in translating information into functional, usable knowledge.
To view the presentation’s PowerPoint slides, see http://www.mcmla.org/meetings/2009/MCMLA-Kahn2009-09-23-FINAL.pdf

In Memory

Two of our MCMLA colleagues passed away this year. They are missed.

Russ Monika: Died March 5, 2009. Active member of the St Louis Medical Librarians group. SLML Outstanding Leadership award 2006. Former MCMLA Webmaster. Loved the theater. Donation made to American Diabetes Association. Appreciation given by Betsy Kelly, who hired Ross in 1980 for a circulation position. Russ loved an audience and was instrumental to MCMLA.

Joan Miller: Died July 16, 2009. Senior Reference Librarian Barnes Library, University of Missouri-St. Louis. Active member of the St. Louis Medical Librarians Association. MCMLA Nominating Committee and Chair 2008-2009. Loved Scottie Dogs. Donation made to Humane Society of Missouri. Appreciation given by Jackie Hittner, who noted that Joan, a Texas native, had that “Texas Big-ness” about her

Submitted by Kate Anderson, taken from Business Minutes
MCMLA Award Winners for 2009

Submitted by Jackie Hittner, Edited by Kristen Sen

Congratulations to the MCMLA Award Winners for 2009!

On Tuesday, September 22, at the Opening Reception of the MCMLA Annual Meeting in Breckenridge, CO, MCMLA honored four of our stars: Jim Bothmer, Betsy Kelly, Barbara Jones and Liz Burns. They were nominated in recognition of their years of service to both MCMLA and their university or hospital communities.

MCMLA’s highest honor, the MCMLA Outstanding Achievement Award was presented to Jim Bothmer. His nomination states: "Over the years, I have seen Jim generously share his time, experience, and energy to support libraries and librarianship. He has been a leading figure in local, state, regional and national professional library organizations…He constantly challenges those around him to take on new responsibilities and challenges…Jim is always constantly looking for new and better ways to serve his University and the local community. Because of his vision, the CU Health Sciences Library is now a partner in a number of ventures including being part of the NN/NLM distributed model, CU Global Health Networking Group, and a number of other grant and research projects. This creative outlook is part of the reason he received the Nebraska Library Association’s 2004 Distinguished Services Award and was promoted to the level of Associate Vice President at Creighton.”

Betsy Kelly and Barbara Jones were awarded the Bernice M. Hetzner Award for Excellence in Academic Health Librarianship. To quote their nomination: "For the past couple of years, Betsy and Barbara have been actively involved in helping librarians advocate for their libraries. As more and more libraries have closed because of administrators not understanding the roles of the libraries and librarians in their institutions, Betsy and Barbara have been implementing programs to help librarians prove their worth at their institutions… Together they have a combined 75 years of experience as professional librarians, extensive teaching experience and have guided more 150 librarians through the assessment, planning and evaluation process over the past 5 years.”

The Barbara McDowell Award for Excellence in Hospital Librarianship was awarded to Liz Burns. Her nomination letter states: “In her day to day work, Liz manages a one-person library for the VA in Kansas City… In 2006, Liz created a report for her administration on the value of her library which convinced administration to increase her funding and to keep increasing it for several years thereafter. She also made this presentation to HSLNKC to help her fellow librarians. Liz is a recipient of the HSLNKC Outstanding One-Person Health Sciences Library Award. As a result of this, her standing in the organization was increased. This occurred at a time when medical libraries all over the country were being closed.”

Congratulations to Jim Bothmer, Betsy Kelly, Barbara Jones and Liz Burns on this recognition of their professional dedication and service to both MCMLA and their university or hospital communities.

Angela Arner, Susan Sanders and Andrew Youngkin won $20 gift certificates during the STARS drawing at MCMLA2009. To view a listing of their accomplishments this past year go to: http://www.mcmla.org/member/awards/2009_Stars.pdf
I was going back through some April 2009 posts on the Health Literacy Listserv and found several contributions on the topic of the history of Health Literacy. It is always good to look back to see how far we have come and realize where we need to go. I thought I would share some of the information posted for this column.

