Happy Thanksgiving, MCMLA’ers!

I hope you all can roust yourselves from the annual Food Coma to take a look at our post-virtual conference Express! It’s packed this month with goodies not of the edible kind.

Lisa Traditi, our incoming president, writes her inaugural column for the Express in this issue. She lays out her goals and plans for MCMLA in this next year. Highlights include working towards a strategic plan for the chapter. Make sure you check it out.

Did you know this year is the 65th anniversary of MCMLA? MLA does, and has sent along a nice proclamation celebrating that fact. And speaking of anniversaries, some trivia. Do you know who got married at an MCMLA meeting? And do you know they celebrated their 20th anniversary during our Virtual Conference this year? Congratulations to Scott and Lynn.

As you may have noticed, MCMLA tried something a little different this year for our annual meeting. Heather Brown and Tom Gensichen (and an army of helpers) worked tirelessly to pull off the first virtual chapter meeting in MLA history, and all indications from your feedback suggest it was a rousing success. What was lacking in dance parties was more than made up for in interesting keynote speakers, great presentations, and the ability to attend in your jammies. Tom gives an inside view of what it was like to host an online meeting, and we have a nice array of pictures of our virtual attendees that you all sent in from your various locations. We also celebrate the MCMLA 2015 award winners, Peggy Cruse, Jenny Garcia, and Clare Hamasu, and our 2015 STARS recipients. A job well done indeed.

We have several new MCMLA members, who are highlighted in our New Member Spotlight. Tom Gensichen describes McGoogan’s new 3D printer in their library MakerSpace, and has some really cool examples of what students have been doing with it. And MCMLA Congratulates returns, highlighting the achievements of our terrific members.

Hope you all have a safe, warm, and happy Thanksgiving. aks
Notes from the President

By Lisa Traditi, MCMLA President; edited by Amanda Sprochi

Congratulations to the planners of the 2015 MCMLA Virtual Meeting – truly a milestone for the chapter and for all of MLA. Ours was the first ever annual chapter meeting to be held virtually. Another milestone is that this year marks the 65th anniversary of our chapter. Don’t miss the proclamation from MLA [page 4]!

The only way to begin my year chairing the chapter is to offer my sincere and heartfelt thanks to Jackie Hittner. She encouraged and cajoled, discussed and negotiated, influenced and organized – all in the service of our chapter. The number of hours she has spent working for the chapter is likely equivalent to a part-time job. The results speak for themselves – we all heard them in her report. The most amazing feat is that Jackie accomplished all of this without losing her warm sense of humor.

As a small token of the chapter’s gratitude, I sent Jackie the engraved photo frame you see here, along with a box of Colorado made Enstrom’s [http://www.enstrom.com/] chocolate covered almond toffee.

Looking to the Horizon: MCMLA Strategic Priorities, Goals, and Objectives 2015-16

“The horizon leans forward, offering you space to place new steps of change.” Maya Angelou’s On The Pulse Of Morning

I believe MCMLA has the space to make change, if that is what we want. The question is: What is it that we want? Usually the chapter matches our annual goals to the annual priorities of the MLA president. This year marked a major change in how MLA set its priorities. The MLA Board worked with new MLA Executive Director, Kevin Baliozian, to create a multi-year strategic plan [http://www.mlanet.org/p/bl/et/blogid=36]. MLA’s strategic plan, started in March 2014, aims to change MLAs role from “doing stuff” to “building value.” Read the archives of the Full Speed Ahead blog to catch up on the process.

I hope to continue the progress that Jackie and the Executive Committee made last year in working towards building value. It’s hard to be all the things we think all of us, as members of MCMLA, want the organization to be. Are we a professional network? A support group? Advocates? Researchers? And, once we agree on what we want from the organization – how do we do that work as an organization of volunteers? No matter how willing we are – we do still have regular jobs! So, with the Executive Committee’s approval, I’m following MLA’s lead. Here are my strategic goals for this year – some may carry over for chair-elect Tom Gensichen to play with in 2016!

