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Chiropractic Libraries Section

CLS objectives were developed under the following MLA Goals:

Goal 1: Recruitment, Membership, and Leadership in the Profession

Objective: Maintain the CLS (Chiropractic Libraries Section) website (<http://www.cls.mlanet.org>)

The Chiropractic Libraries Section website is edited and maintained by Annette Osenga from Life West Chiropractic College. The CLS website provides section membership opportunities, shares resources with other chiropractic colleges and provides details for participation in the electronic discussion listserv.

The Chiropractic Libraries Section participated in the MLA Section Shuffle in Chicago 2008. CLS booth representative was Karen Goodell (Palmer Chiropractic College Davenport).

The 2009 election results for the Chiropractic section were Janet Tapper-Chair Elect, Caroline Webb-Treasurer, and Della Shupe-Secretary.

Goal 2: Lifelong Learning

Objective: Co-sponsor programs for the MLA Annual Conference 2009.

The CLS National Program Committee Liaison, Dan Kanaley (New York Chiropractic College) participated in the MLA 2009 program planning process. CLS will be co-sponsoring a program with Collection Development titled “**Technology & E-Resource Selection: Evolving with the Times**”.

Goal 3: Advocacy

Objective: To sponsor a scholarship award through MLA.

The Chiropractic Libraries Section made a donation to the Donald A. B. Lindberg Research Fellowship in April 2009.

Goal 4: Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

Objective 1: Update and review the **Chiropractic Libraries BibKit** including the possibility of electronic delivery.

Dan Kanaley from New York Chiropractic College is coordinating the revision of the *Chiropractic Libraries BibKit*. Other contributors are: Della Shupe (Northwestern Science Library) and Caroline Webb (Texas Chiropractic College)-books, Margaret Butkovic (Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College)-media, Marian Hicks (Cleveland Chiropractic College Los Angeles)-ICL/peer-reviewed chiropractic journals.

Additionally many members of CLS participate in indexing for the **Index to Chiropractic Literature (ICL)**, a free web-based database. Extensive upgrades have been implemented to update the ICL database managed by Phyllis Harvey, Editor (Palmer College of Chiropractic) and Anne Taylor-Vaisey, Co-Editor (Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College). ICL and other resources are accessible from the CLS website.

Objective 2: Publish section newsletter

Dan Kanaley publishes a bi-annual (Fall and Spring) newsletter **Chiropractic Libraries: Newsletter of the Chiropractic Libraries Section of MLA and the Chiropractic Library Consortium**.

Goal 5: Building a network of partners

CLS continues to collaborate with other sections and outside associations. The section also maintains an active discussion list to exchange information.

The report is informational and requires no action by the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Sullivan, Chair of Chiropractic Libraries Section
April 17, 2009

Collection Development Section

Goal 1: Recruitment, Membership and Leadership in the Profession

Objective: Offer up to four \$250 awards to CD Section members who have papers or posters on collection development topics accepted for the 2009 annual meeting in Hawaii. These awardees could use the funds to support travel/registration/lodging associated with the 2009 annual meeting in Hawaii.

The four awards have been awarded to: Karen S. Grigg, Virginia Lingle, Locke Morrisey, and Rajia Tobia.

In addition, three CDS members, Susan Kendall, Liz Lorbeer, and Rachel Resnick, volunteered to serve on a subgroup of the MLA's Ad Hoc Committee for Advocating Scholarly Communication.

Goal 2: Life Long Learning

Objective 1: Plan CDS Section co-sponsored program for the 2009 annual meeting entitled: Fusing Cultures and Diversity Awareness in Library Collections

The CDS will be the lead sponsor for two sessions. Sylvia McAphee, CDS Chair Elect and Program Chair for the 2009 meeting, has planned the programs. In "Vendor Relations: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly" vendor and librarian panelists will discuss the breakdown of vendor relations, librarians who make unreasonable vendor requests, and making a smooth transition to another vendor. In "Clinical and Translational Science: Fusing Information Services with Basic Research and Clinical Application" two invited speakers (a clinician and an information specialist) will describe CTS and how medical libraries support CTS research.

The CDS will co-sponsor two sessions. The CDS will be the first co-sponsor of a session entitled "Fusing Cultures and Diversity Awareness in Library Collections". Sylvia McAphee, CDS Chair Elect and Program Chair for the 2009 meeting, has helped plan the program and review the papers. The CDS will also co-sponsor the "Technology E-resources: Evolving with the Times" session. This panel discussion will discuss the types of technology that are candidates for adding to health science library collections and suggested criteria for making selection decisions.

Objective 2: Prepare a proposal for the MLA Board of Directors to offer a symposium at the 2010 annual meeting on "return on investment"

Initial planning has begun, but the initial goal of offering a symposium on ROI in 2010 was unrealistic. The CDS will consider offering this symposium in the future.

The MLA Committee for Advocating Scholarly Communication and the MLA Collection Development Section, in cooperation with the Chicago Collaborative have prepared a proposal for the MLA Board of Directors to offer the following symposium in 2010 "Adding Value: The Changing Nature of Scholarly Communication in the Digital World."

Goal 3: Advocacy

Objective 1: Encourage the nominations of qualified candidates for the Louise Darling Medal for Distinguished Achievement in Collection Development in the Health Sciences

A call for nominations for this award was posted on MEDLIB-L and on the Collection Development discussion list.

Objective 2: Promotion of Daniel T. Richards Prize for a significant publication with an emphasis on research in collection development

The 2009 Daniel T. Richards Prize will be awarded to Ms. Leslie Czechowski for her article "Edging toward perfection: analysis of a new approval plan in a health sciences library" in *Library Collections, Acquisitions, and Technical Services*, 2007: 32(2):107-111.

Goal 4: Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

Objective 1: Publish two (2) issues of the section's newsletter, "Developments," yearly

Acting editor Melissa Nasea is planning on publishing an issue in late April or early May.

Objective 2: Conduct a feasibility test on changing the section's newsletter, "Developments," into a section blog

Initial planning has begun on the feasibility test.

Goal 5: Building a Network of Partners

Objective: Update and enhance links on the Collection Development Section Web Site to collection and core list resources on other MLA Sections/SIGs/etc. sites and to appropriate external sites. Actively promote this information to appropriate MLA Sections/SIGs/etc.

This is an ongoing project.

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Melissa Nasea, Chair

April 20, 2009

Consumer and Patient Health Information Section

Goal 1: Recruitment, Membership and Leadership in the Profession

Objective 1: Solicit applicants for the CAPHIS Outstanding Consumer Health Information Service Award.

The CAPHIS Awards Committee spearheaded by co-chairs: Steven Douglas and Mandy Meloy solicited applications for the annual Outstanding Consumer Health Information Service Award. This award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the field of consumer health librarianship. The recipient of the 2009 award is Ruti Volk who will be presented a plaque and \$500.00 at the CAPHIS membership business meeting in Hawaii.

Objective 2: Recruit candidates for the open CAPHIS offices.

The 2009 elections results:

Chair, Tammy Mays chaired the section Nominating Committee that recruited and developed a slate of candidates for 2009-2010 section officers. Online elections were completed in February 2009. Of the 554 members on the membership list of CAPHIS, 187 votes were submitted via Zoomerang. Newly elected officers are:

- ❖ Rhonda J. Allard, **Section Chair-Elect**
- ❖ Catherine (Kay) Hogan Smith, **Secretary**

Objective 3: Publicize and continue to increase the enrollment of membership.

Meredith Solomon, Membership Committee Chair, reports an increase in CAPHIS membership. A total of 91 members joined CAPHIS between January to December 2008. Meredith will also work with Ysabel Bertolucci, incoming CAPHIS Chair, about ideas for membership retention and recruitment for 2009-2010.

Objective 4: Revise CAPHIS Bylaws to align with MLA's amended Bylaws.

Chair, Tammy Mays and the Bylaws committee report several changes in the CAPHIS Bylaws. MLA amended its Bylaws in 2008. As a result, a Section's Representative to Section Council is now a function of the Immediate Past Chair and not an elected position. To bring CAPHIS Bylaws into conformity with MLA amended Bylaws the CAPHIS membership will vote on these changes at the annual business meeting in Hawaii.

Objective 5: Continue to conduct mid-year teleconferences for the Executive Board members.

Conducting a mid-year teleconference with the executive board members will address issues that may need to be resolved before the in-person annual MLA executive board meeting.

Goal 2: Life Long Learning

Objective 1: Sponsor programs of interest to CAPHIS members at the MLA 2009 annual meeting.

CAPHIS will sponsor the following program on workplace wellness at MLA 2009:

The Healthy Library: Creating a Culture of Wellness. Contributed paper session. Several panelists share their experiences and offer insight into integrating healthy behaviors into the workplace: their vision, approach, outcomes and future plans. In addition, a short presentation

will provide guidelines, practical steps and resources to help you get your healthy workplace program up and running! Also, CAPHIS is celebrating its 25th Anniversary Party at the business meeting. Refreshments will be served at the business meeting to encourage attendance and will be sponsored by Rittenhouse Book Distributors who will be highlighting their R2 Consumer Health E Book Collection.

Objective 2: CAPHIS will submit a proposal for a symposium for MLA 2010 titled *E-Patients: The Techno Cultural Revolution of Health Consumers*.

Continuing in the tradition of sponsoring programs of interest to CAPHIS members, this symposium, if accepted by the MLA's 2010 Continuing Education Committee, will focus on the interaction between technology, culture, and politics. There will be an interactive session demonstrating new and upcoming technologies such as personal health records and e-health tools as well as a discussion on the ethical, social, and privacy issues concerning these new technologies.

Goal 3: Advocacy

Objective 1: Continue publicizing the online CAPHIS newsletter, Consumer Connections, as a valuable source for consumer health librarians.

Nicole (Nikki) Dettmar has been named the newest co-editor of CAPHIS newsletter, Consumer Connections for 2009-2010. Nikki Dettmar and Joey Nicholson, the current newsletter editor, will continue to provide CAPHIS members quarterly publications of Consumer Connections.

Objective 2: Continue a discussion among the executive board on creating a blog to provide an uncensored forum for CAPHIS members to express their views.

Continue discussion among the executive board members on the pros and cons of creating a blog for CAPHIS.

Goal 4: Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

Objective 1: Continue to maintain an active discussion list to exchange information and increase the visibility and usage of the CAPHIS website.

The Section's website is maintained by Gillian Kumagai while Andrea Kenyon recently migrated the section's discussion list to a new system called Mailman with MLA Headquarters hosting the site. Both Gillian and Andrea continue to diligently manage the website and listserv as a primary means of communication among the CAPHIS members and the leadership.

Objective 2: Continue to promote consumer health publications from CAPHIS members.

CAPHIS column editor for MLA News Brenda R. Pfannenstiel authored an MLA News article titled *Seeking Grant Funding for Consumer Health Projects* in the March 2009 issue.

Section Chair Tammy Mays co-authored an MLA News article titled *MLA '08: Only Connect...to the Community!* in the January 2008 issue.

Consultant to CAPHIS Michele Spatz authored a book titled *Answering Consumer Health Questions: The Medical Library Association Guide for Reference Librarians* published in 2008 by Neal-Schuman.

CAPHIS member Rosalind Farnam Dudden authored a book titled *Using Benchmarking, Needs Assessments, Performance Improvements, Outcome Measures, and Library Standards* published by Neal-Schuman.

CAPHIS member Ruti Malis Volk authored a book title *The Medical Library Association Guide to Cancer Resources: The Most Authoritative, Patient-Friendly Print and Electronic Information Sources* published by Neal-Schuman.

Goal 5: Building a Network of Partners

Objective 1: The CAPHIS Section will continue to collaborate with other sections and outside associations.

Work with the Personal Health Record (PHR) Task Force to host a web page with information on the Personal Health Record and a listing of vendors:

- ❖ A teleconference call was held among the CAPHIS executive board members to discuss the role of CAPHIS and the Personal Health Record Task Force.
- ❖ The PHR Task Force will recruit members from the Hospital Libraries and Medical Informatics sections to assist CAPHIS on this project.
- ❖ The CAPHIS Secretary, Terri Ottosen will gather information from the PHR task force and coordinate the effort.

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Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Mays
Chair, CAPHIS
April 20, 2009

Section Officers:

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| Chair: | Tammy Mays |
| Chair-Elect: | Ysabel Bertolucci |
| Past Chair: | Barbara Bibel |
| Secretary: | Terri Ottosen |
| Treasurer: | Gillian Kumagai |
| Section Council Representatives: | Mary L. Gillaspay |
| WebMaster: | Gillian Kumagai |
| Newsletter Editors: | Joey Nicholson and Nikki Dettmar |
| Nominating Committee: | Tammy Mays |
| Membership Committee Chair: | Meredith Solomon |
| Awards: | Terri Ottosen |
| Bylaws: | Andrew Heiz and C.J. Bryant |
| Governmental Relations Liaison: | Kay Hogan-Smith |
| CAPHIS Top 100 Chair: | Nancy Dickenson |
| CAPHIS column editor for MLA News: | Brenda R. Pfannenstiel |
| Google Coop for Health: | Brenda R. Pfannenstiel |

Corporate Information Services Section

Goal 1: Recruitment, Membership and Leadership in the Profession

The section is co-sponsoring programs at MLA in Hawaii, May, 2009:

With the Consumer and Patient Health Information Section, Federal Libraries Section, Hospital Libraries Section, Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section, African American Medical Librarians Alliance SIG, Library Marketing SIG, New Members SIG, we sponsored "The Health Library: Creating a Culture of Wellness" on May, 19, 2009.

