**2014 CHAPTER COUNCIL REPORT**

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**EXCERPTED CHAPTER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Saturday, May 17, 2014**

**Chicago, Illinois**

**Chapter Council Chair’s Report – Angela Dixon**
April Schweikhard will be the next Chapter Council Rising Star - she will be working on a project for the Chapter Council Roundtables event. She will present an analysis of how we have been doing the Roundtables and the goal is to recommend changes for the 2016 event.

Carla Funk is retiring towards the end of 2014. A search committee will be formed to find a new executive director for MLA.

**Majors/MLA Chapter Project Jury – Todd Hannon**
Chapter project of the year innovative project award goes to Southern California and Arizona for a project titled “Substance over Style” and explored options for chapter meetings to control costs. The goal was to focus on content over comforts, change the setting from a hotel to a university.

**MLA Credentialing Liaison – Cristina Pope**
Academy of Information Professionals has 1019 members which is about a third of the MLA membership (total membership of MLA is 3361).

A recent meeting included a discussion of points awarded for articles – specifically research vs non-research articles.

The AHIP webpage is being rejuvenated, and there is also work on an AHIP elevator speech.

There was a discussion of whether AHIP should require an ALA-accredited MLS.

**MLA Futures-Cristina Pope**
There will be an open forum on Tuesday, May 20.

They are focusing on the idea of a year-round MLA, not just an annual meeting MLA.

They are also recommending a simplification of the governance structure.

There is consideration of MLA expenses and effort for the annual meeting - considering the rise of the mega-chapters - Quint, etc. It is hard for national conference to compete with a cheaper mega-chapter meeting.

The association is looking at more online activity. There is consensus on the future committee that the name of MLA needs to change, but a large voting bloc of the general membership would be opposed. How can we make the appeal to MLA broader without losing the library component?

**Technology Advisory Committee Liaison – Bart Ragon**
MLA has a new Drupal-based website and continues to find bugs and fix them. They want to hear from members about the strengths and weaknesses of the new site.

**MLA Core Membership Liaison – Melissa Ratajeski**
Every February there is an annual phone-a-thon for members who have not yet renewed. Respondents are asked if not renewing – why not? Common reasons include the cost and conference rate.

The membership committee is working with the International Cooperation Section to help gain members from developing countries possibly by reducing the membership fee for them.

**MLA President Report- Dixie Jones**
This was a positive financial year for MLA.

Carla Funk is retiring after 22 years, and we will be forming a search committee this summer or fall

Initiatives this year included advocacy, research, ethical awareness, and history; the presidential address will include details.

MLA 2014 financially successful

**Chapter Roundtables – Karen Hanus and Antonio DeRosa**
There was a discussion of the free tickets for new MLA members and realization that sometimes the free tickets are wasted.

MAC wondered about who took advantage of the tickets, and why do the chapters contribute overall – not just give funds to their own members? They didn't see any direct benefit.

Hard to set the ticket price and make Roundtables attractive when there is no guarantee of an ‘expert’ at the topic table.

MLA Rising Star will be looking at the roundtables to see if they are still useful and will make a list of recommendations.

There was also a suggestion to reduce the number of topics.

There was discussion that the free tickets should go to facilitators or recorders and not to new members.

**Director of MLA Report- Carla Funk**
 This year was focused on the website and membership database.

There was a slow rollout and we are gathering comments and concerns.

We are having conversations about archival material to keep on the site.

We plan to offer another boot camp to onboard new medical librarians.

MLA had a good year financially.

**President-Elect of MLA Report – Linda Walton**
This year’s priorities include recruitment, membership, and leadership; lifelong learning; advocacy; knowledge creation; and partnerships.

We look ahead to the futures task force recommendations – and will be focused on hiring a new executive director.

We plan to use a recruiting firm to find replacement for Carla and would like to get the members to participate in the process.

**New Business/Future Meetings – Angela Dixon**
A key goal for this year will be to work on the Roundtables event.

**Selected One Minute Chapter Reports**
Reports attached.

**PNC/MLA Chapter**

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of MLA currently has 157 members.

In 2013, we held a very successful annual meeting in Anchorage, Alaska. 40 people attended the meeting and need-based scholarships in the amount of nearly seven thousand dollars were awarded to help people attend. The following continuing education classes were offered.

EBM II : Reviewing the Quality of Studies Instructor: Connie Schardt

Effective Teaching Strategies for Librarians Instructor: Dr. Andy Page

Surveys Made Easy Instructor: Dolores Judkins

Infographics: A Guided Tour to Visually Presenting Data Instructor: Jan Buhmann

We are currently collaborating with four other chapters to organize the quint meeting to be held in Denver in October of 2014.

**New York – New Jersey Chapter**

Awards were presented at the October 9, 2013 Chapter annual meeting:

• Lifetime Achievement Award: Mary K. Joyce, Retired Morristown Medical Center Shinn-Lathrope Health Sciences Library.

• Outstanding Contribution by a New Member: Antonio DeRosa, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center Nathan Cummings Library.

• Outstanding Contribution by a Member: Nancy R. Glassman Albert Einstein College of Medicine D. Samuel Gottesman Library.

• This year’s recipient for the Chapter Research Grant: Nancy R. Glassman Albert Einstein College of Medicine D. Samuel Gottesman Library, for her study, “Access to Peer-Reviewed Journal Literature for Unaffiliated Health Professionals at a Federally Qualified Health Center.”

The Chapter supports AHIP. A member will be participating in the AHIP booth at the this year’s MLA Conference

Also, the board approved a financial support in the amount of $195.00 for the first-time AHIP applicants for two members of the NY-NJ Chapter, MLA.

**MLGSCA**

The all-inclusive annual meeting conference registration was $175 for members and $200 for non-members.

This conference was unique in that the attendees stayed in on-campus accommodations and ate at the on-campus dining facilities. The price for lodging, dining, and parking was very affordable at $228 for a two night stay which included six meals. As a result of this extremely affordable conference our Chapter saw a profit of $10,478.. Over 96% of the attendees indicated that they enjoyed the meeting format and would attend another meeting on a University campus.

**Midcontinental Chapter**

The Chapter is offering funds to cover AHIP registration fees for first-time AHIP applicants.

**Upstate New York and Ontario Chapter**

The ABCs of DNA: Unraveling the Mystery of Genetics Information for Consumers was presented at the Western NY Library Resources Council in Buffalo on April 12, 2013 and at the Rochester Library Resources Council on September 20, 2013. Carrie Iwema, University of Pittsburgh Molecular Biology Librarian, was the instructor for both sessions through the NN/LM Middle Atlantic Region.