Hi MCLMA’ers:

We have a ton going on the Chapter this quarter, so be sure to have a look. Firstly, our Joint Conference with Midwest, Merge & Converge, Sixteen in ’16 is happening in October in lovely Des Moines, Iowa. There is a great program with terrific continuing education opportunities, so make sure you check them out. A reminder as well that early bird reduced rates end on September 12, so get your registration in soon if you haven’t already.

The Chapter also has some very important business taking place at the annual business meeting in Des Moines this year. Firstly, there are a number of bylaws changes that need to be voted on. Brenda Pfannenstiel and her committee have worked very hard this year to update and align our bylaws with MLA; I know reading bylaws isn’t the most scintillating of duties, but we all need to be ready to vote on them in October. So please read them carefully and come ready to discuss and vote.

Also needing to be voted on is the rescinding of two motions passed in 2012 at the annual business meeting in the Championing for Librarians Proposal. Lisa Traditi and a crew of others have been working hard on this, and explain why these two motions are no longer viable options.

Nancy Woefl writes on the creation of the MCMLA Endowment fund, and encourages members to consider giving to the fund. She also reminds us that the Midwest Chapter is fund raising during the Annual Meeting and could use our help. Any donation helps the future of health sciences librarianship, so you can’t lose.

Lisa Traditi encourages us in her president’s column to come and join in at the annual Chapter meeting this year, and points out the hard work the Executive Committee has been putting into the Chapter this year. Consider volunteering for a committee or for the annual meeting, being held in lovely Columbia Missouri in 2017. But I’m probably biased.

Jean Shipman updates us on the great work being done (always!) at Eccles, Jackie Hittner, our new Treasurer/old Executive Secretary (read the Bylaws!) reminds us the MCMLA address has changed, and a number of opportunities for recognition and awards are available.

See you in Iowa!

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Notes from the President

By Lisa Traditi, MCMLA President; edited by Amanda Sprochi

On Traditions

I loved the Virtual Meeting last year. It was lovely to sit in the comfort of my own library and connect with all of you. No airport delays, no missing my hubby and dog. Alas, meeting virtually also meant no in person impromptu discussions prompted by paper and poster presentations, no getting to catch up over meals or adult beverages with friends, either! So, I’m looking forward very much to seeing all of you in person at Merge & Converge: Sixteen in ’16, the Join Meeting of the Midwest and Midcontinental Chapters of MLA, October 21-24 in Des Moines, Iowa. I look forward to the traditions of the opening reception, the paper and poster sessions, the annual business meeting, and, especially, the informal meetings at the bar!

If you are a committee chair, appointed or elected officer, or task force chair – whether outgoing or incoming – you are invited to the Executive Committee meeting on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 9:30am-noon. Please watch for an email invitation with more details.

Please plan to stay for our Annual Chapter Business Meeting from 1:30-3:00pm on Monday, Oct. 24. We have important business that requires your vote! Plus, there will be dessert! (Ed. note: YAY!)

Your Executive Committee has been working hard this year. We meet monthly to keep the chapter’s business rolling along throughout the year. Highlights include:

- Online orientation of new appointed officers and committee chairs in December;
- Evaluating our first ever Virtual Meeting and recommending a new annual meeting rotation that includes more virtual meetings;
- Starting our very own Endowment Fund;
- Holding a special election to fill unexpected vacancies for Chair-elect and Recording Secretary –elect;
- Appointing a new Executive Secretary; and
- Appointing a Strategic Planning Task Force to take your suggestions and draft a Strategic Plan.

We’ve done a lot of regular, annual work, too, such as updating the Policy and Procedures Manual (thanks Jackie!), reviewed special election procedures thanks Claire, (Nancy, and the Nominating Committee!), and will have a vote on Bylaws changes for your consideration at the Annual Business Meeting (Thank Brenda and the Bylaws Committee!).

When you consider that we are all unpaid volunteers with regular jobs, I’m amazed at the amount of work these amazing folks have achieved.

That’s the most important tradition we have, I believe. The tradition where we volunteer our time and energy for the good of the chapter. Whether you see them at the Annual Meeting in Des Moines or not, I hope you’ll join me in thanking everyone who has served the chapter this year – all 65 of them, many of whom have multiple roles! You can see the full list on the MCMLA Committees webpage.

See you all in Des Moines!

MCMLA Stars Trek!

By Jerry Carlson, MCMLA Honors and Awards Committee; edited by John Jones

Cyberspace: the final frontier. These are the voyages of the MCMLA Starship STARS. Its ongoing mission: To explore strange new health topics; to seek out new resources and new services; to boldly go where no librarian has gone before.

This September marks 50 years that something similar has been heard over the airwaves. Ten years ago, MCMLA trekked in its own Stars Program to recognize members who have boldly gone where no librarian has gone before in the past year, through publications, presentations, teaching, service in offices and committees, or other ways to help our patrons’ patients live long and our organizations prosper. If you or somebody you know matches those tricorder readings, beam on over to the MCMLA Stars Program for more information and the Nomination Form by Star Date, Friday, August 26, 2016.
Championing for Librarians Proposal: Discussion of Motions 1 and 2

By Lisa Traditi, MCMLA President; report compiled by Jackie Hittner, MCMLA Treasurer, with contributions from Brenda Pfannenstiel, Claire Hamasu, Jerry Perry, and the MCMLA Ad Hoc Committee on Championing for Libraries; edited by Amanda Sprochi

At the October Annual Business Meeting of MCMLA, the Executive Committee will put forth the following motion:

Moved: To rescind Motion 1 of Championing for Librarians and to consider Motion 2 complete.