With the Educational Media and Technologies Section; Corporate Information Services Section, International Cooperation Section, Medical Informatics Section, Library Marketing SIG, we are sponsoring "Resources for Disaster and Remote Access Regions" on Wednesday, May 20, 2009.

With the Hospital Libraries Section; Corporate Information Services Section, Research Section, Library Marketing SIG, we are sponsoring the "Librarian's Toolkit" on Sunday, May 17, 2009.

With the International Cooperation Section; Corporate Information Services Section, Japan Medical Abstracts Society, Japan Medical Library Association we are sponsoring "Issues in Japanese Health Sciences Librarianship" on Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

New members to the section were welcomed via an introductory email and encouraged to participate in the section.

Many of the initiatives planned by the Section were delayed due to mid-year losses of Section officers. Mindy Robinson-Paquette left as Chair-Elect. Initiatives related to life long learning, advocacy, creating and communicating knowledge and building a network of partners will be carried into the coming year.

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Respectfully submitted,

Susie Corbett, Chair 2008-2009

Section Officers and Committee Chairs:

Chair-Elect/Program Chair: Penny Coppernoll-Blach

Immediate Past Chair: Sherrill Olsen

Secretary/Treasurer: Linda Van Wert

Web Site Editor: Vicki Crom

Membership Committee Chair: Penny Coppernoll-Blach

Section Nominee to the MLA Nominating Committee: Penny Coppernoll-Blach

Dental Section

The following is a report of our progress towards this year's goals and objectives:

Goal 1: Recruitment, Membership and Leadership in the Profession

Objective: Revise Dental Section Brochure to create a less graphic version in order to reduce printing costs.

This objective will be addressed prior to the annual meeting.

Goal 2: Life Long Learning

Objective 1: Solicit funding from vendors (STATRef!) to support the Dental Section's annual program session on evidence based practice

Mike Kronenfeld contacted STATRef! and they graciously agreed to continue their support of this lecture series. They contributed \$500 which will be used to help defray some speaker travel expenses.

Here is the abstract for this year's session:

Primary Sponsor: Dental Section; Co Sponsors: Cancer Librarians Section

Title: 3rd Annual Lecture on the Evidence Base supported by StatRef – Open Access and the Evidence Base – the Good, the Bad and the Ugly

The open access movement to support free access to research findings made a significant advance with the founding of the Public Library of Science (PLoS) in 2000. It took another leap forward with the passage of legislation mandating free access to NIH funded research after a one year embargo. In this invited paper session we will focus on the impact of open access and the NIH mandate on the body of research that is becoming available to medical libraries. Whether you work at a hospital library with online access to hundreds of journals or a major academic health sciences library with access to thousands of online journals, will the body of research available to you dramatically expand with open access? Will there be a potential impact on the current structure of journal based publishing as the primary distribution point for emerging research? Will the law of unintended consequences bring about results we haven't thought of yet? These are some of the questions we will examine in the 2009 Lecture. The distinguished panel will first review the issues relating to open access and the NIH mandate and then lead a discussion of these issues. This is an important session for all medical librarians, one that will stimulate timely analysis of the changing scholarly publication environment.

Panel Members:

- Karen Butter, University Librarian & Asst Vice Chancellor, The Library University of California, San Francisco
- Jennifer McLennan, Director of Communications, SPARC (Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition)
- Catherine Nancarrow, Managing Editor, PLoS Computational Biology, PLoS Pathogens, PLoS Genetics, PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases

Moderator:

- Michael Kronenfeld, Director, Learning Resource Center, AT Still University, Arizona Campus

Objective 2: Continue to explore the possibility of using a Wiki to replace the section's website, and a blog to replace the listserv

We have successfully moved our website to a wiki:
<http://mladentalsection.pbwiki.com/>.

We have found that the new format makes it much easier to keep content updated. The link on the Medical Library Association's list of section websites was changed to point to this new site.

Our listserv, DENTALIB, is still serving the section and other dental health researchers / practitioners through regular communications of import to the profession. Information about how to sign up for the listserv is available on the section's wiki.

Goal 4: Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

Objective 1: Update the Dental Collection booklist. Consider including recommended Electronic books.

An updated list of Journals, Databases and Books for Dental Hygiene Programs was created by Kate McGraw and shared with section members and the public via the section's wiki:
<http://mladentalsection.pbwiki.com/DentalHygieneBookList>

Background work for revising the entire booklist has been started by Annie Hughes and John Glueckert. The update of the web pages for the Recommended Book List has been completed and will be announced this week. The first two sections of the list are ready to distribute for revision this week; subsequent sections will go out every two weeks until completion.

Objective 2: Explore using Delicious as a way to build an organized collection of high quality dental websites

Our new MLA Dental Section Wiki has clear links to two comprehensive sets of Dental web links in Delicious maintained by Kate McGraw at UNC-Chapel Hill and Elizabeth Kettell at Basil B. Bibby Library, University of Rochester Medical Center.

Goal 5: Building a Network of Partners

Objective: Ongoing efforts with Stat!Ref and other vendors to encourage the availability of more electronic textbooks in dentistry.

Stat!Ref is slowly adding a few more dental titles. Other vendors also now have a small number of electronic titles in dentistry. EBSCO recently announced that it will be offering a new product that will provide access to core dental journals as well as electronic books. It is gratifying to remember that electronic dental text books initially came into existence because dental librarians communicated with each other through the Dental Section and persistently made requests and recommendations to vendors.

Section Elections

Mike Kronenfeld, as Immediate Past Chair of the Dental Section, conducted the Dental Section election of Officers in January using Survey Monkey. We got 33 responses and our new officers are:

Chair-Elect & Program Chair - Mary Kreinbring, Director, Department of Library Services, American Dental Association

Secretary/Treasurer - re-elected Ann Marie Corry, School of Dentistry Library, Univ. of Missouri Kansas City

Dental Section Nominee for MLA Nominating Committee - Jan Cox - Indiana University - School of Dentistry Library

Submitted by 2008 – 2009 Section Officers

CHAIR:

Kate McGraw
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Health Sciences Library

CHAIR-ELECT & PROGRAM CHAIR:

Linda Hasman
SUNY-Buffalo, Health Sciences Library

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

AnnMarie Corry
University of Missouri Kansas City, School of Dentistry Library

SECTION COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

JanCox
IndianaUniversity, School of Dentistry Library

IMMEDIATE-PAST CHAIR:

Michael Kronenfeld
A.T. Still University – Arizona, Learning Resource Center

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE LIAISON:

John P. Glueckert

DENTAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE:

Frank Mason

LISTSERV:

Dentalib@usc.edu
John Glueckert, moderator

Educational Media and Technologies Section

The Educational Media and Technologies Section members have actively been working on our goals and objectives since the 2008 annual meeting in October.

Goal 1: Recruitment, Membership and Leadership in the Profession

Objective 1: *Welcome new members and follow up with lapsed members in the section*

A welcome message went out during the summer from the Membership Chair, Jason Baker.

Objective 2: *Create new and fill existing committee and service opportunities in EMTS to grown future section leaders*

To expand service opportunities within EMTS, committee opportunities were created to fulfill other EMTS goals. The EMTS scholarship committee recruited two members to serve on the jury – Jonathan Koffel and Nicole Dettmar. The Highly Recommended Instructional Programs wiki committee was expanded to include two more volunteer positions, Sheila Snow-Croft and Brandi Tuttle. All volunteers were new members of EMTS,

Objective 3: *Update Officer and Committee descriptions on EMTS web site.*

Mellissa De Santis, Immediate Past Section Chair, and Barbara Elish, Website Editor, accomplished this goal in summer 2008. Adjustments will be made after the May 2009 due to bylaws changes and other business activities of EMTS.

Goal 2: Life Long Learning

Objective 1: *Organize stimulating and relevant section program for the Annual Meeting in May 2009 (Hawaii) that gives Section members a chance to participate.*

Jeanne Burke, Chair-Elect/Program planner organized EMTS primary sponsorship of three sessions and co-sponsorship of two more. Five sessions for EMTS represents a significant increase over previous years programming and provided EMTS members with more opportunities to present research and program finds at the annual meeting.

Objective 2: *Create an award for EMTS member(s) to help defray the cost of attending the Annual Meeting.*

The grant was developed by an ad hoc committee and applications were evaluated by the jury (see midyear report). Two awards of \$250 each were announced to section members Emily Hurst from University of Texas Health Sciences Center's Dolph Briscoe Library and E. Diane Johnson from University of Missouri Columbia's J. Otto Lottes Health Sciences Library. Awards will be given at the annual business meeting.

Goal 4: Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

Objective 1: *Create timeline for regular content posting to the section blog by various EMTS members and officers.*

The EMTS blog has filled a role of publishing general and timely announcements, leaving broader reports and feature articles for the newsletter. The next newsletter will be published in summer 2009, after the Annual Meeting. The Blog, meanwhile, will be updated with a "blogging schedule" (agenda item for the section business meeting) designed to stimulate conversation on a more regular basis.

Objective 2: *Re-evaluate and retool Highly Recommended Instructional Programs wiki project.*

Two additional committee members, Sheila Snow-Croft and Brandi Tuttle, were added to the committee Pat Sarchet is chairing. An telephone meeting was held in December 2008 to determine next steps in assessing need for the wiki and the development of a simple survey. Feedback on the value of the list to the relevant communities was confirmed by emails to

Medlib-L and EMTS listservs. Review of listed programs for currency was conducted by the committee in spring 2009. A simplified survey will be presented to the relevant communities during summer 2009.

High Recommended Instructional Programs Wiki Project Committee:
Pat Sarchet, Committee chair
Sheila Snow-Croft
Brandi Tuttle

Other Activities

Bylaws Committee:

The EMTS Bylaws Committee prepared a draft revision of the section bylaws that conforms to the latest version of the Section Model Bylaws (revised October 2008). The proposed revision was approved by the MLA Bylaws Committee and distributed to the section membership via the section listserv. A vote to amend the bylaws per the proposed revision is an agenda item for this year's Section Business Meeting.

Bylaws Committee:
Mary Piorun
David Piper, Committee chair

Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee solicited the Section membership for nominations of candidates for three positions. The Committee created a slate of candidates and ran the election in early 2009. Results were submitted to Section Council prior to the deadline of February 15.

Nominating Committee:
Amy Blevins
Melissa De Santis, Committee chair
Christina Wissinger

Respectfully submitted,
Rikke Ogawa
Chair, Educational Media and Technology Section

Officers & Committee Chairs 2008-2009

Rikke Ogawa (06/08-05/09) Chair
Jeanne Burke (06/08-05/09) Chair-Elect/Program Chair
Judy Spak (06/08-05/09) Secretary/Treasurer
Cynthia Henderson (06/08-05/09) MLA Nominating Committee Nominee
Mary Piorun (06/08-01/09) Section Council Representative
Melissa De Santis (01/09-05/09) Section Council Representative, Past-Chair, Nominating Committee
Dave Piper (06/08-05/09) Bylaws
Jason Baker (06/08-05/09) Membership
Jim Brucker (06/08-05/09) Newsletter
Pat Sarchet (06/08-05/09) Highly Recommended Software Programs wiki
Barbara Elish (06/07-05/08) Webmaster

Federal Libraries Section

The Federal Libraries Section addressed two of its goals during this period. In support of **MLA Goal #3 Advocacy**, a brief communication is being developed for JMLA outlining what some federal libraries are doing to show management their value. In support of **MLA Goal #4, Creating and Communicating our Knowledge**, a Blog was set up for the Federal Libraries Section to foster communication between members on topics of interest. Our Listserv manager retired and was replaced. The Bylaws are also being rewritten to comply with MLA policy and will be voted on during the Business Meeting.

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Officers/Representatives 2008-2009

Chair Edward Poletti, AHIP

Chair Elect/Program Planner Priscilla Stephenson, AHIP

Immediate Past Chair Alice E. Hadley, AHIP

Treasurer Mary Virginia Taylor, MLS

Secretary Dixie A. Jones, AHIP

Section Council Representative Rebecca K. Satterthwaite

CE Representative to Section Council Ann Russell Potter, AHIP

Submitted by Chair

Edward J. Poletti, MLS, AHIP

Health Association Libraries Section

Goal 1: Recruitment, Membership and Leadership in the Profession

Objective: Increase membership in section and increase number of members assuming leadership roles in section

New members who joined at MLA 2008 were contacted via e-mail by section chair, welcoming them to the section and inviting them to active participation.

Goal 2: Life Long Learning

Objective: Plan a session or sessions at MLA 2009.

HALS will make an impressive showing at MLA '09. The MLA '09 theme is iFusions, and the focus is on collaboration. Building on the topics suggested at the HALS meeting at MLA '08, we submitted topics on disaster preparedness/recovery; going green; and partnering with others -- either departments, professionals, or entities. All three program ideas we submitted have been accepted.

