Hello, MCMLA’ers!

The old saying goes “better late than never,” although I’m sure we were all thinking “never” was when this issue was going to run. However, we’re here with tons of good stuff for your hot June summer.

Lisa Traditi, our president, writes about leadership and heroes, and how they are people who say “yes.” MCMLA is run by everyday heroes, like our new Executive Secretary Jackie Hittner. You can be a hero too, step up to the MCMLA plate and volunteer for a committee!

Speaking of heroes, many of our MCMLA folks have been raking in the kudos for their work. Heather Brown accepted the MLA Chapter Award for the Virtual Connections meeting on behalf of the MCMLA Planning Committee. She and Rebecca Graves have also been doing talks, posters, and papers on the subject. It’s fun to be on the cutting edge! The Committee also recommended an annual meeting schedule, including joint and virtual meetings. Let them know what you think.

Our very own Margaret Bandy was awarded the Marcia C. Noyes Award, the highest honor MLA awards to an individual librarian. Her accomplishments are many and her admirers are legion. We are so proud she is one of us.

The Annual Meeting Planning committee wants to remind you of the great things coming up in Des Moines this October. You still have time to get in your paper or poster abstracts, and registration just opened. Join us in lovely Des Moines for our Joint Meeting with the Midwest Chapter.

Three new MCMLA members are spotlighted in this issue: Lisa Spencer, Karen Newmeyer, and Nena Schvaneveldt. Welcome, fellow librarians!

Nancy Woelfl updates us on the MCMLA Endowment Fund, and the Nominating Committee wants to alert everyone to a special election coming up for the president-elect and recording secretary positions that have opened up due to extenuating circumstances. Please be on the lookout for the election announcement on the listserv and blog.

Hope to see everyone in Des Moines!

Stay cool, aks
Notes from the President

By Lisa Traditi, MCMLA President; edited by Amanda Sprochi

On Leadership and Heroes

We’re fabulous! You already know that, but it was wonderful to see MCMLA heroes and leaders acknowledged at the MLA Presidents’ Award Dinner on May 17, as part of Mosaic ’16, MLA’s annual meeting in Toronto CA.

- Heather Brown accepted the Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year Award on behalf of MCMLA. This award recognized the ground-breaking work of all of the planners for the 2015 MCMLA Virtual Meeting: Virtual Connections. The Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year recognizes excellence, innovation, and contribution to the profession of health sciences librarianship. I’d say Virtual Connections more than met all those requirements! In addition to a certificate, the award includes $500 for us to use to enhance programming for our annual meeting.

- The other highlight of the Presidents’ Award Dinner was celebrating as MCMLA’s own Margaret Bandy received MLA’s highest honor, the Marcia C. Noyes Award. A generous colleague to all, Margaret has been a lifelong advocate for hospital libraries and librarians. What a pleasure to see a truly good person recognized! Read more about Margaret’s career and the Noyes Award.

Speaking of MLA Mosaic ’16, I enjoyed seeing so many of you there. Among many great presentations, I particularly enjoyed M.J. Tooey’s Janet Doe Lecture, “We Can Be Heroes: MLA’s Leadership Journey.” The Doe lectureship is awarded to a librarian who shares “unique perspectives on the history or philosophy of medical librarianship.” Part of M.J.’s preparation for her lecture was to interview 18 of the past MLA presidents. Common words they used about leadership were: passion, vision, integrity, communication skills, fearlessness, and courage. They think leaders have an interest in people and don’t take things personally. Others in MLA talked about encouraging leadership from the middle and who to cultivate and grow leaders. This topic of leadership resonates with me. Too often we wait for others to pick up the baton and run with it. Many are uncomfortable calling themselves a leader. My idea of a leader is someone who says ‘yes’, when others never even consider the question. Those are my kind of leaders, my kind of heroes.

