

RESEARCH SECTION
Business Meeting
Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Attendees: Kristine Alpi, Kathleen Amos, Brooke Billman, Jane Blumenthal, Gary Byrd, Diane Cooper, Julie Esparza, Sandy De Groote, Jon Eldredge, Lisa Federer, Carole Gilbert, Heather Holmes, Judy Kammerer, Deborah Lansing, Elizabeth LaRue, Susan Lessick, Paul Levett, Brenda Pfannenstiel, Kim Powell, Barbara Rapp, Mary Shultz, Terrie Wheeler, Deidra Woodson.

1. Introductions:

Chair Carole Gilbert called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m. and welcomed new and continuing Research Section (RS) members. Introductions were made.

2. Minutes

Draft minutes from last year's business meeting and agenda for this business meeting were sent out by Carole but not all members received them.

Members reviewed copies available. Kris Alpi moved that the minutes be accepted, Diane seconded, and the minutes were approved by the membership.

3. Treasurer's Report

The 2011-2012 Treasurer's report was read, detailing the section's income and expenditures.

4. Proclamation from MLA

Jane Blumenthal, MLA President, read a proclamation commending the Research Section on 30 years of "service and accomplishment in support of the profession of health sciences librarianship." See Attachment 1 on page 6.

5. Officer Reports:

C. Chair, Carole Gilbert

- a. Carole reviewed events and accomplishments of the last year, which included-
 - a. Sending out emails to new members inviting them to the Section Shuffle
 - b. Planning of the 2013 annual meeting
 - c. Advocacy- identifying potential members and doing recruitment
 - d. A new issue of *Hypothesis*
 - e. Updating the strategic plan
 - f. A focus on partnering with other sections to be more active

D. Outgoing Program Chair, Kris Alpi

- a. The two primary programs for this year's annual meeting were reviewed

- a. New Voices paper session occurred again this year- it highlights the research of current students and recent graduates
- b. Names from the Section Shuffle raffle were drawn by MLA President Jane Blumenthal. The book was won by Ann Madhaven, Public Health Seattle-King County and six others won a free consultation to discuss your ideas or project with an experienced Research Section member-mentor. The winners and mentors are:

- Lorely Ambriz, Pan American Health Organization - Julia Esparza, *Louisiana State University*
- Wanda Anderson, Boston College - Martha Earl, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- Maria Barefoot, Youngstown State University - Kristine Alpi, North Carolina State University
- Emily Josephine Hurst, NN/LM South Central Region - T. Scott Plutchak, University of Alabama-Birmingham
- Margaret Grasberger Lindem, University of Pennsylvania - Marie Ascher, New York Medical College
- Claire Sharifi, University of San Francisco - Kristine Alpi, North Carolina State University

E. Chair-elect/ Incoming Program Chair, Terrie Wheeler

- a. Terrie discussed programming for 2013 and distributed a document with a list of programming that is being scheduled. See Attachment 2 on pages 7-8.
- b. Kris added additional information about the research focus of next year's program

F. Section Council Representatives, Diane Cooper (Outgoing) and Carole Gilbert (Incoming)

- a. Carole attended the section council meeting; Diane was not able to attend. The following was discussed-
 - a. The RS website must be updated.
 - b. MLA is encouraging speaker events at business meeting. Kris suggested having international speakers since the next annual meeting will be a joint meeting.
 - c. Providing travel funds. MIS has a scoring matrix which designates points. If Research section wanted to do the same thing, a task force could be put together and membership asked their opinion. It would be preferable if the funding would be sustainable.
 - d. Jane brought up one of her presidential goals of looking into the feasibility of an MLA Academy of Research Excellence, similar to the MLA Academy of Teaching Excellence. This would be for people who want more information about research and want to know how to do research.
 - 1. It was brought up whether a relationship with AHIP would be established with the Research Academy.
 - 2. Susan mentioned the results of the research survey sent out

last year and noted that members want more research CEs online.

3. Kris commented that research opportunities for health sciences librarians are broader than MLA and she encourages the MLA board to look at all research involvement whether or not it deals with libraries.
4. A member asked how many research award winners are Research Section members- 20%. It was suggested that not all master researchers may be involved in the section because they feel they may not benefit from the section since they're advanced. Another member suggested that this idea may run parallel to the membership piece.

6. Committees, Sub-Committees, and Task Force Reports

A. Awards Committee, Sandra De Groot

- a. Had 33 people volunteer; of those, 13 did preconference judging only.
- b. Papers- 62 prejudged and 16 finally judged.
- c. Posters- 96 prejudged and 27 were finally judged.
- d. It was discussed whether or not people were correctly self-labeling their posters and papers as research. It was noted that the research designation can be changed after the results are submitted. Suggestion: Add an information piece in MLA Focus about this.

B. Bylaws Committee, Vacant

Report by Carole- MLA said that the bylaws need to be updated in regards to electronic voting. Carole has updated the wording.

C. CE Committee, Leslie Behm

Heather Holmes gave an overview of her CE course. The participants will be invited to join the section on the free section membership period.

