PNC/MLA Board Meeting, March 23, 2007

Start Time: 8:30am End Time: 4:50pm

Members Present:

Heidi Sue Adams, Chair
Lea Starr, Past Chair
Gail Kouame, Chair-Elect
Nanette Welton, Treasurer
Liisa Rogers, Recording Secretary
Susan Barnes, Membership Secretary
Dolores Judkins, Chapter Council Representative
Kim Granath, Chapter Council Representative Alternate
Kathy Murray, Publications Committee, Conference Planning

MINUTES

Subject	Discussion	Follow-Up/Action	Responsibility
10/13/06 meeting minutes	Meeting minutes approved as is. The	The following items are still in progress:	
	final version has already been submitted		
News on items completed:	to Kathy Mu & Leilani for the PNC	-Kathy Mu is still waiting on Oct 2006	Kathy/PNC Planning Committee
	website.	PNC meeting stats.	
Mentoring/Recruitment:		-PNC Fall Meeting 2006 final report and	PNC Planning Committee
		funds transfer are still outstanding.	
Dolores & Jim M wrote a proposal for a		-Lea will give Susan a phone number re:	Lea/Susan
2 nd year NLM fellow part time at OHSU		inviting Saskatchewan HS librarians to the	
and part time in hospital libraries. Gail K		Fall 2007 PNC Meeting in Billings.	
will have 2 students doing internships		-Dolores will add to procedure manual the	Dolores
with her this year, and Kathy Mu has a		item about only MLA members voting for	
student also.		MLA-related PNC positions in Survey	
		Monkey.	
		-Re: Chapter documentation, Kathy Mu	Kathy
		will ask Kathy Martin for her collection of	
		chapter process/procedure documents for	
		uploading to the blog	
Business Arising from Fall 2006	Survey Monkey		
Minutes			
	Revisions	Dolores will make the changes	Dolores
	Password (new business)	Nanette will post new password on the	Nanette
		blog.	
		Dolores will contact them re: locking	

Responsibility Manual	down password changes OR add a note in the instructions to not change the password Dolores & Lea will follow up re: mentoring committee and other general RM tasks	Dolores & Lea
Logo Archiving	Still has not happened The recording secretary will send reports relating to any meetings to Janet Schnall. At the end of the year, all other board members will send Janet copies of items not relating to the board meetings.	Lea will follow up this year Liisa & Board Members Lea will add this to the Responsibility Manual.

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Treasurer's Report	See Treasurer's Report		
Nanette Welton			
	Budget:		
	Total Assets = $$40,031.98$ at this time		
	CN Conversion – discussion was held re:		
	how to collect dues from CN members		
	(US or CN funds and how much) in order		
	to not lose money in exchange rate		
	conversion.		
	Lindbergh and Cunningham Fund	Nanette will follow up to send 2 checks to	Nanette
	donations: In March 2005 the Board	MLA for these funds and adjust our	
	approved \$250 donations to each	budget. There is information on MLAnet	
	organization.	re: these.	
	Other New Treasurer items:		
	Banking services: WaMu worked with	Nanette has a partially written report	Nanette
	Nanette for improved services and	she'll submit to Liisa.	
	reduced fees, e.g for CN conversion.		
	Nanette will transfer all our funds to this		
	bank, and has made important steps in		
	creating long term PNC treasury		
	procedures.		
	Membership/Dues Form: Nanette	See Membership Secretary Report.	
	proposes making the form more clear –	See Membership Secretary Report.	

Committee report today

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Treasurer's Report, continued	Previous PNC meeting in Vancouver	Lea will follow up re: getting the funds	
	(2002)	from closing the bank account.	
Membership Committee	Membership Report (see report):		
Susan Barnes	Total = $146 + 3$ free student memberships		
	(13 down from Oct 2006).		
	Student Memberships: Susan knows	Susan will speak to Wanda Pratt	Susan
	faculty at the iSchool at the University of	-	
	Washington and will make sure they are		
	aware of the free offer.		
	Not-yet-renewed	Susan will contact them to remind them.	Susan
	Saskatchewan HS libraries	Lea will give Susan a contact name for	Lea/Susan
		follow-up	
	Committee Members	Susan will find someone for AB/BC in	Susan
		Canada.	

