Hello MCMLA’ers!

I just came back from a lovely vacation to the UP in Michigan, with Lake Superior 50 feet off our porch. I hope you are also able to get away; and, if not, are enjoying fine weather where you are and that you are not affected by the terrible flooding in the Midwest.

Heather Brown, our Fearless Leader, kicks this issue of the Express off with a report on where she is with her goals for this year (spoiler: right on track!) and how that is taking shape. Our Chapter Treasurer and Finance Committee have the second in their series on Chapter finances and where it all comes from, and where it all goes. We’re lucky we have such careful and forward-thinking stewards of our money in the chapter, and they take the time to explain how it all works.

Jessica Garber, Chapter Archivist, gives an update on ongoing work to digitize and organize the MCMLA Archives. This was a huge job and much thanks to Jessica and the Archives Working Group for their attention and diligence.

There is a lot going on at St. Joseph Hospital in Denver, and they report on some of their activities. If you are going to ALA, make sure you check out their poster on Historic Digital Archives at St. Joseph.

John Bramble and NNLM offer some new subaward opportunities. Check out if you qualify and remember the deadlines are coming up quickly! Our Honors and Awards Committee is also encouraging nominations for our three annual Chapter awards, as well as the MCMLA Stars and the travel scholarship. Check it out!

In our Getting to Know You column, we say hello and goodbye to Brenda Pfannenstiel, long time MCMLA member and librarian at Children’s Mercy Kansas City, who is retiring. We will miss her!

A quick rundown of MCMLA members who participated in MLA ’19 through presentations, posters, or service is included this issue. Next issue during our annual MLA rundown we’ll provide links to papers and posters as well as full citations, but we wanted to recognize everyone’s hard work. You all make the chapter look good! And, as usual, check out MCMLA Congratulates. Remember to save the date for MCMLA 2019 in Omaha!

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Notes from the Chair

By Heather Brown, MCMLA Chair; edited by John Jones

It’s May? How did that happen? My year as Chapter Chair is flying by and I and the Executive Committee and chapter committees have been busy! When I was (virtually) handed the gavel in last year’s Annual Meeting, one of my priorities was to create a website with updates of committee goals and accomplishments. I meekly tell you that timing and life got in the way, however I want to take my time with you here to talk about what has been accomplished and what is on the horizon. My other two priorities were to do an assessment of the standing committees and conduct an engagement survey of the membership. Both of those are right on track.

So far for the assessment, I have met with Bylaws, Advocacy, and Education current and past chairs. All discussions were enlightening. The Bylaws discussion resulted in no changes to be made. Advocacy involved great conversations about the meaning and purpose of the committee and what can and cannot be accomplished. As it stands now, plans are underway to propose a shifting of scope to one of education on advocating and marketing for yourself and your library. The Education meetings resulted in a call to spell out the committee’s responsibilities in the Policy and Procedures Manual, specifically when the committee is assisting with annual meeting continuing education. Additionally, interactions with the planning committee will be documented in the manual. I will be meeting with the other committees this summer. For my other priority, the engagement survey, I have met with a subgroup to hammer out questions. We will be presenting a draft survey to the Executive Committee in June and will send the survey out in July or August. We also plan to survey people who are not members of MCMLA, seeking responses from members of local health science librarian organizations.

Now, on to the committees!

Advocacy: This committee has plans to update their page on the MCMLA website and potentially establish an advocacy column in the Express. Additionally, they’d like to create a podcast with librarians sharing how they have advocated/marketed their library.

Bylaws: Bylaws has been looking at the changes to the model bylaws that MLA has made and will be making recommendations to the Executive Committee in June. Look forward to a possible bylaws vote at the Annual Meeting in October.

Education: This committee has been busy pulling together continuing education offerings for the upcoming annual meeting. They also plan a virtual information sessions on AHIP this summer. The group also has plans to send out a CE survey, to gauge the interests of the membership.

Finance: Finance is contributing articles to the Express regarding the endowment and the financial situation of the chapter and revised the membership renewal form to include an endowment donation section.

Honors and Awards: This committee continues to seek nominations for the Bernice M. Hetzner Award for Excellence in Academic Health Science Librarianship, the Barbara McDowell Award for Excellence in Hospital Librarianship, and the MCMLA Outstanding Achievement Award. Don’t wait, nominate a deserving colleague today! Additionally, they are promoting the Travel Scholarship, which can be used for an MCMLA Annual Meeting, and nominees for the Stars program.