D. Government Relations Committee, Elaine G. Powers- No report.

E. *Hypothesis*, Deidra Woodson and Diane Cooper.

- a. There have been a few barriers in accessing *Hypothesis* recently. Some people couldn't open the attachments and the issue wasn't added to the website.
- b. Deidre and Diane, in consultation with Jon Eldredge, are working to add a peer-review component to the journal. They will be asking those who presented posters and papers at MLA, particularly those who won MLA Research Awards, to submit to *Hypothesis*. These one-page "original articles" submissions will be located at the front of the issues, then more substantial articles following, with Research Section business information at the end.
- c. The editors and Jon would like to move *Hypothesis* to a hosting framework similar to other open access journals. It was discussed moving it to OJS which has a similar submission process to *JMLA*. The editors plan over the next couple of years to migrate to OJS once they establish a sound peer review process. Jon

has been working with the professor who teaches the graduate-level editing courses at the University of New Mexico to set up interns who will assist with the peer review process and copyediting aspects of *Hypothesis*.

- d. Ideally, the brief “original articles” (clearly labeled with an icon and the words “Peer Reviewed”) would consist of a one-page overview that included Objectives, Methods, Results, and Conclusion sections similar to *ACP PIER*.
- e. The Executive Committee encouraged the editors and Jon to continue with these plans for *Hypothesis*.

F. International Research Collaboration, Jon Eldredge

- a. Jon interfaces with the international Evidence Based Library and Information Practice (EBLIP) Conferences held every other year. He represented the MLA Research Section in planning and then attending the 6th annual international EBLIP Conference (EBLIP6) in Manchester, UK. The next conference, EBLIP7, will be in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. Jon has been appointed to the EBLIP7 Program Committee.

G. Membership Committee, Beatriz Varman.

Beatriz was not in attendance. Carole reported that a survey was sent out about what Research Section membership is and what members would like it to be.

H. Nominating Committee, Diane Cooper

- a. Carole was elected to be the Research Section Nominee to the MLA Nominating Committee. Her nomination will move forward to voting in Section Council.
- b. Terrie Wheeler is the incoming chair.
- c. It was mentioned that the Website Committee needs appointees as we thank Allan Barclay and Nicole Mitchell for their service.

I. Research Agenda Committee, Jon Eldredge

- a. The MLA Research Agenda Committee has had a busy 24 months in planning, seeking IRB approval for, implementing a large Delphi Study, and then publishing their results in *JMLA*. In this study, the Committee sought to include methodological and logistic improvements in their 2008 study that was published in *JMLA* during July 2009. This applied research project involved a Delphi Study consisting of three phases. The Committee polled 581 MLA leaders on what they considered to be the “single most important and answerable research question facing the medical library profession” in Phase One. The Committee received 140 viable research questions. In Phase Two the Committee contacted 298 authors who had published in the four leading peer-reviewed journals in medical librarianship or those who had received MLA Research Awards during 2008-2010. The Committee asked them to select their top 10 answerable questions. One-hundred and eight researchers submitted their top question, which led to a refined list of 35 top-ranked research questions. The Committee then asked the same MLA leaders who participated in Phase One to select their top questions, which led to the identification of the top-ranked 15 research questions that represents the MLA Research Agenda. The study will be replicated in three years incorporating the methodological and

Eldredge JD, Ascher MT, Holmes HN, Harris MR. The new Medical Library Association research agenda: final results from a three-phase Delphi study. *Journal of the Medical Library Association* 2012 Jul; 100 (3): 214-8.

- J. Research Mentoring Program Planning Task Force, Heather Holmes and Elizabeth LaRue.**

- #### K. Strategic Planning Committee, Susan Lessick

- L. Website, Co-Editors, Allan Barclay and Nicole Mitchell-** No report; Kris Alpi will work on making it possible for committee chairs to do more of their own web editing now that our website co-editors have stepped down.

N. New Business, Carole Gilbert

- a. Julie Esperanza talked about her plan to update the 2007 Consumer Health Information Services (CHIS) Survey: Services in Academic Centers, Hospitals, Health Systems and Public Institutions. The survey's goals are 1) to determine

the level of involvement librarians and libraries have in CHIS and 2) to detail the CHIS activities in which libraries and librarians participate.

- b.** Julie asked the section to provide financial support.
- c.** Looking at the proposed budget for the project, the research group noted they would need to pay for access to the MLA email list. It was understood by some members that access to this list was free for those conducting research. Kris will follow-up with this.
- d.** It was suggested to purchase equipment so that it can be used by those within the research group and then it can be given back the section in order for others to use for research projects.
- e.** It was discussed that here is no protocol or process in how the section handles request for financial assistance.
- f.** There was a general consensus that the section would rather purchase a tool such as hardware that could be loaned to any researcher instead of donating money. Kris moved to spend \$500 to purchase recorders or other devices. Brenda seconded and the motion passed with a vote.

