Hello, MCMLAers!

Spring is coming up fast and so is MLA annual in Toronto and our joint meeting with the Midwest Chapter in beautiful Des Moines, Iowa. Can I just say how nice it will be to be able to drive to the meeting this year? We have a call for papers and posters for Merge & Converge in Des Moines, and the Mosaic/Mosaïque planners are looking for volunteer moderators for conference sessions. It’s a great chance to get involved at the Chapter and National level, so consider submitting something or volunteering (you get AHIP points, too!) The Merge & Converge folks have also compiled some good information on what to see and do when you are in Des Moines.

Lisa Traditi, our president, is looking for a new MCMLA Executive Secretary on behalf of the chapter. If you like herding cats and wrestling with spreadsheets, this job is for you! Seriously, the chapter needs a good person for the job and you can get some support to attend our fantastic annual meetings, so if this sounds like your cup of tea please send Lisa an application.

We are also reminded to vote in this year’s election. We have a great, full slate of candidates to choose from, so if you have not already done so please vote today. Lisa is also requesting that we help the MCMLA leadership with strategic planning for the chapter. There is a (very!) short survey to fill out so that your voice can be heard in the planning process.

Our members continue to be recognized for great work. Awards were given to Chapter members in Colorado and the Kansas City area for their outstanding service, and two MCMLA members are on their way to the Bioinformatics class in Georgia this year. Angela Spencer talks about what happens when your internet goes totally down and how to work around it, and Jean Sidwell discusses A.T. Still’s new 3D printing program and grant.

It’s always fun to see what our hardworking members are accomplishing! Keep on with the good work, and I hope to see you all in Toronto in May!

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Notes from the President

By Lisa Traditi, MCMLA President; edited by Amanda Sprochi

Go Broncos! My husband, Frank, and I took the day off on Feb. 9 to go downtown with about 1 million of our closest friends and celebrate the Broncos’ Super Bowl win. It was fun, and a little scary, to be in that large of a crowd.

I’m not writing this to gloat, but to point out that any group, whether it’s a football team or a non-profit, volunteer-run, professional health sciences library organization, succeeds or fails based on the team. If members don’t show up, the organization can’t possibly meet its goals.

We need you – all of you! Several opportunities are available for you to fulfill your role on the MCMLA team.

- **Strategic Planning Survey:**
  Your MCMLA leadership wants to hear from you. What do you think MCMLA’s priorities should be for the next few years? Tell us by completing the [Strategic Plan Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MCMLAStrategy).

- **Elect your new leadership!**
  Don’t forget to vote! The Nominating committee has put together a terrific slate of candidates. [Cast your ballot](http://mcmla.org/2016election) before the deadline February 29, 2016 at 12pm MT, 1pm CT.

- **Want to handle the money?**
  MCMLA is looking for a new Executive Secretary to be an understudy for Karen Weideraenders. Karen has served the chapter since 200? And is looking forward to retiring this fall. Karen estimates that, after the learning curve, she spends about one hour/week on these duties – a bit more during membership renewal season and just before the annual meeting.

  If you’re interested in being considered, please send a letter of application and your CV or Resume to Lisa Traditi [lisa.traditi@ucdenver.edu] by March 1. We can’t pay you, except in flattery and gratitude! This is an appointed volunteer position that offers some travel support to attend the annual MCMLA meetings. For more information, see the story on [page 3](#).

Thanks for your team participation. Go MCMLA!
MCMLA Looking for New Executive Secretary

By Lisa Traditi, MCMLA President; edited by Amanda Sprochi

Dear MCMLA membership,

- Do you like balancing your checkbook to the last penny?
- Is working with Excel your cup of tea?
- Does checking your list and then checking it again give you a sense of quiet satisfaction?

If you answered yes, then MCMLA needs you!

Karen Wiederaenders, our current Executive Secretary, plans to retire in the fall of this year. MCMLA is looking for a new Executive Secretary who can apprentice with her, then take over officially at this year’s annual meeting or shortly thereafter.

If interested, please send a letter of application, along with your CV, to me via email [lisa.traditi@ucdenver.edu]. The Executive Committee hopes to make a decision by May.


Hoping to hear from several of you soon!

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

APPOINTMENT

1. Appointment/reappointment is made each year by the Executive Committee to serve a one-year term beginning at the close of the Annual Meeting.