I look forward to working with all of you. I would love to hear from you. My email is lisa.traditi@ucdenver.edu and my phone number is 303-724-2141. Please share your ideas and thoughts with me or anyone on the Executive Committee.
Notes from the President (cont’d)

MCMLA Strategic Goals for 2015-2016

1. Create Strategic Goals for MCMLA

In order to:

- Clarify MCMLA’s direction
- Focus limited human and financial resources on high yield outcomes
- Garner member buy-in and participation

Key Strategies:

a. Use Executive Committee (EC) to identify and set long term goals (2-5 years)
   Date: Start date November 2015
   Owner: Chair and EC

b. Identify goals for this fiscal year (2015-16)
   Date: January 2016
   Owner: Chair and EC

c. Share with membership via email list, website, newsletter
   Date: February 2016
   Owner: Chair and chair-elect

2. Evaluate virtual meeting (Annual Meeting Task Force continuation from 2014-15)

In order to:

- Determine benefit to members
- Evaluate cost-effectiveness
- Determine sustainability and reproducibility

Key Strategies:

a. Create electronic survey, and
b. Distribute electronic survey and evaluate results
   Date: December 2015
   Owner: Ad Hoc Annual Meeting TF

c. Recommend if and how to implement future virtual meetings
   Date: April 2016
   Owner: EC and Annual Meeting TF

3. Advocacy

In order to:

- Promote and support the role of health sciences librarians within the region.
- Support libraries/library positions under threat.
- Promote value of librarians/libraries to administrators

Key Strategies:

a. Work with newly combined/formed committee to identify strategic goal(s)
   Date: by September 2016
   Owner: Advocacy Committee

b. Explore research ideas on advocacy with interested groups
   Date: by September 2016
   Owner: Advocacy Committee

4. Optimize communications with members

In order to:

- Grow community/membership interactions
- Identify communications needs/desires of members

Key Strategies:

a. Review MCMLA’s communication methods and determine if an update is needed (newsletter, blog, website, email list)
   Date: September 2016
   Owner: EC

b. Explore if/how MCMLA can use MLA’s content management system, Socius
   Date: August 2016
   Owner: Communications Committee
Resolution Honoring the Midcontinental Chapter of the Medical Library Section

Whereas, the Midcontinental Chapter of the Medical Library Association (MLA), Inc. has been in existence for 65 years;

Whereas, the Midcontinental Chapter stimulates and strengthens interest in health science library and information activities, and the Medical Library Association;

Whereas, the Midcontinental Chapter furthers the professional development of its members through continuing education opportunities offered at its annual meeting;

Whereas, the Midcontinental Chapter promotes cooperation and communication among members and area groups within the chapter and between chapters;

Whereas, the Midcontinental Chapter is blazing trails by hosting the first virtual chapter meeting in MLA’s history;

Whereas, members of the Midcontinental Chapter have furthered MLA’s mission by serving as MLA presidents, board members, committee chairs and members; be it therefore

Resolved, that the Medical Library Association commends the Midcontinental Chapter for 65 years of excellent service and accomplishment in support of the profession of health sciences librarianship.

Adopted by the MLA Board of Directors, August 2015
The McGoogan Makerspace, located on the 6th floor of the library near the main entrance, officially opened on March 31 during a Technology Open House. The Makerspace is the home of a MakerBot Replicator, 5th Generation 3D Printer, a MakerBot Replicator 2x Experimental Printer, a MakerBot Digitizer for scanning objects to be printed on the 3D printer and two workstation for creating 3D objects using 3D imaging software including MeshLab, NetFabb Basic, MakerBot MakerWare, Autodesk Inventor and MakerBot Desktop. UNMC student, faculty and staff can submit objects to be printed on the 3D printer either through an online form or by bringing in a flash drive. All 3D printing is currently handled by McGoogan staff.