Motion 1:
MCMLA, within one year will begin work with state hospital accrediting bodies to adopt standards requiring direct access to a librarian.

Motion 2:
MCMLA will encourage and support publication by the membership in (non-library oriented) health professional publications, newsletters, journals, letters to the editor.

History: Many of us remember Dick Kammer’s passionate plea at the 2012 MCMLA Annual meeting that the chapter ‘do something’ about the number of hospital libraries being closed and librarians losing their jobs. We continue to face this dilemma with the closing of other hospital libraries. Although it is long past, this author is one of those whose position was cut as a hospital librarian.

The Executive Committee appointed a Championing for Librarians Task Force to craft motions based on the discussion that ensued at that annual meeting. In 2013, the Task Force presented to the chapter 5 motions, which were passed by membership vote. Since then, Motions 3-5 have been answered. However, Motion 1 remains outstanding and the Executive Committee believes it is not achievable. Motion 2, we believe, has been met.

Justification: As Jackie Hittner stated in her 2015 Chair’s Report at the Annual Meeting: “In regards to Motion 1 - work with state hospital accrediting bodies to adopt standards requiring direct access to a librarian ...the chapter does not have a voice with these accrediting bodies.”

MCMLA does not have influence over state accrediting bodies nor do we have the ability to force an accrediting body to adopt standards it has never enforced. The Executive Committee feels this motion sets the organization up for failure and asks the membership to vote to rescind.

For Motion 2, the Task Force made several recommendations on how to enact said motion, including the creation of an MCMLA award for publication in a non-library journal. The Executive Committee agrees with Jackie’s comments on Motion 2: “...We think it is more important for the chapter to support research that promotes the worth of a medical librarian in a hospital setting instead of offering a prize. However, MCMLA cannot do the research...We do not have the staff to do the research for you. The research that is completed will dictate which journal to submit for publication…”

The Executive Committee agrees that, while we always encourage and support our members’ publications and celebrate all published works, MCMLA cannot force members to publish in journals outside of our profession.

Again, quoting Jackie:

“There has been a good faith effort on the executive committee and all responsible committees in regards to carrying out Motions 1 and 2. We have worked hard and we have reached out to people who could help move the initiatives of Motion 1 and 2 forward. However, the issues are big and we are not getting any traction…”

I look forward to discussing this with you. Please share your comments by email, phone, or in person at the Annual Meeting in Des Moines. You can reach me by email or at or 303.724.2141.

The full document, Championing for Libraries, more details, and a history can be found on the MCMLA website.
Get Ready for Merge & Converge: Sixteen in ’16

By Amy Blevins, Publicity Chair, Merge & Converge, Sixteen in ‘16 Joint Meeting; edited by Katie Dayani

Can you believe that it’s almost time for Merge & Converge: Sixteen in ’16? Below are details to help you plan your trip!

Early Registration Discount

Don’t forget that early registration ends September 12! Early registration for the full conference is only $275 for members and $325 for non-members. You can register later, of course, but it’ll cost you an extra $50 (if I were you, I’d save my money for the Midwest Fundraising event that is discussed below).

Hotel Rooms

The conference will be held at the Des Moines Marriott, 700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. A block of rooms has been reserved for meeting attendees at the rate of $144/night, single or double. The last day to book at this rate is September 30, 2016. Wireless high-speed internet will be available in guest rooms for $1/night. Remember that meeting our commitment for the room block is what allows us to have meeting rooms at no cost.

Hotel rooms are going quickly, so book your room at the group rate for Medical Library Association Midwest Midcontinental Chapters Annual Meeting online as soon as possible. You can also register by phone by calling 1-800-228-9290 — be sure to mention “Medical Library Association Midwest Midcontinental Chapters Annual Meeting.”

Reception Details

The Merge & Converge Sunday night reception will take place at the Iowa Hall of Pride from 6-9pm. A ticket to this event is included with full registration.

Midwest Fundraising at Merge & Converge: Sixteen in ’16

The Midwest Chapter / MLA is holding the first fundraiser for Midwest Chapter scholarships and awards during the Merge & Converge conference! Tickets will be sold for a 50/50 raffle.

How does a 50/50 raffle work? Tickets are sold ($1/each; $5/for 6; $10 for 15), and the winner gets 50% of the total sales and the balance goes to the Midwest Chapter / MLA.

All conference attendees are invited to participate in the raffle. Be part of raising funds for the Midwest Chapter / MLA scholarships and awards by purchasing raffle tickets and/or volunteering to sell raffle tickets. Help the Midwest Chapter continue to provide scholarships and awards for future recipients! Thank you!

Please contact Edith Starbuck, Midwest Chapter MLA Awards Committee Chair if you have any questions.

Merge & Converge GMR Tech Forum: Partnering with Technology Champions

This year, the GMR is sponsoring a Tech Trends Panel on Monday October 24, from 3:30-5pm. This event will feature panelists who will share their IT collaboration success stories as either a “technology therapy” for those of us struggling with new technology initiatives in our institutions or an inspiration to those of us looking for new and exciting ventures.