2. Appointment is made with the understanding that it is a long-term commitment.

3. Vacancy in the office will result in a search conducted by the Executive Committee using any variety of communications to include the MCMLA Express, MCMLA-L, website, direct mail, direct solicitation or any other necessary means.

4. Potential candidates will be asked to submit a letter of application. Interviews or additional information may be requested as deemed necessary.

5. The Executive Secretary will be reimbursed for travel expenses and meeting registration to attend the MCMLA Annual Meeting.

OBJECTIVE

1. Provide coordination and continuity in membership records for use by officers and committee chairs.

2. Perform financial duties of the Chapter, including collection of membership dues.

REponsibilities

1. Maintain Chapter membership records.
   a. Annually, gather input from the Executive Committee to determine if the online form for membership renewal/new member registration needs modifications. A special review of the “Willingness to Serve” will be done. Make any needed changes with the Website Editor.
   b. By December 15th, using the chapter’s listserv, web page membership directory and other means, announce the opening of the membership renewal period. Reminders will be sent to non-renewing members as needed to ensure that most of the membership has renewed in time for the annual election.
   c. For members who renew by the manual method, update the directory to reflect this.
   d. Working with the Membership Committee, reach out to non-renewing members in order to renew their MCMLA membership.
   e. Send names of new members to Chair, Membership Committee Chair and Electronic Discussion List Owner.
   f. Assist those who want to send messages to members via the online membership directory.
   g. Maintain sections of the web site as needed.
   h. Work with Chapter Auditor when required to complete the chapter audit.
   i. Working with the Membership Committee Chair, determine eligibility for student and emeritus memberships when they are requested by potential members of those categories. Members should use the online membership form to state their membership status. Once the applicant has been verified and approved by the Executive Secretary and the Membership Committee Chair in accordance with the Chapter Bylaws, and the reduced membership fee has been paid, a member activation email is sent by the website system to the member and the website administrator.
2. Maintain Chapter financial records.
   a. Deposit checks monthly.
   b. Pay Chapter bills upon receipt.
   c. Maintain balance sheet of income and expenses.
   d. Maintain Chapter checkbook and/or electronic register of checks.
   e. Manage Chapter investments.
3. Work with Executive Committee, appointed chairs and officers to prepare the next annual budget.
4. Solicit names of people interested in serving Chapter by incorporating “Willingness to Serve” form with membership renewal form.
5. Serve as ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.
6. Serve as ex-officio member of the Membership Committee.

REPORTS
1. Financial reports which may include budget are prepared for the Annual Meetings, or as requested.
2. Provide annual report of all financial receipts and disbursements.
3. Membership report for Annual and any semi-annual Meetings or as requested.
4. Send tax information to MLA by February 15th or as requested.
5. File Annual Report with State of Illinois by April 1st.

Swaggert and Butler acknowledged at HSLNKNC.

2016 Informatics Course Attendees

By Brenda Pfannenstiel, AHIP, Children’s Mercy Hospitals & Clinics, Gladstone, MO, and Tom Gensichen, McGoogan Library of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE; edited by Katie Dayani

Congratulations to Tom Gensichen, Head of Systems at the McGoogan Library of Medicine and current MCMLA Vice-Chair, and Courtney Butler, Clinical Medical Librarian at Children’s Mercy Hospital, for being accepted into the spring 2016 NLM Biomedical Informatics Course, an intensive week-long course at Brasstown Valley in Georgia, covering topics such as big data, imaging informatics, advanced knowledge retrieval, and more. Learn more about the program: http://guides.gru.edu/ncm

Children’s Mercy Hospital Happenings

By Brenda Pfannenstiel, AHIP, Children’s Mercy Hospitals & Clinics, Gladstone, MO; edited by Katie Dayani

Congratulations to Children’s Mercy Library Services for the following recognitions:

- Children’s Mercy Library Services was acknowledged at the Health Sciences Libraries Network of Kansas City’s (HSLNKC) annual business meeting for its Outstanding Pediatric Clinical Medical Librarian (CML) Program. Under the CML Program, librarians Keri Swaggart and Courtney Butler round daily with clinical teams, work with residents individually to prepare them for Professors’ Rounds, and assist with residents’ and fellows’ orientation. During rounds librarians model the use of library resources to answer clinical questions at the point of care and answer more complex questions after rounds to inform clinicians’ medical decision-making. Swaggart was hired to establish the CML Program - developing relationships with team leaders and proving the value of a librarian in the clinical environment. Courtney Butler joined the program 1 1/2 years ago, allowing for the expansion of the CML service to additional clinical teams and extending the libraries’ visibility and contributions throughout the hospital.
- Courtney Butler, incoming chair of the hospital-wide Health Literacy Committee, will represent Children’s Mercy when presenting the Committee’s poster at the upcoming Institute for Healthcare Advancement conference in Anaheim, California.
2016 Elections: Login and Vote!

