

## Candidates for Chapter Council Chair Elect/Chair

Please provide the information requested below.

**Name:** Donna R. Berryman

**Current Position:** Include title, library, institution, city, state, years employed.

Head, Health Sciences Library Services  
Health Sciences Library  
University at Buffalo  
Buffalo, NY 14214

I have been employed at UB since November 2017

**Academy of Health Information Professionals:** Yes ☒ No ☐ Level: ☐ Distinguished ☐

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### Previous Professional Positions (Last Fifteen Years):

Director, Edward G. Miner Library – University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry, Rochester, NY. (.5 year)

Senior Associate Director, Edward G. Miner Library, Rochester, NY (9.5 years).

Outreach Coordinator, National Network of Libraries of Medicine, UMass Medical School, Worcester, MA. (6 years)

**MLA Official Activities (Last Fifteen Years):** Begin with your most recent activities and use the following format: Membership Committee, Chair 1984, Member 1982-83; etc.. Activities listed under national should include Section and SIG activities as well.

#### National:

Co-chair, National Program Committee for MLA 2017 in Seattle (2014-2017)  
MLA Nominating Committee (2015-2016)

#### Chapter: UNYOC

Immediate past chair 2012 – 2013  
Chair 2011 – 2012  
Incoming chair 2010 – 2011  
Secretary 2009 – 2010

**Other Professional Activities (Last Fifteen Years):** List most recent first; include only current membership in applicable societies: include consultancies, etc..., as appropriate.

AAHSL Future Leadership Committee 2014-2017

LiME (Librarians in Medical Education) chair for the New England Group on Educational Affairs (NEGEA)  
Chair 2009 – 2010, member since 2008

LiME/AAHSL Task Force member 2009-2011

Chair, Regional Advisory Committee, Middle Atlantic Region, National Network of Libraries of Medicine  
(NN/LM) 2011 – 2014

**Professional Honors (Last Fifteen Years):** Include graduate scholastic honors as well as professional recognition

**Education:** degree, university, date of degree

Doctor of Education, University of Rochester, 2012

Master of Library and Information Science, Dominican University, 1998

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Bachelor of Science, University of Minnesota, 1992

**Publications (Last Five Years):** List only major published works, print and non-print, use the citation style of the Journal of the Medical Library Association.

Hasman L, Berryman D, and McIntosh S. NLM informationist grant – Web assisted tobacco intervention for community college students. *Journal of E-Science Librarianship*. 2013.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.7191/jeslib.2013.1034>

**Questions from the Elections Committee:**

**What do you see as key issues facing MLA?**

Costs – Many librarians are facing financial stressors: library budgets have been flat or decreasing, library support for travel is limited, and librarian salaries are flat. This means that librarians face hard choices and are becoming more and more sensitive to price increases – particularly when it comes to attending meetings. MLA needs to consider alternatives to an annual meeting that lasts from Saturday afternoon until Wednesday.

Diversity – Librarianship is still a predominantly white profession. MLA needs to work with its membership to make sure that it is not only welcoming people of color, but actively working to encourage their participation in shaping the organization and profession, and listening to them. The same holds true for librarians who are differently-abled, for trans librarians, and any other librarians who have been marginalized by the systemic whiteness of the profession.



Education – MLA needs to continue to work at providing continuing educational opportunities that are both high quality and budget friendly. Content needs to address needs of medical librarians across the professional life cycle. Some of this is being addressed with the new education plan, but more needs to be done.


Raison d'être – For too many medical librarians, MLA exists only to put on an annual meeting. MLA needs to be explicit about how it provides value to each practicing medical librarian. Headway has been made in this area, but more needs to be done.

**How will you learn what your member colleagues want and need from the association and how will you help them get involved in addressing these issues?**

There's really only one way to learn what people want – ask them. This can be done through established channels - chapters, sections, and special interest groups attend to the needs of members and then share that information. It can also be done through conversations both formal and informal. Being open to hearing about both the not-so-great and the great aspects of the organization helps encourage those conversations.

As for getting people involved in addressing issues, that's really asking how to get people involved in MLA. I find that a person to person approach is the most successful. I first became more active in MLA because someone I knew personally invited me. I think that's true of a lot of people – they need to know that their participation is welcome and they need to be encouraged. I'd like to see that continue and grow.

**Consent to Serve:** Submission of my completed application indicates my consent to serve if elected as Chair Elect of the Chapter Council of the Medical Library Association. I understand that this is a 4 year term; one year as Chair Elect (May 2018 - May 2019) and 3 years as Chair (May 2019 - May 2022). Note: the Chair is a MLA Board position (MLA Bylaws, Article XIII. The Chapter Council, Section 2C.).

Signed 

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