A wide variety of 3D objects have been submitted for printing ranging from full-size hearts and heart sections to skulls and brains. One unique object that was printed for a staff member from the UNMC College of Public Health, elicited the following message to the McGoogan Blog, “We requested a 3D model to be made of the human cochlea with the vestibular labyrinth attached. The result is a thing of beauty! In the few weeks that we have had our model we have used it multiple times in conjunction with our other hands-on models to present hearing conservation presentations to rural elementary, JH and HS students. The students absolutely love the fact that they can touch the model (it is incredibly durable) and that it was created by a “cool” technology. As we discuss the importance of the cochlea this model helps to reinforce the learning process. We are anxious to send in our next 3D printing job! We are grateful to have this technology available.”

A group of UNMC Graduate Students recently formed a 3D printing club called the UNMC Makers. This newly formed group holds weekly meetings in the library conference room adjacent to the Makerspace and have been using the Makerspace to further their knowledge of how to create and print 3D objects. I serve as the faculty sponsor for this new group. One of the more interesting developments to come out of the UNMC Makers club so far is using the 3D printers to replicate replacement parts for research lab equipment. One of the members UNMC Makers recently submitted a replacement center section for a minigel casting system used in one of the research labs. The replacement object submitted for printing is a support for a glass plate that goes into a clamping system. The replacement part was designed in Autodesk Inventor and the file was exported as a printable file for our 3D printers. The resulting white replacement part fits and slides in and out perfectly for the gel casting system seen in the photo at right. It will be interesting to watch the 3D object development from this group.

The McGoogan Makerspace is open during regular Library hours. The equipment and materials were purchased from a special technology fund. There is currently no charge for 3D printed objects. For more information, visit the 3D Printing LibGuide at [http://unmc.libguides.com/3DPrinting](http://unmc.libguides.com/3DPrinting).
New A.T. Still Staff Member

By Jean L Sidwell, A.T. Still University, Kirksville, MO; edited by Katie Dayani.

A.T. Still Memorial Library in Kirksville, MO, welcomes William Coombs to the staff. Coombs comes from the A.T. Still Memorial Library on the Mesa, AZ, campus where he has been the director of the library’s Educational Technology Development Center for the past eight years. He replaces David Owens, former Public Services Manager, who took a librarian position at East Central College in Union, Missouri. Coombs moved to Missouri to be closer to family. In his spare time, he is an avid walker, reader, classical music lover, guitar strummer, and a long-suffering fan of the Seattle Mariners. His contact information is: wcoombs@atsu.edu, phone: 660-626-2645.

David A. Kronick Traveling Fellowship

By the Medical Library Association’s David A. Kronick Traveling Fellowship Jury

Do you have a project in mind that will take you on the road? Consider applying for MLA’s David A. Kronick Traveling Fellowship!

Established in 2002, this grant awards one $2,000 fellowship each year to cover the expenses involved in traveling to three or more medical libraries in the United States or Canada, for the purpose of studying a specific aspect of health information management. Activities that are operational in nature or have only local usefulness will be considered. The award winner is required to submit a report to MLA on the results of the project, that may be published in appropriate health information journals.

ELIGIBILITY

* The applicant must hold a graduate degree in library science.
* The applicant must be a practicing health sciences librarian with at least five years of professional experience.
* The applicant must be an individual member of the Medical Library Association.
* The applicant must be a citizen of or have permanent residence status in either the United States or Canada.
* Consideration will be given in exceptional cases to an outstanding candidate not meeting the criteria above.

The completed application form must be received at MLA headquarters by December 1, 2015.

Learn more about the application process on mlanet.org [http://www.mlanet.org/p/cm/ld/fid=308]

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Arnold, [susan.arnold@mail.wvu.edu] Jury Chair.

Frank Ritchel Ames

MCMLA is saddened to acknowledge the death of Frank Ritchel Ames, Director of Library Services at Rocky Vista University, at his home on August 23, 2015. Frank was always proud of being a librarian, and even more proud of his association with the members of the library profession, whom he always considered to be his friends, colleagues, and mentors.