By Claire Hamasu, MCMLA Nominating Committee Chair; edited by John Jones

Elections opened for MCMLA leadership positions on February 12, 2016 and will run through February. The polls will close on February 29, 2016 at 12pm MT, 1pm CT. Candidate bios are posted and ballots are available at http://mcmla.org/2016election. Current MCMLA members are eligible to vote. Lapsed members can renew their membership at the MCMLA web site [http://www.mcmla.org/join] to become eligible. The MCMLA Nominating Committee encourages all members to take the time to vote and to encourage colleagues to vote.

The MCMLA Nominating Committee thanks our candidates for their willingness to serve our membership!

MCMLA Vice-Chair/Chair Elect
Darell Schmick
Gwen Wilson

Recording Secretary
Peggy Cruz
Kim Harp

MLA Nominating Committee Candidate. (Only MLA members vote for this)
Jim Bothmer
Jean Shipman

This year’s Nominating Committee consists of:
Claire Hamasu – Chair
Erica Lake
Jackie Hittner

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CCML Library Champion Awardees

By the CCML Awards Committee, Margaret Bandy, Chair; edited by Susan Sanders

The Library Champion Award is given in recognition of exemplary support of a Colorado health sciences library and its staff. The CCML Awards Committee is pleased to announce three awardees this year. The awards were presented in January.

Dr. Suzanne Brandenburg, Vice Chair for Education and Director of the Residency Program at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Center

Nominated by Kristen DeSanto, Clinical Librarian, and Lisa Traditi, Head of Education and Reference and Associate Professor, both at the Anschutz Medical Campus Health Sciences Library, Dr. Brandenburg is honored for her positive, collaborative spirit and partnership with the Health Sciences Library, her recognition of the value a library can add to the education of residents, her long-term support of the library’s role in the General Internal Medical Residency program, her encouragement of library partnerships with chief residents, her support of library use by new interns, and her enthusiastic welcome of the new Clinical Librarian.

Dr. Julie Basler, VP of Academic Affairs, Platt College, Dr. Hollie Caldwell, Dean of Nursing, Platt College

Drs. Basler and Caldwell were nominated by Laura Cullerton, Platt College Information Specialist, for their work toward the expansion and renovation of the Platt College Library and their commitment to creating a new, inviting space for the library. Dr. Basler thanked Laura for her “dedication to evidence-based practice and to [Platt College] students who deserve a beautiful, functional space.” In Dean Caldwell’s words, “Anyone can create a space, but it takes a dedicated librarian to give the space a heart and to make it feel like a productive and inviting center to learn.”
Merge & Converge: Sixteen in ‘16

By Amy Blevins, Publicity Committee Chair, MLA/Midwest/MCMLA Joint Meeting; edited by Amanda Sprochi

This year, two MLA Chapters spanning sixteen states will be having one spectacular meeting in beautiful Des Moines, IA. Originally a fort on the Raccoon and Des Moines rivers, Iowa’s state capital is now a metropolitan and commerce hub. A fun fact is that Fort Des Moines was almost named Fort Raccoon. We’ll never know if that would have affected the future name of this lovely city.

This meeting will take place from Friday October 21-Tuesday October 25 at the Des Moines Marriott Downtown which is located in the center of the downtown business district. This beautiful hotel is walking distance to shopping, art, food, breweries. Below are just a few of the fun places you can visit that are less than a mile from the hotel.

- **John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park** [http://www.desmoinesartcenter.org/visit/pappajohn-sculpture-park]: 0.4 miles from the hotel. Admission: Free. This sculpture park is an extension of the Des Moines Art Center Museum and School and sits on 4.4 acres of land. It features artwork by 22 of the world’s most celebrated artists. Guided tours are available with three or more weeks’ notice.

- **Zombie Burger + Drink Lab** [http://zombieburgerdm.com/shake-lab]: 0.7 miles from the hotel. Merge & Converge is taking place in October just days before Halloween! Famous for inventive flavor combos in a “post apocalyptic chic” setting, Zombie Burger + Drink Lab serves fast food with a culinary edge in Des Moines’ Historic East Village. Visit the quick-service counter for a bite on-the-go, or step into the Drink Lab for a full service meal, cocktails and Zombie Burger’s popular spiked milk shakes. Who doesn’t want to try burgers with names like “The Walking Ched,” “George Romero’s Pittsburger,” or “They’re Coming to Get You Barbara!”