In addition to hearing from our colleagues about their successful adventures in tech collaborations, we will hold a drawing for a fabulous prize immediately after the technology forum. This is truly a “don’t want to miss” event.

Continuing Education at Merge & Converge: Sixteen in ’16

One of the great things about attending a chapter meeting is the ability to take CE classes at lower prices than what you typically see at the big national meetings. This year, all CE classes will take place on Saturday, October 22. Most of the classes are 4 hours in length, so you can enjoy
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a morning or afternoon off, or you can sign up for two classes and spend your Saturday basking in learning opportunities. Classes cover a wide variety of topics including research projects, data visualization, predatory publishing, building partnerships with stakeholders, turning your data into a financial advocate for your library, and innovative instruction.

Class descriptions are provided below.

Lorie Kloda, MLIS, PhD Associate University Librarian for Planning and Community Relations at Concordia University in Montreal will be teaching Research by Design: Proposing, Planning, and Carrying Out a Research Project for the Practicing Librarian from 8am – noon for 4 contact hours. This workshop will introduce participants to the steps in designing a research project: articulating the problem, formulating a research objective, reviewing the literature, designing the methods, and outlining the work plan and resources required. Using examples from health sciences librarianship, participants will explore different types of research projects accomplished by hospital and academic librarians as inspiration. Workshop participants will learn practical strategies and tips for incorporating research into daily routines useful for those without extensive education or experience in research methods. Each participant will leave the workshop with an outline of steps for a research project.

Tony Nguyen, MLS, NN/LM SE/A, University of Maryland, Medical Library is teaching Cool Creative Communications: Dazzling Data Visualization from 8am – noon for 4 contact hours. Taking this class will enable participants to: 1) Increase their knowledge of using visual representations of data and various data visualization tools; 2) Design a visualization using a data set with a selected tool and 3) Discuss visualizations created by peers to enhance understanding of the data presented.

Catherine Arnott Smith, AMLS, MA, MS, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Library & Information Studies is teaching Beyond the List: Unpacking the Predatory Publisher from 8am – noon for 4 contact hours. The overall goal of this class is to enable learners to think in a deep way about how librarians can evaluate the published biomedical literature they find and make decisions about its quality. I do this by focusing on a real-life situation: the “predatory publisher” scenario. Both practicing librarians and their patrons are affected by the predatory phenomenon in important ways, and I hope to equip librarians to deal with the phenomenon to empower themselves as information professionals and authors alike.

Gwen Wilson, MLS, AHIP, Washburn University, Mabee Library, Topeka, KS and Kristen DeSanto, MLS, MS, RD, AHIP, University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus Library, Aurora CO are co-teaching Building Partnerships with Faculty, Clinicians and Other Stakeholders from 1pm – 5pm for four contact hours. Interested in strategies on building partnerships that lead to collaborative projects? This class will discuss barriers to building partnerships and detailed plans to help overcome these obstacles. Learn some strategies that will help open opportunities for collaborative projects in both the academic and hospital settings. After four hours in a hands-on workshop you will walk away with an action plan that fits you.

Betsy Kelly, MLS, MBANN/NL MCR and Barb Jones, MLS, Missouri State Coordinator and Coordinator for Library Engagement projects within the MidContinental Region will be teaching Financial Advocacy: Turning Your Data into Ammunition! from 1pm – 4pm for three contact hours. Statistics, data, reporting, oh my! Is your data alive and selling your value? Or, is it inanimate – stuck on paper, filed in a folder that is opened once a year to add another page and get a little fatter? Attend this Financial Advocacy class to learn how your data can become a living, breathing, contributing member of your library. This class will talk about what you can do with data and what it takes to make it sing for you. We’ll talk about kinds of data, different ways to view and analyze them as well as how to convert those numbers to money saved for your institution. We’ll determine the ROI of your services and of creating and teaching a class. We’ll finish up with a look at different ways to put your data to work telling your story in compelling ways.

Amy Blevins, MALS, Indiana University Ruth Lilly Medical Library and Xiaomei Gu, MLS, University of Iowa Hardin Library for the Health Sciences will be teaching Innovative Instruction from 1pm – 5pm for 4 contact hours. This class will show a variety of active learning strategies to enhance instruction delivered face to face, online, or in a blended setting. Topics covered will include learning theory, instructional design, audience response systems, screencasting, and other technologies. The instructors will engage participants in discussions about their experiences with creating engaging instructional sessions while also modeling techniques they have used in their own classes.

To learn more about these class offerings, please check out the Merge & Converge website or this issue of the Express.
Don’t Miss These Incredible Opportunities at Merge & Converge

By Rebecca Brown, Chair, Continuing Education Committee for Merge & Converge; edited by John Jones

If you are looking for something to do on Saturday, October 22nd, before the official opening of the Merge & Converge joint chapter meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, consider raising your skills to new heights by attending one (or more) of the 6 Continuing Education sessions being offered. The lineup: 6 great class topics you requested with 9 fantastic instructors ready to help revive and renew your amazing spirit.

- Research by Design: Proposing, Planning, and Carrying Out a Research Project for the Practicing Librarian
- Cool Creative Communications: Dazzling Data Visualization (Hands on!)
- Beyond the list: Unpacking the Predatory Publisher (Hands on!)
- Building Partnerships with Faculty, Clinicians and Other Stakeholders
- Financial Advocacy: Turning Your Data into Ammunition!
- Innovative Instruction

You can view complete conference information at the Merge & Converge website.

