Hello, MCMLAers!

Spring has finally sprung after an endless Winter and Summer is not far behind. We have a great issue with lots of informative columns and features this quarter.

First up, the Quint Essential planning folks are revving up for a fantastic MCMLA Conference. The call for participation has gone out, so please consider contributing a paper, poster, or time for a panel discussion in Denver. Don’t miss your chance to share your knowledge with your colleagues!

Darrel Willoughby, MCMLA President, writes on community and membership in his column. He highlights the many ways in which it is the membership that defines our Chapter and what we accomplish. Speaking of accomplished members, our own Sara Katsh is retiring after 42 (!) years as the librarian for AORN. They had a lovely write-up on what Sara has meant to their organization and how she has positively affected what they do as as perioperative nurses. To go with this, Sara has also been named the recipient of the NAHRS Recognition of Lifetime Professional Contribution award this year. Congrats Sara, on both your long and distinguished career and your impending retirement!

The Honors and Awards Committee has called for nominations for MCMLA’s three awards for excellence in librarianship. They come with a $500 cash award, so make sure to nominate your outstanding colleagues for recognition! MCMLA has also created an award for members who are first-time applicants to AHIP. Make sure to check it out if you are thinking of applying.

Margaret Hoogland has published her first article, reprinted here from the MLA News, on using iAuthor to improve classroom teaching and learning. And Lynne Fox tells us how the Health Sciences Library at Colorado is using smart whiteboards to record their notes.

Also included in this issue are the MCMLA Annual Report, the MLA Call for Nominations for Committees and Officers, and our column MCMLA Congratulates. Happy reading, and don’t forget to register and contribute to the MCMLA Quint Essential meeting in Denver. See you there!
Notes from the President

By Darrel Willoughby MCMLA President; edited by Amanda Sprochi

I am fortunate to belong to three great librarian groups. I learned everything I know (both things!) because colleagues were willing to share their experiences with me.

I do not know of any other unlicensed profession that has such tight communities—people of diverse backgrounds and job descriptions—that willingly congregate together to promote the idea of serving others by providing information in ways that are useful to seekers.

MCMLA was created because medical librarians found it useful to pool resources and create common networks of communication; far-sighted library leaders saw the value in cooperation. Collections expanded, services proliferated, and individual member librarians could share ideas and grow as professionals. All of these outcomes validated the original vision of the founders.

The truth is that MCMLA is in good shape because our predecessors built the organization with their own sweat—many missed opportunities, extra work hours, family sacrifices—spent to work on making MCMLA meaningful and useful to its membership. We enjoy and are thankful for the fruit of their labor.

Many of us joined MCMLA because of the networking opportunities. As we got to know people, we found that we shared the same weird sense of humor, outrageous pastimes, or that dark dream of taxonomizing the known universe with an exclusive vocabulary so everyone would have to come to us.

However, after years of membership, we might get into a thought pattern that raises the questions: What has the MCMLA done for me lately? What use is it to me? The question might be restated: “Am I getting a return on investment that makes sense based on the amount of time, talent, and treasure I am giving to the organization?”

Currently most of the MCMLA membership is involved in building the organization. We have committees working on the five-chapter “Quint Essential” meeting in Denver and our virtual Chapter meeting in 2015. The Membership Committee is completing a Chapter promotion poster project for MLA in Chicago. We have groups working on the Chapter archives and library advocacy. There are individuals who are taking time from their lives to literally run the infrastructure of the Chapter—writing checks, keeping the Web infrastructure humming, and reporting what the Chapter is doing.

And let me take a moment to mention all of the people who were “volunteered” to work on Chapter standing committees, all of which have important functions that build value for members. Each committee volunteer, coerced or not, has the opportunity to build the Chapter’s value.