On the topic of heroes…

We have a new Executive Secretary! Please join me in welcoming Jackie Hittner as the incoming Executive Secretary/Treasurer. I am delighted that Jackie stepped up to fill this vital role. Current Executive Secretary Karen Wiederaenders is orienting Jackie to the job so that Jackie is ready to take the helm in October. It really does take a village and many people heroically volunteer over and over to help keep the village of MCMLA running. So, please make sure you thank Karen for her service and Jackie for taking on this important role, when you see them next!

Remember the Strategic Planning Survey? Your Executive Committee is categorizing your responses. Watch for more soon!

In the meantime, embrace your inner hero!
MCMLA Virtual Meeting Planners Continue to Receive Recognition

By Heather Brown and Rebecca Graves, MCMLA Virtual Meeting Planning Committee members; edited by Katie Dayani

Can you believe it’s been eight months since MCMLA held the first-ever, all-virtual annual conference? Since last fall’s successful conference, the Meeting Committee has been hard at work sharing their success stories, reflecting on their experiences, and making recommendations for future MCMLA annual meetings.

MCMLA and the 2015 Virtual Meeting planners are getting a lot of press and honors:

- Heather Brown penned an article for Doody’s Core Titles newsletter in March [http://www.doody.com/dct/PublicFeaturedArticle.asp?SiteContentID=194]
- The Chapter is being honored for its efforts on the virtual conference with the Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year. The award was presented at the Presidents’ Awards Dinner at the MLA meeting on May 17.
- Heather Brown and Rebecca Graves represented the planning committee with an accepted poster at MLA. Titled “Librarians Plan a Virtual Annual Meeting: You’ll Never Guess What Happened Next!” the poster outlines the planning and execution of the virtual meeting.
- Heather Brown and Rebecca Graves will be writing an article for the Journal of the Medical Library Association’s Virtual Projects Column, appearing in the October 2017 issue.

In addition to spreading the word on virtual meetings, the Meeting Committee recently completed the 2015 Annual Meeting Report, including evaluations [http://www.mcmla.org:80/resources/Express/2016/MCMLA%202015%20Final%20Report.pdf]

The Committee also proposed the following recommendations for future MCMLA Annual Meetings:

Recommendation for Planning of MCMLA Annual Meetings

MCMLA Ad Hoc Annual Meeting Committee (AHA Co)

1. The AHA Co recommends that the MCMLA Annual meeting be held virtually every other year beginning in 2018.

2. In order to facilitate members’ ability to attend F2F meetings, meetings will rotate by state. The rotation is also expected to encourage more members to participate in planning meetings. The rotation will be: Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, Utah, Colorado. While the planning group may select any geographic location to hold the meeting, we encourage meetings to be held in accessible locations.

3. The MCMLA committees for education and research shall have active roles in planning their section of the meetings.

4. The Annual Meeting Advisory Council

An Annual Meeting Advisory Council will be created and will become a standing council of MCMLA. The council chair will always be the AMA. Each state in the rotation must have one member on the council.
MCMLA Virtual Meeting (cont’d)

- Members from Wyoming or South Dakota are welcome but not required. Three year appointment with opportunity to renew for another 3 year appointment

The council would serve the following purposes:

- There will be a separate planning committee for each year convened two to three years out.

- for face to face meetings, the state representative to the council will be responsible to inform chapter members from the state that they are responsible for an upcoming face to face meeting and to bring back to the council who will serve on the planning committee for the meeting.

- for virtual meetings, the council will be responsible for putting together the planning committee. Council members are not required to be on the virtual meeting planning committee.

- for joint meetings, the council will be responsible for putting together the planning committee. If a joint meeting falls through or is not part of the rotation schedule, the council will reach out to other chapters to determine if there is a possibility for such a meeting or call for a group to host.

5. The AMA shall approach other chapters to set up joint meetings. Specifically, Midwest and SCC will be asked if they are willing to commit to regular joint meetings which will be scheduled on years ending in zero (0) and five (5).

6.a Rotation Schedule for MCMLA Annual Meetings

Note: as other chapters have not yet been contacted, joint meetings are not listed in the rotation.