Brief course specifics are below but full class descriptions are available on the conference continuing education page.

**Research by Design: Proposing, Planning, and Carrying Out a Research Project for the Practicing Librarian**

Date: October 22, 2016
Time: 8:00-noon
Cost: $150
MLA CE credit: Approved for 4 Contact Hours
Instructor: Lorie Kloda, Associate University Librarian for Planning and Community Relations at Concordia University in Montreal

**Cool Creative Communications: Dazzling Data Visualization**

Date: October 22, 2016
Time: 8:00-noon
Cost: $150
MLA CE Credits: Approved for 4 Contact Hours
Instructor: Tony Nguyen, NN/LM SE/A, University of Maryland Medical Library, Baltimore, MD

Please feel free to contact Rebecca Brown with questions.
Endowment Kickoff!

By Nancy Woelfl, Chair, MCMLA Ad Hoc Endowment Task Force; edited by

Many of us remember our first piggy bank as a fun way of learning to save and invest in the future. As children, it was a lesson that paid off, perhaps in the form of a neat toy or a new bike.

The MCMLA Endowment Fund is its version of an organizational piggy bank and an apt symbol for the fund raising effort that will begin in Des Moines. Watch for piggy banks at the MCMLA booth, on registration badges, and in pork themed prizes [Ed. Note: BACON??! I’m there]. You don’t have to be a millionaire to leave a legacy and can help MCMLA get its endowment fund off the ground simply by putting spare change into the bank.

MCMLA is not the only chapter that understands the benefit of creating an endowment fund. Our Midwest Chapter colleagues will also begin endowment fund raising in Des Moines. The chapter suffered a considerable financial loss several years ago, when its organizational management firm went bankrupt. In choosing MLA’s investment firm to manage our endowment, MCMLA members can be assured our fund has a real margin of safety.

While we hope you will be generous to MCMLA, we realize many MCMLA members may want to support the Midwest Chapter as well. The MCMLA Ad Hoc Endowment Task Force respects and appreciates your investment in the future of health sciences librarianship, in any way you choose to make it.

New MCMLA Addresses!

Jackie Hittner, MCMLA Treasurer, wants everyone to make a note of MCMLA’s new mailing address...

MCMLA
PO Box 221465
St. Louis, MO 63122

...and new email address: mcmlatreasurer@gmail.com

MCMLA Special Election Results

By Claire Hamasu, Chair, MCMLA Nominating Committee; edited by Amanda Sprochi

The MCMLA Nominating Committee (Claire Hamasu, Erica Lake and Jackie Hittner) is very pleased to announce the 2016 special election results.

- Members approved Gwen Wilson to assume the current position of Vice Chair/Chair-Elect.
- Members approved Kim Harp to assume the position of incoming Recording Secretary. Kim will become Recording Secretary at the close of the Joint Meeting.
- Members elected John Bramble as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect. John’s term of office will also start at the close of the Joint Meeting.

Our appreciation goes to all of the members who were willing to run for elected office. We also thank the 71 members who voted in this special election.

With our leadership in place, the chapter is once again on course.

Medline Plus Domain Change

By Dana Abbey, MidContinental Region NN/LM . Reprinted with permission from RML News

MedlinePlus has changed its domain from www.nlm.gov/medlineplus to https://medlineplus.gov. This change is effective for all page URLs on the English and Spanish MedlinePlus sites.

The previous URLs automatically redirect to the new URLs. However, we suggest updating MedlinePlus links on your Web site to point to the new domain for the English and Spanish sites at medlineplus.gov and medlineplus.gov/spanish.
The Midcontinental Chapter of the Medical Library Association proposes to make substantive changes to our bylaws as follows:

**MCMLA proposed change of title from Executive Secretary to Treasurer**

Justification: to better define this appointed role and to avoid confusion with the elected official titled Recording Secretary. Note: the MLA Bylaws Chair had no objections to us having a Treasurer as an Appointed Official.

This is a simple substitution of one title for another in the existing bylaws, which all chapter members may view on the MCMLA website on the [Chapter Bylaws webpage](http://www.mcmla.org/bylawstext).

**MCMLA proposed change: remove the roles of all appointed committee chairs into a procedure manual**

Justification: Chapter bylaws should be consistent with MLA bylaws. MLA recently voted to remove all of the detail describing roles of appointed Committee Chairs from the bylaws, placing specific procedural detail for committees and councils into a policy and procedure manual. This will allow MLA and our chapter to be more flexible and responsive to changing conditions.

**Summary of bylaws changes required:**

**Article IV. Section 9. Appointed Officials**

The appointed officials of the Chapter shall consist of an Executive Secretary, a Treasurer, a Parliamentarian, an Archivist, an Annual Meeting Advisor, the Editor of the MCMLA EXPRESS, an Auditor, a Web Site Editor, an Electronic Discussion List Owner, and the Annual Meeting Chairs. The responsibilities and terms of appointed officials shall be determined by the Executive Committee and recorded in the Policy & Procedure Manual posted on the Chapter web site.