Membership: So far, this committee has updated the auto-generated membership email to include membership benefits and information about new members being subscribed to the listserv, contacted regional library schools to recruit new student members, and added a link to a survey for non-renewing members to the auto-generated email when members allow their membership to lapse. In the works are assessing the mentorship program and hosting get-together’s for members at MLA and gathering MLA presentations together so that members can support each other at the meeting.

Nominating: This committee established a slate of candidates and conducted our annual election. They also made a point to reach out to a more diverse group and ensure we reach all members and sought to recruit candidates that have traditionally not been serving and encourage newer members.
Let's continue our article series regarding chapter finances. As Rod Tidwell states in Jerry Maguire, "Show me the money". Where does MCMLA get its revenue each year?

There are four ways the MCMLA chapter receives revenue:

1) **Yearly dues.**
   
   So far in 2019, the chapter has received $3,670.00 in dues revenue. Dues revenue over the past few years is trending downward. Why? The chapter does not have as many members as it did in the past, and some members who used to pay the active member fee of $30 are now paying the emeritus member fee of $10.

2) **Profit from our annual meeting.**
   
   In 2018 the profits from our virtual annual meeting were $4,881.50.

3) **Interest made on our money market account.**
   
   The chapter does not receive a lot of interest on our money market account. For the first three months of 2019, the chapter has received a grand total of $21.06 on a total of $58,253.96. The chapter's money needs to work harder for us; that is the main reason why the chapter began an endowment fund.

4) **Revenue from our endowment fund.**
   
   Currently, the chapter has principle of $27,082.96 in the endowment fund. The revenue over the principle is currently $3,737.15. This amount fluctuates with the market.

Where does the chapter keep the money?

**Checking Accounts:** The chapter has two checking accounts. One is used to pay our bills; the other is used for annual meeting purposes when the chapter is responsible for the meeting (e.g., virtual meetings). When not being used to pay meeting invoices, that account has only $25.00 in it. Neither checking account bears interest.

**Money Market Account:** Our money market account does earn interest, and money in this account is available to pay chapter expenses. For example, prior to our annual meeting, funds are transferred from the money market account to the checking account to pay for the chapter awards. When the chapter checking account has more than enough funds to cover expenses, then money is transferred from the checking account to the money market account so those funds will earn a little interest.

**Endowment Fund:** The chapter's endowment fund is the final account. Money in the endowment account is not needed to cover the current operational expenses of the chapter. This money is growing to meet future (way in the future) chapter operational needs. The next article in the series will go into more detail about the endowment fund.
Welcome Susan Swogger, MLIS, as the new Branch Manager for the A. T. Still Memorial Library in Kirksville, Missouri. Susan joined the Missouri branch staff in 2016 after serving over eight years as the Collection Development Librarian at the Health Sciences Library at the University of North Carolina. During her time at ATSU, Susan has become well-known and appreciated. She is taking over from Jean Sidwell who retired in January after 32 years at ATSU. Congrats, Susan!

MCMLA Election Results

By Jim Honour, Chair, MCMLA Nominating Committee; edited by Amanda Sprochi

We’re pleased to announce the results of the 2019 MCMLA Election of Chapter Officers:

Incoming Chair / Vice Chair: Melissa DeSantis
Recording Secretary: Dana Abbey
MCMLA Representative to the MLA Nominating Committee: Angela Spencer

Congratulations to those elected and thank you so very much all who agreed to be candidates for the offices!

Archives Update

By Jessica Gerber, MCMLA Archivist, edited by Katie Dayani

The sorting of the paper archives is complete! Jackie Hittner (Thanks, Jackie!) sent the MCMLA paper archives boxes to me at Strauss Health Sciences Library. After sorting everything, I started digitizing the paper archives, so check the digital repository [https://mountainscholar.org/handle/10968/1217] as more material is added!

The Archives Working Group has been disbanded by vote of the Executive Committee. The group members were charged with sorting the paper archives, and now that the sorting is complete, I asked the Executive Committee to disband the working group. I will continue as the archivist for MCMLA, and I will ask the Executive Committee for advice on any issues that arise. If needed, I can request a task force for larger archive projects.

I updated the Archives Working Group webpage [http://www.mcmla.org/archive/] and the Archives webpage [http://www.mcmla.org/mcmlaarchives]. Please email me directly [Jessica.gerber@ucdenver.edu] with any questions or if you find anything for the archives. Please send anything you might have!