First, we're primary sponsor of an invited panel session called "Fusing Information and Preparation in Times of Devastation". Invited panelists will describe the efforts of NLM, the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, and other librarians to prepare and preserve health sciences libraries and their services in the aftermath of disasters such as Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Other sponsors are: the National Library of Medicine, Nursing & Allied Health Resources Section, African American Medical Librarians Alliance (SIG). Invited speakers for the session are: Janice Kelly (NNLM/SEA), Renee Bougard (NLM Outreach Librarian), Stacey Arnesen (NLM DIMRC), Michelynn McKnight (LSU) and Deborah Halsted (HAM-TMC, moderator). The HALS chair-elect is the primary contact for this program.

Next we are co-sponsoring "Uniting to Promote Green Practices: Serving Our Patrons and Our Planet". This session will cover a wide range of environmental issues concerning libraries and the profession. Topics may include the many ways medical libraries have contributed to encouraging ecologically responsible and environmentally safe practices and lifestyles. Topics may also cover why we should be concerned with environmental issues such as the effect of climate change on the health of underserved populations as well as the use of organics in complementary and alternative medicines. Program format: contributed papers. Sponsors: Corporate Information Services Section, HALS, Public Health/Health Administration, and the Complementary and Alternative Medicine SIG. Note: The chair-elect from CISS stepped down, so we are sharing the responsibilities for this session.

Finally, we are co-sponsoring "Fusing our Organizations: Cooperation, Networking, and Collaborating with New Partners". Our libraries are becoming increasingly integrated in organization-wide initiatives. Presented papers will highlight proactive efforts and best practices used to FUSE their library into these new partnerships.

Program Format: Contributed papers Sponsoring Sections: Technical Services Section (Primary); Leadership & Management, and HALS.

Goal 3: Advocacy

Objective: Share information legislative issues with members.

E-mail alerts on legislative issues are shared with membership as received from MLA.

Goal 4: Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

Objective: Improve communications about the section and its activities to both members and nonmembers.

Pam VanHine has edited one issue of the section newsletter, which was distributed via Google Docs in November.

Goal 5: Building a Network of Partners

Objective: Reach out to other MLA sections in areas where there are similar interests. Share ideas for advancing knowledge in these areas. Foster relationships with other MLA groups with similar interests and between MLA and our parent organizations, as appropriate.

See Goal 2 for information about joint programming for the 2009 MLA meeting in Honolulu.

History of the Health Sciences Section

Goal 1 - Recruitment, Membership, and Leadership in the Profession

Objective: *Encourage membership in Section and in MLA.*

- Membership chair sent Section logo pins and bookmarks to all Section members who did not receive them at MLA.
- Listserv and membership lists were reviewed and weeded in summer 2008.
- Membership dues reminder was sent to Section listserv members in November 2008.
- Membership chair contacted all new members in November 2008 to encourage them to renew Section membership.
- Membership chair requested and reviewed member lists several times during 2008 and sent welcome notes, Section logo pins, and bookmarks to new members. In December there were 100 members in the HHS Section.

Objective: *promote staffing of history of health sciences collections with qualified history librarians*

- An Advocacy for History Librarians Task Group was formed with the charge of exploring issues and creating an agenda focusing on ways to promote the recruitment, support, and retention of qualified history librarians in health sciences libraries. The task group members are Michael Flannery, Ed Holtum, and Suzanne Porter. Lucretia McClure is chair. The Task Group is working on these areas:
(1) why history of the health sciences is important;
(2) purpose of our profession;
(3) ways to show our value (a) in the library, (b) in the parent institution, and (c) in professional organizations.

A final report with a bibliography will be presented to the Section Meeting in Hawaii.

Goal 2 - Life-long Learning

Objective - *Provide educational opportunities to members of MLA.*

- The HHS Section listserv is used routinely to announce classes and lectures.
- HHS Section volunteered to host an Archives and History table at the Chapter Round Table session in Hawaii in 2009, but all Tables were taken. Suggestion for History or Archives Round Table was offered for 2010 meeting in Washington, DC.

Objective: *Encourage members to research, write, present papers, and publish in areas related to the history of the health sciences.*

- HHS Section provided a recommendation for Section representative on the Murray Gottlieb Prize Jury to in-coming MLA President. Heidi Heilemann was appointed for 2009-2010.
- The HHS Section promoted the Murray Gottlieb Prize by posting information on the several listservs, including: ALHHS-L, Caduceus-L, H-Sci-Med-tech, and Exlibris.
- The HHS Section is sponsoring two history-oriented sessions at the 2009 annual meeting
- Catherine Arnott-Smith has agreed take the lead in looking at the question, "Where is history of the health sciences published?" This will include a review of history publications in *the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association* and the *Journal of the Medical Library Association*.

Goal 3 - Advocacy

Objective: *collaborate with other groups to promote history of the health sciences and librarianship.*

- The HHS Section and the Technical Services Section are co-sponsoring an invited and contributed paper session "Promotion & Development Fusions for Special Collections" at the 2009 MLA Annual Meeting in Hawaii.
- The HHS Section, the Public Services Librarians Section and the Curriculum SIG are co-sponsoring an invited and contributed paper session "Infusing History into the Curriculum" at the 2009 MLA Annual Meeting in Hawaii.
- The HHS Section and Relevant Issues Section are co-sponsoring an invited lecture by Dr. Rebecca Knuth, Associate Professor in Library and Information Science, University of Hawaii, on

“Threatening Fusions: When Ideologues and Demagogues Meet Ideas and Libraries,” at the 2009 MLA Annual Meeting in Hawaii.

Objective: *facilitate attendance at MLA by HHS Section members*

- HHS Section provided a stipend to help a Section member with duties critical for the Section to attend the 2009 Annual MLA Meeting in Hawaii.

Goal 4 – Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

Objective - *Provide for the smooth transfer of duties among section officers and chairs.*

- HHS Section continues to provide online access to the current procedure manual, the section bylaws listing the duties and responsibilities of the elected officers, and other pertinent information on the Section Website <http://www.mla-hhss.org/bylaws.html>.
- Website information on Section Officers and Committee Chairs was updated in timely manner.
- The Policy and Procedure Manual was revised and updated; a final revision will be available for review and inclusion on the website in March 2009. Chair of the Procedure Manual Update group was Suzanne Porter.

Objective: *Improve communication with Section members.*

- The HHS Section provided online access to the Section newsletter, *Incipit*. The Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 newsletters are now available online: <http://www.mla-hhss.org/incipit.html>.
- The HHS Section provides online access to 25 issues of the Section newsletter, *Incipit*, from 1995 to 2008.
- The HHS Section Chair, Membership Chair, and listserv Administrator reviewed and revised the membership list and the listserv addresses in summer-fall 2008.
- The listserv domain was renewed for 5 years.
- A Task Group was established charged with investigating the use of a blog and/or Wiki to improve Section communication and working with current Webmaster to plan changes to web page. Task Force members are Emily Molanphy, Ed Holtum, Patricia E. Gallagher, and Susan Marshall. Cynthia Kahn is chair. A report and recommendations will be provided at the Section annual business meeting.
- The HHS Section held an election in October with electronic voting (providing paper ballots to members without email access). The Nominating Committee members were Colleen Weum and Patricia E. Gallagher, chair. The following members were elected: Joan Stoddart, Chair-elect/Program chair; Dee Jones, Secretary-treasurer; Diane McKenzie, Candidate for Nominee to the MLA Nominating Committee.

Goal 5: Building a Network of Partners

Objective: *Investigate reasons why people join the HHS Section*

- A Task Group chaired by Joan Stoddart was created charged with exploring reasons why library directors join HHSS and what programs and projects would benefit this group. A brief survey was distributed. The results will be reported in a poster at the 2009 Annual Meeting in Hawaii.

Officers -2008-2009

Chair: Diane McKenzie

Chair-Elect: Michael Flannery

Immediate Past-Chair: Patricia E. Gallagher

Program Chair: Michael Flannery

Secretary-Treasurer: Ed Holtum

Section Council Representative: Patricia E. Gallagher

Section Council Representative Alternate: Diane McKenzie

Committee Chairs and Other Positions

Bylaws Committee: Suzanne Porter

Continuing Education Committee: Patricia E. Gallagher and Stephen J. Greenberg
Listserv Administrator: Cynthia Kahn
Membership Committee: Anne Maria Frketich
Murray Gottlieb Prize Representative: Lucretia McClure
Newsletter Editor: Cynthia Kahn
Nominating Committee: Patricia Gallagher
Oral History Committee Liaison: Patricia E. Gallagher
Webmaster: Patricia E. Gallagher

Advocacy for History Librarians Task Group: Lucretia McClure
Blog, Wiki, Web Task Group: Cynthia Kahn
Library Directors' Task Group: Joan Stoddart, Chair

This report is informational and requires no action by the Board of Directors.

Submitted by
Diane McKenzie, Chair
History of the Health Sciences Section/MLA

Hospital Libraries Section

The Hospital Libraries Section endeavors to support MLA Core values in all of our initiatives, most especially to improve the knowledge and skills of our membership and advance, through our programming and publications, health information research and evidence-based practice.

MLA Goal 1: Recruitment, Membership and Leadership in the Profession

The HLS Connection Reception in Chicago was very popular, with over 300 attendees. The Hospital Libraries Section celebrated its 60th year in 2008. HLS also participated in the Section Council membership Section Shuffle recruiting event. Retirees were recognized with certificates.

The Membership Committee Chair transitioned over the summer and the new Membership Chair could not assume this responsibility until December, 2008. The outgoing membership chair did contact all new (at six months) HLS members.

The Professional Recognition Committee also handed out certificates for the HLS Scroll of Exemplary Service for HLS members who provided service to the section over the last year.

A new HLS representative, Robin Siegel, was named as our section member to the MLA Benchmarking Committee. We also have a hospital librarian as the chapter council rep on the MLA Benchmarking Committee, Barbara Reich.

Karen Albert was named by MLA to lead the new Scholarly Communication Committee. Diane Rourke received substantial financial support to represent HLS at the 13th annual AANC Magnet Conference in Utah in October. Diane was selected to present her paper on library participation in the Magnet accreditation process, "Next stop on your Magnet journey: the hospital".

The section remains in strong financial shape. A policy to address non-budgeted expenses still needs to be developed.

Funding was also provided to our chair from our Professional Development Committee to attend the working conference of the Health Information Literacy Project as an advisor. Karen Albert will represent HLS on the 2009 MLA Nominating Committee.

The election results, also using Survey Monkey, were not robust, with only about 200 members voting for 2009 officers and representatives.

The Membership Committee's Recommendation to request that MLA seek the "type of library" information on the membership form was forwarded to MLA. MLA has agreed to edit the membership form to include that information so we can recruit more accurately.

The Professional Recognition Committee continued to honor many HLS members who have made a difference in advancing the cause of hospital librarianship and who have served the section on a committee or in elected or appointed office. There are two awards: the Scroll of Exemplary Service and Catch a Rising Star. Criteria for both are on the section web site. The committee encourages all members to recognize deserving colleagues.

MLA Goal 2: Life Long Learning

Program plans for 2009 in Hawaii include

The Librarian's Toolkit co-sponsored with the Research Section, CISS and the Library Marketing SIG, a contributed paper session focusing on proving your worth

Research Fusion: Integrating evidence-based library and information practice into the librarian's work life, co-sponsored with Research Section

Magnet Fusion: (Re) credentialing from a Leadership Perspective co-sponsored with Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section including an invited speaker

The section offered four competitive \$500 travel awards for the first time to assist members with the expense of travel to the annual MLA conference. Criteria are posted on the section web site.

The Executive Board voted to financially support a symposium proposal for MLA 2010 from the NN/NM Southeastern Atlantic Region entitled, "E-Patients: The Techno-Cultural Revolution of Health Consumers."

MLA Goal 3: Advocacy

The HLS helps its members advocate on their own behalf, their value to their organizations.

Our Government Relations Committee Chair, Maura Sostack, reviews and forwards to all Section members the legislative and governmental alerts from MLA. Maura focused on three major announcements: First US Public Access Policy made Permanent (*2009 Consolidated Appropriations Act ensures NIH public access policy will persist*); HHS names health technology coordinator and HHS Issues Special Report on Health Reform and Launches New healthreform.gov Web Site

Katherine Stemmer-Frumento represents the Hospital Libraries Section to the Joint Commission and attends appropriate meetings. She is diligent in providing HLS members with essential Joint Commission communications. Her three year term ends in June 2009.

The section also sponsored partial travel costs for an HLS member to speak at a national AANC conference on librarians assisting with the Magnet process. The section will continue to review criteria and establish clear standards and guidelines for sponsoring travel expenses to conferences for members who represent the section.

The Strategic Planning Committee leadership prepared an online Needs Assessment survey using the section purchased Survey Monkey survey tool. The Professional Development Committee analyzed the 442 responses (more than voted in our election!). Highlights include the continuing need to keep solo hospital librarians from feeling isolated. Much concern was voiced over smaller hospital libraries remaining open and staffed by librarians. Responders also emphasized the need for more regional, online and distance learning opportunities, beyond what is offered at MLA. Lack of funding to attend CE at the national conference was repeatedly mentioned. The survey was a great opportunity to gather many responses and provide our leadership with guidance for future programming and planning. The section's advantages to members were identified as providing ideas and information, opportunities for networking and professional updates.