As members of MCMLA we have the chance to revive the original vision of cooperation as we continue to function as troubleshooters and problem solvers—not by elementary resource delivery but by sharing our experiences of how our roles and talents impact the administrative bottom line in our institutions. Let us remember that we are all facing similar problems of vital survival. By banding together, we grow stronger as a Chapter and as individual professionals. We can learn from each other by sharing our triumphs and warn others of our pitfalls. We make the MCMLA chapter relevant through our own efforts of fostering cooperation and strengthening our professional relationships.
Quint Essential 2014: Call for Contributions

By the Quint Essential Conference Planning Committee; edited by Amanda Sprochi

Event: Five-chapter “Quint Essential” meeting, Denver, CO, October 12-16, 2014

Date: Contributed papers: Tuesday & Wednesday, Oct. 14-15

Posters: Tuesday, Oct. 14

Tech panel: Thursday, Oct. 16

Deadline: Proposals for paper, poster, lightning / STAT panel presentations must be submitted no later than June 2, 2014.

Theme: Convergence and Collaboration.

Plenary speakers will present on health disparities, native health, and big data.

Projects, services, innovations, lessons learned, and success stories which illustrate how we are celebrating opportunity during continual change are all possible paper, poster, or lightning / STAT / tech panel presentations.

The following trends or issues in our field are listed to stimulate topics:

- Outreach or public health issues in serving special populations
- Health literacy
- Public health
- EBM/EBP
- Social networking, branding, image, etc.
- Infographics
- EHRs and Meaningful Use
- Changing role of librarians – embedded librarians, conducting systematic reviews, EMR involvement, etc.
- Collaborative research and writing
- New ways of information delivery
- Interprofessional collaboration
- Data Management
- New libraries and building remodels

Other proposed topics are welcome!

Proposals will be reviewed by the Papers and Posters Subcommittee of the Program Committee. Subcommittee members will not be given author information.

Contributed Papers

Accepted contributed papers will each be allotted 15 minutes for the presentation and follow-up questions.

To propose a paper presentation, please submit:

- Title of the paper
- An abstract of 250 words or less (following MLA guidelines) [http://www.research.mlanet.org/structured_abstract.html]
- Author(s) name(s), address, email(s) and work phone number(s) on a separate page

Lightning / STAT! Talks

Each presentation will have five minutes. This format gives members the opportunity to contribute content to the conference in a less formal manner than a traditional contributed paper. For example, you could share your experiences with a project, a service, or a product.

To propose a lightning/STAT talk, please submit:

- topic and a short 100 words or less description
- your name, address, email and work phone number on a separate page
Quint Essential 2014 (cont’d)

Print Posters
Posters provide visual displays of information about new research findings or descriptions of creative new programs or practices, and are an optional format to contributed papers. Posters will be available for two hours on Tuesday.

To propose a poster, please submit:

• title of the poster
• an abstract of 250 words or less (following MLA format for a structured abstract) [http://www.research.mlanet.org/structured_abstract.html]
• author(s) name(s), address, email(s) and work phone number(s) on a separate page

Trends in Technology
A program slot for a panel about trends in technology has been allocated 90 minutes. We would like to see demonstrations of new technology that panel presenters are just starting to use or that will become more widespread in the next few years.

To propose being part of the panel, please submit:

• Tell us, in 500 words or less, about the technology topic you would like to speak on. Provide description of how this technology has impacted your work or will impact the work of medical librarians. Feel free to provide examples and links.

• We expect a live demonstration of a product or trend. You may not use PowerPoint. Will your topic fit into this show and tell type format? Yes / No

• Will your topic fit into the allotted time? Each speaker has 15-20 minutes to present. Yes / No

• Presenter name(s), title, address(es), email(s), and work phone number(s) on a separate page.

Method of submission: Follow instructions for proposing a paper, poster, lightning / STAT talk, or panel presentation and send your submission as a Word document in Arial, 12-point font via email attachment to kmurray10@uaa.alaska.edu.

These must be received no later than June 2, 2014 to be considered. Acceptance / rejections will be confirmed in early July.

2014 MCMLA Awards Nominations Open

By Rebecca Carlson, MCMLA Honors and Awards Committee; edited by Darell Schmick

The 2014 MCMLA Awards Nominations are now open! Nominate a fellow member or yourself for one of three prestigious association awards:

Bernice M. Hetzner Award for Excellence in Academic Health Science Librarianship
This award was established in 1991 in honor of Bernice M. Hetzner, Library Director and Professor Emeritus at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, who retired in 1973. The award recognizes an academic health sciences librarian who has achieved a high level of professional accomplishment. Previous winners of this award include Lynne Fox in 2010, Nancy Woelfl in 2011, and Sue Sykes Berry in 2012. There was no winner in 2013 due to a lack of nominations. For more information and to see the nomination criteria, visit the award webpage [http://mcmla.org/hetzner].