2016 - Des Moines (joint)
2017 - Columbia, MO
2018 - Virtual
2019 - Nebraska
2020 - Virtual
2021 - Kansas
2022 - Virtual
2023 - Utah
2024 - Virtual
2025 - Joint
2026 - Virtual
2027 - Colorado
2028 - Virtual
2029 – Missouri

6.b Alternate Rotation w/joint meetings assuming buy-in from other Chapters

2016 - Des Moines (joint)
2017 - Columbia, MO
2018 - Virtual
2019 - Nebraska
2020 - Joint
2021 - Kansas
2022 - Virtual
2023 - Utah
2024 - Virtual
2025 - Joint
2026 - Virtual
2027 - Colorado
2028 - Virtual
2029 – Missouri

Way to go, Meeting Planners! Congratulations on your well-deserved recognitions and thank you for all your hard work!

SIPA Grant Awarded to CU Anschutz Librarian

By Yumin Jiang, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO, ; edited by Susan Sanders

University of Colorado Denver Digital Resources Librarian Heidi Zuniga received a micro-grant from the Colorado SIPA (State Internet Portal Authority). Heidi works at the Anschutz Medical Campus Health Sciences Library. She accepted the award from Colorado Senator John Kefalas on March 29, 2016 at SIPA’s 6th Annual User Conference in Denver.

Heidi will use the money to purchase an overhead book scanner that will protect fragile books and other items from damage during scanning. One of the first projects being planned is the digitization of Dr. Charles Denison’s works on tuberculosis and high altitude medicine. Dr. Denison’s collection will be made available online in the library’s institutional repository, Digital Collections of Colorado. [https://dspace.library.colostate.edu/handle/10968/980] Check back on the library’s blog for project news. [https://hslnews.wordpress.com/] Congratulations!
Margaret Bandy, AHIP, FMLA, Receives the 2016 Marcia C. Noyes Award

By Headquarters, MLA. Reprinted with permission from the MLA News, May 2016

The highest honor that MLA confers is the Marcia C. Noyes Award. Margaret Bandy, AHIP, FMLA, retired, Saint Joseph Hospital, Denver, CO, received the 2015 Noyes award at Mosaic '16 in Toronto, ON, Canada. MLA recognizes her forty-three years in the profession, where she worked tirelessly to provide information for her library patrons, while at the same time contributing to the body of knowledge that informs the best practices of hospital librarianship both regionally and nationally. Bandy was given the honor of becoming the MLA 2014 Janet Doe Lecturer, received the 2012 Ida and George Eliot Prize and the Lois Ann Colaianni Award for Excellence and Achievement in Hospital Librarianship in 2002, and was awarded an MLA Fellowship in 2010. Additionally, she has been presented with many MLA chapter and section awards.

Bandy was elected to serve her colleagues on the MLA Board of Directors from 2005 to 2008, where she was liaison to the Task Force on Vital Pathways for Hospital Librarians. She has served on numerous MLA committees at the national, chapter, and section levels. In the Hospital Libraries Section, she was a member and chair of the Hospital Library Standards Committee (2000–2007). As such, she helped the group write the “Standards for Hospital Libraries 2002 with 2004 Revisions” [J Med Libr Assoc. 2005 Apr;93(2):282–3] and “Standards for Hospital Libraries 2007” [J Med Libr Assoc. 2008 Apr;96(2):162–9]. Many hospital librarians nationwide used this document to show their administrators why their programs were important and should continue to exist.

Even before the Internet, Bandy was participating in technologies that were at the forefront at the time, including OCLC cataloging (1980), email for interlibrary loan (1980), computerized union list of serials (1979), MEDLINE searching in the hospital (1980), and the SALS integrated library system (1985). She and her library staff helped Saint Joseph Hospital start the first hospital web pages in 1996 that included hospital staff access to library resources. She was part of a statewide group that mounted a medical website, Access Colorado, for consumers looking for health information that was active from 1996 to about 2003. In 2014, Bandy was teaching residents about the medical uses of the iPad with a grant from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) MidContinental Region (MCR) and presented her experience on a panel in June 2015, days before her retirement.