The most important issues facing section members in the workplace (2008-2011) are funding, learning and implementing new technology, providing virtual library services, copyright issues and educating physicians and nurses.

MLA Goal 4: Creating and Communicating Our Knowledge

Our section newsletter, National Network, has changed its publication schedule. The timing of the publication of National Network will be changed beginning with fall issue. This new publication schedule will go down to three times per year and add a special pre-MLA issue each year to focus on HLS events to be held at our annual meeting. National Network has made a fine conversion to PDF distribution of the newsletter. The cost of the newsletter is reduced, but advertising revenue is also down. It is hoped to move advertising to the HLS web site, as MLA does, in the future.

The HLS web site must be created with MLA sanctioned software which seems not to be in common use. Our new webmaster is learning the ropes and is bringing the web site back to life after the previous web master resigned midyear.

The HLS listserv was mentioned often as a valuable benefit to members in the Strategic Planning Needs Assessment Survey.

The HLS wiki is still available, but some members cannot participate in Web 2.0 technologies. Vital Pathways used the HLS wiki to solicit comments from HLS members.

Our section purchased another Survey Monkey account solely for board use (elections and board specific business). Over 90 surveys have been created by members between June 2007 and September 2008. The Survey Monkey Usage Guidelines were updated for placement on the section web site. The section survey monkey was used to great advantage for the Needs Assessment Survey.

The Standards Committee is in the process of analyzing data from the Standards survey. An outstanding third attempt was made to persuade the Massachusetts Medical Society to adopt the Standards for Hospital Libraries for CME accreditation, which did not succeed. There was concern expressed at the number of hospital librarians who have been downsized in this economic turndown.

MLA Goal 5: Building a Network of Partners

The MLA Vital Pathways Project was moved under the auspices of HLS in 2008 as an ad hoc committee under the leadership of Mary Fran Prottzman. HLS plans to continue participation in this project. The MLA Benchmarking initiative, also supported by HLS, will undergo a revision in 2009-2010.

The section chair proposed a motion to Section Council to increase the amount of money sections can raise to support conference activities from \$2000 to \$5000.

We are including the Friends of NLM in our Connection Reception for MLA 2009 in Hawaii.

Motion

This report is information and requires no action by the Board of Directors of HLS.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Chastain-Warheit
Chair, Hospital Libraries Section
April 20, 2009

International Cooperation Section

MOTION

This report is informational and requires no action by the Board of Directors.

Below is a summary of ICS activities since the 2008 Annual Meeting listed under the relevant goals from the MLA Strategic Plan.

Goal 1: Recruitment, Membership and Leadership in the Profession

Attendees to the MLA'08 Librarians without Borders open forum, not already section members, were contacted regarding ICS membership. The objective is to increase ICS membership (currently at 161 members) and solicit additional support for Librarians Without Borders efforts.

Goal 2: Life Long Learning

The first Librarians Without Borders continuing education course will be taught at MLA'09. *Health InterNetwork Access to Research Initiative (HINARI)/Internet Resources for Health Information Professionals: Training the Trainers* is a half-day course to be taught by Lenny Rhine on May 20th, and is free to MLA members.

Goal 4: Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

a. Converting the section newsletter to a blog

Wendy Wu, Maylene Qiu and Marcus Banks are evaluating whether to convert the ICS Newsletter into a blog to improve information distribution through RSS and provide more timely publication.

b. Increase publicity for international outreach

Mindy Robinson-Paquette has taken a lead in collecting stories and news items from ICS members on their efforts in outreach and partnerships to international colleagues, and have them published in MLA and Section publications. Stories have, or will be published in MLA Focus, MLA News (still in press) and National Network, which is published by the Hospital Libraries Section/MLA.

Goal 5: Building a Network of Partners

a. Partnership for MLA Program

ICS is taking a lead in partnering with the Japan Medical Abstracts Society and the Japan Medical Library Association to sponsor a MLA'09 program on *Issues in Japanese Health Sciences Librarianship*.

b. Health Science Library Partnerships

The Health Science Library Partnership Committee has helped Health Sciences Library at the Lancaster General in Lancaster PA and Shanghai Renji Hospital Library in Shanghai, China become sister libraries.

b. MLA Librarians Without Borders® Grant (LWB)

A task force has drafted a Librarians Without Borders Grant proposal for approval by the MLA Board. The grant was made possible by Min-Lin Fang of the University of California, San Francisco who secured a \$15,000 donation to support international outreach from the FlySheet Med-Informatics Company of Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C. with a letter of commitment from Peggy Liu, the company's CEO.

FlySheet is an information provider and solutions aggregator offering a wide range of services and technological support related to healthcare information for the Chinese library community.

Having secured financial commitment from FlySheet, Min-Lin initiated a series of conversations leading to a conference call in summer of 2008 that included Min-Lin with Carla Funk, Donna Flake, Lenny Rhine, Alicia Livinski and Daniel Dollar. We determined during that call to form ourselves into a task force with the charge to draft and finalize a grant application, and submit it for approval to the MLA Board at their January meeting. Lenny, Alicia and Daniel volunteered to write the first draft of the application that explained the purpose of the grant, how to apply and criteria for making an award.

After completing the initial draft in early December, the task force reviewed and revised the application, completing its work in time for approval by the Board. The MLA Librarians Without Borders Grant will support health science librarianship in HINARI-eligible countries by funding training opportunities and/or the purchase of materials that further the use of biomedical resources for education, research or clinical practice. Grant awards will be for one year with a maximum funding level of \$5,000, allowing an expected three grants to be awarded over the next three years starting in 2009. The grant will be administered by the International Cooperation Section of the Medical Library Association.

ICS Officers (as April 25, 2009):

Daniel Dollar: *Chair and Chair-Elect* (Ellen Sayed resigned as Section Chair in November 2008 due to work and family considerations.)

Marcus Banks: *Immediate Past Chair*

Patricia A. Auflick: *Secretary/Treasurer*

Daniel Dollar: *Program Chair*

Jie Li: *Section Council Representative*

Carole Gall: *Section Council Representative- Elect*

Marcus Banks: *Nominating Committee Chair*

Mindy Robinson-Paquette: *Membership Committee Chair*

Maylene Qiu: *Newsletter Editor*

Charles Greenberg: *Bylaws Committee Chair*

Jie Li: *Health Science Library Partnership Committee Chair*

Wendy Wu: *Website Editor/Designer*

Rick Ralston: *Listserv/Manager*

Submitted by Daniel Dollar

Leadership and Management Section

Goal 1: Recruitment, Membership and Leadership in the Profession

The LMS Membership Committee follows up with non-renewing members, and welcomed new members. They also monitor membership in the section and communication about members from MLA headquarters. Committee members participated in membership-related activities at the Annual Meeting in Chicago, including the New Members Breakfast and the Section Shuffle. Committee members will participate in the New Members Breakfast at the Annual Meeting in Honolulu.

Goal 2: Life-Long Learning

The MLA Books Panel did not accept the Leadership and Management Section's proposal for "Managing Libraries: Problems and Solutions." The LMS book project is now under consideration as a wiki.

Goal 3: Sponsored or co-sponsored section programs on leadership & management topics at the MLA 2008 meeting

LMS is sponsoring or co-sponsoring programs at MLA 2009:

- ❖ **Fusing Career Resources Through Mentoring** (with Public Services Section, New Members SIG) Building on the success of speed mentoring at the previous annual meetings, "Fusing Career Resources Through Mentoring" is a two-part interactive session. In part one, attendees will participate in roundtables designed to inform and enlighten on the following topics: "Anatomy of MLA," "What We Wish We Knew When We Started Librarianship (Confessions of a Senior Librarian)," and "Career Reinvention." In part two, attendees will be paired with library administrators for fifteen-minute sessions for resume critiques and career advice. Join us this year and become fused with career resources.
- ❖ **Fusion in the Library Workforce: Creating Synergies Through Professional Diversity** (with Relevant Issues Section, African American Medical Librarians Alliance SIG, Libraries in Curriculum SIG) As the health sciences librarian profession continues to evolve and attract new people, our library staff has become increasingly intergenerational and diverse. Much of what we do requires that the library work as a synergistic team. How can we do this when we all have such different collaborative styles? Have you ever wondered why your coworker seems to see things in black and white while you see them in shades of gray? Or do you consistently find it a challenge to manage people who think differently but need to do the same kinds of tasks. Imagine being able to understand your coworkers and their being able to understand you and each other. This session will be facilitated by the director of organization development/licensed professional counselor from the University of Alabama–Birmingham and will highlight two contributed case studies.
- ❖ **Fusing Our Organizations: Cooperation, Networking, and Collaborating With New Partners** (with Technical Services Section; Health Association Libraries Section, Leadership and Management Section, Molecular Biology and Genomics SIG) Our libraries are becoming increasingly integrated in organization-wide initiatives. Presented papers will highlight proactive efforts and best practices used to FUSE their library into these new partnerships.

LMS sponsored or co-sponsored several programs at MLA 2008:

- ◆ **Connecting the Dots: Strategies for Building a Portable Career** (sponsor)
- ◆ **The Bridge Is Out: Better Learn How To Swim -- Coping with Budget Cuts -- Creative Solutions in Lean Times** (co-sponsor)
- ◆ **Connecting to New Roles** (co-sponsor)
- ◆ **Connecting With Leaders: What Do Our Administrators Expect As ROI From the Library** (co-sponsor)

LMS also co-sponsored and provided financial support for the 2008 Section Shuffle event to showcase MLA sections to the membership.

Goal 4: Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

The Section's Website is maintained by Jean Siebert, while Laurie Thompson continues to manage the section's listserv as a primary means of communication among the members and the leadership.

The Section has experimented with establishing a group on Facebook.com and Gabe Rios is working on a LMS blog.

Section Chair Terry Burton wrote MLA News articles titled *ROI and You: Flawed Measures Are Good Measures* in the October 2008 issue and *If Libraries Count, How Do We Count Them, and What Really Counts?* in the January 2009 issue.

LMS members Jaime Friel Blanck and Kathryn Skhal were appointed to the Emerging MLA Leaders Task Force.

Goal 5: Building a Network of Partners

The LMS Section continues to collaborate with other sections and outside associations.

The LMS Section is providing scholarships for six members to attend the MLA 2009 meeting.

MOTION

This report is informational and requires no action by the Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terrance M. Burton

Chair, Leadership and Management Section

Section Officers:

Chair: Terry Burton

Chair-Elect: Gabe Rios

Past Chair: Barbara A. Epstein, AHIP

Secretary: Teresa Knott

Treasurer: Sandra G. Franklin, AHIP

Listserv Manager: Laurie Thompson, AHIP

Coordinator of Strategic Planning: helen-ann brown Epstein, AHIP

Section Council Representatives: Barbara A. Epstein, AHIP, alternate: Terry Burton

Web Editor: Jean Siebert, AHIP

Newsletter Editor: Gabe Rios, AHIP

Nominee to the MLA Nominating Committee: Brian Bunnnett

Committee Chairs:

Bylaws: Cristina A. Pope, AHIP

Communication: Terry Burton

Membership: Chris Shaffer, AHIP

Nominating: Barbara A. Epstein, AHIP

Professional Recognition: Amy G. Lyons, AHIP

Program: Gabe Rios

Task Force on Professional Development for Current and Aspiring Middle Managers: Jo Dorsch, AHIP and Theodora Bakker (co-chairs)

Medical Informatics Section

2008-2009 Annual Report

Goal 1: Recruitment, Membership and Leadership in the Profession

Janis Brown, Immediate Past Chair, worked with the MIS Nominating Committee (including Susan Lessick and Lisa Traditi), to identify one candidate for the Chair-elect position and two for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. Elections were held through Qualtrics (a web-based survey tool licensed by Janis's institution) beginning in early January. The previous election was held using Survey Monkey, which the Section had licensed, but the decision was made to not renew the license this year since it was not being used for any other purpose by the Section or the membership. A total of 394 ballots were distributed to the MIS business listserv on January 9, 2009; with 158 members voting by the close of elections on February 2, 2009, 146 ballots were cast to confirm Elizabeth (Beth) Whipple as Chair-elect. Maureen (Molly) Knapp was elected to be Secretary/Treasurer by a majority vote, having received 69 votes to Bette Sydelko's 67 votes; there was one write-in vote for Claire Twose. As the current Secretary/Treasurer, Bette has been working with Ray Naegele, MLA director for Financial and Administrative Services, to develop a new model for section banking and reporting to alleviate the problem of transferring the bank account with each change of Secretary/Treasurer. The MIS Nominating Committee Nominee Kathy Kerdolff was approved by the MIS Board. Her name was submitted to be on the MLA Nominating Committee ballot for Section Council. The Section's Bylaws have been revised by the Bylaws Committee Chair, Marie Ascher, to reflect the most recent model bylaws changes; the areas affected are primarily those related to changes in Section Council representation. They will be voted on by the membership at the MIS annual business meeting in Hawaii.