I recently added the digitized historical documents from the paper archives [https://mountainscholar.org/handle/10968/3287], and this notebook from 1995 about the history of MCMLA [https://mountainscholar.org/handle/10968/3290].

Thank you to those who have sent me items for the repository, and again, anything you have is appreciated!
News from Saint Joseph Hospital in Denver, Colorado

By Karen K. Wells, St. Joseph Hospital, Denver, CO; edited by John Jones

Saint Joseph Hospital has been pretty busy and has a number of recent and upcoming opportunities to share its knowledge and experience with librarian colleagues around the country. Please reach out to us if you’d like more information about any of these projects. We are happy to speak to you about our experiences.

Two posters were presented at the 2019 Medical Library Association meeting:

Karen Wells, Harriette Kelly, and Sandra Vannice presented SCL Health “Nursing Research Fellowship” Program 3 Year Analysis

Karen Wells, Dirk Bos, Margaret Bandy, Ellen Graves, Lorene Roth, and Debra Taylor presented Historical Digital Archives at Saint Joseph Hospital. [Details in next issue of the Express. ed.]

Their poster, Historical Digital Archives at Saint Joseph Hospital, has also been accepted to the 2019 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. It will be on display on Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 9:30AM until 11:00AM. If you are attending ALA, you might want to check it out.

Harriette Kelly and Karen Wells will also be presenting Library Search Requests 2018—A Review of the Statistics at the 2019 Front Range SCL Health Hospital Care sites. This poster will be presented at the Hospital Fairs on various days at Saint Joseph Hospital (Denver, CO), Lutheran Medical Center (Wheat Ridge, CO), and Good Samaritan (Layfayette, CO) Hospitals. These Health Fairs are open to hospital associates only. This poster details our Reference Literature Searches in 2018 and an analysis of the departments, job titles, and reasons for the requests. Because we began implementing system-wide services, we wanted to also capture what the reference services looked like at the end of the year, for each hospital that uses our library services. Since some care sites just came on board with us for services, at the very end of 2018, we don't report on their statistics. And so we are also encouraging their (and everyone else's!) use of the system library for 2019. We especially promote use of the Library for our hospitals that are seeking Magnet status and are engaged in the Nursing Clinical Ladders program as well. Here's the poster abstract.

**Abstract:**
We examine and report the Clinical Research Library's 2018 literature search request data submitted across all care sites to determine search requests by job title, hospital care site, reason for search, and hospital department.

With the many clinical initiatives that are underway at SCL Health, including several hospitals seeking Magnet designation and nurses working on Clinical Ladders and Nursing Research Fellowship Programs, literature searches and reference requests are expected to rise in 2019.

The Library encourages those requests and calls for all sites to use the Library's resources and Librarians' expertise in lit searching to help with research needs.

Strong library usage provides attestation of ongoing evidence based research. The evidence located may impact practice protocols to provide better patient care, as well as aid in the support of human subject research endeavors. Further, strong library usage data can provide needed metrics to support Magnet accreditation as well.

**Saint Joseph Hospital Vice President of Academic Affairs is a Library Champion**

By Karen K. Wells, St. Joseph Hospital, Denver, CO; edited by John Jones

Dr. Alwin Steinman, who oversees the work of the library at Saint Joseph Hospital was chosen to receive the 2018 Library Champion Award by the Colorado Council of Medical Librarians. His work to encourage, support and promote the library earned his nomination for the award. The library staff are thrilled and excited that he is getting some of the recognition he deserves. The award was bestowed at a celebration on April 22, 2019. Congratulations, Dr. Steinman! Thank you for the work you do.
2019-2020 NNLM MidContinental Region Funded Subawards

By John Bramble, Associate Director, NNLM Mid-Continental Region; edited by John Jones

I am thrilled to announce the 2019-2020 National Network of Libraries of Medicine MidContinental Region Funded Subawards. We need your help to share widely and/or to strongly consider applying for funding for your library or the communities you are connected with. When you read further down, you will see why your help is needed. A nicely written article detailing the awards and why it is a good idea to apply can be found here.

The source of these funds is the National Library of Medicine and comes from two programs - the NNLM MCR and NNLM MCR All of Us.

I am particularly excited about several notable changes we have implemented for the 2019-2020 year. The most notable is the increase in the amount of available funds. The NNLM MCR will offer nearly $90,000 in subaward funds and nearly $110,000 from the NNLM MCR All of Us program.