Besides serving on the MLA Board of Directors and chairing numerous committees, Bandy served as an MLA representative to other organizations, specifically the JCAHO (now called the Joint Commission) and the Nursing Magnet Recognition Program. Outside of MLA, she served on the Library Board of Advisors for Doody’s Book Review Service, the Regional Advisory Committee of the NN/LM MCR, and a site visit team to the NN/LM Pacific Northwest Region. In all of these positions, she used her writing skills to communicate to the membership through articles and MLA online white papers.

Bandy’s leadership and organizational skills are widely recognized and appreciated. She is known to her peers as a professional who stands out as a most dedicated and committed librarian. Bandy’s thirty-six years at one institution are inspirational to many hospital librarians and health sciences professionals. Like Marcia C. Noyes, who worked at her institution for fifty years, Bandy’s legacy serves as a reminder that one person can make a huge difference.
**Merge & Converge: Sixteen in ‘16**

*By Amy Blevins, Midwest Chapter, Merge & Converge Publicity Chair; edited by Amanda Srochi*

The last time you heard from me, I shared a fun fact about Des Moines along with some links to cannot miss sights around the city. [http://midwestmla.org/midline/?p=2503](http://midwestmla.org/midline/?p=2503)

Today, I want to remind you that this year, two MLA Chapters spanning sixteen states will be having one spectacular meeting in beautiful Des Moines, IA. This meeting will take place from Friday October 21-Tuesday October 25 at the [Des Moines Marriott Downtown](http://midwestmla.org/midline/?p=2503) which is located in the center of the downtown business district. This beautiful hotel is walking distance to shopping, art, food, and breweries.

Conference and hotel registration will be opening up on **June 15, 2016**, and the hotel is only $144 for a single or double. Remember that meeting our commitment for the room block is what allows us to have meeting rooms at no cost. You can find out more at our [meeting website](http://midwestmla.org/midline/?p=2503).

Being a joint chapter meeting means that Merge & Converge will have fabulous posters and papers from double the chapters! The deadline for abstract submission has been extended to **July 8, 2016** and notifications of acceptance will be made by **August 19, 2016**.

To find out more, please check out the [conference website](http://midwestmla.org/midline/?p=2503) 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!

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**Call for Paper and Poster Abstracts**

*By Jessica Van Der Volgen, MCMLA, Merge & Converge Program Committee; edited by Katie Dayani*

Call For Paper and Poster Abstracts

2016 Joint Midwest & Midcontinental Chapters/MLA Annual Meeting

The Program Committee invites paper and poster abstract submissions on any health sciences librarianship 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 **July 8, 2016**.

Notifications of acceptance will be made by **August 19, 2016**.

Please contact [Holly Henderson](mailto:holly.henderson@mercy.net), holly.henderson@mercy.net or 417-820-3253, with questions.

**Instructions:**

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

Please visit the [conference website](http://midwestmla.org/midline/?p=2503) for additional information. [http://midwestmla.org/midline/?p=2503](http://midwestmla.org/midline/?p=2503)
MCMLA Well Represented at MLA Poster Session

By Amanda Sprochi; edited by Susan Sanders

MCMLA is usually well represented at the MLA poster session, and this year in Toronto was no different. Seventeen different posters featuring work of MCMLA members made their way to Mosaic ‘16, and we also debuted a new Chapter poster as well. Click on the images below to see a full size version of their posters. Great job everyone!

Erica Lake, Jean Shipman, and Alice Weber, “Health Literacy Promotion Achieved Through a Mosaic of Approaches and Teams: Case Studies Shared”


Jon Crossno and Lisa Traditi, “Focus on the Forest, Not the Trees: A Checklist for Planning Chapter Meetings”

Jean Sidwell and Lori Fitterling, “Osteopathic Research: Digging for Morsels in Mainstream Medical Resources”

Melissa Rethlefsen et al., “Multistate Librarian Journal Club: Building Community, Research Capacity, and Inquiry” (link not available)

Ryan Harris, Maureen Knapp, Margaret Hoogland, and Amy Blevins, “Tais-Toi and Do It: A Free Webinar Case Study”

Darell Schmick and Barb Jones, “Politics: Dirty Word or Fascinating Opportunity to Leverage Your Skills and Abilities?”