In an effort to improve awareness of the Section, MIS participated in and contributed \$200 towards the Section Shuffle event at the MLA 2008 conference. The MIS also awarded an iPod Nano to the winner (selected by lottery) of its Section Shuffle technology quiz contest, designed to elicit contact information from potential new members. Beth Whipple and Sadie Honey led the Section Shuffle effort for MIS. Laura Barrett, Chair, and Marie Ascher, Bylaws Committee Chair, spoke and distributed information about both MLA Section and AHIP membership at the New York/New Jersey Chapter, MLA Fall Meeting held November 6, 2008 at the NYU Medical Center.

Goal 2: Life Long Learning

Colleen Cuddy, Chair-elect, has arranged for the MIS Section to sponsor two programs and co-sponsor a third at the 2009 MLA Annual Meeting in Hawaii. With **Top Tech Trends III: Technology Fusion**, co-sponsored by the Educational Media and Technologies Section, this popular program returns for its third year with technology trend spotters in health sciences libraries offering their latest insights, opinions, and criticisms on where technology is leading us next. This year's on-site panelists include Michelle Kraft, Robert E. Johnson, Bart Ragon and Gabriel Rios, with "virtual" participants Eric Schnell and Wallace McLendon. Susan Lessick will serve as the moderator and Rikke Ogawa will be the Google Jockey. **Being an Informationist, or, Why Are You Working in the Library**, is a contributed papers session being co-sponsored by the Molecular Biology and Genomics SIG; four contributed papers have been chosen to represent the breadth of the informationist role in the context of medical libraries. The Educational Media and Technologies Section is the sponsor of the program **Resources for Disaster and Remote Access Regions**, a contributed papers session being co-sponsored by the MIS. This program is about providing information resources in times of disaster and identifying innovative approaches to information delivery in remote geographic regions.

Goal 3: Advocacy

The Section continues to provide funding in the amount of \$1,500 per year for the Medical Informatics Section/MLA Career Development Award. The MIS takes an active role in publicizing the award and participating in the selection process. This year's grant recipient is Kris M. Alpi, AHIP, William Rand

Kenan, Jr., Library of Veterinary Medicine, North Carolina State University-Raleigh. As of this year, the MIS has begun to provide grants to support MIS members traveling to the MLA Annual Meeting. In 2009, MIS is providing on a competitive basis (documented need/value to the Section) three travel grants in the amount of \$350 each to attend the 2009 MLA Annual Meeting in Hawaii. The recipients for this year's grants were selected from among ten applicants, and include Douglas Varner, Dahlgren Memorial Library, Georgetown University Medical Center; Elizabeth (Beth) Whipple, Ruth Lilly Medical Library, Indiana University School of Medicine; and Eileen Stanley, elected member, MLA Nominating Committee, 2009.

Douglas Varner attended AMIA's Capitol Hill Day on September 11, 2008, as a representative of the Medical Informatics Section of MLA. It was an opportunity for him to meet with legislators and/or their staff regarding issues of concern to both MLA and AMIA, such as HIT legislation, informatics research and training, personal health records, clinical decision support and use of health data. His detailed report is an addendum to this document.

Goal 4: Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

The member interest survey conducted using SurveyMonkey by Janis Brown during her term as Chair was utilized not only to identify members for this year's Section committees, but also revealed a high interest (74% of 120 respondents) in a blog for the Section. This new blog (<http://mlamis.blogspot.com/>) was initiated in February 2009 under the design and direction of Jaime Friel Blanck, the Blog Committee Chair; content is being contributed by Section officers and committee chairs. Eric Schnell continues to maintain a Facebook group for MLA Technology Trends <<http://usc.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2464357736>> to support a collaborative exchange among those interested in the field; the group currently has 228 members. Nic Cecchino, MIS Web master, continues to update and maintain the MIS Web site as an important resource for members and others. An ad hoc committee on communications, composed of the Section Chair, Past-Chair, Web master, Facebook leader, Blog Committee Chair, and representatives of the Technology Trends Panel (Bart Ragon and Michelle Kraft) are in the process of developing a comprehensive approach to communications that will maximize the effectiveness of these various information channels.

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Respectfully submitted,
Laura Barrett, Chair, Medical Informatics Section

Officers & Committee Personnel, 2008-2009

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| Marie Ascher | Bylaws Chair (06/06 – 05/09) |
| Laura Barrett | Chair (06/08 – 05/09) |
| Jaime Friel Blanck | Blog Committee Chair (6/08-5/09) |
| Janis Brown | Immediate Past Chair/ Nominating Committee Chair (06/08 – 05/09) |
| Nic Cecchino | Webmaster (12/03 – 05/09) |
| Colleen Cuddy | Chair-elect/Program Chair (6/08-5/09) |
| Kathel Dunn | Professional Development Liaison/CE Committee Chair (6/08-5/09) |
| Sadie Honey | Membership Committee Co-Chair (06/06 – 05/09) |
| Jeanette de Richemond | Membership Committee Co-Chair (6/08-5/09) |
| Brenda Seago | Government Relations Liaison/Co-Chair (06/04 – 05/09) |
| Bette Sydelko | Secretary/Treasurer (06/07 – 05/09) |
| Douglas Varner | Governmental Relations Liaison/Co-Chair (6/08-5/09) |
| Elizabeth Whipple | Section Council Representative (06/08 – 05/09) |

Medical Library Education Section

Goal 1: Recruitment, Membership and Leadership in the Profession

Objective 1: To recruit more members and to develop future educational and research leaders in the field.

Steven MacCall represented the Section on the MLA Membership Committee, as well as organizing the annual LIS school reunion reception.

Objective 2: To encourage LIS students (especially those at the University of Hawai'i) to participate in MLA by presenting papers at the annual meeting in MLES sessions

The Section's annual New Voices Paper Award includes a \$250 stipend was added to the Section Council's list of such awards. For this year's meeting, the executive committee voted to increase that award to \$500 for those students who are not from Hawai'i.

Goal 2: Life Long Learning

Objective: Promote and use the recently revised MLA Research Policy Statements to analyze the current curriculum offerings in library and information science programs.

Chair Michelynn McKnight and Carol Hagy completed their research and published it in JMLA as: The Research Imperative: MLA Policy and the Curricula of Schools of Library and Information Science, *Journal of the Medical Library Association*, 2009, 97 (2): 134-136.

Goal 3: Advocacy

Objective: Promote the educational and research competencies of medical library and information professionals.

**Annual Meeting Program: Emerging Research: The Fusion of Theory and Practice
Sunday, May 17, 2009 – 11:00 am to 12:30 pm**

Balancing Theory and Practice in a Library and Information Science Program Curriculum. Andrew B. Wertheimer, PhD, Assistant Professor & Chair, Library & Information Science Program, University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Health Care Literacy: A Study of Online Consumer Health Resources.
Pamela Scott, Master's Student, Library & Information Science Program, University of Hawaii at Manoa.

A Model of Primary Care Physicians' Consumer Health Information-Seeking Behaviors: Working with Elderly Patients and their Caregivers.

Mary Jo Dorsey, PhD, AHIP, Faculty Librarian, Health Sciences Library System, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

Exploring Rehabilitation Therapists' Information Needs for Evidence-Based Patient Care. Lorie Kloda, PhD Candidate; Joan Bartlett, Assistant Professor; School of Information Studies, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada.

Goal 4: Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

Objective: To provide a forum for the presentation of high quality educational and research papers. The activities described under advocacy also related to creating and communicating our knowledge.

**Annual Meeting Program: Fusing Interdisciplinary Expertise in the Workplace
Monday, May 18, 2009 – 10:30 am to 12:00 pm**

How a College is Working to Educate Professionals in an Interdisciplinary Environment. Herman L. Totten, PhD, Dean and Professor, College of Information, Library Science, and Technologies, University of North Texas.

Integrating Interdisciplinarity: Evolving Roles of Technical Services Librarians in a Web 2.0 World. Dean James, PhD, MSLS, Associate Director, Collections Management and Michael Garrett, MLIS, Technology Coordinator, Houston Academy of Medicine - Texas Medical Center Library.

The Future Roles of Librarians and the Interdisciplinary Imperative

Philip J. Kroth, MD, MS, Director, Biomedical Informatics Research, Training, and Scholarship and Assistant Professor, School of Medicine, University of New Mexico Health Sciences Library & Informatics Center.

NLM's Approach to Interdisciplinarity in the Workforce

Sheldon Kotzin, MLS, Associate Director for Library Operations, National Library of Medicine.

Goal 5: Building a Network of Partners

Objective: To promote the continuing connection of medical librarians with their library and information science master's programs and to enhance the LIS reunion organized by MLES at the annual meeting.

Steven MacCall coordinated all arrangements for the annual LIS reunion reception on Sunday, May 17 from 6-7 PM. MLES has a long standing history of organizing the LIS Reunion at the annual meeting. The reunion continues to be a popular event that reconnects MLA members with their master's programs, promotes networking among MLA members, and reinforces the connection of LIS educators to the association. The reunion also supports MLA through the Section's annual communication with the LIS master's programs and gaining their financial support for the reunion.

Also:

Our webmaster Carol Perryman updated the MLES website.

We improved Section communication by moving from a yahoo listserv to an MLA listserv, MLES-L.

We elected the following people to section offices next year:

John MacMullen, Chair Elect

Kathel Dunn, Secretary/Treasurer and WebMaster

Elizabeth LaRue, Nominating Committee Nominee

Ana Cleveland will be the Chair next year:

Jodi Philbrick will be next year's Membership Committee Chair and MLA Membership Committee Representative

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Respectfully submitted,

Michelynn McKnight, Chair

Joanne Marshall, Past Chair and Chair of the Nominating Committee

Ana Cleveland, Chair Elect and Programming Committee Chair

Carol Perryman, Secretary/Treasurer and Web Master

Cynthia Vaughn, Nominating Committee Nominee

Steven MacCall, Membership Chair and MLA Membership Committee Representative

Elizabeth LaRue, Section Council Representative

Steven MacCall, Annual Meeting LIS School Reunion Coordinator

Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section

Goal 1. Recruitment, Membership, and Leadership in the Profession

More than 60 NAHRS members participate in committees, task forces, and other positions, enabling a large portion of the membership to become familiar with section business and to begin preparing future leaders. The Nominating Committee announced the following election results for 2009-2010: Chair-Elect, Lisa Ennis; Secretary, Patrice O'Donovan; NAHRS Potential Candidate for MLA Nominating Committee, Warren Hawkes.

The Membership Committee recruited new members during the 2008 Section Shuffle event and throughout the year. As part of its new efforts, the committee invited nonmembers who presented nursing or allied health topics at the 2008 annual meeting to join the section. NAHRS currently has 463 members. The Treasurer reported \$2,831 dollars in membership dues collected in 2008. NAHRS remained within budget and had a balance of \$12,344 at year's end.

Goal 2. Lifelong Learning

After surveying the membership for topics of interest in spring of 2008, the Program Committee targeted four topics for presentations at the 2009 annual meeting. NAHRS will be the primary sponsor for a contributed paper session, "Educational Fusion: Librarian-Integrated Instruction in Interdisciplinary Education Programs and Partnerships," and a combined invited speaker/contributed paper session, "Magnet Fusion: (Re)credentialing From a Leadership Perspective." The invited speaker, Dr. Harriett Chaney, has been a Magnet Recognition appraiser and as Director of Nursing Programs was responsible for the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Magnet Recognition program. NAHRS will co-sponsor two additional programs, "Fusing Culture and Community to Improve Health Literacy" and "Fusing Information & Preparation in Times of Devastation."

The Continuing Education Committee created a needs assessment survey and plans to administer it in April 2009 using the newly acquired NAHRS SurveyMonkey account. This account will be used to support members' research as well as surveys that support NAHRS and MLA decision-making and planning.

Goal 3. Advocacy

The Government Relations Committee monitored communications from MLA's Government Relations Committee as well as ALAWON and disseminated relevant items to the membership.

The Honors Committee worked to formally recognize the efforts of NAHRS members by nominating a member for FMLA status and endorsing a candidate for a NAHRS award. The Executive Board voted unanimously to grant its "Award for Professional Excellence" in 2009 and will name the winner at this year's business meeting.

Goal 4. Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

The Archives Committee continued working on a project to update the inventory of both print and electronic documents. Once complete, access to the inventory will be provided on the NAHRS website. The committee has also begun work on a NAHRS historical scrapbook and expects to complete it by the 2010 annual meeting. As part of this project, the committee is reviewing online archives of *BMLA* and *JMLA* for Nursing Interest Groups and NAHRS activities. It is also reviewing other source materials including ICIRN and MLA annual meeting programs.

The Bylaws Committee has led a two year effort to make changes to section bylaws with input from the Policies & Procedures / Bylaws Synchronization Task Force and other NAHRS members. While this work was taking place revisions to Section Council representation had direct impact on section bylaws and it was necessary to redraft language. In winter 2009, the committee created draft bylaws based on

MLA Section Model Bylaws. The section board and MLA Bylaws Committee reviewed the draft and suggested minor editorial revisions that were subsequently made. The draft bylaws were published in the April *NAHRS Newsletter*, thereby fulfilling the requirement they be submitted 30 days prior to the meeting at which a vote to amend the bylaws will be taken.

