



## Northwest Notes

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Betty Jo Jensen

Change is something we meet almost every day in a medical library. Some change involves new and exciting technologies that makes our jobs easier, or faster, or more fun. Other change is more difficult. That is the kind that involves less money, less space, less staff; a drastically different way of doing things. All change involves a period of transition which makes us feel uneasy.

One change on the horizon is the pilot interlibrary loan project involving several of the largest Seattle area hospitals and the University of Washington Health Sciences Library. An overview of this agreement, written by Jackie Gagne and Elaine Martin, is on page 3-5 of the May 1993 SUPPLEMENT, with additional comment by Nancy Press on page 6. I urge you to read it carefully. The project will begin in January 1994, and will have a major impact on the way ILL's are routed and filled in the PNC area. It may also effect your budget and/or your workload.

Briefly, the participating libraries have decided to go FIRST to HSLIC for all their ILL's. They will place all other libraries after HSLIC in their DOCLINE routing tables. They will require that other libraries in the region place them after HSLIC in their own routing tables. Since all these libraries are large net lenders, their removal from the ILL loop will shift the pattern of lending and borrowing throughout the entire region, most notably in Washington.

As you can imagine, this topic has caused extensive and much heated discussion in both SAHLC and WMLA. It has ranged from an incredulous "Can they really do that?" to "What do the rest of us do now?"

Certainly, each librarian is free to make policy decisions for the library s/he directs. No one is obligated to provide free, unrestricted interlibrary loan service. We have gone through changes of this type before, and have found ways to get the information our patrons need.

What the rest of us need to do now is to think carefully about the ramifications and to plan our budgets for the coming year to accommodate any increased costs. We need to be prepared to answer the questions, which may be raised by our administrators, about the anticipated increase in interlibrary loans costs. We need to know the alternative sources for document delivery and the costs. (A helpful fact sheet appears on page 5 in this issue of Northwest Notes). We need to set up our DOCLINE routing tables to distribute loan requests as equitably as possible. We need to view this change with an open mind.

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## Around the Region

### Oregon

**Natalie Norcross** of Tuality Community Hospital Library has been selected as a recipient of the Professional Recognition Certificate for achievement in Leadership. The Hospital Libraries Section of MLA would like to encourage members to nominate colleagues for certificates in the areas of leadership, technological innovation, research and publication.

### Washington State

**The Inland North West Health Science Libraries**, headquartered in Spokane, exhibited at the Washington State University Health Fair for our third year. The Fair was held on April 13, 1993, in the WSU Union Building. Gail Fielding represented Whitworth College and Holy Family Hospital; Vicki Croft led a contingent of WSU science and Vet-Med librarians and, as usual, did an exemplary job with local arrangements. Combining exhibit backdrops and info from the Regional Medical Library with CD-ROM Medline and other resources from the WSU Libraries, the librarians found info and answered questions for a steady flow of students and staff.

INWHSL will also be exhibiting at the Washington State Nurses' Assn. annual meeting this year, which will be held in Spokane June 2-3.

The above is from Bob Pringle, Head Librarian (and INWHSL Chair)

**Susan Way** is celebrating her 9th month as Systems Librarian at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Libraries, Seattle. With Eve, she wrote an RFP for an integrated library system. This new ILS will link the three Hutch libraries — First Hill (clinical), Public Health (a.k.a. MetII), and Lake Union (research). She is co-authoring a new chapter in the Hospital Library Management text on library automation and coordinating the Washington State license for QuickDoc. **Marilyn Ross** assumed manager duties for the library at PhysioControl after Susan's departure from that position. Congratulations to both!

**Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Libraries** have added a new branch — Lake Union. This new library is the largest of the three (see above item), houses the local area network file server and is the "home" for most of the staff. Some numbers for the

staff have changed, please change your directories to include these changes.

Eve Ruff	667-6845
Susan Way	667-6848
Pia Fish	667-6514
Reference	667-6580
Cynthia Stevens (ILL)	667-6852

Mailing addresses stay the same with the addition of a mail stop notation after Library — B1-010 for Lake Union, MP-201 for Public Health. Fax numbers are 667-4737 for Lake Union, 667-5216 for First Hill, and 667-5530 for MetII.

**Beula B. Horak** is back in the region after a stint in Hawaii. She is sharing a brief resume with us. "I graduated from UW Library school in 1981 and worked for 5 years as the librarian at Puget Sound Health Systems Agency. I am a former medical technologist (worked for 10 years at UW Hospital Chemistry Lab). We packed up and moved to Hawaii in 1986 and I worked at Hawaii Medical Library as a reference librarian and then head of reference until summer of 1992. HML is a resource library and is affiliated with the UH School of Medicine. We have a 20 month old son and we are very happy to be back in the great northwest (although a Hawaiian beach would be nice right now)."

