**Chapter Council**

**Submitted by:** Melissa Ratajeski

**Leadership Roster:**

* Chair: Melissa Ratajeski
* Chair Elect: Donna Berryman
* Secretary: Dina J. McKelvy
* Chair, Elections Committee: **David Charles Duggar**
* Chair, Majors Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year Jury: **Latrina Keith**

**Executive Summary:**

Chapter Council “provides an opportunity for chapters to participate more directly in the governance of the Association through representation of their interests at the Board level”. It also facilitates communication for chapters to discuss issue related to the functioning of their individual organizations. Topics discussed this year are below in the facts and data section.

**Group Strategic Plan:**

Goal: Update Chapter Council manuals to align with 2017 bylaws, updated Board policies, and outdated practices.

* Strategies:
  + - 1. Have each committee chair review their respective sections
      2. Appoint a sub-committee of Chapter Council members to review the current manuals and suggest changes
* Status: A motion to approve the drafted board policies relating to chapters/chapter council was submitted with this report.

**MLA Strategic Plan:**

N/A

**Facts and Data:**

Chapter Council facilitates communication for chapters to discuss issue related to the functioning of their individual organizations. Topics discussed this year include:

* If chairs of ad hoc committees and task forces (at chapter level) need to be MLA members
  + According MLA to bylaws: Only chapter officers and chairs of standing committees are required to be MLA members so chairs of ad hoc committees and task forces (at chapter level) need NOT be MLA members.
  + Most chapter feel as though the bylaws need to be modified to remove the language about standing committees.
* How MLA annual can be promoted at a chapter level.
* Onboarding of new representatives and alternates.
* What membership databases chapters use (ie: Wild Apricot).
* Using MedLibEd catalog for chapter planning.

Elections Committee (report submitted by David Duggar)

* The Election Committee Chair updated the Election Information Form for Candidates for MLA Nominating Committee on January 23rd. Main change was removing the wording regarding mandatory attendance at the MLA annual meeting.
* The Election Committee members were activated and Candidates’ names were requested February 4th. Distribution of the Election Information Form to candidates began March 5th. Despite a deadline of March 18th for return of forms, the final one was received March 28th. All thirteen chapters provided candidates.
* The 2019 Chapter Council Election for MLA Nominating Committee is being held from April 1st to April 8th. The thirteen Candidates for MLA Nominating Committee and the chapter they are representing are:

Walter R. Benavitz, III (Hawaii-Pacific)

Caroline Marshall (Southern California and Arizona)

Roger Russell (Mid-Atlantic)

Angela Spencer (Midcontinental)

Jessica DeCaro (Midwest)

Antonio DeRosa (New York-New Jersey)

Debra Berlanstein (North Atlantic)

Michelle Lieggi (Northern California and Nevada)

Loree Hyde (Pacific Northwest)

Ene Belleh (Philadelphia Regional)

Joy Summers-Ables (South Central)

Brenda Seago (Southern)

Amy Lyons (Upstate New York and Ontario)

Majors Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year Jury (report submitted by **Latrina Keith)**

* Three submissions were received.
* After review, the jury reached a motion to nominate the North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries Chapter (NAHSL) for the 2019 Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year Award.
* The project “NAHSL Narratives” are oral histories of chapter members captured in video format. In them, members relay anecdotes from their professional experiences as health sciences librarians in the North Atlantic Region.

Other notes:

* Merger talks between NJ/NY and Philadelphia Chapters are still happening. A Merger Steering Committee has been formed and is being chaired by Robb Mackes and Micki McIntyre.

**People Update:**

* None to date. New liaisons will be recruited as needed and candidates for MLA Nominating Committee will be announced once elections are complete.

**Actions Required by the Board:** NO - This report is informational and requires no action by the Board.

**Documents or Motions Attached:** 2 files uploaded