- **Iowa Women of Achievement Bridge** [http://www.downtowndesmoines.com/iowa-women-of-achievement-bridge]: 0.7 miles from the hotel. Admission: Free. A focal point of the Principal Riverwalk, this iconic bridge spans the Des Moines River, linking the east and west sides of the city at the northern edge of the riverwalk loop. The bridge features two separate pathways — one for walkers/joggers and one for bicyclists.

If you’re a fan of the arts and theater, Des Moines is also known for the [Des Moines Performing Arts](http://www.desmoinesperformingarts.org/) which routinely hosts Broadway shows and professional live theater. [Ballet Des Moines](http://balletdesmoines.org/) is presenting Ovation: A Triple Bill, from October 23-25, and the [Des Moines Symphony](http://dmsymphony.org/orchestra/concerts-and-events/) offers shows throughout the year.

Being a joint chapter meeting means that Merge & Converge will have fabulous posters and papers from double the chapters! Don’t forget to submit an abstract by April 17, 2016. Notifications of acceptance will be made by June 19, so you will have plenty of time to perfect your poster or paper presentation.

To find out more, please check out the [conference website](http://midwestmla.org/conference2016/wordpress/) and keep up with the latest news and information via the Twitter and Facebook links located on the top right of the page.

We can’t wait to Merge & Converge with all of you in Des Moines!
The Mosaic 2016 planners are seeking moderators for paper and lightning talk sessions during Mosaic 2016 [https://mla.socious.com/p/cm/ld/fid=421], a joint meeting of MLA, CHLA/ABSC, and ICLC. Please, consider volunteering as a moderator.

Ready to apply to be a moderator? Fill out the application form online [http://goo.gl/forms/tvg4wDCVDl].

Papers, lightning talks, and Special Content Sessions will be presented during 5 Program Session times. Mosaic 2016 will include 24 paper sessions and 3 lightning talk sessions. Moderators will introduce presenters, help presenters follow time limits, and ensure questions from the audience are gathered and responded to by presenters. Moderators receive a point applicable to the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) credentialing program.

Moderators must register for the Mosaic 2016 conference. Moderators do NOT receive any compensation, registration discounts, or assistance with travel costs; however, MLA will provide you a letter indicating your duties at Mosaic 2016 which may aid with obtaining visas or travel funding from your institution.

Detailed guidelines on moderator duties will be given to all selected moderators in March 2016.

Please contact Amy Chatfield [amychatf@usc.edu] with questions, problems, or concerns.

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Apply for the Chapter Council Roundtable Lunch Award

By Kristen DeSanto, MCMLA Honors and Awards Committee; edited by Kate Dayani

Are you planning to attend the MLA Mosaic Meeting in Toronto in May 2016?

Would you like to attend a roundtable lunch with other MLA members - sharing ideas, networking and gaining new knowledge for free?

Apply for the MCMLA 2016 Chapter Council Roundtable Lunch Award!

The award winner(s) will be reimbursed for the full cost of the Chapter Council Sharing Roundtables Luncheon. The luncheon is an opportunity to network, share experiences, and meet with colleagues at MLA. The luncheon will be held on Sunday, May 15, from 12:00 - 1:55 pm. Topics for this year’s roundtables are available on the MLA website [http://www.mlanet.org/p/cm/ld/fid=425].

Are you interested? Applicants must:

1. Be a current member of MCMLA.
2. Register for the Chapter Council Sharing Roundtables Luncheon (when you register for the MLA Mosaic Meeting).
3. Write a summary of the experience for the MCMLA Express after the meeting.

Apply now: [http://mcmla.org/roundtable_application](http://mcmla.org/roundtable_application)

The application deadline is March 1, 2016. Two names will be drawn at random, and the winners will be notified by March 18.

Email questions to Rebecca Carlson [rcarlson@sbinv.edu], Chair of the MCMLA Honors and Awards Committee,
Hospital Planning for Communications Outage

By Angela Spencer, St. Luke’s Hospital, Chesterfield, MO; edited by Susan Sanders

Do you have a disaster policy? What does it cover? Does it cover routine outages? What about outages that are unplanned?