**St. Joseph Hospital, Tacoma**, was recently part of JCAHO's integrated testing of the 1994 survey standards. Ten hospitals around the country were selected to participate in this mock survey process to allow the JCAHO to test their new process and new standards, and to test each hospital's readiness for the 1994 standards.

**Brynn Beals** met with the surveyors twice, once as part of the Information Management interview and once as they toured the library. The Information Management interview was attended by the Director of Medical Records, the Director of Information Systems, Director of Patient Information Systems, and Brynn. They were mostly interested in talking to the Director of Information Systems at that meeting. The library tour was quick. The two main things they were interested in were how the library fits into the hospital mission and how the librarian assesses the information needs of those the library serves. "I thought I'd pass this information along since the 1994 standards are so much different than previously. Just the fact that the library was included marks a significant change!" Brynn Beals

### Canada

The following is the response I sent to Lois Ann Colaanni on the NLM variable charging scheme for foreign cd-rom networks. I would be interested to hear comments and thoughts on other reasons to cancel this unfortunate policy.

Thank you for your quick reply to my note re: NLM charging for foreign cd-rom networks. You have provided a clear indication of where NLM is coming from on this issue. I wish to provide you with some insight into why the "foreigners" are unhappy about this situation. I will also attempt to answer your questions from an academic medical school librarian's point of view.

I would also add that I have received a number of other responses from colleagues who are also concerned about this pricing policy, mainly Canadian but also from the UK. It is certainly a priority issue for the Canadian Health Libraries Association and the medical school librarians committee of the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges. You can be sure that NLM will be hearing more from us about this.

1. I am sure all of my colleagues have no argument with the NLM right to add a surcharge for foreign users of their data. There is a question of how much should that surcharge be and for what purposes is it allocated. "Fair share of the creation costs ..." is a term which seems to be used a lot in your licencing agreements. If it is really only the costs of creation of the MEDLINE database then that should be a fairly fixed amount which can be calculated rather easily. Or does creation costs also apply to paying for access systems (MEDLARS and the other commercial tape centres)?

2. The question arises again of what it is you are trying to recover costs for. Charging by connect time, characters and printing is symbolic of the mainframe era of computing when resources were controlled in such a manner. The workstation/PC era has always had much less emphasis on such traditional control mechanisms thus encouraging use which is also presumably one of your goals.

3. Of course some CD-ROM networks are not really CD-ROM based anymore. Anyone who is trying to support large numbers of simultaneous users is looking at using magnetic disk storage. This is an



inevitable result of the rapidly increasing power of PC/networking technology which are becoming as powerful as the old style mainframe based systems. I have thought that your charges for CD-ROM use were absurdly low, particularly the networking surcharge you imposed in the price policy previous to this one. 1992 is the first year that we have ever paid any networking charges for using MEDLINE on CD-ROM and the first year that any charge was collected directly for NLM. That was not very bright on NLM's part when you consider the precedents set by commercial database publishers. The key is that charging should be based on the number of simultaneous users.

4. I agree that you should level the field. But do it in a manner which encourages use of your databases rather than discourages it. A flat fee based on number of simultaneous users of your data would be consistent with emerging industry practices and represent a fair allocation of cost share. It might be difficult to implement for the tape vendors but I suspect that you have had difficulties in the past with the academic tape customers who normally lack the sophisticated charging systems found in the commercial vendor systems.

5. If you required reporting of statistics on number of simultaneous users you could develop an annual fee that would meet your needs. The vendors could provide you with these statistics since they need the same statistics to assess their own networking charges which are on top of your database royalty charges. The total number of foreign simultaneous users (single user version or networked) multi-user could be divided into your foreign charge to arrive at a figure.