Len and Ceci Doak are well known in the area of Health Literacy. Their work goes back over 35 years. Two landmark publications were written by the Doaks in collaboration with other authors.

- **Teaching patients with low literacy skills**
  
  http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/healthliteracy/doak.html

  **Author:** Doak, Cecilia Conrath.; Doak, Leonard G.; Root, Jane

  **Publication:** Philadelphia : J.B. Lippincott, 1996

- **Pfizer principles for clear health communication: a handbook for creating patient education materials that enhance understanding [and] promote health outcomes**

  **Author:** Doak, Leonard G.; Doak, Cecilia Conrath.

  **Publication:** [New York , N.Y.] : Pfizer, 2004

They shared a number of facts, represented with this time line …

- **1973** Ceci (a USPHS Health Educator) asked, “But what do these people do when they don’t understand their health care instructions?” Len (a volunteer adult literacy tutor) answered, “They fake it. If asked if they understand they will likely say ‘yes’.” This led eventually to our collaboration on a small contract from the USPHS to assess the reading skill levels of 100 patients at the Norfolk, PHS hospital, and compare the results with the readability demands of 100 written patient instructions in use there. (Published in Patient counseling and education, Winter 1979-80)

- **1970s** Literature search found only five papers related to this subject. A paper in Nursing Research in 1964 by Mohammed cited just four such papers.

- **1970s and early 80s** Little interest shown

- **1978** Paper presented at Western Branch APHA conference on Closing the Comprehension Gap - a link between health and literacy.

- **Beginning in the late 1970s** The Doaks gave over 200 one and two day workshops in collaboration with other pioneers in the field.

- **1985** Interest in health literacy began to grow with the Lippincott publication of their first book, Doak, Doak, Root, Teaching Patients with Low Literacy Skills.

- **Beginning in the mid-1980s** NIH’s National Cancer Institute established a working group on health and literacy led by Wendy Mettger. The group included members from diverse fields, including government agencies, academia, pharmacy, and others. Results of the group’s deliberations were published in medical journals, which further increased awareness. NIH’s NHLBI let a number of contracts to increase our knowledge about health and literacy. Several universities, notably the University of North Carolina, Harvard, Johns Hopkins and Emory, were involved in work related to health literacy. Several government agencies sponsored training in health literacy, notably the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Veterans Administration Hospitals, and DHHS. Pfizer pharma sponsored annual conferences and gave dozens of grants for studies about health literacy. Canadian literacy organizations included this subject at national conferences. Broader international awareness was fostered by Voice of America segments on health literacy that were recorded with us and translated into 43 languages.

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Rima Rudd, also a well-known advocate for health literacy, wrote an overview of the growing partnership between health providers and literacy providers around issues of health literacy in 2002 in "Focus on Basics." [http://www.ncsall.net/index.php?id=247](http://www.ncsall.net/index.php?id=247)

In the book Advancing Health Literacy, 2006 (Zarcadoolas, Pleasant, Greer), Jossey-Bass has a chapter entitled, "Advancing Health Literacy: Getting Here From There," which provides another historical overview of health literacy. Also, Dr. Pleasant gave a brief history during a National Institute for Literacy Webinar titled, "Advancing Health Literacy: Meeting the Needs of Adult Learners." You can read the transcript here: [http://www.nifl.gov/nifl/webcasts/health08/health08transcript.pdf](http://www.nifl.gov/nifl/webcasts/health08/health08transcript.pdf) (see top of page 4 in the reference).


Len Doak mentioned there were only five articles written in the 1970s regarding health literacy. I recently did a search in several databases with the following results: CINAHL Plus with Full Text 2019; MEDLINE 905; MedlinePlus 117; PsycInfo 201. It is interesting to note, PsycInfo is the only database with a subject heading “Health Literacy.” Text word searching is used in the other databases.