Barbara McDowell Award for Excellence in Hospital Librarianship
The Barbara McDowell Award was established in 1984 in memory of Barbara McDowell, Chief of Library Services at the Sioux Falls, South Dakota Veterans Administration, who died in 1983. The award honors a chapter member who has made an outstanding contribution to hospital librarianship. Previous award winners include Elizabeth C. Burns in 2009 and Karen Wells in 2011. There were no award winners in 2010, 2012, or 2013 due to a lack of nominations. For more information and to see the nomination criteria, visit the award webpage [http://mcmla.org/mcdowell].

Outstanding Achievement Award
Established in 1983, this award honors a member for significant contributions to health sciences/hospital libraries, to the profession and to the goals and objectives of the chapter. Previous award winners include Jim Bothmer in 2009, Sarah Beck Kirby in 2011, and Rebecca Graves in 2012. There were no award winners in 2010 or 2013 due to a lack of nominations. For more information and to see the nomination criteria, visit the award webpage [http://mcmla.org/outstanding].

$500 will be awarded to each recipient. All nominations are due by August 1, 2014. The nomination form is available on the MCMLA website [http://mcmla.org/nominate]. If you have any questions, you can contact the Honors and Awards Committee Chair, Cindy Perkins, at cynthia.perkins@alegent.org or (402) 398-6092.
AHIP First-Time Applicant Award Announced

By Jan Rice, AHIP, MLA Chapter Credentialing Liaison; edited by Katie Dayani

PURPOSE:
To encourage MCMLA chapter member participation in the Medical Library Association’s Academy of Health Information Professional (AHIP) accreditation program

ELIGIBILITY:
- Member in good standing of the MCMLA Chapter and the MLA
- First-time applicant for AHIP membership
- Completed AHIP documentation submitted to the Medical Library Association
- AHIP membership successfully awarded by the MLA. AHIP certificate will serve as proof of successful completion with the membership beginning in 2014

TERMS:
- Applicants will submit a Letter of Application via email to Jan Rice (jan.rice@bryanhealth.org), MCMLA Credentialing Liaison. The Letter of Application should state briefly why the applicant is applying for AHIP accreditation and how it will assist his/her professional goals.
- Applicants will provide the following documentation along with their Letter of Application:
  - Proof of submission of all required AHIP documentation (a copy of the email received from MLA acknowledging receipt of your application)
  - Confirmation from MLA that the applicant was successfully awarded AHIP membership in 2014. A copy of the MLA AHIP certificate must be submitted as documentation.
- This award will provide reimbursement of the application fee at the MLA member rate ($120 for the Provisional level or $195 for the Member level or above)

TIMELINE:
- MCMLA is making available a total of $1000 to fund first-time, successful AHIP applications, awarded in the order applications are received. Awards will be made as viable applicants are identified; awards will be made until funds are exhausted. Applications must be received no later than January 31, 2015.
- The MCMLA Credentialing Liaison will acknowledge applications upon receipt via email.
- The MCMLA Credentialing Liaison will review applications, determine eligibility and notify all applicants of the decision within one month after the application is submitted.
- A check to cover the AHIP application fee will be sent by the MCMLA Executive Secretary, Karen Wiederaenders.
- Awardees will be acknowledged at the 2015 MCMLA Chapter Annual Meeting

This project has been funded by the Midcontinental Chapter of the Medical Library Association.
A Library Legacy to Be Proud of...

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If you ask a perioperative nurse or a medical librarian about Sara Katsh, MA, AHIP, and the AORN library, you will likely get the same response: a smile, a head nod, and a story about how Sara and the AORN library have made a difference that will never be forgotten.

Sara has been making this difference for 42 years as AORN’s head librarian.

This month, as Sara prepares for retirement, AORN has been taking stock of our library’s evolution to become what it is today: the most comprehensive and most influential perioperative nursing library in the world. And to think it all began in 1972 with a pile of books in a hallway.

