1997 PNC/MLA Membership Survey

This survey asks you what PNC/MLA should be doing as an organization. All information that would permit identification will be kept confidential. Comments on any question are welcome; attach additional sheets as needed.

1. I belong to the following professional organizations:
   ____PNC/MLA   ____SLA(Special Libraries Assn)
   ____MLA(Medical Library Assn)  ____ASIS(Amer Soc for Information Science)
   ____CHLA(Canadian Hosp Libraries Assn)  ____AMIA(Amer Medical Informatics Assn)
   State or local organization____________________(please list)
   Other__________________________________________(please list)

   If you are not a current PNC/MLA member, why didn't you renew or membership or join PNC?

2. I have been a health information professional for the following number of years:
   _____less than 5       _____16-20       _____more than 30
   _____5-10             _____21-25
   _____11-15           _____26-30

3. My educational background includes (check all that apply):
   ____Master’s degree in Library Science
   ____Other MA/MS__________________________________________(list area of study)
   ____BA or BS
   ____Other__________________________________________(list area of study)

4. I am an Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) member:
   _____yes     _____no

5. My position is:
   _____full-time permanent    _____part-time permanent
   _____full-time temporary    _____part-time temporary

6. I spend at least one-third of my time performing management responsibilities in my library:
   _____yes     _____no

7. The number of FTEs (full-time equivalents), including all professional, non-professional, student, and volunteer positions, in my library is:
   _____Less than 1          _____6-10
   _____1-2              _____11+
   _____3-5

8. The type of organization I work for is (Check all that apply):
   ____Academic
   ____For-Profit Hospital
   ____Not-for-Profit Hospital
   ____Biotechnology/Bioengineering
   ____Research Facility
   ____Governmental Agency
   ____Other:__________________________ (please list):

9. My salary, if stated for 1.0 FTE (based on full-time equivalency of 2080 hours/year) is:
   _____less than $20,000      _____$31-35,000      _____$51-60,000
   _____$21-25,000       _____$36-40,000
   _____$26-30,000       _____$41-50,000
   _____more than $60,000

10. My institution encourages involvement in professional organizations:
    _____yes     _____no
11. I receive institutional support for my involvement in professional organizations:
   _____yes  _____no

12. I am required in my job description to participate in professional organizations:
   _____yes  _____no

13. Averaged for the last 5 years, the amount of time per year that I have spent working on professional organization projects is:
   _____less than 10 hours per year   _____11-25 hours per year   _____26-50 hours per year
   _____51-75 hours per year   _____76-100 hours per year   _____more than 100 hours per year

14. I attend meetings at least once every two years for the following organizations:
   PNC/MLA  _____yes  _____no
   MLA  _____yes  _____no
   Other regional or national prof assns  _____yes  _____no
      if yes, please list __________________________________________
   Statewide or local consortium  _____yes  _____no
      if yes, please list __________________________________________

15. How important are the following in helping you to do your job:
   (1=not important; 5=very important)

   Collegial networking 1 2 3 4 5
   Continuing education 1 2 3 4 5
   Vendor or product info 1 2 3 4 5
   Political lobbying 1 2 3 4 5
   Collective vendor contracts 1 2 3 4 5
   Professional Newsletter(s) 1 2 3 4 5
   Help with research activities 1 2 3 4 5
   Advocacy 1 2 3 4 5
   Being Mentored 1 2 3 4 5
   Exploring Trends 1 2 3 4 5

   Other (Please list, including importance to you):

16. PNC/MLA has helped me in the past with:
   (1=not helpful; 5=very helpful; N/A=not applicable)

   Collegial networking 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
   Continuing education 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
   Vendor or product info 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
   Political lobbying 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
   Collective vendor contracts 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
   Northwest Notes 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
17. The most important and appropriate activities for PNC/MLA and MLA to be involved in are: Rank in order 1-10 (10=most important)

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18. How important are PNC/MLA's current goals to you? (1=not important; 5=very important)

- Promote excellence and leadership in its members through education
  - 1
  - 2
  - 3
  - 4
  - 5

- Promote excellence and leadership in its members through research
  - 1
  - 2
  - 3
  - 4
  - 5

- Foster the utilization of information systems and services in support of informed health care decision making
  - 1
  - 2
  - 3
  - 4
  - 5

- Foster professionalism within the membership
  - 1
  - 2
  - 3
  - 4
  - 5

- The organization continually improves its operations, services, and responsiveness to its members
  - 1
  - 2
  - 3
  - 4
  - 5

19. I envision the following as being important for the survival and/or growth of my library in the next 5 years:

20. In the next 5 years I envision my job changing and PNC can support my changing professional needs in the following ways:

21. I am held back from reaching my professional goals by the following things:

THANK YOU!

Please return this survey in the self-addressed envelope

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