Studying history can be fun. It has been an amazing journey with much still to learn, policy to be developed, funding to obtain, awareness to be heightened and citizens to teach. I encourage you to begin your own journey on that road through the history of health literacy. It is fascinating!

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**Looking for a mid-winter escape?**

Join us in warm, sunny Glendale, Arizona for the 2010 MLGSCA/NCNMLG Joint Meeting!

The Joint Meeting will be held January 27-30, 2010, at the beautiful, new Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa in Glendale, Arizona, conveniently located near Phoenix. Renaissance Glendale, an exquisitely decorated 320-room hotel and spa, provides the perfect place to stay, play and relax. Inspired by desert sunsets, the décor of the hotel reflects the area’s natural beauty.

Conference registration is now open! For the latest information, featured speakers, or to register online today, please visit the Joint Meeting 2010 website: [http://www.mlgска.мланет.org/jmtmg2010/](http://www.mlgска.мланет.org/jmtmg2010/).

Submitted by Evonda Copeland, MLGSCA/NCNMLG
Todd Vandenbark

Todd Vandenbark, a new employee at Eccles Health Sciences Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, recently joined MCMLA. A new member from the Beehive state, he is the Web Services Librarian at Eccles, where his responsibilities include directing the development of the library’s Web presence, teaching curriculum-integrated courses and developing classes on new Web technologies, and providing reference and public services to library patrons. He also counts himself as the resident “Mac guy,” helping students and staff with basic connection and software issues.

Todd earned a B.A. in Psychology with a minor-equivalent in Computer Science at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. He also completed extensive post baccalaureate coursework in early childhood education at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis campus. In May 2009, he received a Masters of Library Science and Technology Management from the School of Library and Information Science at Indiana University, Indianapolis campus.

Along the way, he has enjoyed a diverse vocational journey working in the public, private and non-profit employment sectors. He has held positions as varied as head lifeguard and swim instructor, daycare teacher, camp counselor, martial arts instructor, school bus driver, telecom telephone customer service representative, bank teller, industrial supply sales and service representative, technology paraprofessional, and Keebler elf.

Most recently he served as a Special Projects Developer for Ball State University Libraries in Muncie, Indiana, where he was the primary author of a successful LSTA grant application for collaborating in the improvement of "Digital Library Collections Access through Hand-Held Mobile Devices." A full description of his portfolio can be found at firesideli-brarian.com.

Although that wouldn’t seem to leave much time for other outside activities, Todd enjoys hiking and camping in the mountains, folk dancing, singing and playing folk music on guitar, swimming, and coaching his younger daughter’s soccer team.

Todd and his wife, Marie celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this year, and have two “wonderful daughters,” ages 9 and 18. When asked what he enjoyed most about his position, he mentioned the ever-changing diversity of tasks and challenges of the profession. Specifically, he said he enjoyed supporting students in the health sciences as they learn to find and utilize information more effectively; in assisting them, he also is learning interesting health facts.

Being an MCMLA member involved in the medical side of the profession will allow him to see how his skills and interests can be best utilized. He is looking forward to meeting other members and learning what excites and motivates them about their work. He hopes to offer a fresh perspective as a recent graduate.

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Karen Dahlen

Karen Dahlen is a returning member of MCMLA, and we welcome her back. She began her career in the Midcontinental Region as the Education & Network Coordinator when the Regional Offices were based in Omaha. For three years she was involved with the Wyoming Project placing core collections in hospital libraries and providing basic library education and training.

She was subsequently employed for several years by the SE/AA NN/LM, again as a Network Coordinator, before moving on to the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Health Sciences Library. At UIC, she managed a department of 10 professional librarians and two support staff and was awarded tenure and adjunct faculty positions in two professional schools, the School of Medicine and the School of Associated Health Professions. Karen feels her main contribution at UIC was integrating library resources into 24 numbered courses in the curriculum.