Such was the case on December 2nd, 2015. Around 11 am, the Internet to my institution went down. I called the help desk to confirm, but soon realized this was no normal outage. Outbound phone calls, Wi-Fi, and Internet were all down. People could make in-house phone calls and send email, but could not make outbound calls or receive email from offsite. People with cell phone data could access the Internet, and some offices with a different Internet provider not tied to the hospital system did have access. From reports I heard, physicians could access some medical record data via WebPins, but our EHR, Cerner, was not available, and the Urgent Care Centers could not access anything. Access to UpToDate and all of the library’s electronic journals were down as a result.

Realizing that no access to UpToDate would be a problem, I sent emails to management, the residents and a few physicians, explaining that I could be reached via text. I called the head of the Urgent Care and gave him my phone number, and posted a note in the physicians’ lounge with my number as well. I was hoping that if an urgent need for patient information did come up, people would know whom to call.

Ultimately, the phone service was restored early the next morning, and Internet service was restored an hour afterwards. This experience made me rethink my disaster plan to let users know how to access information through Athens if they have data, and to let users know we still have several print resources available and can work with other libraries to provide articles. It also made me wonder how users would react in more serious outage and how could information be accessed at our urgent care centers. I purchased a small data plan for my phone, and am looking for other ways to let users know how they can access the library’s services, even in an outage.

Call For Paper and Poster Abstracts

By Jessi Van Der Volgen, Program Committee, 2016 Joint Midwest & Midcontinental Chapter Meeting; edited by Amanda Sprochi

The Program Committee invites paper and poster abstract submissions on any health sciences topic for the 2016 Joint Midwest & Midcontinental Chapter Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting will take place from October 21-25 at the Des Moines Marriott, with paper sessions held on Sunday, October 23rd and the poster session on Monday, October 24th. Abstracts that have been accepted for CHLA/MLA Mosaic 2016 will also be considered.

Deadline for abstract submission is April 17, 2016.

Notifications of acceptance will be made by June 29, 2016.

Please contact Holly Henderson [holly.henderson@mercy.net] via email or by phone at 417-820-3253 with questions.

Instructions:
- Abstracts should be kept under 250 words.
- Submissions should be sent to Holly Henderson via the online submission form [https://mercy.qualtrics.com/SE/?ID=SV_czJ14dEja1tLITH]

Zika Virus Resources from NLM

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The Disaster Information Management Research Center (DIMRC) at the National Libraries of Medicine has created a resource page for Zika virus information [https://sis.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc/zikavirus.html]. It includes resources from federal, international, and non-governmental organizations and covers topics such as biomedical journal articles and reports, genome, sequence, and virus variation information, travel, epidemiology, and resources for the public.

RSS subscriptions and email updates are also available from the DIMRC main page [https://sis.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc.html].
3D Printing Comes to ATSU

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

Exciting things are happening at A. T. Still Memorial Library’s Missouri campus! Last summer our Missouri and Arizona campuses received new 3-D Mojo printers (read all about the printers in the Express Summer 2015 issue [http://www.mcmla.org/resources/Express/2015/aug%20202015.pdf]). The printers are a huge hit with students and staff, and now thanks to an internal grant, our 3-D printing services are expanding!

Spark Tank, an ATSU Creative Teaching and Learning Grant Challenge, is designed to support the University’s mission as a learning-centered institution, preparing highly competent healthcare professionals through innovative teaching and learning practices and activities. In November, first year KCOM students, Seth McIntire and Shannon McAlister, were awarded $5,000 for their Spark Tank proposal, “3-D Printing and Medical Education.” Jean L. Sidwell, Library Director/KCOM Liaison, ATSU, is lead investigator for the grant and working with the students to implement their proposal.

The grant’s main goals are to:

- Increase accessibility of 3-D model printing process for ATSU students.
- Provide 3-D models relevant to course material.
- Purchase NextEngine 3-D laser scanner HD and OsiriX MD software.
- Order STL files for 3-D printing and use free STL files to provide opportunity to view both digital and physical 3-D models.
- Work with -faculty to integrate 3-D models in anatomy, surgery, pathology, and HPS labs.
- Project evaluation and data collection via survey.