**Article IV. Section 10. Terms of Appointed Officials**

The appointed officials of the Chapter shall serve one-year terms beginning at the close of the Annual Meeting, and may be re-appointed annually at the Chair’s discretion. Annual Meeting Chairs will serve one additional year following his/her respective Annual Meeting. In addition, when requested by MLA, the Executive Committee will appoint special liaisons to MLA. All liaisons must be voting members of MLA.

**Article V. Duties of the Elected Officials, Appointed Officials, and Representatives**

Delete sections 8 through 16; move to P&P Manual.

[About section 12. The Annual Meeting Advisor is the chair of a standing committee/council to be listed in Article IX, with responsibilities and role described in the Policy & Procedure Manual. Someone will need move to create the Council at the Annual Business Meeting before the Bylaws changes come up for a vote.]

**MCMLA proposed change: creation of the Annual Meeting Advisory Council**

Justification: Many of the local librarian groups have dissolved or lost members, and our chapter has committed to having more joint chapter meetings and virtual meetings to relieve pressure on the remaining local groups planning face-to-face meetings. We will create a chapter-wide council to guide and assist with the planning of annual meetings. The Annual Meeting Advisory Council will be listed with MCMLA Committees in Article IX, section 3. The AMA Council will be chaired by the Annual Meeting Advisor and the specific roles and responsibilities of the Council will be in the Policy & Procedure Manual.

**Summary of bylaws changes required:**

MLA Bylaws Chair recommended treating the Annual Meeting Advisor as an Appointed Official who is otherwise like a Committee Chair. The following material would not appear in the Bylaws but would appear in the P&P Manual, if the Council is approved.

**Article V. Duties of the Elected Officials, Appointed Officials, and Representatives.**

Section 12. Annual Meeting Advisor. The Annual Meeting Advisor shall:

1. chair the Annual Meeting Advisory Council;
2. assist in any matters regarding Annual Meetings;
3. provide and maintain files or software programs for tracking Annual Meeting registration;
4. serve as an ex-officio member of the Education Committee and the Executive Committee;
5. develop and maintain a procedure manual for use by the Annual Meeting Chairs;
6. check all vendor contracts regarding the Annual Meeting;
7. perform all other duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted
Bylaws (cont’d)

Section 13. Annual Meeting Chair. The Annual Meeting Chairs shall

1. coordinate all activities regarding the planning, organization, and completion of Annual Meetings for which they are responsible;
2. attend Executive Committee meetings for the two years immediately prior to and the year of their Annual Meeting assignment;
3. serve as ex-officio members of the Executive Committee and the Annual Meeting Advisory Council;
4. coordinate Annual Meeting activities with the Annual Meeting Advisor and the Annual Meeting Advisory Council;
5. supervise planning, organization, and local arrangements for Annual Meetings;
6. perform all other duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Chapter [could drop this line from all Appointed Officers’ descriptions of duties if moved to the P&P Manual.]

Article IX. Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

Section 3.

The standing committees are Advocacy, Annual Meeting Advisory Council, Bylaws, Education, Honors and Awards, Membership, Nominating, Publications, and Research.

MCMLA proposed change: clarification of succession when elected offices become vacant before or during a term of office.

Justification: This past year some members who had been elected to fill offices were unable to assume their duties because they left our chapter to take jobs in other regions. The Bylaws were not clear about how to refill vacant positions in every circumstance. The MLA Bylaws Chair advised that we could put this level of detail into the Bylaws if we want to, or we could leave it up to the Executive Committee to appoint replacements for vacant positions. The Model Bylaws say “a vacancy arising in any other elected office [than the Chair or Council Representatives] shall be filled by the Executive Board.” Since the Chair already has the power to appoint many officers and committee chairs, the Bylaws Committee strongly recommends that vacancies in these Elected Officer positions should be handled as described below in the proposed bylaws changes.

Summary of bylaws changes required:

Article IV. Elected Officers, Appointed Officials, and Representatives.

Section 4. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect.

1. The Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect shall be elected annually prior to the Annual Meeting.
2. S/he shall take office at the close of the Annual Meeting following her/his election and one year later shall assume the office of Chair, again at the close of the Annual Meeting.
3. S/he shall become the Acting Chair if a vacancy occurs in the office of Chair, and shall continue as Chair for the full succeeding term to which s/he was elected.
4. In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of Vice-Chair, the Executive Committee shall select two nominees for the office and submit their names to the membership in a special election not more than two months after the vacancy occurs. This specially elected Vice-Chair will succeed as Chair.

Replacing 4: In the event that a vacancy occurs for the office of Vice-Chair/Chair Elect and if there has been an election for the succeeding Vice-Chair/Chair Elect, then the Executive Committee will appoint the elected successor to be the current Vice-Chair/Chair Elect. The Nominating Committee will hold a regular or a special election for the vacant Vice-Chair/Chair Elect position. If a special election is required, it will be held not more than two months after the vacancy occurs.

Article IV. Elected Officers, Appointed Officials, and Representatives.

Section 5. Recording Secretary.

1. The Recording Secretary shall be elected annually prior to the Annual Meeting.
2. S/he shall take office at the close of the Annual Meeting following her/his election.
3. In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of Recording Secretary, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Chapter member to serve as Recording Secretary until the next regularly scheduled election.

Replacing 3: In the event that a vacancy occurs after a Recording Secretary is elected but before beginning her/
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his term of service, the Nominating Committee will hold a special election not more than two months after the vacancy occurs.

Article IV. Elected Officers, Appointed Officials, and Representatives.