6. To summarize here are the main complaints you will hear about this pricing policy:

a. There was no consultation with the foreign client group. The discussion we are having now should have occurred before you posted the rates as official policy. None of us ever heard about it or at least the significance was not clear until very recently.

b. The change to a variable pricing policy will make it economically impossible for many foreign institutions to network your databases. A colleague of mine at the University of Saskatchewan has calculated that their annual cd-rom network charges (for NLM royalty alone) under the new system would be \$16,272 US for connect time alone. You have destroyed one of the major benefits of CD-ROM databases

which is fixed pricing which permits rational budgeting.

c. The technological capability to implement your usage charges does not exist in any commercial cd-rom vendors software currently and is therefore impossible to assess adequately. CD-ROM retrieval software is trouble prone enough already that forced changes of this nature are highly undesirable.

d. By implementing this charging scheme you are actively discouraging foreign use of your databases which is an actual obstacle to improvement of health care world wide. If the developed world countries are complaining then the undeveloped world might as well forget about access. health care world wide. If the developed world countries are complaining then the undeveloped world might as well forget about access.

e. There is a concern that you seem to be trying to protect the commercial tape subscribers at the cost of reduced access to your databases. This seems strange for an agency which has been as proactive as NLM has in making its information resources easily available.

I have carried on at great length so I will end here. As I receive more comments from my colleagues I will undoubtedly contact you again. Would you be willing to allow me to post your original message to some of the newlists? I believe it provides a good summary of where NLM is coming from and will assist in constructive debate about the pricing issue.

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## New Members

Please welcome the following individuals as **new members** to PNC/MLA for 1993:

*Jean Shipman*  
works at the University of Washington  
HSLIC as the new Outreach Services  
Librarian. e-mail at jean@u.washington.edu

*Catherine Burroughs*  
Chief Librarian at Prospect Associates in  
Rockville, Maryland  
comes from Spokane and would like to  
relocate to the Northwest

*Jean Pasche*  
Librarian at Seattle Midwifery School

*Terry Wiggins*  
Terry is the Director of the Idaho Health  
Sciences Library at Idaho State University  
in Pocatello

*Barbara Crain*  
Librarian at the McLaughlin Research  
Institute in Great Falls. She moved there  
with her husband from Massachusetts  
recently.

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This is a pilot project. It involves a limited number of libraries as full participants. It is for the calendar year 1994, and will be evaluated at the end of that period. If it is successful, it may be expanded to other libraries in Washington, and perhaps the region.

If you have questions about the project, you may want to talk with some of the librarians who initiated the pilot project. You may certainly talk to me. By all means, come prepared to network with your colleagues at the PNC/MLA meeting in Portland.

## AUTOMATION COLUMN

"Where to Start" for new Internet Users

**Jim Miles**  
Ver 1.2  
2/10/93

1. E-mail systems vary widely. For help with most e-mail questions (signature files, quoting, and so on), contact your local computer support personnel or your Internet service provider.

2. Some recommended books for new users of the Internet:

*LaQuey, Tracy. The Internet companion: a beginner's guide to global networking.* Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley, 1992.

Read this first; the best guide for the true beginner, useful for the pre-beginner who has not yet signed on to the Internet.)

*Krol, Ed. The whole internet: user's guide & catalog.* Sebastapol, CA: O'Reilly & Associates, 1992.

Read this after LaQuey; much more in-depth and comprehensive, at this writing Krol is the essential guide to the Internet.)

*Tennant, Roy, John Ober, & Anne G.*



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*Lipow. Crossing the Internet threshold: an instructional handbook.* Berkeley, CA: Library Solutions Press, 1993.

Includes helpful fact sheets on various Internet tools from ftp and telnet toarchie, gopher, WAIS, and World-Wide Web.

*Kehoe, Brendan. Zen and the art of the Internet: a beginner's guide.* 2d ed. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1993.

One of the first and most popular guides to the Internet. The first edition is distributed free on the Internet, and is still available at many anonymous ftp sites, e.g., nic.merit.edu, directory /introducing.the.internet, filename zen.txt.)

*Quarterman, John S. The matrix: computer networks and conferencing systems worldwide.* Bedford, MA: Digital Press, 1990.

A comprehensive guide to the history and present (as of 1990) state of the Internet and its component and related networks. Recommended for those who want to learn the background and history of the Internet.)

3. For those who know enough about using the Internet to be able to use "ftp", the following sources are very useful (note that they are regularly updated, so the version numbers and file names may change):

*Martin, Jerry. "There's gold in them thar networks! or searching for treasure in all the wrong places."* RFC 1402, January 1993. Available via anonymous ftp from nic.merit.edu, directory /introducing.the.internet, filename network.gold.

*"NYSERNet new user's guide to useful and unique resources on the Internet."* version 2.2, April 1992. Available via anonymous ftp from nysernet.org, directory /pub/guides, filename new.user.guide.v2.2.txt.

*Polly, Jean Armour. "Surfing the Internet: an introduction."* version 2.0.2, December 16, 1993. Available via anonymous ftp from nysernet.org, directory /pub/guides, filename surfing.2.0.2.txt.