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Membership Committee Report,	Institutional/Individual Memberships:	Susan will draft something up and	Susan
continued	Confusion continues re: whether people	circulate it to the board. This information	
	should do one or both. Currently the	will be sent to people at renewal time.	
	institutional membership includes		
	membership for one person at the		
	organization, and the privileges are		
	equivalent. Susan proposes adding a note		
	to the bottom of the membership		
	registration/renewal form to clarify these		
	issues and refer people to the PNC		
	website for more details.		
	Individual/Institutional Memberships	Changes to the bylaws moved by Susan	Susan
	and Bylaws:	and seconded by Lea. Susan will propose	
	Susan proposed adding information to the	changes to the registration/renewal form	
	rights & privileges section of membership	and bylaws as mentioned. She will work	

PNC MEETING UPDATES	about the institutional membership. Non-working category – Susan proposes changing the membership registration/renewal form to add "non-working" to the Emeritus box, to be consistent with the bylaws. Lifetime membership – criteria need clarification.	with Jan Schuller. Liisa will research the criteria (Bylaws?) and let the board know.	Liisa – done 3/30/07
Program 2006 Wrap-Up Gail Kouame	First ever 4 chapter meeting in the west! See Gail's Report & Survey Monkey results for more details. Comments re: future meetings: 1) RMLs often want to try to add an activity at the last minute, which makes scheduling and room space issues challenging. 2) Also, vendor party participation may need to be clarified more clearly in the future 3) Get MLA rep. scheduled as early as possible 4) Contact vendor exhibit organizer earlier in the year (re: optimizing on their yearly budgets) 5) Put organization affiliation on participant nametags. 6) Paying the hotel to provide the technology support was well worth it.		
Program 2007 Kathy Murray	See preliminary report sent by Kathy – she has spearheaded progress in the planning. Planning on 45 attendees per past similar meetings. Four vendors confirmed so far. Board Meeting will be Friday 9/28. Current issues include: 1) Insurance coverage – MLA covers typically		

Chapter Council Report Dolores Judkins Kim Granath COMMITTEE REPORTS Archives	a full day of events on Tuesday. Dolores read CC report. Some highlights include: 1) FYI – MLA member librarians can request support letters from MLA if their library is in jeopardy. 2) Updates about MLA meeting in Philadelphia. 3) Proposal for AHIP credit for employer-sponsored training is in progress. 4) Upgrades to JMLA publishing processes announced. 5) Task force re: Personal Health Records has been initiated. 6) MLA is listed in the AMA directory as an allied health organization. Nothing new since Oct 2006	Dolores will send me the report and her goals for action.	Dolores
Janet Schnall	-		
Bylaws	Spring/summer 2006 major changes were	Changes to bylaws proposed in this	Various board members
Jan Schuller			
Nominating			Lea
Lea Starr	offices:	interest.	
Jan Schuller Nominating	made to bylaws and the website has been updated. Lea solicited ideas for the following	meeting will be brought to Jan by the people involved. Lea will contact them to assess their	Lea

Chapter Council Alternate Treasurer		
Discussion held re: changing the bylaws to have a "Treasurer-elect" to overlap for the last year of the Treasurer's term, and whether to include conference treasurer duties.	See "PNC Streamlining" below under New Business	Nanette

COMMITTEE REPORTS, continued				
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Government Relations Bob Richart	Heidi Sue read his report.	Heidi Sue will send his report to me.	Heidi Sue	
	He states he sent an email to the contact email address at the PNC website but hasn't heard back.	Kathy will look into who is monitoring the PNC email account. We will recommend he send his announcements to the blog in addition to H-lib.	Kathy	