Section 6. Representative and Alternate Representative to the MLA Chapter Council.

1. The Representative to the MLA Chapter Council shall be elected by eligible Chapter members not less than two months prior to the Annual Meeting of MLA for a term of three years from a slate of not less than two nominees.

2. The Alternate Representative to the MLA Chapter Council shall be elected by eligible Chapter members not less than two months prior to the Annual Meeting of MLA for a term of three years from a slate of not less than two nominees.

3. The Representative and Alternate Representative shall serve concurrently and take office at the close of the Annual Meeting of MLA following their election.

4. In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of Representative, the Alternate shall become the Representative. The Alternate Representative position will remain vacant until the next regular election.

5. In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of the Alternate Representative and the Representative cannot attend MLA, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Chapter member qualified as above as Acting Alternate Representative. The Acting Alternate Representative shall not succeed to the position of Representative. At the next regular election an Alternate Representative will be elected to finish out a term or to begin a three year term.

6. If the position of Alternate is held by appointment (Acting Alternate Representative), this individual shall not succeed to the position of Representative. Instead, the Chapter Nominating Committee shall select two nominees qualified as above for the position of Representative and submit their names to the MLA membership of the Chapter in a special election within two months after such vacancy occurs. If there will not be enough time to complete an election before the next MLA Chapter Council meeting, the Chair shall appoint an Acting Representative to represent the Chapter at that meeting and to serve until such an election can be held.

Replacing 6: In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of Representative and Alternate Representative, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Chapter member qualified as above as Acting Representative. A Representative and Alternate Representative will be elected at the next scheduled election.

MCMLA proposed change: “Between Chapters” to “among Chapters”

Justification: proper grammar

Change required: Article II. Last line “within the Chapter and between among Chapters.”

MCMLA proposed change: date when members lose membership privileges after failing to pay their annual dues.

Justification: Must reconcile the date with Article VI, which says we vote for elected offices on or after Feb. 15. Only those individuals who have paid their dues for the current calendar year before Feb. 15 should be allowed to vote.

Change required:

Article III. Section 6. 4. Any member who has not renewed a membership by April 1 shall lose all membership privileges until dues are paid.

MCMLA proposed change: deletion of redundant Chair responsibility

Justification: line 11 duplicates line 5

Change required—delete line 11 and reorder line 12 as line 11:

Article V. Section 1. Chair

11. recommend eligible members for positions as appointed Chapter Officers.

12. perform all other duties prescribed by the Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Chapter.
Bylaws (cont’d)

MCMLA proposed change: deletion of “all” from Alternate Representative’s duty to “attend all Chapter Council meetings.

Justification: While the Alternate Representative will ideally attend all Chapter Council meetings, as long as the Representative attends it is not necessary for the Alternate Representative to attend ALL meetings. It is not practical to require attendance at all meetings for three years, and there are no stated consequences for being unable to attend a meeting.

Summary of change required:

Article V. Section 4. 4. attend all Chapter Council meetings of MLA;

Please attend the MCMLA Annual Business Meeting and be prepared to vote. We need a quorum, which means we need YOU.

MCMLA Members Awarded at ACRL

By Heather Collins, AHIP, Assistant Director of Research and Learning, A.R. Dykes Health Sciences Library, University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, KS; edited by Katie Dayani

Members of MCMLA were recently awarded the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) and EBSCO Information Services 2016 ACRL Instruction Session Innovation Award for their work with the New Literacies Alliance collaboration. The award recognizes a creative, innovative project that uniquely approaches information literacy instruction and programming (ALA News, 2016). The New Literacies Alliance (NLA) is a consortium that creates and hosts online lessons based on meta-literacy principles and the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy in Higher Education (ACRL, 2015).

Congratulations to Heather Collins, MLS, AHIP, Assistant Director of Research and Learning the University of Kansas Medical Center’s A.R. Dykes Health Sciences Library who received the award alongside fellow steering committee members: Sara K. Kearns, PhD, Academic Services Librarian at Kansas State University Libraries and Joelle Pitts, MLS, Instructional Design Librarian at Kansas State University Libraries. Rachel Vukas, MLS, MA, Heather Healy, MLS, MA, and Julie Hartwell, MLS, health sciences Librarians at the University of Kansas Medical Center during 2015 and 2016, participated in the project by providing content writing, copy editing, assessment, and scholarly presentations on the project. The Project is led by Kansas State University and the University of Kansas Medical Center. Partnering Institutions include Fort Hays State University, Indiana University, Marquette University, Oklahoma State University, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, and Washington University (St. Louis).

According to award committee Chair Elana D. Karshmer of Saint Leo University, “While many of the projects considered were interesting and innovative, they did not combine theoretical learning and skills-based practice to the extent that the New Literacies Alliance did; the project was well designed, well executed, and most importantly, easy to implement in a variety of educational settings” (2016). This summer at the ALA Annual Conference in Orlando, project leaders were given a plaque and a $3,000 award donated by EBSCO Information Services.

The NLA is a curricular project that teaches “new” literacies required for academic success and lifelong learning. Students are usually assigned lessons prior to a library class and can master concepts at their own pace. The 8-15 minute lessons guide students through key knowledge practices or dispositions from the Framework. Instructors and librarians can delve further into the class’s subject matter, building upon students’ knowledge through active-learning or engaged activities during class time. NLA also hosts an online platform that records student scores and completion progress. More about the NLA and previews of the lessons can be found at the NLA website. NLA lessons are both platform and institution agnostic, focusing on concepts as opposed to “click here” instruction. Information Literacy librarians are encouraged to contact the NLA and use the Creative-Commons Licensed lessons.