*"SURAnet guide to selected Internet Resources."* January 1993. Available via anonymous ftp from ftp.sura.net, directory pub/nic, filename infoguide.1-93.txt.

*Yanoff, Scott. "Special Internet connections"* (updated frequently). A list of interesting and useful selections showing the broad range of Internet resources, including a few Online Public Access Catalogs, chat lines, weather servers, campus wide information systems and other reference resources. Available via anon-

## PNC LENDING LIBRARY

The PNC/MLA Lending Library contains books, software, and A/V material on a variety of library-related subjects. It is available for the use of all library staff members. The loan period is one month.

### COMPUTERS:

How to Use Your IBM PC in 10 Easy Video Lessons  
Learning DOS - older version  
Learning DOS - version 4.0  
DS Tutor (DOS and system tutor)

### SOFTWARE PACKAGES:

Individual Training for Lotus 1-2-3  
Teach Yourself dBase III Plus

### ONLINE SEARCHING:

BRS After Dark CAI Simulation Program  
BRS Colleague: introduction to searching  
Dialog Training Videos: introduction to searching  
Online Searching on Your Computer  
CHEMLEARN  
TOXLEARN

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

MLA DocKit #1: position descriptions in health sciences libraries  
MLA DocKit #2: evaluation instruments for health sciences libraries  
Review of Medical Monograph Cataloging  
RX for Success: effective organizational communication  
Standards for Canadian Health Care Facility Libraries (1989)  
Time Management in the Small Library  
Leadership Development Seminar (manual)  
On Becoming a Leader, by Warren Bennis  
Copyright Balancing Act (Audio tapes and handouts)

To borrow an item, contact Kathleen McCrory at Children's Hospital, Seattle. Requests should be made by Ontyme, Docline, or ALA form. In an emergency, phone or FAX requests will be accepted.

Kathleen McCrory, Hospital Library  
Children's Hospital & Medical Center  
P.O. Box 5371  
4800 Sand Point Way NE  
Seattle, WA 98105  
Phone: 206-526-2098; FAX 206-527-3838

ymous ftp from csd4.csd.uwm.edu, directory /pub, filename inet.services.txt.

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## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Bob Pringle

### NIH reauthorization measure passed by Congress, June 1993

Last week, Congress completed action on S.1, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Revitalization Act of 1993. The bill, which has been in the works for five years, was

passed by the House and the Senate, and is expected to be signed by President Clinton. The bill reauthorizes the National Library of Medicine for three years; establishes a single authorization of appropriations for NLM programs at the level of \$150 million; increases the cap on extramural outreach grants from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000; authorizes the establishment of new grants for research, development and demonstration of new education technologies within stated

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guidelines; establishes a National Information Center on Health Services Research and Health Care Technology; lifts the ban on Fetal Tissue Research; requires the inclusion of women and minorities as subjects in clinical research conducted or supported by NIH; provides statutory authority for the Office of Research on Minority Health at NIH. On behalf of the Governmental Relations Committee and Legislative Task Force, I want to thank everyone who has worked to support passage of the legislation over the past several years. The next reauthorization bill is expected to be introduced in 1996. Mary Langman, MLA GRC.

## Professional Calendar

- June 26-July 1, 1993 **ALA Annual Conference**, New Orleans. Contact ALA 800.545.2433.
- October 20-22, 1993 **PNC/MLA Annual Meeting**, Benson Hotel, Portland, OR. Contact Peggy Baldwin 503.230.6075.
- Nov. 1-3, 1993 **Online/CD-ROM Conference and Exposition**, Washington, D.C. Hilton and Towers. Contact Jeff Pemberton 800.248.8466.
- May 19-26, 1994 **MLA Annual Meeting**, San Antonio, TX.
- May 6-12, 1995 **MLA Annual Meeting**, Washington, D.C.

### Commercial Document Suppliers - MLA Poster Session

The following was prepared for the poster session "A Comparison of Commercial Document Suppliers" by Peggy Richwine at the Medical Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago.

#### ADVANTAGES OF COMMERCIAL DOCUMENT SUPPLIERS

- Handle copyright payments
- Locate obscure items
- Reduce "net borrower" burden
- Business relationship

#### COMMERCIAL MEDICAL DOCUMENT SUPPLIERS

At the Indiana University School of Medicine Ruth Lilly Medical Library commercial document suppliers are used to augment the usual interlibrary borrowing activity on OCLC and DOCLINE. The commercial suppliers are used for obscure materials such as issue supplements or conference proceedings, for RUSH requests, or when holdings on OCLC do not offer adequate choices. Most of the requests to commercial suppliers are initiated through the OCLC PRISM ILL system. All the borrowing requests are transferred to the SAVEIT database which calculates turnaround time from date of request to date received.