Frank, in addition to being a librarian, was also a long-time professor of Biblical Studies at Colorado Christian University, before leaving for Rocky Vista University where he served in a number of capacities, including Professor and Chair of Medical Informatics, Director of Library Services at the Health Sciences Library, and co-ordinator of the ethics curriculum. He was a long time member of the Society Biblical Literature and the co-editor of several books and the author of a number of articles on ethics, war in the Hebrew Bible, and information resources in the health sciences.

A memorial service celebrating Frank’s life was held at Rocky Vista University on August 28, 2015. Donations in his memory may be made to the Arthritis Foundation [www.arthritis.org/donate.php]. We extend our deepest sympathies to Frank’s family, friends, and colleagues.
MCMLA 2015 Wrap-up

By Tom Gensichen, MCMLA 2015 Planning Committee Co-Chair; edited by Katie Dayani

Boldly going where no chapter has gone before - a completely virtual annual meeting! At the 2012 MCMLA Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO, an intrepid group of volunteers met to begin planning a virtual annual meeting. The general consensus at that first meeting was: What are we getting ourselves into and where do we begin?

During the following months of planning, a common theme began to emerge regarding the virtual meeting format: keep it as much like a face-to-face meeting as possible. Thanks to the format, the Planning Committee did not have to worry about traditional meeting logistics: a block of hotel rooms, meal planning, local arrangements, etc., which allowed more time to determine a virtual meeting vendor to plan a program that included what people expect at a meeting: exhibitors, presented papers, continuing education and a keynote speaker, as well as the usual annual business meeting (with membership voting), updates from MLA, NLM and our regional RML. Both individual and group registration costs were offered. MCMLA members were encouraged to consider the group registration option and hold annual meeting viewing sessions to encourage a more in-person meeting feel. So on October 8 & 9, the bold adventure took place - the first-ever fully virtual annual meeting of any Chapter of MLA.

For four hours each afternoon, attendees gathered across the region - in conference rooms and in individual offices - to participate in the virtual meeting. Day one featured five Lightning Talk presentations, three presented papers, four vendor presentations, an RML update complete with a bingo game, and our Keynote speaker, Ivan Oransky. Day two featured our annual business meeting (with voting on several items), updates from MLA and NLM, drawings for free one-year membership to MCMLA and MLA, and a 2016 meeting preview. The second day ended with a CE offering, Symposium of Sages. During both days there was plenty of time for questions and answers as well as the traditional networking with colleagues who participated in one of the many group viewing sessions around the MCMLA region.

During the past few years of face-to-face meetings, average attendance by MCMLA members had been between 75 and 100 people. This year 170 people attended at least one day of the virtual meeting. Attendees included MCMLA members and non-member medical librarians and medical library staff. We even had attendees from outside of our MCMLA chapter region; people attended from Pennsylvania, Alabama, Connecticut, Virginia, and Texas.

So did this bold adventure succeed? Yes! Were there some technical glitches? Yes! Only now it can be told that during the Thursday paper presentations there was a fire alarm at the headquarters of the virtual meeting vendor, MeetingOne. Unknown to anyone other than those of us who had access to the background side of the meeting software, our meeting coordinator sent a message that she had to evacuate the building and we (meaning I, Tom Gensichen, host for the first day) was running the show until the all clear was sounded. Beam me up, Scotty! Well, everything was fine, and no one was the wiser…until now. Initial evaluations have been extremely positive not only for the meeting format but also for the content.