The NLA lessons have been taken thousands of times by hundreds of students and the project is growing quickly.

References


Apply now for the 2016 Professional Travel Scholarship, which provides up to $500 toward the expenses of the MCMLA annual meeting - Merge & Converge - in Des Moines, Iowa. Applications are open until Friday, August 26, 2016. First preference among applicants is still given to anyone living in a rural area of the region.

How did this opportunity come about? In May 2009, the Wyoming Medical Librarians recommended to the Executive Board that their share of the profits from the MCMLA 2008 meeting be used to fund a travel scholarship. The travel scholarship was to be used to help members who live in rural areas of the region attend the annual meeting. In June 2016, the Executive Board of MCMLA, with the support of the Wyoming Medical Librarians, voted to make the Professional Travel Scholarship more inclusive and allow all members of MCMLA with a financial need to apply for the award. First preference among applicants is still given to anyone living in a rural area of the region.

The scholarship is a direct reimbursement for travel/ lodging expenses and meeting registration fees that is not to exceed $500. The award winner will need to submit an MCMLA Expense Report form along with receipts for travel, lodging, and/or meeting registration expenses.

The deadline for applications is August 26, 2016, so get your application in today!
Call for MCMLA Awards Nominations

By Rebecca Carlson McCall, AHIP, Chair, MCMLA Honors and Awards Committee; edited by John Jones

Nominate a fellow member or yourself for one of three prestigious Midcontinental Chapter awards. These awards are a great way to recognize the outstanding service of a coworker, professional colleague, or yourself. (Yes, self-nominations are okay and in fact, welcome!)

Awards will be announced at the 2016 MCMLA/Midwest Joint Chapter Meeting in Des Moines, October 21-25.

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. This $500 award recognizes an academic health sciences librarian who has achieved a high level of professional accomplishment. For more information, visit the award webpage.

Nominees are evaluated on:

- Academic health science library leadership/innovation
- Local group participation/leadership
- Chapter participation/leadership
- National participation/leadership

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. This $500 award honors a chapter member who has made an outstanding contribution to hospital librarianship. For more information, visit the award webpage.

Nominees are evaluated on:

- Hospital library leadership/innovation
- Local group participation/leadership
- Chapter participation/leadership
- National participation/leadership

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. Award winners receive a plaque and $500 monetary gift at the MCMLA conference. For more information and to see the nomination criteria, visit the award webpage.

Nominees are evaluated on:

- Leadership
- Training
- Presentations and publications
- Library development
- Networking
- Originality and creativity
- Organizational activities

Nominations for all awards are due by August 26. The nomination form is available on the MCMLA website. You can contact the Honors and Awards Committee Chair, Rebecca Carlson McCall, with any questions via the contact information below.

Janet Doe Call for Nominations

By Amy Suiter, MLA Janet Doe Lectureship Jury; edited by Amanda Sprochi

Call for Nominations for the 2018 Janet Doe Lecture-ship

The Janet Doe Lectureship is a unique award, offering both significant recognition and the opportunity to present a major plenary session lecture at the annual meeting of the Medical Library Association. "The Janet Doe Lecturer is an individual chosen annually by the Medical Library Association for his or her unique perspective on the history or philosophy of medical librarianship."

Nominations are due to the MLA Headquarters November 1, 2016. Nominations should be submitted by members of the association. Self-nominations are accepted.

For details and a list of past award recipients please see the Janet Doe Lectureship page at MLA.

For questions, please contact the Jury Chair, Virginia Carden.
Nominations open for the Noyes Award

By Jan Rice, MLA Awards Committee; edited by Amanda Sprochi

Marcia C. Noyes Award
We are now accepting nominations for MLA's highest professional award! If someone you know has made outstanding and lasting contributions throughout their career to the field of medical librarianship, please take time to nominate them for the Noyes Award. The deadline for nominations is November 1, 2016.

Marcia C. Noyes Award
The Marcia C. Noyes Award, the association’s highest professional distinction, was established in 1947 in memory of Marcia C. Noyes (1869–1946), one of eight MLA charter members, who made numerous contributions to the advancement of the profession. The award recognizes a career that has resulted in lasting, outstanding contributions to medical librarianship. The award considers sustained and notable achievement in at least one area of activity cited in the mission of the Medical Library Association (MLA) and distinguished service and leadership in health sciences librarianship. The awardee receives an engraved sterling silver bowl at the MLA annual meeting.

Criteria
- Nominees must be members of MLA.
- Nominees must have demonstrated sustained and notable achievement in at least one area of activity cited in MLA's objectives:
  * fostering the art and science of health sciences library service;
  * supporting health sciences research, education, and patient care; or
  * promoting cooperation and communication among members.
- Nominees must have demonstrated distinguished service and leadership in health sciences librarianship in at least the areas of mentoring, publishing, and service in professional associations.
- A nominee’s contributions are also assessed for utility (serving the needs of the profession, with usefulness and relevance in practice); durability of influence on the field of health sciences librarianship; comprehensiveness of achievements as a whole; and propriety (i.e., in keeping with the ethical code of the profession and association).