#### SUPPLIERS USED:

UMI Article Clearinghouse  
University Microfilms International  
300 North Zeeb Road  
33 University Microfilms International  
300 North Zeeb Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48106  
Phone: 800-521-0600

The Information Store  
PO Box 3691  
San Francisco, CA 94119-3691  
PO Box 3691  
San Francisco, CA 94119-3691  
Phone: 415-433-5500

Institute for Scientific Information  
The Genuine Article  
3501 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
800-523-1850 ext. 1140

CARL Uncover  
CARL Systems, Inc.  
3801 E. Florida Ave.  
Bldg. D Ste. 300  
Denver, CO 80222  
303-758-0606

UMI and The Genuine Article are used when the OCLC Union List shows availability and no reciprocal agreement library holds the title and/or volume desired. UMI was used more frequently than The Genuine Article because of the group discount available to us. The Genuine Article will also give high-volume discounts and has better turnaround time. The Information Store was used for the most difficult-to-find requests and was able to supply all that was requested. CARL Uncover is available to all persons affiliated with Indiana University. An article can be identified for delivery through the table of contents, billed to a charge card or deposit account, and the article will arrive within 24 hours via FAX or the requester will receive a status report on the request.

Further studies will concentrate on the matches between requested documents and documents available from each supplier. Additional suppliers will be studied.



### UMI ADVANTAGES

- HOLDINGS AND ORDERING AVAILABLE ON OCLC
- LARGE COLLECTION OF IN-HOUSE TITLES WITH BACKFILES TO 1978
- COPYRIGHT ROYALTIES PAID

### THE GENUINE ARTICLE ADVANTAGES

- LARGE COLLECTION OF IN-HOUSE TITLES
- ORDERING AVAILABLE ON OCLC
- CURRENT CONTENTS CITATIONS EASILY SUPPLIED
- IMPROVING TURNAROUND TIME
- COPYRIGHT ROYALTIES PAID

### THE INFORMATION STORE ADVANTAGES

- WILL SUPPLY DOCUMENTS FROM THE MOST OBSCURE CITATIONS
- ORDERING AVAILABLE ON OCLC
- COPYRIGHT ROYALTIES PAID

### CARL UNCOVER ADVANTAGES

- SHORTEST TURNAROUND TIME
- NOTIFICATION IF CANNOT SUPPLY IMMEDIATELY
- ACCESS TO BLDSC TITLES
- CAN DELIVER DIRECTLY TO LIBRARY CLIENT
- COPYRIGHT ROYALTIES PAID

### DISADVANTAGES

- LONG TURNAROUND TIME

### DISADVANTAGES

- HIGHER COSTS THAN OTHER SUPPLIER

### DISADVANTAGES

- LONG TURNAROUND TIME
- HIGHER COSTS THAN DISCOUNTED UMI

### DISADVANTAGES

- MUST BE SEARCHED SEPARATELY FROM OCLC
- DEPENDS ON INTERNET AND FAX TRANSMISSIONS

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
RUTH LILLY MEDICAL LIBRARY  
COMMERCIAL SUPPLIERS USED 1/1/93 - 3/31/93

SUPPLIER	COPIES REQSTD	PERCENTAGE FILLED	AVERAGE COST	AVERAGE TURNAROUND TIME
UMI	34	88%	\$7.75*	11 DAYS
THE GENUINE ART.	6	100%	\$15.25	7 DAYS
THE INFO. STORE	3	100%	\$12.50	15 DAYS
CARL UNCOVER#	5	80%	\$10.50	1 DAY

\* This is a discounted rate. Usual cost is \$12.50

# These requests were made from 10/1/92 - 3/31/93

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During a recent discussion about salaries on another Internet discussion list, the following was offered to the group.

#### "Why God Never Received Tenure at a University:

1. Because He had only one major publication.
2. And it was in Hebrew.
3. And it had no references.
4. And it wasn't published in a refereed journal.
5. And some even doubt that He wrote it Himself.
6. It may be true that He created the world, but what has He published/done since?
7. His cooperative efforts have been quite limited.
8. The scientific community has had a very rough time trying to replicate His results."

### THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of Presidential Correspondence  
Dear Friends:

Part of our commitment to change is to keep the White House in step with today's changing technology. As we move ahead into the twenty-first century, we must have a government that can show the way and lead by example. Today, we are pleased to announce that for the first time in history, the White House will be connected to you via electronic mail. Electronic mail will bring

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the Presidency and this Administration closer and make it more accessible to the people.

The White House will be connected to the Internet as well as several on-line commercial vendors, thus making us more accessible and more in touch with people across this country. We will not be alone in this venture. Congress is also getting involved, and an exciting announcement regarding electronic mail is expected to come from the House of Representatives tomorrow. Various government agencies also will be taking part in the near future. Americans Communicating Electronically is a project developed by several government agencies to coordinate and improve access to the nation's educational and information assets and resources. This will be done through interactive communications such as electronic mail, and brought to people who do not have ready access to a computer.

However, we must be realistic about the limitations and expectations of the White House electronic mail system. This experiment is the first-ever e-mail project done on such a large scale. As we work to reinvent government and streamline our processes, the e-mail project can help to put us on the leading edge of progress.

Initially, your e-mail message will be read and receipt immediately acknowledged. A careful count will be taken on the number received as well as the subject of each message. However, the White House is not yet capable of sending back a tailored response via electronic mail. We are hoping this will happen by the end of the year.

A number of response-based programs which allow technology to help us read your message more effectively, and, eventually respond to you electronically in a timely fashion will be tried out as well. These programs will change periodically as we experiment with the best way to handle electronic mail from the public. Since this has never been tried before, it is important to allow for some flexibility in the system in these first stages. We welcome your suggestions.

This is an historic moment in the White House and we look forward to your participation and enthusiasm for this milestone event. We eagerly anticipate the day when electronic mail from the public is an integral and normal part of the White House communications system.

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## MLA News

### CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE FOR HLS RETIREES

The Hospital Libraries Section of MLA awards Certificates of Service for retirees. The purpose of the certificate is to acknowledge and congratulate HLS members upon their retirement for their years of service in the field of hospital librarianship. In order to be eligible for a Certificate, the recipient must:

1. have reached an acknowledged retirement age or tenure;
2. have been an HLS member for at least five years preceding retirement;
3. be verified/approved by the HLS Membership Committee for certificate eligibility.

Certificates of Service may be requested by retiring librarians themselves, or may be requested for a retiring librarian by a colleague. The certificate is suitable for framing and will be issued as soon as the request is approved. Recipients will be announced at the the HLS Annual Meeting and in an issue of the National Network.

If you would like to request a Certificate of Service for yourself or a colleague, please write to Debra Rand, Health Sciences Library, Long Island Jewish Medical Center, New Hyde Park, NY 11042 or rand@aecom.yu.edu. Enclose the following information: member **name**; **year (date)** of retirement; **age** at retirement (whether over or under 55 years of age); **length of service** in the field; and approximate number of years with HLS membership.

### Chapter and MLA Business Relations

Ray Naegele, MLA Staff

MLA will be working on a charter to describe the affiliation between MLA and the Chapters. Meanwhile, MLA encourages chapters to obtain corporate status and examine their tax situation. Since each chapter is a separate legal entity, each has

its own tax status. We have four options:

1. The chapter can remain a taxable entity. This option is best if the chapter has only a small amount of taxable revenue and does not seek tax deductible contributions.

2. The chapter can file for 501(c)(6) tax exempt status. This option is best if the chapter does not seek tax deductible contributions. However, this option may preclude the chapter from joining with the 501(c)(3) chapters to do group tax filings, should this be undertaken by MLA in the future.

3. The chapter can file for 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. This option is best if the chapter's exclusive focus is educational, the chapter seeks tax deductible contributions, and the chapter abides by lobbying and other restrictions of 501(c)(3) status.

4. MLA can file a group exemption for 501(c)(3) tax exempt status for the chapter. This option is only available if the chapter's exclusive focus is educational and a sufficient number of chapters are interested for it to be cost effective.

### CALL FOR MLA FELLOWS NOMINATIONS

The Membership Committee of HLS also encourages you to consider nominating eligible HLS members as life-long Fellows of the Medical Library Association. Fellows are individual members of the association who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the profession and the association. Candidates are ordinarily at or near the close of an active professional career. Fellows are also recognized as distinguished members of the Academy of Health Information Professionals. Nominations for 1994 are open. For further information on how to submit a name contact the current Chair of Awards Committee:

Sheldon Kotzin, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894, 301.496.6217; fax 301.496.0822.



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