Karen was hired as the Director of the University of Wisconsin Health Sciences Libraries in 1995 and was involved in staff reorganization and the design of the new Ebbling Health Sciences Library in Madison. In 2001, she took at position at the Centers for Disease Control where she served in the absence of the director, managing the libraries e-resources, performing market analyses, conducting focus group sessions, completing needs assessments, serving on committees, and completing an intermittent detail at NCHS in Hyattsville, MD.

Karen is currently working for Stat!Ref (Electronic Resources for Healthcare Professionals) as a Public Health Market Specialist in Military/Government Accounts. Currently she is most interested in advancing access to licensed e-resources for public health departments.

She says she rejoined MCMLA to keep up to date with the profession and renew friendships.

Brian Schwartz

Brian Schwartz is one of three new MCMLA members who are library staff at the Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine located in Parker, Colorado. Brian completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Kansas, earning a BA in English and his Master’s at the University of Denver where he received his MLIS. He is currently working towards a doctorate in Library and Information management at Emporia State University.

Prior to his present job, he worked in quality assurance for a number of Internet start-up companies, and also worked as a classroom teacher. After receiving his MLIS degree he worked at a private school for four years and has spent the last two years at Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is the Assistant Librarian and an Assistant Professor of Medical Informatics. He also assists the other members of the faculty in research and lecture preparation as well as doing some teaching in both formal and informal settings.

His hobbies include playing golf and spending time with his family, which includes daughters ages 3 and 6.

Brian enjoys contributing in a significant way to the education of future physicians. His membership in MCMLA will hopefully provide him with both networking and educational opportunities. In attending some CE activities at Breckenridge, he had opportunities for both.
Elected Officers:

Immediate Past Chair
Jeanne LeBer (2010)

Chair
Claire Hamasu (2010)

In-coming Chair
Sarah Kirby (2010)

Recording Secretary
Michlene Mankin (2010)

Chapter Council Representative
Holly Henderson, (2008-11)

Chapter Council Alternate
Carolyn Warmann (2008-11)

Appointed Officers:

Express Editor
Andrew Youngkin (indefinite)

Web Chair Task Force
Amy Ritterskamp, (indefinite)

MCMLA-L Discussion List Owner
Rebecca Brown, (indefinite)

Executive Secretary
Peggy Mullaly-Quijas, (indefinite)

Parliamentarian
Nancy Woelfl, Director (indefinite)

Archivist
Sue Fleming, (indefinite)

2010 Wichita, Kansas Meeting Planners
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MLA Chapter Credentialing Liaison
Gayle Willard (2010)

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Cindy Logan (2010)

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Joan Stoddart 2011
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Kelly Kline 2011
Will Olmstadt, 2011
Darell Schmick 2012
Darrel Willoughby 2012

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Web Task Force
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Adelaide Fletcher (2010)
Danielle De Jager-Loftus (2010)
Sue Fleming, (2010)
Karen Mier (2010)
Todd Vandenbark (2010)

Library Advocacy Task Force
Barb Jones, Chair (2010)
Elizabeth Burns (2010)
Erica Lake (2010)
Carolyn Warmann (2010)

Nominating
Lisa K. Traditi, Chair (2010)
Heather Brown, 2011
Jeanne Le Ber 2010
Susan Sanders 2012

Publications
Andrew Youngkin, Chair; (indefinite)
Angela Arner 2011
Amanda Sprochi 2010
Cindy Mitchell 2012
Kristin Sen 2012

Research
Camillia A. Gentry (2010), Co-Chair
Alice Weber (2011), Co-Chair
Kathleen Amos 2010
Elizabeth Burns 2012
John D Jones, Jr. 2012
Lenora Kinzie 2012

Membership
Susan Sykes Berry (2010), Chair
John Bramble 2010
Roxanne Cox 2010
Melissa De Santis 2011
Pat Hamilton 2010
Tracy Hughes 2012
Cindy Logna2011
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Amy Ritterskamp Presents during the poster session

Jim, Bothmer receives MCMLA Outstanding Achievement Award

Barb Jones and Betsy Kelly receive the Bernice M. Hetzner Award for Excellence in Academic Health Librarianship

Erica Lake presents during the poster session