Nominations
- Nomination form, including all supporting documentation, must be completed no later than November 1.
- Nomination must contain at least the following elements:
  * a precise description of the nominee’s achievements;
  * a current curriculum vitae;
  * any further information that may assist the Awards Committee in the evaluation of the nomination and the selection of the recipient.
- Up to three letters of support may be included with the nomination.
- Nomination should include descriptions of the nominee’s:
  * Sustained and notable achievement in at least one area of activity cited in the objectives of MLA:
    ♦ fostering the art and science of health sciences library service;
    ♦ supporting health sciences research, education, and patient care; or
    ♦ promoting cooperation and communication among members.
  * Distinguished service and leadership in health sciences librarianship in at least the areas of mentoring, publishing, and service in professional associations.

The recipient will be notified in March before the annual meeting at which the presentation will be made. The recipient assumes all costs of attending the meeting and the ceremony at which the presentation is made. If there are no appropriate candidates, the association may elect not to make the award in a given year.

Ready to Submit a Nomination?
Choose the 2017 Marcia C. Noyes Award online nomination form [login required]. The completed online form and all uploaded supporting documents must be received by November 1. Incomplete and late submissions will not be considered.
CE Opportunities from Upcoming MLA Chapter Conferences and More

By Shawn Steidinger, Chair of the MCMLA Education Committee; edited by John Jones

Ever wonder if the grass is greener? I think not! Here is a collection of CE opportunities from across the country, and please note that our joint conference is offering 6, yes, you read it right, SIX CE classes! If you are interested in classes like these for our own chapter conference in 2017, just let a member of the Education Committee know.

MCMLA/Midwest Chapter Joint Conference, Des Moines, IA, October 21-25, 2016
- Research by Design: Proposing, Planning, and Carrying Out a Research Project for the Practicing Librarian
- Cool Creative Communications: Dazzling Data Visualization
- Beyond the list: Unpacking the Predatory Publisher
- Building Partnerships with Faculty, Clinicians and Other Stakeholders
- Financial Advocacy: Turning Your Data into Ammunition!
- Innovative Instruction

- Cool Creative Communications: Dazzling Data Visualization
- Doctor Speak for Medical Librarians: An Introduction to Laboratory Tests, Medical Imaging, and Common Drug Types
- From the Classroom to the Clinic: Advanced Searching Techniques for Different Scenarios
- Genealogy - Getting It Right the First Time
- Introduction to Research Design for Librarians

SC/MLA 2016 Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC, October 2-6, 2016
- Practical Skills and Tips for Research: From Proposal to Presenting
- Activate, Collaborate and Educate: Health Outreach and Programming in Your Community
- Open Access Publishing Models and Predatory Journals: PubMed and Beyond

Pacific Northwest Chapter, Portland OR, October 16-18, 2016
- Finding Information in Numbers and Words: Data Analysis for Program Evaluation
- We're Way Past Peas: Uses of Genetic Information to Understand Human Health and Guide Health Care Decision Making

NAHSL, New Haven, CT, October 23-25, 2016
- Bravery & Brevity: Developing Effective Presentation Skills
- Measuring What Matters to Stakeholders
- Poster Perfect: Tips & Tricks for Creating a Successful Research Poster

- Your Role in Achieving Magnet Status

MLA CE webinars for 2016:
There are two upcoming webinars from MLA:

September 7: “Getting Started with Statistics for Librarians”. Sign up here.

October 5: “Demystifying R: An Introduction for Librarians”. Sign up here:

Other conference opportunities:

The 9th International Evidence Based Library and Information Practice (EBLIP) Conference 2017, Philadelphia, PA (date TBA)

EBLIP is a biennial event that aims to promote the use of the best available evidence in practices and processes particular to the library and information profession.

**MCMLA Congratulates**

*By Amanda Sprochi, Express Editor*

**Euem Osmera**, the new liaison librarian to the Adult & Pediatric Dentistry program at McGooogan Library at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She and Teri Harman traveled to Children’s Hospital to instruct the residents on library and dentistry-specific resources. Two days later a resident emailed a research info request! Way to do outreach, Euem, and good luck in your new endeavor.

**Teresa (Teri) Hartman**, MLS, and Alissa Fial, MA, MLIS, both Education & Research Services librarians at McGooogan Library of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center, are among the new members that will be inducted into the [UNMC Interprofessional Academy of Educators](http://www.mlanet.org/academy/whatsnew-online-submissions.html). Good work, librarians!

**Angela Spencer**, who is now the editor of the Hospital Librarian column of MLA News. She is also the new Secretary for the MLA Hospital Library Section. Sounds like you are keeping busy, Angela! Welcome to the editorial fold.

**Heather Collins, Rachel Vukas**, and their colleagues at Kansas State University Libraries and the University of Kansas Medical Center, for being awarded the 2016 ACRL Instruction Session Innovation Award. You can read more about their project in this issue of the Express. Great work, everyone.

And last, but certainly not least, our own web guru and all-around boss **Tracey Hughes**, who completed training to become a member of the Kansas City Roller Warriors flat track roller derby league. Skating as Dreadlocked N. Loaded, we know our awesome librarian by day will be a killer derby roller warrior by night! If you’re in the area, check out a match and support Tracey and the Roller Warriors.

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?