Far beyond the walls of a library or the digital walls of a database, the influence of AORN’s library under Sara’s leadership has changed the way perioperative nursing scholarship is viewed within the nursing community. In the process, she has also paved new roads for medical librarianship and she has helped countless others in the nursing community to do the same.

Sara is described by her colleagues as the steady, rock solid agent of change who is able to look at any problem or issue and find a solution. No question is too small and no deadline is too tight for Sara to find an answer or offer help, and she always brings her wit, wisdom, and heartfelt support to everyone.

Sara has achieved more for AORN’s library than could be described in this article, however her colleagues recently shared a few of her stand out accomplishments:

1. Putting Perioperative nursing scholarship on the map

Sara was instrumental in getting perioperative nursing added as a medical subject heading to the National Library of Medicine’s biomedical literature database PubMed, according to Ronda Gunnet, AORN Clinical Research Specialist. Gunnet explains that Sara initiated a letter writing campaign and the term was added in 1996, changing the way literature about perioperative nursing was indexed.

“Think of it like a pebble thrown into a pond—the ripples continue to grow and grow until they cover the entire pond. That’s what Sara did—she helped change the way people think about perioperative nursing.”

2. Making the shift to digital

Sara has implemented several important digital innovations for the AORN library, including the implementation of an e-journal portal that provides AORN staff members’ seamless access to AORN’s entire electronic collection through the library catalogue.

Just this past year, Sara helped AORN migrate from an information platform shared with the other medical libraries in Denver, to a cloud-based webscale management system—making AORN the first medical or nursing library to adopt this new cloud-based system.

3. Building a digital process for evidence-based research

Sara’s work in bringing the bibliographic citation management system called RefWorks to AORN has revolutionized the way AORN shapes its evidence-based practice recommendations. This citation management tool enables AORN library clinical research specialists and nurse authors to organize the research reference and full-text articles that also interface with the online authoring tool AORN uses to create the AORN recommended practices and position statements.

Sara was an integral part of this transition to the digital creation of AORN practice recommendations, which will historically remain one of AORN’s greatest contributions to the perioperative nursing profession, explains Ramona Conner, MSN, RN, CNOR, AORN’s manager of Standards and Recommended Practices.

Conner remembers a time when every piece of evidence used to shape AORN recommended practices was collected in print in a large red binder (sometimes more than one) that was shipped around the country to subject matter experts.

“Sara helped us say goodbye to our ‘red books’ and helped us leverage these robust digital tools to target the highest-rated evidence for shaping our recommended practices,” Conner adds.
Library Legacy (cont’d)

4. Advancing evidence-based perioperative nursing education
From the beginning of her career at AORN, Sara has worked closely with AORN members, including perioperative nurses who present education to the membership.

“Through Sara’s passion to advance scholarship of every kind, she has helped to ensure our educational offerings are based in evidence—long before perioperative nurses were focusing on evidence-based practice to the degree we do now,” notes AORN Director of Education Susan Bakewell, MS, RN-BC.

“Years ago, I remember working with Sara and the new speakers I was mentoring,” Bakewell explains. “Sara was able to help these speakers develop their programs by pulling in evidence-based resources to support their educational message. These nurses were thrilled for the guidance with finding these references to help them develop their program—references they didn’t have at hand or didn’t know how to access.”

5. Automating interlibrary loan sharing
Sara was an early adopter of automated interlibrary loan practices to advance interlibrary loan sharing. She has worked closely with other medical librarians to outline best practices for automating interlibrary loans.

6. Enabling digital access to AORN Journal archives
Because of Sara’s meticulous archiving of print copies of the earliest years of the AORN Journal, when AORN converted to using an outside publisher, Elsevier, this publisher was able to scan the print archives. Today this gives AORN members digital access to the complete range of AORN Journal issues.

7. Connecting perioperative nursing with the medical librarian community
Sara is viewed as a leader in the health sciences library community, especially in areas of perioperative nursing publications, library cooperation and automation and computer technology in general, according to Margaret Bandy, MLS, AHIP, FMLA, medical librarian for Exempla St. Joseph Hospital in Denver.

Sara has always been on the cutting edge of technology, and the AORN library has benefited from her passion to find and adapt the best systems for literature searching and library management to better serve perioperative nurses, Bandy explains. “I am grateful for Sara’s help in navigating the many different library automation systems that we have been involved with since the early 1980s.