No annual meeting can happen without a dedicated group of volunteers. I would like to thank my co-chair, Heather Brown, who kept us on track, and the members of the 2015 Planning Committee: Abby Adameczyk, John Bramble, Rebecca Graves, Jackie Hittner, Tracey Hughes, Timmi Johnson, Marty Magee, Betsy Mueth, Karen Wiederaenders and Gwen Wilson. A special thank you to Tracey Hughes who went above and beyond handling not only registrations but also vendor contacts, website development, social media updates and probably a hundred other things I am forgetting to mention. I would like to thank everyone who attended this first virtual meeting. You took a leap of faith with us on this concept, and the planning committee is deeply grateful you did. Thank you to everyone for making MCMLA 2015 a great success!
MCMLA Congratulates the 2015 MCMLA Stars

By Lenora Kinzey, Lenora Kinzie, Stauffer Health Sciences Library, Stormont-Vail HealthCare, Topeka, KS, and Katie Dayani, MCMLA Publications Committee; edited by Amanda Sprochi

The Star recognition program recognizes members who have gone above and beyond their regular duties. Full details on this year’s Stars can be found on the MCMLA website: [http://www.mcmla.org/resources/STARS/MCMLAStars15.pdf]

Congratulations to:

Kate Anderson, Zalk Veterinary Medical Library, University of Missouri
Jim Bothmer, Health Sciences Library, Creighton University
Jeanne M. Burke, Health Sciences Library, Creighton University
Jerry Carlson, Medical Library Service, University of Colorado Health - North
Rebecca Carlson McCall, Mercy College of Nursing & Health Sciences Library, Southwest Baptist University
Melissa De Santis, Health Sciences Library, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
Lynne M. Fox, Retired, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
Tom Gensichen, McGoogan Library of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Rebecca Graves, J. Otto Lottes Health Sciences Library, University of Missouri
Claire Hamasu, Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, University of Utah
Pat Hamilton, Systems Librarian, National American University
Mary Helms, McGoogan Library of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Jackie Hittner, Charles R. Baker Memorial Library, American Association of Orthodontists
Margaret Hoogland, A.T. Still Memorial Library, A.T. Still University of Health Sciences
Holly Hubenschmidt, Webster University Library
Barb Jones, J. Otto Lottes Health Sciences Library, University of Missouri

Lenora Kinzie, Stauffer Health Sciences Library, Stormont-Vail HealthCare
Betsy Mueth, Nursing Library, Missouri Baptist Medical Center
Cindy Perkins, Bergan Mercy Medical Center Library, Creighton University
Brenda Pfannenstiel, Health Sciences Library, Children’s Mercy Kansas City
Darell Schmick, Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, University of Utah
Jean Shipman, Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, University of Utah
Lisa Traditi, Health Sciences Library, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
Nancy Woelfl, Retired, McGoogan Library of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center

And congratulations to the winners of the 2015 STARS gift cards: Margaret Hoogland, Holly Hubenschmidt, & Betsy Mueth.

Congratulations Scott Pluchak and Lynn Fortney

By Amanda Sprochi, Express Editor

Once upon a time, two librarians got married at the Midcontinental Chapter’s Welcome Reception in Kansas City in 1995, where their wedding was billed as the “featured entertainment.” 20 years (and many Bearded Pigs gigs) later at MCMLA’s first virtual conference, they celebrated their wedding anniversary. Scott and Lynn, much happiness together now and always. Mazel tov!
MCMLA 2015

We came with our coffee mugs, our lunches, our snacks, and great enthusiasm! Enjoy some moments from our virtual conference captured by our members and attendees. Great job Heather and Tom!

Our fearless leaders, Heather Brown, above, and Tim Gensichen, below.

You could feel the excitement on Twitter!

Rebecca Brown came prepared with snacks.

Sneaking up on presenter Erin Wimmer. No pressure, Erin.
Gwen Wilson came prepared!

John Bramble and Claire Hamasu kicking bingo booty and taking names, literally.

The folks at Eccles had quite a turnout...

...as did the folks in Nebraska!

Big crowd at HSLNKC.

MU representing, small but mighty.

Heather Healy and Heather Collins “Leaning In” from the University of Kansas Medical Center
Congratulations to the MCMLA 2015 Award Winners!

By Rebecca Carlson McCall, Chair, MCMLA Honors and Award Committee; edited by Susan Sanders.