The NextEngine 3-D laser scanner has arrived, and now we are waiting for the new IMAC to arrive to download OsiriX MD. Seth and Shannon are working to drum up interest to continue the 3-D printing in Medical Education project after they leave to do their 3rd and 4th year rotations. We’re thankful for the grant and excited to grow

New Member Spotlight

Ashley Bassett

By Pat Hamilton, MCMLA Membership Committee; edited by John Jones

The Midcontinental Chapter of the Medical Library Association (MCMLA) is always excited to see our ranks grow. Ashley Bassett, the Assistant Librarian at Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions is one of our newest members. Ashley’s position is already expanding her firsthand knowledge of health sciences libraries and she is learning so many new things. As a librarian new to the health sciences, she is hoping to make new friends and meet colleagues willing to share their experiences and knowledge so that she can learn more about medical librarianship and library best practices. As well as her MLIS from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Ashley has a MS in Psychology from Brigham Young University and received her BA in Psychology from the University of Utah. Ashley may be reached by email at ABassett@rmuohp.edu. Welcome Ashley!

Save the Date! AHIP Webinar

By Gwen Wilson, MLA Chapter Credentialing Liaison for MCMLA; edited by Amanda Sprochi

AHIP! Everything You Ever Wanted to Know…

March 16, 2016 @ 9AM Mountain/10AM Central

The Education Committee is hosting a FREE webinar on the details of AHIP. A panel of hospital and academic librarians will discuss why AHIP is for them. Gwen Wilson, MCMLA MLA Credentialing Liaison, will review the different levels and requirements. David Midyette Chair of the MLA Credentialing Committee will present on how to put together a successful AHIP application.
HSLNKC presents Five Awards for Outstanding Service

By Dawn McInnis, Professional Activities Chair, HSLNKC; edited by John Jones

The Health Sciences Library Network of Kansas City presented five awards to Kansas City area libraries/librarians for providing outstanding service to their institutions in 2015, at the twelfth annual HSLNKC Awards and Recognition Ceremony held Wednesday, February 10, 2016, at the Linda Hall Library of Science, Engineering and Technology.

The award recipients were:

- Outstanding Advocacy: Kitty Serling, MLS, Medical Librarian, Carl R. Ferris Health Sciences Library
- Outstanding Leadership: Joyce Sickel, Medical Library Supervisor, from the Drug Medical Library of Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P
- Outstanding Clinical Medical Librarian Program: Library Services at Children’s Mercy Hospitals & Clinics, Keri Swaggart and Courtney Butler accepting.
- Outstanding One-Person Health Science Library: Medical Library, Boone Hospital Center, Columbia, Missouri, Judy Feintuch accepting.
- Excellence In Library Technology Innovation: the Ruth R. Cleveland Memorial Library Cleveland University-Kansas City, Simone Briand accepting.

Along with the five awards, HSLNKC presented Service Certificates to members who worked to help the organization fulfill its mission, and presented certificates to member libraries qualifying for certification.

The awards and certificates were presented at a ceremony and reception preceding the network’s annual business meeting. It was hosted by Michelle A. Lahey, Bibliographer, Linda Hall Library of Science, Engineering and Technology.

MCMLA Congratulates

By Amanda Sprochi, Express Editor

Dana Abbey, from the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, who was recently elected President-Elect of the Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL). Dana’s three-year term will start in 2016. Good luck, Dana!

Kate Anderson, University of Missouri Veterinary Library, for her election as Chair Elect/Program Chair of the Veterinary Medical Libraries Section (VLMS) of the Medical Library Association. She will serve as Chair-Elect starting in May 2016, and Chair starting in May 2017. Congrats, Kate!

Courtney Butler and Keri Swaggert, Clinical Medical Librarians at Children’s Mercy Hospital, for their recognition at the Health Sciences Libraries Network of Kansas City (HLSNKC) Awards and Recognition Ceremony for their Outstanding Clinical Medical Librarian Program. Way to go!

Judy Feintuch, Boone Hospital Center, who accepted the Outstanding One-Person Health Science Library award at the HSLNKC Awards and Recognition Ceremony. Good job, Judy!

Courtney Butler, Children’s Mercy Hospital, and Tom Gensichen, Head of Systems at the McGoogan Library of Medicine and current MCMLA Vice-Chair, for their acceptance into the spring 2016 NLM Biomedical Informatics Course. Have fun in Georgia!

HSLNKC award recipients (from left): Kitty Serling, Simone Briand, Courtney Butler, Keri Swaggart, Judy Feintuch, and 2016 HSLNKC President Kim Carter. Photo courtesy of Sally Crosson, Linda Hall Library.
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.

**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 the [requirements for Academy membership](#).

**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 the [MLA AHIP credentialing website](#) for more information.