Often I was stymied by some aspect of the systems and I knew I could call on Sara for assistance without feeling embarrassed.”

Bandy also explains that Sara is viewed locally and nationally as having developed the premier collection for perioperative nursing and is often called on by colleagues in other nursing associations for guidance in collection development and services to staff and members.

Sara has served in elected and volunteer positions for the Colorado Council of Medical Librarians (CCML), the Denver Area Health Sciences Library Consortium, the Advisory Committee of the Regional Medical Library Program, and the Interagency Council on Information Resources in Nursing. In appreciation for her contributions CCML awarded her the 2006 Marla Graber Award for Excellence and Achievement in Health Sciences Librarianship.

As AORN looks back on the long and distinguished career of Sara Katsh, the association also looks forward to building on the firm foundation that Sara built. Her legacy will continue to advance perioperative nursing scholarship. More than ever it’s data that is driving change and helping the perioperative nursing community to continue raising the bar with quality to keep patients safe. The AORN library will continue to be a force in leading this work.

Sara adds: Thanks to my librarian friends who contributed to this. The check is in the mail. Just to set the record straight on one item, AORN was one of five Denver medical libraries that migrated to OCLC WMS (the cloud-based system referred to in the article).

And special thanks to Ronda for her part in coordinating this (not to mention for being our WMS expert).

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Starting in fall 2012, all incoming medical students on the Missouri Campus of A. T. Still University (ATSU) have been required to have both an iPad and a laptop. Three months later, faculty members began making iBooks using the Apple iBooks Author (IBA) software program to transform class handouts or create new materials. As noted in the Seybold Report [1], IBA was introduced as a free product by Apple in January 2012. IBA makes it easy to insert quizzes, figures, YouTube videos, and multiple images in a readable, interactive, and easily accessible format to learn and review material. The library supports use of IBA through its Educational Technology Development Center (ETDC) by providing troubleshooting, one-on-one consultation, and assistance in learning to use IBA.

Learning how to use IBA is challenging because its templates cannot be customized. Converting a lecture or handout into an iBook requires rearranging the content. Loading a Microsoft Word document directly into IBA is possible, but most faculty members create separate image and text files for copying and pasting into templates, although IBA does provide several options, which are called widgets, for inserting media into an iBook. Additionally, other widgets are available, and creating a customized widget is a possibility. However, this takes substantial time and requires individuals to be familiar with coding languages such as hypertext markup language (HTML) or JavaScript. One popular feature among students is the quizzing aspect, as ATSU faculty found that it ensures the use of the iBook.

For non-Apple fans, the organization of the programs and interface combined with different commands introduces an even greater challenge. Tutorials available from the ATSU Information Technology Services Department provide some guidelines and ideas, but transition time is still onerous. As stated above, the ETDC is available to assist faculty who are learning to use IBA.

Increasing use of iPads by practitioners, residents, and students in health sciences programs is changing the standard way of presenting classroom material [2]. The substantial price of the iPad, however, discourages some faculty and students from purchasing one [3, 4]. If Apple, IBA, and the iPad are going to become standard, improving the design of IBA and finding better ways of distributing iBooks are two issues that Apple must address. ATSU will continue using IBA and iPads with the full support of the ETDC and the library. Stay tuned to see how things progress.

**References**


New Technology at the University of Colorado

By Lynne Fox, AHIP, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO; edited by Katie Dayani

The Health Sciences Library at the University of Colorado now offers users a cool new tool to help users document their whiteboard notes. With whiteboard capture technology by eBeam, users can save, modify, and share their whiteboard work online. All handwritten notes and drawings are saved to a computer so they can be edited, printed, emailed, and shared with anyone. The Library Service Desk offers two eBeam packages, complete with Livewire & USB devices, four colored markers (red, blue, black, and green), a microphone for audio recording, and the Edge Wireless device. Each kit also includes two Quick Reference guides with step-by-step setup and use. Users can even check out a laptop (Dell, Mac, or Chromebook) or use their own to start saving all their whiteboard information.

For more information, check out the eBeam website at [http://www.e-beam.com/products/why-ebeam.html].