COMMITTEE REPORTS, continued				
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Professional Development Heidi Sue for Carolyn Adams	From Fall 2006 Meeting: Lending Library – Clarification by Susan Barnes. While started by PNC, it is owned by the RML and Andrea Ryce	Lea will work with Andrea re: how to incorporate our plan to donate funds (or items) to the library. See 4/06 meeting	Lea	
	manages and purchases items. PNC will honor our plan to purchase items for the Library and work with Andrea re: how to implement this.	minutes under Professional Development report.		
	PD Committee Report was read by Heidi. CE classes are being planned for 2007 Billings PNC meeting Offered suggestions for improved professional development through PNC, particularly with the retirement of experienced librarians.	Heidi will send me the report.	Heidi	

Mentoring/recruitment	Now there is an official committee:	Dolores will send me her report	Dolores
Dolores Judkins	PNC: Lisa Oberg, Ann Madhavan, Liisa		
	Rogers, Heidi Sue Adams		
	Students: Nikki Dettmar, Joan Truncali,		
	Dana Haff		
	Webpage: Student committee members	Gail will send "mentoring resources"	Gail, Dolores
	are working on a webpage where	information to post to the webpage.	
	practicum institutions are described and		
	listed. This is also where the student		
	awards could be posted.		
	Lea suggests social networking software		
	be considered for this site.		
	Recruitment: Dolores has talked with		
	Cathy Burroughs at the RML re: national		
	recruitment ideas and Angela Ruffin at		
	NLM is interested in supporting some of		
	her ideas.		
	Continuing Ed: Dolores is doing an		
	expert searching seminar at OHSU with other staff librarians, students and		
	informatics fellows that has been quite successful.		
	Discussion was held re: how to expand this to more people and/or the PNC		
	website (blog?), and how to meet		
	medical/business research searching		
	needs.		
	necus.		

COMMITTEE REPORTS, continued				
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Publications	Publications Report:	Kathy will work with Susan re:	Kathy	
Kathy Murray	Blog: Kathy is checking the names of	membership tracking.		
	those on the blog who have not paid their			
	PNC dues. She will keep the list updated.	Kathy will add a link to SurveyMonkey		
		(to the blog) so it's easily accessible.		
	Website: Kathy had an "outsider" look at	Leilani has drafted a table that might be a	Kathy	
	it and offer suggestions, including too	more organized way to present our		
	many links in the middle of the pages.	information & Kathy will present this to		
		the board		
	Per above continuing education topic (see	Kathy will follow up	Kathy	

mentoring/recruitment above), we discussed adding searching questions to the website & blog to foster learning & collaboration.		discussed adding searching questions to the website & blog to foster learning &			
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS			
Group Purchasing	Lea drafted a PNC/MLA Group Purchasing Coordinator job description which we reviewed & discussed: 1) The coordinator should report to & consult with someone on the board, and provide quarterly reports 2) The value of an advisory group to give input to the coordinator vs. having the coordinator work directly with PNC members or just the institutional members 3) The importance of regular surveying of PNC members to gather interest in packages 4) There will be a contract drawn up and the person will submit detailed invoices for work that they do 5) Whether to have a conference call with Greg Doyle (who does the negotiating for the OR/WA alliance) re: what we might want to consider in creating this position and process 6) Initially we may need to work only with vendors who are willing to have individual contracts with each interested institution	By May, Heidi Sue will draft a contract that includes a paragraph describing what we want the person to do, based upon the job description (e.g. start with the current purchasing agreements). She will share it with the board for approval. Gail will approach Marcy Horner (who has expressed interest in the position), explain where we'd like to start, and see if she's interested.	Heidi Sue & Gail