Other changes are:

- We increased the number of awards categories from 4 to 16 creating nearly 50 individual awards.
- We increased the base amount of project awards.
- The application process underwent major changes to improve application submissions.
- Availability of Applicant support. If this is your first time or tenth applying for a grant, we want to help you succeed.
- Each awardee will have ongoing support from their state coordinator for the duration of the project.

Of potential interest for MCMLA! Two new award categories have been designed to support students enrolled in Library and Information Science schools and members of the Health Occupation Student Association and attend the 2019 MCMLA Annual Meeting in Nebraska. The purpose of this support is to introduce students to health information as a career path.

One quick last note - please pay special attention to the award deadlines. They are coming fast.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the subaward administrator listed in the announcement for the award you are interested in.

Honoring Our Members

By the MCMLA Honors and Awards Committee; edited by Amanda Sprochi

The Honors and Awards Committee identifies and recognizes members of the Chapter who have made significant contributions to the organization and the profession through the awarding of these awards:

- **Bernice M. Hetzner Award for Excellence in Academic Health Science Librarianship**
- **Barbara McDowell Award for Excellence in Hospital Librarianship**
- **MCMLA Outstanding Achievement Award**
- **MCMLA STARS Program**
- **Travel Scholarship**

The deadline for nomination is August 1. Please honor a colleague by nominating them for one of these awards.
On June 3, Brenda Pfannenstiel will retire from Children’s Mercy Hospital. To celebrate Brenda’s career and contributions to medical librarianship, we asked her a few questions about her role and her future. We wish you all the best, Brenda!

Q: What’s your job and how do you describe your role?

A: I lead the Library Services department at Children’s Mercy Kansas City, supervising 2 FTE librarians and 1 FTE library technician and representing Library Services in a variety of leadership committees and interdisciplinary work groups (e.g., Education Steering Committee, Medical Staff Education Committee, Archives Advisory Committee, and others). I am responsible for collection development, which includes negotiating licenses for a wide array of online resources as well as selecting, purchasing, and cataloging some online and print resources for the medical and consumer health collections. I administer the hospital’s institutional repository, and because our staff is small and our support for the Children’s Mercy system is wide-ranging, I also do some literature searching, some education and new staff orientation, some digital services (troubleshooting broken links and setting up new resources), consumer health reference, libguide development, as well as overseeing a busy interlibrary loan/document delivery service.

Q: How did you get started in libraries?

A: I tried to apply for a job as a public library page while in high school, but was told I didn’t want that job because it was for boys (wildly illegal even then, but I got the message). Nevertheless, I attended the Graduate School of Library Science at the University of Chicago, then worked in public libraries for 12 years before making my way into special libraries and then into the clinical medical librarian program at UMKC. I have been in medical librarianship for 27 years.

Q: How are you involved in MCMLA?

A: Currently I am a member only, but over the years I have served on or led several committees and was Chair 2012-2013. I have also presented papers and posters, taken and taught CE classes, and contributed to the MCMLA Express.

Q: What is your advice to people who want to get into medical librarianship?

A: Learn medical terminology; knowing the lingo is enormously helpful in doing accurate searches for information. Recognize that medical librarianship can take place primarily in an academic setting or in a hospital setting, and they have very different requirements and expectations. I could go on at length but I won’t, except to say that you should know your parent institution and know your clientele to recognize what will be valued.

Q: What are your plans in retirement?

A: More time to read novels, make quilts, sleep, garden, write, and finally get my house unpacked. I might take on a citizen scientist project or other volunteer work, or get my knees replaced, or spend more time worrying about climate change and writing my Congresspeople, not that they ever listen to me.

Q: What book are you currently reading?

A: I haven’t read a book for a while, much to my chagrin, but my niece gave me a novel called Vicious for Christmas, so I look forward to seeing what that is about. The last book I read that made a big impression on me was Nudge, about behavioral economics. I might have to binge-read all the books that have come out about the Trump administration, or I might let the dust settle and read whatever is eventually written that best sums up what has happened these past few years.