Since changes in Section Council representation require the Past Chair to serve as Section Council Representative, the Strategic Planning Committee recommended that the Past Chair no longer serve as its chair. If the draft bylaws pass, the section chair will appoint this position. Leadership of the Policies & Procedures / Bylaws Synchronization Task Force passed from Melody Allison to Janet Schnall in 2008. The Task Force completed review of the committee chair and officer roles and began investigating publishing the Policies and Procedures in wiki format.

Stephanie Schulte was appointed as newsletter editor in June 2008, and additional members have been added to the committee. In an effort to increase the exposure of the *NAHRS Newsletter* and its authors, for the first time all issues are available via open access on the NAHRS Website. The editor worked with MLA to clarify copyright ownership questions and subsequently obtained agreement from EBSCO to have the newsletter included in CINAHL and other databases by year's end 2009. In addition to reporting NAHRS business, the newsletter published articles of interest to all librarians, including: software and resource reviews, articles about Magnet status, project reports, and more.

Pamela Sherwill-Navarro was appointed co-chair of the Research Committee and is working closely with co-chair (and formerly "solo chair") Peg Allen. The committee was reorganized and expanded to include 25 members, with subcommittees for the NAHRS Journal Lists, Mapping the Literature of Allied Health, and Mapping the Literature of Nursing. Selected highlights of the work of the committee and its members include:

- Completing a survey of librarians' roles in EBN and presenting results at the Southern Chapter meeting.
- Initiating five allied health and two nursing mapping studies in progress.
- Planning to further market the Mapping studies including a blog.
- Refining guidelines for the use of the NAHRS SurveyMonkey account. Paul Blobaum and Joy Kennedy were appointed co-chairs of the Standards for Nursing Information Resources and Services in Healthcare Settings Committee, which succeeds the task force of the same name. The committee is reviewing various guidelines and standards documents for nursing information resources and services including the new Magnet Nursing Manual, NLNAC 2008 BSN Standards, 2009 CCNE standards for library services, the Draft AACN Essentials of BNE, and the Scope and Standards for Nursing Informatics. Members of the Standards Committee and Research Committee co-authored an article about librarians' roles working with Magnet and evidence-based nursing practice for the forthcoming *JMLA Vital Pathways for Hospital Librarians Symposium*.

The Web Committee also partnered with the Research Committee to create the NAHRS Nursing Resources Wiki (<http://sites.google.com/site/nahrsnursingresources/>). This collaborative project is maintained by NAHRS members and includes information on free nursing resources such as electronic journals, databases, and websites. The Web Committee led NAHRS into additional social networking projects including the NAHRS Facebook and Google groups. The committee also updated the online list of NAHRS members' websites and organized it by state.

Goal 5. Building a Network of Partners

Susan Jacobs concludes her appointment as MLA representative to the Interagency Council on Information Resources in Nursing (ICIRN) in May 2009. Upon NAHRS' recommendation, MLA appointed Janet Schnall as co-representative through 2011. NAHRS committed to funding a significant portion of Ms. Schnall's travel costs to attend ICIRN's semiannual meetings. In order to maintain the continuity, NAHRS recommended Susan Fowler as the new MLA co-representative from June 2009 through May 2012, and MLA subsequently appointed her.

Planning is in progress for the 25th edition of the biennial ICIRN Essential Nursing Resources list to be published in *Nursing Education Perspectives* in September 2009. In an effort to collaborate with NAHRS, members will contribute their suggestions for the ICIRN list via the NAHRS Nursing Resources Wiki.

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Respectfully submitted by David Nolfi, AHIP, Chair, 2008-2009

Officers

Chair: David Nolfi

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Continuing Education: Brooke Billman

Government Relations: Mary Taylor

Honors: Carolyn Brown

Membership: Carole Chen

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Newsletter: Stephanie Schulte

Nominating: Janet Schnall

Research: Margaret (Peg) Allen and Pamela Sherwill-Navarro

 NAHRS Journals Lists for Nursing & Allied Health: Pamela Sherwill-Navarro

 Mapping the Literature of Nursing: Melody Allison and Helen Seaton

 Mapping the Literature of Allied Health: Frances Delwich

Standards for Nursing Information Resources and Services in Healthcare Settings: Paul Blobaum and Joy Kennedy

Strategic Planning: Janet Schnall

Web: Danielle Carlock and Lin Wu

Task Force Chair

Policy and Procedure Manual Revision / Bylaws Synchronization Task Force: Janet Schnall

Pharmacy and Drug Information Section

Objective 1: Recruitment, Membership and Leadership in the Profession

The Pharmacy and Drug Information Section (PDI) has gained 11 new members this year. The Section Membership Chair, Amy Knehans, sent welcome letters to each new member on behalf of the Section. The Section continues the pilot project on its second year by providing a \$1,000.00 stipend to the Section's Chair-elect/Program Planner. This is to encourage participation and acknowledge the contributions and efforts made by the individuals to ensure that section members are represented within MLA and that the MLA annual meeting is an enriching experience for them. Priscilla Stephenson, Bylaws Committee Chair, has completed a proposed PDI Bylaws in compliance with the MLA Bylaws. The proposed Section Bylaws will be voted on by the attendees at the Business meeting in May 2009 in Honolulu, Hawaii. In addition, the Section has been discussing ways of fundraising among the members.

Objective 2: Life Long Learning

To increase knowledge of the section members and other MLA participants on topics relevant to their specialty field, Christina Seeger, Chair-Elect/Program Chair, has been very busy planning the EMBASE.com Lecture for MLA'09 in Honolulu. Shannon Brownlee, Schwartz Senior Fellow at the New America Foundation, and a visiting scholar at the National Institutes of Health will be an invited speaker for the EMBASE.com Lecture on Sunday, May 17, 2009 at MLA.

Objective 3: Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

A PDI Alert Newsletter 2009 was distributed and is posted on the PDI Section Web page at <http://www.pdi.mlanet.org/pdialert.pdf>. Thank Joanne Doucette, the PDI Newsletter Editor, for her hard work on putting items together in this PDI Alert Newsletter. The Section members continue to communicate through the pharm-lib list on issues pertaining to pharmacy resources and issues related to MLA/PDI and AACP/L-ER Section activities. Members also provide information to librarians at new schools of pharmacy regarding professional organizations (MLA and AACP) and important resources within pharmacy. Thanks to Sharon Giovenale, Web Site Manager, who has updated the PDI Website timely and to Rhonda Sager, who has taken over management of the pharm-lib list. In addition, the Section has regularly shared the latest information from the Section Council with its members.

Objective 4: Building a Network of Partners

Christina Seeger, Chair-Elect/Program Chair, has been working with the program planners from Relevant Issues Section and Mental Health SIG on co-sponsoring a program titled Personal Health Records: How Private is Your Medical Information. This program is about the issues of privacy, confidentiality and accessibility of information within medical records, including disease, mental illness and medication histories. The implementation of a large-scale PHR system will be discussed to demonstrate opportunities for librarians to become active participants in the development of this important health care tool. Speakers are Linda Hogan, Professor and Assistant Dean, Medicine Founding Director, Medical Informatics, the Commonwealth Medical College, PA and Janet M. Schneider, Chief, Library Service, James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, FL.

The PDI Section continues to have a relationship with other sections within MLA and with librarians within other organizations such as the American Association Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Libraries and Educational Resources Section. The PDI Section has joint activities with these groups and maintains a formal liaison to the AACP Libraries/Educational Resources Section. Susan McGuinness, the Library/Educational Resources Section Chair-Elect, has been busy planning events for the AACP/L-ER Section. The 2009 AACP Annual Meeting, "Leading the Revolution" will be held on July 18-22, 2009

in Boston. Through the above activities, the Section increases collaboration between PDI and other MLA Sections and continues to keep communication between PDI and other pharmacy-related library groups.

Members Elected New Officers for 2009-2010

Chair-elect: Jonathan Koffel

Secretary/Treasurer: Lin Wu

Potential Candidate for the MLA Nominating Committee: Amy Knehans

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Section Officers and Committee Chairs:

Chair: Ruiling Guo

Chair-Elect: Christina Seeger

Secretary/Treasurer: Susan McGuinness

Section Council Representative: Marilyn H. Steinberg

Section Council Representative Elect: Patricia McNary

Web Site Manager: Sharon Giovenale

Newsletter Editor: Joanne Doucette

Bylaws Committee Chair: Priscilla Stephenson

Nominating Committee Chair: Gerri Wanserski

Governmental Relations Committee Chair: Vee M. Kwon

Membership Chair: Amy Knehans

Liaison to the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy/Library and Educational Resources

Section: Gerri Wanserski

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruiling Guo

Chair, Pharmacy and Drug Information Section

April 15, 2009

Public Health/Health Administration Section

Goal 1: Recruitment, Membership and Leadership in the Profession

The Public Health/Health Administration Section has a strong focus on recruiting and retaining members and fostering a leadership role for section members.

For the **Section Shuffle** at MLA'08, the Chair (Lisa Wallis), Chair-Elect (Christine Marton), and Secretary/Treasurer (Kay Deeney) staffed an information table. Many MLA members visited the table and asked questions about section activities. They received a copy of the updated PH/HA section pamphlet and spring/summer 2008 newsletter and were encouraged to attend the PH/HA Business Meeting. Several new members have become actively involved in PH/HA activities, most notably, Chris Childs (CE Chair), Emily Vardell (Newsletter/blog), and Elaine Hicks (CE Committee, Social Bookmarking subcommittee). This year's Chair-Elect, Mellanye Lackey, is making preparations for the MLA09 section business meeting. A new version of the pamphlet will be distributed at the conference.

Newly appointed **Secretary/Treasurer** Alison Aldrich has obtained financial statements and other documents from outgoing Secretary/Treasurer Kay Deeney and reports a robust account balance of over \$8,000.00; sufficient funds to cover section awards and any new activities the section may undertake in the near future (see Continuing Education). While the section fee posted on the annual membership fee page of the MLA website - \$15 instead of \$10 – Alison has worked closely with MLA staff to rectify this error and has presented members who overpaid their section fee several options for handling this matter, including the option of a \$5 credit or donating this money to the section's contribution to MLA scholarships. PH/HA has contributed this year \$1000 to MLA in total; \$500 for the Lindberg Research Fellowship, \$250 for Grants and Scholarships, and \$250 for the MLA Disaster Relief Fund. Forming a fundraising committee to raise funds for the section's annual Travel Stipend and Research Award is being considered.

The **Client Relations Committee**, chaired by Joey Nicholson, has completed its main project for 2008-2009, administering the Sewell Fund Stipend. Detailed preparation for administering this travel stipend involved interacting with the Sewell Fund to ensure continued funding, contacting current and recruiting new committee members, and preparing and advertising a call for applicants. The committee reviewed 25 applications and funded 10 librarians each \$1,000 to attend the 136th Annual American Public Health Association Meeting in San Diego, CA in October 2008.

Leading up to the meeting, stipendees were asked to introduce themselves to each other via e-mail and a Facebook group. This gave the stipendees and the committee members a chance to become acquainted before the meeting and to develop stronger connections. To enhance professional networking, several events were held at APHA for stipendees to attend, including a stipendee dinner, an orientation meeting, and a lunchtime Annual Meeting wrap-up.

Following the meeting, the stipendees compiled a short piece for the PH/HA blog to communicate their experiences to other members. The blog posting is available online on the PH/HA site at: <http://www.phha.mlanet.org/blog/?p=19>.

Award recipients 2009:

Margaret 'Peg' Allen, Hmong Health Education Network, Stratford, WI.

Judy Bolstad, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA.

Mary Boulanger, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI.

Carolyn Bridgewater, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, LA.

Cynthia Kahn, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Linda Levy, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX.

Annabelle Nuñez, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ.

Richard Harris, Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, VA.

Andrea Lynch, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA.

Emily Vardell, NLM Associate 2nd Year, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC.

PH/HA members were encouraged to apply for the 2009/2010 Sewell Fund Stipend. The blog posting is available online on the PH/HA site at: <http://www.phha.mlanet.org/blog/?p=40>.

Membership Chair Helena VonVille attended the MLA membership meeting at the MLA2008 annual conference. She sent a welcome letter in September to everyone who become a new PH/HA member this year and encouraged them to become active members. As well, she sent out an e-mail in December reminding the new members to sign up for this section again when they renew their MLA membership and invited them to the section business meeting at the annual conference in Hawai'i. In March, Helen requested a list of section members and contacted everyone who had not yet renewed by February 25. There are approximately 30 new members. On April 13, Helen posted a request on the PH/HA listserv concerning members who are presenting at MLA2009, which has been compiled in a list and will be made available to section members on the PH/HA website, Annual Meeting page. Approximately 15 members are presenting papers or posters at MLA2009.

Immediate past-chair Lisa Wallis chairs the section's **Nominating Committee**. The election was completed in February. The incoming chair-elect is **Debra Berlanstein**. Liaison & Outreach **Librarian** at Health Sciences & Human Services Library, University of **Maryland**.

A new initiative is the **PH/HA Travel Stipend** created by Past Chair (06/07) Marcus Banks. In 2009, PH/HA will offer the first ever travel stipend for PH/HA section members to attend the 2009 MLA annual conference in Hawai'i. One award, of up to \$1,000, will be granted annually, section finances permitting. Application details are available online at the PH/HA web site, URL: <http://phha.mlanet.org/annualmeeting/PHHAMLAnnualMeetingTravelStipend.pdf>. The PH/HA Travel Stipend Committee is chaired by Immediate-Past-Chair Lisa Wallis. The travel stipend in the amount of \$1,000.00 was awarded to Erika Severson, Health Sciences Librarian at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Ebling Library.