MLA Call for Nominations

By the MLA Nominating Committee; edited by Kristen DeSanto

The MLA Nominating Committee is identifying potential candidates for the 2014/15 election. If you would like to recommend someone to be nominated for president or the board, or would like to be considered yourself, please send a current curriculum vitae and a paragraph outlining why the recommended person would be a good candidate to one of the members of the Nominating Committee (see below) by May 12th.

The 2014 Nominating Committee members have reviewed the job descriptions for President Elect/President/Past President and Board members, and have discussed key qualifications needed for candidates, including a person who has broad experience within MLA, significant professional achievements, a great capacity for leadership, a vision of the future of health sciences libraries, and an infectious enthusiasm for the excitement of librarianship at the present time. We also discussed the importance of diversity in selecting the slate – key issues to consider are geographic region, library or information service type, and amount of experience.

The process for selecting candidates and electing the MLA president-elect and members of the MLA Board is described on pages 2–3 of the MLA Bylaws [https://www.mlanet.org/about/organization]. The slate will contain at least two candidates for president-elect (president during 2016/17) and at least four candidates for the two vacant board positions (2015–2018). Job descriptions for president [https://www.mlanet.org/pdf/mla_officer_jobdesc_201002.pdf] and board members [https://www.mlanet.org/pdf/mla_bod_jobdesc_200905.pdf] are available on MLANET. The Nominating Committee will meet at MLA ’14 to finalize the list of potential candidates.

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Three MCMLA Regional Libraries Named in “Top 25 Most Impressive University Medical School Libraries”

By Kristen DeSanto, Express editor; edited by Amanda Sprochi

In a recent ranking of university medical school libraries, three libraries in the MCMLA region were named among the twenty-five most impressive. BestMastersDegrees.com evaluated libraries worldwide based on size and variety of holdings, special collections, architectural features, and other features such as accessibility and public access.

#7 - Health Sciences Library at the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine. The article praised the Preservation and Access Service Center for Colorado Academic Libraries (PASCAL) and the Health Sciences Library’s writing center and wireless printing capabilities.

#10 - Becker Medical Library at the Washington University School of Medicine. The library’s “Becker-on-the-road” service was highlighted, along with its History of Medicine art gallery and Rare Medical Books collection.

#11 - Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library at the University of Utah School of Medicine. The article commended the library’s environmental sustainability efforts, such as its in-house recycling measures and light conservation.

Congratulations to our friends and colleagues at CU Health Sciences Library, Becker Medical Library, and Eccles Health Sciences Library! The full article can be accessed at The Best Masters Degrees [http://www.bestmastersdegrees.com/25-most-impressive-university-medical-school-libraries]
Midcontinental Medical Library Association Annual Report, 2013-2014

By Darrel Willoughby MCMLA President; edited by the MCMLA Executive Committee

MLA Strategic Goals (Current MLA President Dixie Jones priorities in italics)

Recruitment, Membership, and Leadership in the Profession

The Chapter MLA Credentialing Liaison initiated a proposal to provide scholarships to non-AHIP Chapter members for new AHIP applications. A survey was distributed to non-AHIP Chapter members and the results of the survey were submitted to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee approved a budget to provide scholarships. A webinar that introduced the program to the membership was created and presented by Chapter AHIP members. A list of current Chapter members with AHIP memberships was created and posted on the Chapter web page to acknowledge their AHIP membership.

Nominating Committee- Set a talented election slate and administered a flawless electronic election of officers. A report was submitted to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee approved the results of the election.

Life Long Learning

Build leadership skills through education and mentorship

MLA requested that the Chapter sponsor two new MLA members for Chapter Council Sharing Roundtables, in addition to the two Chapter member scholarships that the Chapter currently sponsors. The proposal was approved by the Executive Committee. The Membership Committee, Education Committee, and Library Advocacy Committee are cooperating in creating a promotional poster for the upcoming MLA annual meeting is creating a poster and promotional materials for MLA 2014 in Chicago.

The Executive Committee approved forming the Endowment Fund Task Force ad hoc committee to investigate potential investment vehicles for an endowment to provide funds for future annual meetings. A preliminary report was submitted to the Executive Committee.