Erica Lake, “MS Buddy: A Personalized Tablet Lending Program for Multiple Sclerosis Patients”


Nancy T. Lombardo and Christy Jarvis, “NOVEL’s Next Chapter: Piecing Together a Sustainable Product”

Rebecca McCall, “Andragogy and Information Literacy Instruction: A Survey of Medical Librarians”

Darell Schmick and Jan Abramson, “Collaborative Curriculum Design with the Vice President’s Clinical and Translational Research Scholars Program”


And, our new MCMLA Chapter Poster!
Library Redesign Summary from the 2016 MLA Roundtable Luncheon

By Marilyn J. De Geus, Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, Kansas City, MO; edited by John Jones.

Library Redesign, the Roundtable discussion I attended at MLA in Toronto, was a very popular topic for librarians, and I found the discussion fascinating. It was agreed that important items needed for libraries are:

- sound proofing
- good lighting
- study space – being able to study separately as well as together in one space
- comfortable seating
- outlets
- connectivity

It was also the consensus of the group that the planning process and floor plans go through several iterations and that librarians are usually not listened to when planning spaces. Student support for libraries and study space is high, but the process follows the vision of the Provost and other administrators. Lighting is an issue for study purposes and, in some cases, safety. Collaboration between facilities managers and libraries needs to occur to ensure the best outcome for students. Pressure exists for libraries to give up space for clinical or faculty employees. The collection can often be consolidated, but service points are crucial and should be in multiple locations at larger institutions.

Security is important. Charging stations for about $200 are useful, but are not meant to be a place where students can study. Some libraries have placed a charging station in the middle of a large table to allow charging while studying; stations and tables should be strategically placed to allow for charging and working. Some libraries have lockers with charging stations in them for security purposes; these usually have a time limit to allow for multiple-student use throughout the day.

A discussion was held concerning the flexible classroom, meaning chairs, tables, and other items are easily movable and/or on wheels, as flexibility allows for movement and standing. Square tables are best because it allows tables to be put together. A mix of hard and soft furniture is needed to accommodate the multiple ways students study, and chairs that roll and have a place for books underneath the chair can be useful for students. Mounted and movable whiteboards, as well as drop screens, have been very well used at some institutions.
Nominations for the 2016 MCMLA Awards open on May 23! Nominate a fellow member or yourself for one of the three prestigious Midcontinental Chapter awards. These awards are a great way to recognize the outstanding service of a coworker or professional colleague. 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 $350 award recognizes an academic health sciences librarian who has achieved a high level of professional accomplishment. For more information, visit the award webpage [http://mcmla.org/hetzner]

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 $350 award honors a chapter member who has made an outstanding contribution to hospital librarianship. For more information, visit the award webpage [http://mcmla.org/mcdowell]

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 $350 monetary gift at the MCMLA conference. For more information and to see the nomination criteria, visit the award webpage [http://mcmla.org/outstanding]

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 [http://mcmla.org/nominate]. You can contact the Honors and Awards Committee Chair, Rebecca Carlson McCall [rcarlson@sbinv.edu] or 417-820-2104 with any questions.
Missouri Baptist Medical Center Receives Magnet Designation for Nursing Excellence

Missouri Baptist Medical Center has been named a Magnet® hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). The prestigious designation is the highest credential a health care organization can receive for nursing excellence and quality patient care. Only about 400 out of nearly 6,000 U.S. hospitals have achieved Magnet recognition.

MBMC joins fellow BJC hospitals Barnes-Jewish and St. Louis Children’s as the only Magnet-designated hospitals in St. Louis City and St. Louis County. Across the state, MBMC is now among seven recognized hospitals in Missouri. MoBap is the first hospital in St. Louis County to receive the honor, which has been achieved by less than 7 percent of hospitals nationwide. Boone Hospital Center and Memorial Hospital Belleville have also achieved this recognition.