Goal 2: Life Long Learning

Chair-Elect Mellanye Lackey actively participated in the process for selecting the section's **MLA2009 conference programs**. Topics were selected based on input from section members and involved collaborating with other sections and sigs. Two programs were finalized. PH/HA is the lead section for the program, "Emerging Issues in Global Health", with the following two sections: Veterinary Medical Libraries Section and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Health Science Librarians SIG. PH/HA is also co-sponsoring a session on "Health Disparities in Underserved Populations". The lead for this program is Dental and the other sponsor is the LGBT SIG. Reviewers were enlisted in August, abstracts were solicited, and selections finalized. Details of these programs are online at: http://www.mlanet.org/am/am2009/sect_prog/themes.html. Web streamcasting the PH/HA section business meeting has been arranged with generous financial support from PHPartners, so that PH/HA members, and MLA members in general, who are unable to attend the 2009 MLA conference in Hawai'i can participate remotely. Mark Funk, MLA President 07/08 will be attending the Business Meeting.

In an effort to create a new **Continuing Education program**, PH/HA CE Chair Chris Childs created a list of five short CE courses in the areas of public health and health administration that would be offered through MLA's CE committee/department, or during the MLA 2010 conference. This list was shared with the Chair. In 2009, Elaine Hicks joined the CE committee at the encouragement of the chair. In the summer, Elaine will construct a survey that will be sent to all members of PH/HA via PHHA-LIB to determine which courses hold the most interest. The results of the survey and any further action will be discussed at a later date.

Goal 3: Advocacy

Advocacy activities were conducted informally. PH/HA members were encouraged to contact their local government representatives (e.g. Senator) concerning the proposed closure of EPA libraries. As well, PH/HA members were encouraged to sign the online petition to save the Public Health Agency of Canada's Canadian Health Network, a portal site on public health and consumer health issues. Regrettably this highly informative site was terminated in March 2008.

4 Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

The PH/HA **web site** is the public face of the section. Web Committee Chair Alison Bobal has updated web site pages as required to ensure that the information is accurate and current. Since June 2008, she has updated the web site to direct users to the PH/HA blog as the replacement for the section newsletter and archived the past issues of the newsletter. Archived print documents have been compiled, processed and mailed to MLA Archives by section archivist, Helen Look. Please see <http://www.phha.mlanet.org/archives.html>. Helen has suggested that maintaining a physical archive may be unnecessary if the section can set up and maintain an electronic archive. This will be discussed at the upcoming Business Meeting at MLA2009.

Each page of the PH/HA website includes a link to the new PH/HA blog. As well, a link to the PH/HA de.icio.us account was also added. Throughout the year, information about the Sewell stipend, the PH/HA travel stipend and the Call for Papers and Posters for MLA '09 have been posted. The member roster and the list of officers and committee chairs and members have also been updated periodically. According to the web stats, the PH/HA web site receives about 5000 visits per month.

The PH/HA **listserv** continues to be used primarily for section business (election, membership surveys, calls for participation), as well as for announcements of new resources in the field of public health and activities (e.g. upcoming conferences) of relevance to the section's membership. New members have subscribed to the listserv. Spam is filtered by the listserv manager.

The **Cool Web Things Task Force** chaired by Melissa Rethlefsen has completed a Web survey of the PH/HA membership assessing ways libraries use Web 2.0 tools while working with public health professionals. Project descriptions were requested for inclusion on a possible web page. Task Force members submitted a poster to MLA 2009 describing its initiatives and survey results which has been accepted. The poster presentation, "*MLA's Public Health/Health Administration Section's Cool Web Things Task Force and the Adoption of Web 2.0 Technologies*" is scheduled as follows: Tuesday May 19, 10:00-11:00am, poster #15. The PH/HA blog, which the Task Force helped establish, is now up and running on the PH/HA site. PH/HA Newsletter/blog editor Emily Vardell chairs the PH/HA News blog subcommittee. The first step undertaken by this subcommittee was to ask PH/HA section members for input on blog policies, which was solicited using the blog "Comments" function. Following this start, submissions were received from PH Partners, the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice, Specialized Information Services at NLM, and many APHA affiliates. The blog saw its most activity during the events surrounding the APHA meeting and served as a forum for sharing relevant sessions and meeting times. At present, additional submissions from section members to add to our increasingly active blog are being solicited. The social bookmarking subcommittee continues to add new bookmarks of relevance to public health librarians to the section's del.icio.us account. The social bookmarking on del.icio.us was publicized on the blog, see post <http://www.phha.mlanet.org/blog/?p=48>. As well, the blog committee successfully added the del.icio.us bookmarks to the blog.

Research Award Committee Chair Marcus Banks and Section Chair Christine Marton published a brief article in *MLA News* in December 2008 concerning the 2008 award winners and encouraging MLA

members to apply for this award. The application form is available online on the PH/HA web site, URL: <http://phha.mlanet.org/activities/PHHAResearchAward.pdf>. The PH/HA research award committee made its third annual research award to Jon Eldredge and colleagues for their journal article published in *JMLA*, "The effect of training on question formulation among public health practitioners: results from a randomized controlled trial." The full article is available online at: <http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/articlerender.fcgi?artid=2568834&tool=pmcentrez> .

It is anticipated that the **Core Journals Project version 3**, an authoritative source on academic journals, as well as grey literature, in the fields of public health and health administration will be published online in late 2009.

Goal 5: Building a Network of Partners

Section member Kris Alpi continues to actively serve as a representative from MLA and PH/HA to the **Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Workforce** (<http://www.phpartners.org>). Kris Alpi, Nancy Schaefer, and Mary Langman have worked on providing feedback to the Public Health Accreditation Board on their draft national accreditation standards. The feedback will be submitted by the April 30 deadline.

Kris Alpi conducted a Web survey concerning PH/HA members' interest in remote participation (e.g. Web conferencing) for the PH/HA section business meeting at the upcoming MLA2009 conference. Survey results were shared with the PH/HA Chair and Chair-Elect. The National Library of Medicine, through Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Workforce, is funding technology support for remote participation in the PH/HA section's Business Meeting. PH/HA is funding the Partner Representative's travel to the April 22 Partners meeting where a strategic evaluation of the partnership and planning for future activities will be discussed. The Section Chair will be participating in this meeting through web conferencing.

Chair-Elect Mellanye Lackey collaborated with the Veterinary Medical Libraries Section and Dental Section as well as the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Health Science Librarians SIG to offer two **programs** for the upcoming MLA 2009 conference. The details of these programs are listed below:

1. Emerging Issues in Global Health, Tuesday May 19 1:00pm-2:30pm
2. Health Disparities in Underserved Populations, Wednesday May 20, 9:30am-11:00am.

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Respectfully submitted,
Christine Marton, Chair
Mellanye Lackey, Chair-Elect
Lisa Wallis, Immediate Past-Chair, Nominating Committee Chair, Travel Stipend Award Committee Chair
Alison Aldrich, Secretary/Treasurer
Helena VonVille, Membership Chair
Chris Childs, Continuing Education Chair
Joey Nicholson, Client Relations Chair
Kris Alpi, PH Partners Representative
Helen Look, Archivist
Marcus Banks, Research Committee Chair
Alison Bobal, Web Committee Chair
Melissa Rethlefsen, Chair, Cool Web Things Task Force
Emily Vardell, Newsletter/Blog Editor

Public Services Section

Goal 1: Recruitment, Membership, and Leadership in the Profession

The Public Services Section (PSS) participated in the successful Section Shuffle at the 2008 MLA Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL with a 3D poster of a “not so dangerous liaison.”

Two travel stipends were awarded (to Erika Severson and Mary Markland) to assist them in attending the 2009 MLA Annual Meeting. A process for the future awarding of these stipends was established.

Briget Livingston, Chair-elect, resigned in December 2008 because she took a new position outside of health sciences libraries. Kathryn Skhal was elected to fill the vacancy.

A call went out for candidates for PSS officers in January 2008. The slate of officers was posted on the PSS discussion list and elections were held via e-mail.

Goal 2: Life Long Learning

PSS was the primary sponsor for “Liaisons: Our Live Links to Users” and cosponsor of sessions titled “Connecting to New Roles and “Connecting/Bridging: Using Law/Libraries and Information Policy to Create Bridges between People across Cultures, Disciplines, and Economies and to Erase Disparities between These in the Future;” All of these were contributed papers sessions at the 2008 Annual meeting.

PSS also co-sponsored with the Educational Media and Technologies Section, a symposium for the 2008 Annual Meeting, “Not-So-Dangerous Liaisons: Best Practices for Library Liaison Work” which was well attended.

Brainstorming for possible 2009 programming took place at the PSS business meeting at the 2008 meeting; brainstorming for 2010 will occur during its 2009 meeting.

Goal 4: Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

Relevant MLA announcements are routinely posted to the PSS discussion list. Information about expert searching is shared on the Expert Searching discussion list sponsored by PSS.

PSS was invited to take over the maintenance of MLA’s web page on the Informationist. This matter will be discussed in Hawaii.

PSS will hold a celebration of its 25th year of existence at the 2009 meeting.

Goal 5: Building a Network of Partners

PSS is partnering with the Research Section and the Leadership & Management Section to co-sponsor sessions at the Annual Meeting in Honolulu, HI.

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Submitted by Terry Ann Jankowski, Chair

Relevant Issues Section

Goal 1: Recruitment, Membership & Leadership in the Profession

Relevant Issues had 55 members as of July 2008. It is one of the smaller sections. But it does maintain a consistent membership. New members are welcomed informally and are encouraged to get involved. The section has a goal of increasing membership by 10% from 55 to 60 members by July 2009.

Goal 2: Lifelong Learning

Relevant Issues will be co-sponsoring 2 sessions at the 2009 Annual Meeting 1) "Fusion in the Library Workforce: Creating Synergies Through Professional Diversity" with the Leadership and Management Section; the African American Medical Librarians Alliance SIG and the Libraries in Curriculum SIG. This is a contributed papers session and 2) "Personal Health Records: How Private Is Your Medical Information?" With the Pharmacy and Drug Information Section; and the Mental Health SIG. This is a panel session. Relevant Issues is one of the primary sponsors of the program: "Threatening Fusions: When Ideologies and Demagogues Meet Ideas and Libraries" with the History of the Health Sciences Section. This invited speaker session features Rebecca Knuth, associate professor, Library and Information Science Program, University of Hawaii–Manoa. Her presentation will discuss intellectual freedom issues of relevance to all health information professionals.

Goal 3: Advocacy

Relevant Issues deals with information advocacy issues in its choices of section programming. 2008 programming dealt with health disparities and technology tools which help bridge gaps in health information for all populations. 2009 programming deals with demographics, diversity, privacy and intellectual freedom.

Goal 4: Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

Relevant Issues new webmaster is interested in updating the site with more information and ties to the section blog. The section has a promotional brochure available. The section contributes each year to the Lindberg Research Fellowship Endowment to encourage health sciences research.

Goal 5: Building a Network of Partners

Relevant Issues members continue to have an influence on the profession and others via presentations and workshops. These informal networks emerge at the point of need and fit well into the Web 2.0 environment.

MLA Presidential 2008/2009 Priorities

The activities and expertise of Relevant Issues members to work in ad hoc networks fits well with the idea of fusion to create the energy for MLA members to explore recruitment and retention issues an solutions and advocate for the profession.

Other/Administrative

Relevant Issues Bylaws have been updated.

Motion

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Relevant Issues Board - 2009 Election Results: Chair Elect: Ryan Harris; Secretary/Treasurer: Alan Williams; Chair: J. Dale Prince; Past Chair: Cynthia L. Henderson

Research Section

Goal 1: Recruitment, Membership and Leadership in the Profession

The Membership Committee Co-Chairs, Dee Jones and Beatriz Varman, have been proactively communicating with MLA members to increase awareness of Research Section services and promote memberships. They have developed new template letters for prospective and new members. They sent welcoming letters to people who signed up for the free year's membership at the Section Shuffle and to all recipients of MLA Research Awards for posters and papers from 2000-2008. Letters were sent to 54 MLA members who are not currently members of the Research Section in an effort to have them join the section. They also posted information about our section in *Hypothesis*, and the 2009 membership renewals on the Research Section and Section Council listservs. The Research Section brochure is in the process of being redesigned to include our Section's new logo.

Susan Lessick, Chair, collected, organized, and publicized through *Hypothesis* the research committees and awards of all MLA Chapters and Sections. Additionally, this information was posted on the newly launched Research Section web site at:

<http://research.mlanet.org/research-resources.html>

Goal 2: Life Long Learning

For the '09 Annual Meeting in Hawaii, Roz Dudden, Chair-Elect, has planned two section sponsored sessions and two co-sponsored sessions. RS is the lead sponsor for a contributed paper session entitled "Research Fusion: Integrating Evidence-based Library and Information Practice into the Librarian's Work Life." The co-sponsors are the Hospital Libraries Section and the Outreach SIG. 15 papers were reviewed and 5 were selected for presentation. RS is also the lead sponsor for an invited paper session with four speakers entitled "Research 101: How to Start and Finish a Research Project." RS is also co-sponsoring an invited paper session with the Public Services Section entitled "Seamlessly Working the "i" into an Academic Medical Center Workflow: the Eskind Biomedical Library Experience" and an additional contributed paper session with the Hospital Library Section entitled "The Librarian's Toolkit."