Knowledge Creation and Communication

Provide tools that facilitate conduct of research for evidence-based practice in librarianship

The Chapter listserv was transferred to a new platform. A new arrangement was made and the Chapter now pays a fee to the hosting institution. Updates were made at the Chapter website. These changes were communicated thoroughly and expeditiously.

Value of library services

The Executive Committee acted on members concerns about hospital library advocacy, calling upon members to formulate a statement about cooperating with institutions seeking library services when these institutions had eliminated their library collections and terminated their professional library staff. This document was created and the Executive Committee approved it. The document was posted on the Chapter web site.

The Library Advocacy Committee began a research project to determine what institutions and their members do to fill the gaps in information service when they close libraries and terminate librarians.

Remember the historical foundation upon which current practice has been built

MCMLA members requested that the Executive Committee form an Ad Hoc Committee to preserve Chapter archive materials and make assessments of the gaps in the collected materials. The members of this committee have taken possession of the Chapter print archives. They are presently involved in the process of cataloging and preserving these records for future generations.

Current Officers

Chair: Darrel Willoughby
Immediate Past Chair: Brenda Pfannenstiel
Chair Elect: Jackie Hittner
MLA Chapter Council Representative: Melissa De Santis
MLA Chapter Council Representative Alternate-Dana Abbey
Recording Secretary: Kristen DeSanto
Executive Secretary: Karen Wiederaenders
Parliamentarian: Nancy Woelfl
Archivist: Open as of October 13
Express Editor and Chair of Publications Committee: Amanda Sprochi
Web Editor and MCMLA-L Discussion List Owner: Tracey Hughes
Annual Meeting Advisor: Rebecca Graves
MLA Chapter Membership Liaison: Marie Reidelbach
MLA Chapter Credentialing Liaison: Jan Rice
2014 Meeting Planner (Denver): Lisa Traditi
Annual Report (cont’d)

Incoming Officers September 2014
Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Lisa Traditi
Recording Secretary: Jenny Garcia
Chapter Council Representative: Heather Brown
Chapter Council Alternate: Kate Anderson
Representative to MLA Nominating Committee: John Bramble

Annual Meetings
2013 Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City had 75 full conference attendees, 5 one-day attendees, 2 CE Classes only registrations, 3 online conference attendees, 1 online group attendee, 21 exhibitor/sponsor registrations, 4 CE courses were offered. The 2014 Quintessential Meeting Planners in Denver Colorado are busy getting ready for next October. 5 MLA regional Chapters will be cooperating in the organization, administration and ultimately, presentation of this exciting meeting. The 2015 Virtual Chapter meeting planning committee has formed the principle committees and is laying the groundwork for speakers and formats. The Executive Committee heard introductory discussions about plans for the 2016 Combined Chapter meeting (with the Midwest Chapter) in Des Moines Iowa. The Midcontinental Chapter Annual Meeting Planner reported creating conversational frameworks for the 2016 meeting cooperation with the Midwest Chapter and establishing communications about the 2016 meeting with the leadership of ICON, a Nebraska health sciences library consortium.

Bylaws Committee: Tom Gensichen, Chair, Jerry Carlson, L. Laree Lamar, Exofficio-Nancy Woelfl, Melissa De Santis, Brenda Pfannenstiel

Education Committee: Holly Henderson, Chair, Lisa Traditi, Keri Swaggart, Ingrid Ponciano, Gwen Wilson, Monica Rogers, Tallie Cassucci, Shawn Steindinger, Ben Harnke Exofficio: Rebecca Graves, Marty Magee, Jan Rice

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Membership Committee: Jeanne Burke, Chair, Phyllis Whiteside, Kristie Steigerwalt, Erin Wimmer, Jim Howard, Pat Hamilton, Teri Hartman Exofficio: Karen Wiederaenders, Marie Reidelbach, Melissa De Santis

Nominating Committee: Merinda McClure, Chair, Marty Magee, Brenda Pfannenstiel

Publications Committee: Amanda Sprochi, Chair, Darell Schmick, Katie Dayani, Kristen Desanto

Research Committee: Lori Fitterling, Co-Chair, Tim Kenny, Co-Chair, Heather Brown, Sharon Dennis, Timmi Johnson, Abby Adamczyk, Assako Holyoke, Margaret Hoogland,

Adhoc Endowment Task Force: Nancy Woelfl, Chair, Claire Hamasu, Elizabeth (Betsy) Mueth, Sarah Kirby, Karen Wiederaenders

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2014 Projected Budget
Income: $12,060
Expense: $12,226

MCMLA has a number of communication methods for reaching out to members:

MCMLA website http://www.mcmla.org which includes Wild Apricot software for online member registration, annual meeting registration, electronic voting and Chapter information.