Brenda shares the following about her soon-to-be open position at Children’s Mercy:

My job is posted on the Children’s Mercy site. The description is a little dated and I have asked HR to make some small changes, but people can apply here: https://www.childrensmercy.org/careers/

My wonderful team of librarians has awesome skills, and the hospital is an endlessly fascinating place to work with some amazingly accomplished and kind and talented peo-
people (and adorable kids). KC has lots to offer, and is still affordable unlike so many parts of the country. Plus, we have rivers and are nowhere near a seacoast so climate change will not be as immediately devastating here as in some parts of the country. I am retiring here so I am hoping to avoid the desertification and the coastal erosion/destruction that seems inevitable (and already underway) elsewhere.

As the job is currently structured, the manager supervises the staff (hires, mentors, evaluates, etc.), handles all the collection development (negotiating licenses, linking/unlinking resources, cataloging, weeding, etc.), administers the institutional repository, assists with education and reference work, supervises the ILL/document delivery service, and represents Library Services on a variety of interdisciplinary and leadership committees throughout the hospital.

You can see our Virtual Library here (scroll down for the full picture): http://libguides.childrensmercy.org/

You can see our institutional repository here: https://scholarlyexchange.childrensmercy.org/

You can see our Library Annual Reports here: http://libguides.childrensmercy.org/library-annual-report

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KCMO neighborhoods (not counting the suburbs) https://www.visitkc.com/around-region/neighborhoods

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McGoogan Library of Medicine Closes for Renovation

By Christian Minter, McGoogan Library of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE; edited by John Jones

The McGoogan Library of Medicine at University of Nebraska Medical Center will be closed for renovation as of May 6. The renovation will include additional study spaces and wellness rooms, a more open 3D printing and makerspace lab, and 24-7 badge access to designated areas. The library will benefit from natural lighting by replacing two exterior concrete panels with windows, and areas for quiet and noisy study will have updated furniture, including height-adjustable options. Also located within the renovated library:

- Expanded E-learning lab
- Writing Center
- Support from Information Technology Services
- Specialized simulation labs from the College of Allied Health Professions
- Conference rooms and classrooms with distance capability
- Faculty Commons, a designated hub for faculty collaboration
- Offices for Faculty Development and Interprofessional Academy of Educators

Although the physical library will be closed, some of the services will continue. The collection is 98% online and there will be no interruption in that access. Librarians will be out and about on campus, serving embedded hours in different locations. The library will remain closed until renovation is complete with an anticipated reopening in 2020. To learn more about the renovation progress, visit the renovation FAQ and the Central Campus Construction blog.
Library Training Partnership between UNMC and University of Gitwe, Rwanda

By Christian Minter, McGoogan Library of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE; edited by John Jones

Librarians in Nebraska and Rwanda worked together in February to deliver training on digital access to scientific and medical research resources.

Through funding from a grant from the Elsevier Foundation and the Medical Library Association, Emily Glenn, Interim Associate Director for Education and Research Services at UNMC’s McGoogan Library and James Oluka, Chief Librarian at the University of Gitwe, delivered training on library and information resources through the Hinari Access to Research in Health program. During workshops held over two weeks, Emily and James reached 180 students, faculty, and hospital staff from the University of Gitwe, University of Gitwe Hospital, and Kabgayi Hospital. Twelve librarians from several regional institutions also participated in the workshops.

These workshops built upon UNMC’s existing relationship with the University of Gitwe, a private academic medical center located in the Southern Province of Rwanda. This visit coincided with UNMC’s fourth year students on rotation at Gitwe Hospital. Since around 2016, UNMC faculty, staff, and students have traveled to University of Gitwe to develop education projects, complete clinical rotations, and support instruction and learning in the classroom and clinic.

This project was sponsored by a 2018 Medical Library Association Librarians without Borders® / Elsevier Foundation/Research4Life Grant. These grants are funded by the Elsevier Foundation to support HINARI/R4L training activities that promote the use of the programs’ scientific research resources in emerging/low income countries.
MCMLA at MLA 2019

By Ashley Bassett, Membership Committee, MCMLA; edited by Amanda Sprochi

These members recently presented or moderated sessions at MLA 2019 in Chicago. A full listing with abstracts will appear in the MLA roundup in the next Express. Congrats everyone! [N.B.: Some of these have coauthors; for brevity I have not included them, but the full citation with all authors will appear in the next Express. Ed.]