Each year at our annual meeting the MCMLA Honors and Awards Committee recognizes three of our members for their service to the association and to librarianship. This year at the virtual meeting the Committee had the privilege of presenting awards to three outstanding librarians.

The 2015 awardee of the Barbara McDowell Award is Peggy Cruse. 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. Peggy Cruse was recognized for her hospital library leadership and participation in MCMLA. She was awarded a framed certificate and a monetary stipend.

Jenny Garcia is the 2015 awardee of the Bernice M. Hetzner Award. 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. Jenny Garcia was recognized for her academic health sciences library leadership and innovation and her participation in MCMLA. She was awarded a framed certificate and a monetary stipend. (Photo at right)

The 2015 MCMLA Outstanding Achievement Award was presented to Claire Hamasu. Established in 1983, this award honors a member for contributions to the goals and objectives of the Association and for significant contributions to health sciences/hospital librarianship. Nominees are judged on: leadership, training, presentations and publications, library development, networking, originality and creativity, and organizational activities. The Honors and Awards committee was happy to present the 2015 Outstanding Achievement Award to Claire Hamasu (photo at right). She was awarded a framed certificate and a monetary stipend.

Congratulations to our three 2015 awardees and thank you to the 2014-2015 Honors and Awards Committee for their service.

Join Us in Des Moines in 2016!

By Kristen DeSanto, 2016 Joint Midwest/MCMLA Meeting Publicity Committee; edited by Amanda Sprochi

The 2015 Virtual Meeting was a big success, and now it’s time to mark your calendars for the 2016 meeting. We hope you will join us next year for Merge & Converge, the Joint Midwest/MCMLA Meeting in Des Moines, October 21-25. Between the two chapters there will be librarians from sixteen different states, which equals one exciting networking and professional development opportunity for you! And while you’re there, be sure to check out some of the city’s unique attractions, such as the golden-domed Iowa State Capitol or the John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park. Des Moines has something for everyone, and you can find out more by watching this video.

As the meeting date gets closer, more details will be posted on the MCMLA website, blog, and Express newsletter.
New Member Spotlight

Heidi Zuniga

By Kristy Steigerwalt, MCMLA Membership Committee; edited by Katie Dayani

What is your position title and/or interest in libraries?

My position title is Digital Resources Librarian at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus Health Sciences Library, although I started here as the Electronic Resources Librarian. My role at the library has not changed, but because I am responsible for both electronic resources (e-books, e-journals, databases) and the digital repository, I thought the title change would encompass everything a little more.

What do you like most about it so far?

Even though I have a lot to do with the “two hats” I wear at the Health Sciences Library, I love being able to have such a broad work experience. I love troubleshooting e-resource access problems. It is very satisfying to fix problems and get a much-needed article for someone. The best thing about the digital repository is making important or long-buried resources openly available online.

What is your educational background and what schools did you attend?

I have a B.A. in English from Pacific Lutheran University, and I have an M.A. in English from Colorado State University. I worked at University of Northern Colorado as a graduate assistant and library technician while I earned my MSLS through a distance program at Clarion University.

What is your previous work experience?

My first post-degree position was at Ithaca College in New York as an Electronic Resources Librarian. I have worked at the Health Sciences Library at CU since 2011.

What’s a fun/unique/interesting tidbit for your fellow MCMLA’ers to know about you?

I spent a year working in the Czech Republic at a science academy helping to organize a course on microbiology. Czech is a challenging language, but I still remember how to say “I am an American” which I often used as a way of apologizing for not understanding anyone. Luckily for me, many Czechs speak English very well.

How do you spend your free time?

I spend most of my free time with my family: husband, 3 kids and pets. We spend lots of time either outdoors or at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

Is there any additional information you would like to share about yourself?

I’m also interested in ways libraries are supporting open-access publishing. There are a lot of interesting issues to think about such as author fees and selecting quality journals.

What do you hope to gain from being a member of MCMLA?