“This achievement is shared by the entire MoBap team, as every department plays a role in delivering the highest-quality patient care,” said John Antes, Missouri Baptist president. “With skilled and passionate nurses helping to lead the way, we are able to proudly serve the people in our community.”

MBMC employs more than 1,000 nurses in a variety of services. More than 60 percent of MBMC nurses have advanced education and specialty training.

MCMLA Stars Trek!

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

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 [http://mcmla.org/stars] for more information and the Nomination Form by Star Date, Friday, August 26, 2016.
We’re pleased to welcome our new member, Nena Schvaneveldt, MSLIS, AHIP, from South Jordan, Utah in the metropolitan Salt Lake City area. Here’s what Nena told us so we can get to know her.

Welcome, Nena!

What is your library position and job?

I’m the Head Librarian/Reference and Instruction Librarian at Roseman University of Health Sciences, where I work closely with the Pharmacy, Dental Medicine, and Nursing programs.

What do you like most about it so far?

My favorite part of working in the library field is the ability to help patrons find the information they need - whether it’s health/medical information, general information regarding reliable sources, or technology assistance.

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

I have a BA in English from the University of Utah and an MSLIS from Drexel University.

What is your previous work experience?

I’ve worked in higher education for most of my career, but I’ve also been an apartment manager and worked for the American Red Cross teaching health and safety courses.

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

I’m certified as a Dog and Cat First Aid instructor. My retriever mix helped me teach first aid by being the demo dog for bandages, muzzles, and restraints.
**New Member Spotlight (cont’d)**

**Karen Newmeyer**

*By Teresa Hartman, MCMLA Membership Committee, edited by John Jones*

Welcome new member, Karen Newmeyer, from the Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions (RMUoHP) in Provo, Utah.

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

Associate Medical Librarian at Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions

**What do you like most about it so far?**

I love all the new things I’m learning and enjoy working with the professionals here.

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

I received my MLS from Brigham Young University and my JD from Reuben J. Clark Law school.

**What is your previous work experience?**

I worked as a Law Librarian for the Howard W Hunter Law Library for around ten years. I took some time off to raise my young family. I returned as a general librarian for Broadview University and taught paralegal classes on the side. Beginning in January of this year, I started as Associate Medical Librarian here at RMUoHP.

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

I was raised on a farm in Idaho and spent my summers hoeing sugar beets.

**How do you spend your free time?**

I enjoy any kind of needle work (i.e. knitting, crocheting) and make handmade lace (bobbin lace). I enjoy music, especially choral music and sing with a community choir. I play the piano/organ, but mostly I enjoy being with my family.

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

My motto is: “Finding the Answers to Life’s Persistent Questions.”

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

I’m working on AHIP certification. I look forward to meeting fellow librarians and increasing my skills and knowledge to better serve the faculty and students here at RMUoHP.

Be sure to meet Karen when we gather in Des Moines in October for another great annual meeting.

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**Nursing Teamwork Award Goes to Betsy Mueth**

*By Betsy Mueth, Clinical Learning Institute, Missouri Baptist Medical Center, St. Louis, MO; edited by Susan Sanders.*

Missouri Baptist Medical Center celebrated National Nurses Week, May 6 to 12, 2016 by giving several awards for nurses and nursing, and one award that is different. It is the Nursing Teamwork Award, and this year it went to Betsy Mueth. The award recognizes individuals who are key people, who exhibit team spirit, and who work within the field of nursing, such as LPNs, PCTs, Unit Secretaries, OR techs, and other allied health professionals. The award recognizes these distinctive professional and personal qualities:

- Ability to maintain positive relationships with multi-disciplinary staff members
- Open, courteous and respectful communication skills
- Behaviors that increase morale and strengthen the work group
- "Going the extra mile" to accomplish hospital and patient care goals
- Consistently demonstrating positive workplace behaviors and attitudes

Hearty congratulations to Betsy, who makes us all very proud!
Endowment Fund Update

By Nancy Woelfl, MCMLA Endowment Fund Chair; edited by John Jones

On October 9, 2015, MCMLA members voted to create a chapter endowment fund. The purpose? Fund MCMLA programs into the future by earning more interest to offset declines in dues income.