Board Member Travel Reimbursement	7) We may need to scale down the job description and consider it a pilot project 8) Should we create a task force to revise the job description & carry this idea forward? Discussion regarding the pros and cons or reimbursement for travel to the fall board meetings.	Proposal to bring to the membership – revision to travel reimbursement policy: Fall Meeting Only: Board members who live outside the host city will be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses (not reimbursed by any other source). Receipts must be submitted and reimbursement will be for only one of the following: 1) One night's lodging at the conference hotel meeting rate, OR 2) Travel expenses equivalent to one night's lodging at the conference hotel meeting rate	Liisa will email this proposed amendment to the board for review and then it will be sent to the membership for their approval. The procedure manual will be updated accordingly.
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NEW BUSINESS			
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PNC Board Streamlining	Ideas: 1) One person will be the conference planning liaison year after year 2) PNC should use technology more for continuing education, mentoring & collaboration 3) Have action-oriented minutes, e.g. say a date by which we will do something in the "Follow-Up/Action column 4) Let's do more podcasting to	Discussion: 1) #1 - See PNC annual meeting item below 2) #9 – The board will have a phone conference in June and January 3) Re: treasurer role specific to conferences	Phone conference - Heidi Treasurer Role: Nanette will explore whether we can have a PNC sub-accour at WaMU for meetings that could remai open and be accessed in different cities

Board streamlining theme: How are decisions made re: where to have PNC annual meetings and where is this documented? (Only major cities, as many cities in the region as possible, and/or resorts?)	share information, conferences & training 5) While honoring the bylaws, can we plan proactively for a board members' resignation 6) Create a Treasurer-Elect position for the PNC board 7) Create an annual PNC award for our membership 8) Profile members on the PNC website 9) Conference call meeting inbetween PNC board meetings to check in re: the minutes for follow-up & action needed. 10) Board Meeting not in Seattle. Agreements made in the past re: these issues are documented in past board meeting minutes. Discussion: See #1 of "streamlining" ideas –we will formalize the consistent meeting liaison role. Also a message from the chair once per quarter might disseminate & explain the board decisions re: the meetings more often. Re: "corporate memory" – how to share this kind of board activity with the members more consistently.	Kathy will write a history piece for the blog to clarify past meeting rotation decisions, joint meetings & so forth. Heidi Sue does a message 4/year on the blog and will get input from board members re: issues. She will also address the meeting rotation issues.	Kathy – done 3/29/07 Heidi Sue
PNC Members' Suggestions	Heidi Sue presented a list of member questions & comments.	Heidi Sue will respond to members via the blog	Heidi Sue
	Lowering registration	We will offer more scholarships instead.	Meeting Committees?
	Helping PNC members with marketing	Heidi Sue will ask the person who suggested this to come up with a proposal.	Heidi Sue
	Benchmarking surveys	There should be information on MLA website about this. Kathy will explore whether there is a current system in place	Kathy – done 3/29/07

		at MLA.	
	Group Purchasing – more information	This information will be the responsibility	
	desired	of the new person we hope to hire to	
		manage group purchasing.	
2008 Meeting	There will be a multi-chapter meeting in	Gail will contact S CA chapter to see if	Gail done 3/28/07
	Southern CA (MLGSCA) in the winter	they would mind if 40+ of our members	
	(Feb 6-9) of 2008. If we join them, we	attended their meeting Feb 08 in Las	
	could do CE only in fall 2008 in Seattle.	Vegas and/or would they like us to join in	
		the planning.	
		She will let Carolyn know about the CE	
		plan. Dolores suggested we have a social	
		event in between the 2 CE days.	
Future PNC Meetings (2009-2010)	2009 will be in Vancouver, BC	Heidi Sue will correspond with other	Heidi Sue
	2010 will be in Portland, OR	western chapters to ascertain their views	
	2011 will be a joint meeting (Seattle?)	of joint meetings and pursue a consistent	
		plan for them into the future.	
Review MAP Priorities for 2007-08 (if		Heidi will do this online	Heidi Sue
time)			

Friday's meeting ended at 4:50pm. Liisa will email the minutes to the Board Members within 2 weeks.