I am excited to be able to work with a regional organization that includes a wide variety of institutions. I hope to gain more experience with archival work, and I would like to gain a deeper understanding of the changing landscape of health sciences librarianship.

Susan Meadows

By Jeanne Burke, MCMLA Membership Liaison to MLA; edited by Susan Sanders

Susan Meadows has an MLS from the University of Missouri-Columbia (UMC). She worked a number of years at the J. Otto Lottes Health Sciences Library at UMC. Susan is currently a Medical Librarian IV and Adjunct Associate Professor in the Information Management & Research Center which is part of Family & Community Medicine at UMC.

Her position has grown over the years so she now “manages information for physicians, residents and research faculty” along with “a large departmental intranet site.” In response to these expanded responsibilities and “assisting faculty physicians with the design and creation of chronic care algorithms,” Susan has had to cultivate quite a few new skill sets! Susan Meadows is a good example of how health sciences librarians are identifying new opportunities and adapting their support to fit our evolving technological and information based world.
New Member Spotlight (cont’d)

May Ryan

By Kristy Steigerwalt, MCMLA Membership Committee; edited by Amanda Sprochi

What is your position title and/or interest in libraries?
I am a graduate student; I currently work at Elsevier as database assistant for a cancer diagnostic app.

What do you like most about it so far?
Using PubMed and learning more about MeSH; contributing to an effort to fight cancer; working with terrific people.

What is your educational background and what schools did you attend?
Bachelor’s degree in English from BYU, MLS from Emporia State University, will graduate December 2015—YAY!

What is your previous work experience?
Nearly two years at BYU Magazine as assistant to the editor; two years at an instructional design company.

What’s a fun/unique/interesting tidbit for your fellow MCMLA’ers to know about you?
I became a naturalized US citizen in 2009.

How do you spend your free time?
Reading, napping, watching movies, listening to music.

What do you hope to gain from being a member of MCMLA?
I hope to establish ongoing professional connections and learn more about the medical library field.

Draft Business Meeting Minutes Available

By Amanda Sprochi, Express Editor

A draft of the minutes [http://www.mcmla.org:80/resources/Express/2015/minutes2015.docx] from the 2015 MCMLA Business meeting held during the Virtual Conference is available on the MCMLA website. Please note: this is only a draft. Any corrections to or comments on the minutes should be forwarded to Jenny Garcia [jgarcia@uwyo.edu]. This year’s minutes will be approved at the Joint Midwest/MCMLA meeting in Omaha in 2016.

Congratulations to the BINGO Winners at MCMLA!

Ruby Nugent
Kristen DeSanto
Liz Kellermeyer
Darrell Willoughby
Laura Cullerton
Shelie Vacek
Gwen Wilson
Shawn Steidinger

NN/LM thanks everyone who participated in the RLM session at MCMLA.

MCMLA Congratulates

By Amanda Sprochi, Express Editor

Scott Pluchak and Lynn Fortney, who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary at the 2015 MCMLA Virtual Conference. TBT!

Peggy Cruse, recipient of the Barbara McDowell Award; Jenny Garcia, recipient of the Bernice M. Hetzner Award; and Clare Hamasu, recipient of the 2015 MCMLA Outstanding Achievement award. Good work, ladies! See our story on page 11 for more information.

All the varied and numerous STARS award nominees for 2015! Our membership has really been working hard.

Margaret Hoogland, Holly Hubenschmidt, & Betsy Mueth, winners of the STARS gift cards!

William Coombs, on his new job at the A.T. Still University Memorial Library. Welcome, William!

Jackie Hittner, who did a truly stellar job as our chapter president. Thank you so much for all your hard work this past year. And to Lisa Traditi, our incoming president, good luck! Buy them both a beer if you see them.
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](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](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.

Currently there are roughly 1100 AHIP members who participate in the academy at 5 levels of membership. Why don’t you join us?

Visit [http://www.mlanet.org/academy/](http://www.mlanet.org/academy/) for more information