The Research Section will continue to sponsor a "Research Connection" event that provides support and consultation for MLA members who need research assistance.

Together with the Hospital Library Section, RS will co-sponsor and plan a symposium that focuses on the latest research and projects and highlights the importance/value of librarians for the MLA annual meeting in 2010.

The RS program committee also utilized a wiki tool for planning the 2009 section programs. Program committee members are: Melissa L. Just, Deborah Charbonneau, Jeanne Larsen, Dorice L. Vieira, Sandy De Groote, Clista Clanton, Elizabeth LaRue, Deanna Johnson and Keith W. Cogdill. The invited paper team included Melissa L. Just, Jeanne Larsen, Sandy De Groote, Dawn Littleton, Heather N. Holmes and Alexandra Dimitroff.

The Executive Committee approved a charge for a new Research Mentoring Planning Task Force and appointed new Co-chairs of the Task Force who will make recommendations about establishing a Research Mentoring Program by May 2010.

Goal 4: Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

The Research Section continues to promote and support research and evidence-based librarianship through the Research Section Awards Program. The Awards Committee Co-Chairs, Kris Alpi and Ruth Fenske, reviewed awards from 2000-2008 and analyzed whether these research studies were eventually published – see the results in the April 2008 issue of *Hypothesis*. All the recipients of awards were sent a letter inviting them to be judges. Those not in the Research Section were sent letters to join

our Section. Recipients of the 2008 Research Section awards will be honored at the 2009 MLA Annual Meeting Awards Luncheon. The judging forms for posters and papers are in revision and will be posted on the new RS website. Additionally, the Co-Chairs requested AHIP activity points for research award judges.

The Research Agenda Committee surveyed the MLA leadership to develop a list of research topics of highest priority to the profession. 62 topics were identified by MLA leaders and a final list of 12 top research topics was submitted to the MLA Board for their September meeting. The committee members published an article about the project in *Hypothesis* and also a description of the analysis/classification process will be published in the June issue of *JMLA*. The Research Agenda Committee members are Jonathan Eldredge (Chair), Martha Harris, and Marie Ascher.

After a two year hiatus, publication of *Hypothesis* issues, the section's publication, resumed. Three issues were published in 2008/09 and indexed in CINAHL. They are available online (see url <http://www.research.mlanet.org/hypothesis/>). The co-editors of *Hypothesis* are Kathel Dunn and Lisa Ennis.

The Research Section website was completely redesigned and a new website was launched in April 2009. Feedback was solicited from the Executive Committee and other section members to enhance the website. The launch of the new website was announced in *Hypothesis* and *MLA Focus*. The website redesign team included Allan Barclay, Sylvia Irving, and Susan Lessick.

Building on the graphics of the new website, the redesign team developed and launched a new Research Section logo which will be used for a new section brochure and stickers.

The Research Section also launched a new Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=87918304357>

Goal 5: Building a Network of Partners

The Research Section continues to co-sponsor and actively support the Fifth International Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference (EBLIP5) that will be held in Stockholm, Sweden June 29-July 3, 2009. Jon Eldredge serves as the International Research Collaboration Liaison to the conference. He is an active member of the program committee and has publicized information about the conference to RS members.

Goal 6: 2008/09 Presidential Priorities: Efficiency and Effectiveness of Association Operations

The Executive Committee approved a charge for a new Strategic Planning Task Force and appointed Task Force members who will create a strategic plan based on membership feedback by May 2010.

The Chair-Elect began development of a wiki for a new Policy and Procedure Manual which will be linked from the new RS website.

The Research Section requested that a triangle symbol be placed on research papers in the official MLA program. MLA HQs approved the proposal and will include a triangle symbol to designate research papers in the Abstract Supplement of the 2009 official program. Thank you MLA! Susan Lessick wrote a brief description of the new research symbol for inclusion in the 2009 program.

Peggy Mullaly-Quijas, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, updated the section's bylaws in light of the changes in the Section Council's representation. The bylaws changes were reviewed by MLA's Bylaws Committee and will be voted on at the Business Meeting in Hawaii.

At the request of the Executive Committee, Mary Jackson sent a survey to the Chairs of other sections to gather information regarding section fees, revenue, and expenses. She will compile this data and discuss at the Business Meeting in Hawaii.

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Respectfully submitted,
Susan Lessick, Chair, Research Section

Officers & Committee Personnel, 2008-2009

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| Susan Lessick | Chair/Section Council Representative (2009-10) |
| Rosalind Dudden | Chair-elect/Program Chair |
| Molly Harris | Immediate Past Chair/Nominating Committee Chair/SC Representative (2009) |
| Gale Oren | Secretary/Treasurer |
| Mary Holcomb | Section Council Representative (6/07-12/08) |
| Carole Gilbert | Section Council Representative-Elect (6/08-12/08) |
| Ruth Fenske & Kris Alpi | Awards Committee Co-Chairs |
| Peggy Mullaly- Quijas | Bylaws Committee Chair |
| Claire Twose | Continuing Education Chair |
| Elaine Powers | Government Relations Liaison |
| Kathel Dunn & Lisa Ennis | Hypothesis Co-Editors |
| Jon Eldredge | International Research Committee Chair |
| Dee Jones & Beatriz Varman | Membership Committee Co-Chairs |
| Jon Eldredge | Research Agenda Committee Chair |
| Allan Barclay & Nicole Mitchell | Web Site Co-Editors |
| Elizabeth LaRue & Heather Holmes | Research Mentoring Planning Task Force Co-Chairs |
| Susan Lessick | Strategic Planning Committee Chair |

Technical Services Section

Goal 1: Recruitment, Membership and Leadership in the Profession

As of March 24, 2009 the MLA/TSS had 94 members who had renewed or activated their memberships for the January through December 2009. The Membership Committee chaired by Lisa Palmer, with committee members Cliff Bushin, Linda Flavin, Mary Holcomb and Barbara Volo, emailed a welcome letter to each MLA TSS new member.

Renewal reminder notices for 2009 were included in the *Technical Trends* newsletter and a message sent to the MLA TSS discussion list.

The Membership Brochure has been redesigned and posted on the TSS website at:

http://www.techservices.mlanet.org/tss_MLA_Brochure_rev3_May2008.pdf.

The TSS Membership Chair served as section liaison to the MLA Membership Committee.

The TSS Nominating Committee, chaired by Cecilia Botero assisted by committee members Jan Cox, Valerie Gordon and Erica Powell lined up nominees for Chair-Elect/Program Chair and Nominee to the MLA Nominating Committee/TSS Nominating Committee Chair. Elected were: Michael A. Wood, Chair-Elect/Program Chair and Hanna Kwasik, Nominee to the MLA Nominating Committee.

Goal 2: Life Long Learning

The Continuing Education Committee, chaired by Anna Ugaz and committee members Lynne B. Bowman, Nancy Burford and Lisa Genoese promoted CE opportunities for technical services librarians through a regular column in the section newsletter.

In February 2009 The Cataloging Section at NLM completed a training course on how to use MeSH in the cataloging environment. Diane Boehr, NLM Head of Cataloging Section, generously gave the course content (the PowerPoint slides and interactive exercises) to the MLA TSS, so that it can be used for in person CE training sessions.

Goal 3: Advocacy

The Standards Committee, chaired by Dean Cody, with committee members Cecilia Botero, Amy Faltinek Junie Janzen, Sylvia McAphee, Linda Spadaccini, Michael Wood, Felicia Yeh and Nadine Ellero reviewed twenty eight Standards during the 2008-2009.

Lisa Berry resigned from the Committee in November to devote her time to a new position in a new library. In August 2008 the committee added Linda Spadaccini as a new member.

The following is a complete list of the Standards reviewed, or will be reviewed, during the period August 2008 to June 2009.

- ISO 2108. International Standard Book Number (ISBN) (August 2008)
- Business Case for Revision of the DAISY Standard (August 2008)
- Work Item Title: Proposed Revision to Z39.86 Specifications for the Digital Talking Book (August 2008)
- ISO/DIS 28500. WARC file format (September 2008)
- ISO/PDTR 15801. Information stored electronically – Recommendations for trustworthiness and reliability (September 2008)
- ISO N170. Electronic archiving – Specifications concerning the design and the operation of an information system for electronic records preservation (September 2008)
- ISO/WD-NP N865. Digital records conversion and migration process (October 2008)
- ISO/WD N874. Risk Assessment for Records Systems (November 2008)
- ISO 8777. Commands for Interactive Text Searching (December 2008)
- ISO 19005-1. Document management – Electronic document file format for long-term preservation – Part 1: Use of PDF 1.4 (PDF/A-1) (December 2008)
- ISO 11940. Transliteration of Thai (December 2008)

- ISO 11800. Requirements for binding materials and methods used in the manufacture of books (December 2008)
- ISO 11799. Document storage requirements for archive and library materials (December 2008)
- ISO 233-2. Transliteration of Arabic characters into Latin characters – Part 2: Arabic language – Simplified transliteration (December 2008)
- ISO 23950. Information retrieval (Z39.50) – Application service definition and protocol specification (December 2008)
- ISO 16642. Computer applications in terminology – Terminological markup framework (December 2008)
- ISO/FDIS 15836. The Dublin Core metadata element set (December 2008)
- ISO 27730. International Standard Collection Identifier (ISCI) (January 2009)
- ISO/DIS 2146. Registry Services for Libraries and Related Organizations (January 2009)
- ISO 4. Rules for the abbreviations of title words and titles of publications (March 2009)
- ISO 10324. Holdings Statements – Summary Level (March 2009)
- ISO 6630. Bibliographic control characters (March 2009)
- ISO/CD 25964-1. Thesauri and interoperability with other vocabularies (March 2009)
- ISO/CD20594-1. Annex to the immediately preceding (March 2009)

The following are under review, or will be reviewed by the Committee.

- ISO/DIS 28560-1. RFID in libraries, part 1 (June 2009)
- ISO/DIS 28560-1. RFID in libraries, part 2 (June 2009)
- ISO/DIS 28560-1. RFID in libraries, part 3 (June 2009)
- ISO 23081-1. Records management processes, part 1 (June 2009)

Goal 4: Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

The section continued to maintain open communication with the membership through its Website, managed by Suzanne Nagy, the section discussion list managed by Mary Buttner, and the online newsletter, co-edited by Suzanne Nagy and Jolinda Thompson. In 2008/2009 three issues of the section's newsletter, *Technical Trends*, were published and made available on the section's website. The newsletter changed format as of Winter 2009 issue. It is now posted as a blog which allow members to comment on article content.

Goal 5: Building a Network of Partners

Chamya Kincy, Chair-Elect/Program Committee Chair, worked on program plans for MLA '09 to be held in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Section is the Lead Sponsor for a contributed paper program called: "Fusing Our Organizations: Cooperation, Networking, and Collaborating with New Partners." The TSS will also co-sponsor an invited paper and speaker sessions "Promotion and Development Fusions for Special Collections"

Several members of the section served as liaisons for MLA to other professional organizations. Chamya Kinsky, Liaison to ALA Committee on Cataloging, attended two CC:DA meetings on June 28 and June 30 during the 2008 ALA Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA, and two CC:DA meetings on January 24 and January 26 during the 2009 ALA midwinter Meeting in Denver, CO. From January through March 2009, she also joined and participated on a CC:DA task force called "Task Force on the Review of the Proposed ISBD Area 0."

Nadine Ellero, Liaison to OCLC, attended the OCLC Members Council Meeting that was held at OCLC headquarters in Dublin, Ohio in October 19-21, 2008.

Other: Section Organization

Nancy Burford, the Past Chair and Bylaws Committee Chair, with assistance from committee members Lynn Bowman and Linda Flavin, reviewed the TSS Bylaws in light of recent changes to conform to the MLA Model Bylaws. The changes were submitted in writing to the membership. The revised Bylaws will be voted on at the Business Meeting of the TSS at MLA in Hawaii.

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Section Officers and Committee Chairs for 2008-2009:

Hanna Kwasik, Section Chair

Chamya Kincy, Chair-Elect and Program

Nancy Burford, Past Chair and Bylaws Chair

Junie Janzen, Secretary/Treasurer

Suzanne Nagy, Section Council Representative

Cecilia Botero, Nominating Committee Chair and Nominee to the MLA Nominating Committee

Suzanne Nagy and JoLinda Thompson, Newsletter Editors

Lisa Palmer, Membership Chair

Ana Ugaz, Continuing Education Chair

Dean Cody, Standards Committee Chair

Bob Pisciotta, Ad-Hoc Research Committee Chair

Suzanne Nagy, Website Editor

Mary Buttner, E-mail List Manager

Hanna Kwasik, Mentoring Committee Chair

Respectfully submitted,

Hanna Kwasik, Chair MLA Technical Services Section 2008/2009