Among the decisions still to be made are deciding where to invest the money, how much of an initial investment MCMLA can afford, how often we should add to the principal, and updating policy and procedures to insure wise management of the endowment’s principal and interest.

The Ad Hoc Endowment Task Force – Jackie Hittner, Betsy Mueth, Karen Wiederaenders, and Nancy Woelfl, Chair – have been meeting on a regular basis to deal with these issues and will report to the Executive Committee June 10th.

• MCMLA will use MLA’s investment firm Lodestar Investment Counsel LLC as its endowment fund manager. The task force has obtained the documents needed to enter an agreement with Lodestar, is reviewing the documents, and determining who should be the MCMLA signatory.

• How much of an initial investment should be made? This is more complicated and requires striking a balance between how much cash MCMLA needs on hand vs. how much treasury balance can be put to better use. Careful research has been done and will be presented to the Executive Committee June 10th.

• Policy: MCMLA will work within but adapt MLA’s investment policy. Our policy can be simpler due to the smaller size of our endowment.

• Procedures for making deposits, acknowledging contributions, and financial reporting have been discussed but will be revisited when the fund is actually established.

An important aspect of the policy discussion is use of endowment fund earnings. The task force has begun this discussion but is anxious to know what MCMLA members think. We’ll be sounding you out in Des Moines and you can email us before then at the addresses listed below.

You don't have to be a billionaire to leave a legacy, as we hope to show in Des Moines. Bring your spare change and chip in as we kick off the MCMLA Endowment Fund at our 2016 annual meeting.

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Betsy Mueth – emueth@bjc.org
Karen Wiederaenders - kwiederaenders@saintlukes.org
Nancy Woelfl – nwoelfl@unmc.edu

MLA Mosaic Reflections Webinar Now Available

By Shawn Steidinger, MCMLA Education Committee; edited by Amanda Sprochi

Thanks to all who tuned in to the Midcontinental Chapter of the Medical Library Association (MCMLA) Education Committee's most recent web offering on June 1st. We presented some reflections on a few of our favorite sessions from Toronto, as well as some highlights of places we visited outside the conference.

If you were not able to attend MLA MOSAIC, or you just couldn't get to all of the sessions that you wanted to, check out our 61-minute recording of the webinar, and play catch-up. To view it, go to the MCMLA Education page and click on the recording link for MOSAIC Reflections webinar. There is also a link to a slide that speaker Rebecca Graves put together for us.

We hope you enjoy it!
MCMLA Congratulates

By Amanda Sprochi, Express Editor

Margaret Bandy, for winning the 2016 Marcia C. Noves Award, the highest honor MLA can bestow on its members. Whooooooo hooooooo, Margaret!

Heather Brown and Rebecca Graves for receiving the Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year on behalf of the MCMLA Annual Meeting Planning Committee, for the MCMLA 2015 Virtual Meeting. Congrats to Rebecca, Heather, and the whole committee!

Betsy Mueth, for being awarded the Nursing Teamwork Award by the Missouri Baptist Medical Center. Way to go, Betsy!

Jeanne LeBer, associate director for education and research at the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, retired, AND, received the ULA Distinguished Service Award from the Utah Library Association (ULA) on May 5, 2016. Happy travels, Jeanne, we’ll miss you!

Heidi Zuniga received a micro-grant from the Colorado SIPA (State Internet Portal Authority). The grant will be used to purchase an overhead book scanner for digitizing fragile books. Good work, Heidi!

Jackie Hittner, for being appointed the MCMLA executive secretary. Not sure if we should congratulate you or commiserate, but thanks for taking that on!

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

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

Other changes have also been approved.

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

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

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

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