MCMLA listserv (hosted by University of Kansas Medical Center mcmla-l@listserv.kumc.edu

Facebook http://www.facebook.com/groups/361127369466

Google+ http://plus.google.com/112762806706197050187/posts

LinkedIn http://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=3069261&trk=anet_ug_hm

Twitter https://twitter.com/MidConMLA

MCMLA Express (published 4 times a year). The editor is Amanda Sprochi. She has developed a column to highlight activities of individual members and a column to introduce new members to the Chapter. http://www.mcmla.org/express

Monthly Executive Committee Meetings
MCMLA Congratulates!

By Amanda Sprochi, MCMLA Express Editor

Sara Katsh, on her retirement after 42 years as the AORN Librarian. Read the great article and interview they published in the AORN Periop Newsletter. Sara is also the recipient of the NAHRS Recognition of Lifetime Professional Contribution award this year. She will be recognized at the NAHRS business meeting during MLA 2014. Way to go Sarah, and we’ll miss you,

Lenora Kinzie, for her induction into the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. She was “overwhelmingly” voted into the Society by its Board of Directors. Great job, Lenora!

Jerry Carlson, who had a lead role in the Cheyenne Little Theatre’s production of And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie. Hope you killed it, Jerry!

Benjy Stein, clinical medical librarian/informationist at Children’s Mercy Hospital, Kansas City MO, who moved to Quintiles, a biopharmaceutical company in Overland Park KS in mid-April. Good luck on the new job!

Gwen Wilson, who is presenting a talk entitled “How a Health Sciences Librarian Creates a Different Approach to Library Instruction” at MLA 2014 in Chicago. Check it out!

Heather Brown, who will present two posters at MLA 2014 in Chicago: “Development and Deployment of Online Learning Modules in the Age of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)” (with colleagues from McGoogan Library) and “When Flipping Flops: Piloting a New Method for Evidence-Based Practice Instruction.” Way to go!

Margaret Bandy, who will be giving the Janet Doe lecture at the MLA 2014 Annual Meeting. If you are attending MLA, be sure not to miss it.

MCMLA 2014 Election Results

The MCMLA Nominating Committee (Merinda McLure, Marty Magee, and Brenda Pfannenstiel) is very pleased to announce the election results. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all candidates for their willingness to stand and serve, and to Tracey Hughes, Web Editor & MCMLA-L Discussion List Owner, for her expert facilitation of the online ballot.

MCMLA 2014 Election Results

Vice Chair
Lisa Traditi

Recording Secretary
Jenny Garcia

Representative to the MLA Nominating Committee
John Bramble

Representative to MLA Chapter Council
Heather Brown

Alternate to MLA Chapter Council
Kate Anderson

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Kristen DeSanto
Katie Dayani
Joining the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) has never been easier. A new system has been launched allowing you to download fill-in AHIP forms, upload or email the completed portfolio, and pay online.

For an introduction to how the online forms work click on http://www.mlanet.org/academy/whatsnew-online-submissions.html

Other changes have also been approved.

**New Job Requirements:** Because of the economic recession, some medical librarians are no longer full-time medical librarians, have left the field, or have become a different type of librarian. MLA realizes there are librarians who want to move into, remain in, and come back to the health sciences librarian field and want AHIP membership. To help members succeed with AHIP, the MLA Board of Directors has approved changes to the job requirements for AHIP starting May 1, 2012. To read about these changes click on http://www.mlanet.org/academy/whatsnew-job-requirements.html

**Provisional Membership:** Starting January 1, 2014, all provisional membership applications (both new and renewing) will be required to include 5 points of professional individual accomplishments per year. This new requirement will allow members the opportunity to become more involved with MLA; MLA Sections, SIGs, and Chapters; and local medical library groups. Professional individual accomplishments then can be used towards the application for membership when the provisional member moves on to the member or senior level of AHIP.

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