Poster: Executing a University-Wide Research Dissemination Blitz. Heather Brown, Emily Glenn, and Christian Minter

Paper: Beyond the Elevator: Improving Library Staff Communication Everywhere / Emily Glenn, Heather Brown, Mary Helms, Emily McElroy

Poster: Elevating Library Outreach: Hosting Author Readings / Mary Helms

Poster: RTI Fellows E-Posters / Elizabeth Kellermeyer

Poster: Factors Affecting Clinical Referrals to the Medical Library / Elizabeth Kellermeyer

Paper: Factors Affecting Clinical Referrals to the Medical Library / Elizabeth Kellermeyer

Presentation: Rising Stars Presentation / Elizabeth Kellermeyer

Poster: Restructuring a Literature Search Service: Preliminary Data and Feedback / Wladimir Labeikovsky

Poster: Understanding Our Impact: Analyzing Librarian Involvement with Systematic Reviews / Wladimir Labeikovsky

Presentation: Elevating by Evaluating: Recognizing and Avoiding Implicit Bias in Consumer Health Information / Brenda Linares

Moderator: Microaggressions and More: Continuing the Conversation on Implicit Bias / Brenda Linares

Presentation: Raising Awareness of Diversity: One Chapter’s Experience / Brenda Linares

Moderator/Presenter: Professionalism & Leadership Immersion Session 3: Searching Clinically: How to Search, Find, and Assess Information at the Point of Care, Part 2 / Jennifer Lyon

Poster: Health Literacy Challenges and Opportunities: Bringing Children's Mercy Hospital and Kansas City Together / Jennifer Lyon

Presentation: Favorite Tool Session: LibLynx / Karen Newmeyer

Poster: Developing Online Library Staff Training Using Adult Learning Principles / Nena Schvaneveldt

Presentation: Embedded Librarianship in a First-Year Experience Program for Future Health Professionals / Nena Schvaneveldt

Poster: Incorporating alumni feedback into nursing information literacy sessions: Time constraints, free resources, and clinical cases / Nena Schvaneveldt

Poster: Looking Back to Move Forward: A Reflection of a Section’s History / Nena Schvaneveldt

Poster: Rising above the Competition: The Group Interview Experience / Tisha Mentnech, Nena Schvaneveldt, Shawn Steidinger

Presentation: Burnout among Health Information Professionals: Elevating the Issue to Inspire Change / Angela Spencer

Moderator: Professionalism & Leadership Immersion Session 2 / Angela Spencer

Moderator: Clinical Support Immersion Session 4 / Angela Spencer

Presentation: Searching Clinically: How to Search, Find, and Assess Information at the Point of Care / Shawn Steidinger

Poster: The Impact of an Expert Statistician: Four Libraries Hire a Statistician to Boost Study Results / Kristy Steigerwalt, Lori Fitterling, Marie Thompson

Poster: Embedded as adjunct faculty: librarians teach information resources for health information management program / Prasanna Vaduvathiriyan

Lightning Talk: Crash Courses for Medical Students: Digital Research and Systematic Reviews / Rachel Vukas

Poster: SCL Health “Nursing Research Fellowship” Program 3 Year Analysis / Karen Wells, Harriette Kelly

Poster: Historical Digital Archives at Saint Joseph Hospital / Karen Wells, Margaret Bandy
MCMLA Congratulates

By Amanda Sprochi, MCMLA Express Editor

Brenda Pfannenstiel, on her retirement from Children’s Mercy Hospital, Kansas City after over 40 years as a librarian in public, special, and medical libraries. A former Chair of MCMLA, Brenda has been an active and productive contributor to both MCMLA and to the field of medical librarianship as a whole. Congrats on your retirement, Brenda, we will miss you!

Not to be outdone, Mary Helms has announced her retirement from McGoogan Library of Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. Her last day is July 3rd and she will also be sorely missed by her friends and colleagues. Happy retirement, Mary!

Dave Castelli, at Intermountain Medical Center Library in Murray, Utah, and his colleagues in the Pharmacy and Drug Section of MLA, for winning the MLA Section Project of the Year Award for their Pharmacy Citation Format Guide. Well done!

Shawn Steidinger, who was the rep for the Innovation and Research Practice domain hub, SIG co-convener for the Clinical Librarians Caucus, and was newly appointed to the MLA Credentialing Committee. Thanks for your great service!

Susan Swogger, new Branch Manager for the A. T. Still Memorial Library in Kirksville, Missouri. Welcome, Susan!

Our new MCMLA officers: Melissa DeSantis, Dana Abbey, and Angela Spencer. Thanks for serving!

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?

Visit http://www.mlanet.org/academy/ for more information