Carole thanked everyone for a great year and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
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Resolution Honoring the Research Section of the Medical Library Association

Whereas, the Research Section of the Medical Library Association (MLA), Inc. has been in existence for 30 years;

Whereas, the Research Section was established to foster research related skills of individual health sciences librarians; to promote interest in research and an awareness of research needs among members of MLA; to recommend and promote MLA programs and policies which advance research development and excellence; and in concert with other MLA groups and committees, to serve as an action group for the advancement of library and information services related research;

Whereas, the Research Section encourages MLA members to engage in research activities by sponsoring annual research awards that recognize paper and poster presenters at the MLA Annual Meeting whose work demonstrates high-quality research;

Whereas, the Research Section furthers MLA's Research Agenda through many initiatives including its research mentoring service, the development of annual meeting programs on timely and relevant issues, the development of a new "pyramid research symbol" that is published in MLA's *Official Program* highlighting research papers and posters presented at the annual meeting; and the development of the landmark 2011 association-wide survey of the research activities of health information professionals;

Whereas, the Research Section is committed to supporting MLA's Donald A.B. Lindberg Research Fellowship Program through monetary contributions and the development of a list of research topics of highest priority for health information professionals" to inform the MLA Research Agenda and Donald A.B. Lindberg Research Fellowship program;

Whereas, members of the Research Section have furthered MLA's mission by serving as president, on the Board of Directors and MLA committees and task forces; be it therefore

Resolved, that the Medical Library Association commends the Research Section for 30 years of excellent service and accomplishment in support of the profession of health sciences librarianship.

Adopted February, 2012

Research Section Programming for 2013				
39	Research Section, Informationist SIG	Cultural Differences in Scholarly Practice: Diversity in Creation, Dissemination, Use, and Abuse of Intellectual Output	Contributed and invited papers	<u>Terrie R. Wheeler</u>
Research, and the resulting creation and use of knowledge, occurs worldwide, and the culture and legality of ownership of information are very diverse. This session invites presentations from many countries and perspectives on understanding the diversity of attitudes toward reuse of information, exploring plagiarism and its sequelae, and advising or training students, researchers, and practitioners to prevent accidental misuse. Reviews of systems designed to identify abuses, emerging roles for those who detect and respond to abuses of intellectual property in academia and research, editorial work, technology transfer, and related topics are welcome.				
40	Research Section, Medical Library Education Section, Public Health/Health Administration Section	Librarians as Researchers: Practicing What We Preach in Scholarly Publications	Contributed and invited papers	<u>Terrie R. Wheeler</u>
Do librarians follow their own advice about scholarly publication practices? Do they publish their findings in indexed journals or proceedings, provide access to their publications, and perform citation analysis of their own works? Topics for contributed papers in this session may include the behavior of librarians as authors in their own literature and as coauthors in systematic reviews, and clinical or research studies. Practices for consideration include, but are not limited to, presence of librarian-authored or coauthored works in institutional repositories, evidence of negotiation of author agreements, review of licenses and contracts for key library journal and book publishers, librarian publishing in open access journals, posting of preprints from librarian authors on their own sites or the staff publications section of their library websites, critical appraisal and summary of the literature that perpetuates the discussion of library research, and tracking of the impact of publications through citation alerts and assessment of citations or links to published work.				
41	Technical Services Section, Leadership and Management Section, Molecular Biology and Genomics SIG, Research Section	Leading by Design, Not Default: Focused Direction in Support of the User	Contributed papers	<u>Latrina Keith</u>
	Medical Library Education Section, Research Section, New Members SIG	New Voices in an Interdependent World	Contributed papers (students only)	<u>Jodi Philbrick</u>
Current master's degree and doctoral students and recent graduates (within one year) will				

contribute papers on their emerging research. Presentations will illustrate how new and future librarians are linking what they learned in the classroom with current practice in the field of medical librarianship.

19	International Clinical Librarian Conference , Corporate Information Services Section, Pharmacy and Drug Information Section, Research Section, Institutional Animal Care and Use SIG, Library Marketing SIG	International Clinical Librarian Conference 2: Emerging Roles for Health Librarians and Finding New Information in Novel Places	Contributed papers	<u>Sarah Sutton</u>
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You do not have to be a member of MLA or a clinical librarian to submit a paper to this session. (The International Clinical Librarian Conference is not a membership organization, it is a conference on a theme.) This session could include working with different groups of practitioners, such as corporate staff and allied health professionals, or using and evaluating nontraditional resources including open access, open content, and apps. Papers by international attendees or on international themes will be welcomed.

38	Relevant Issues Section; Research Section; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Health Science Librarians SIG	Just the Facts Ma'am, Just the Facts: How Data Collection and Ethics Intersect in Eliminating Health Disparities	Invited speaker and contributed papers	<u>Patricia Devine</u>
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The 2011 US Department of Health and Human Services standards for collection and reporting of data—which included lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered (LGBT) populations for the first time—are intended to help federal agencies refine their population health surveys in ways that will help researchers better understand health disparities and zero in on effective strategies for eliminating them. An invited speaker will address this issue. Librarians' emerging roles in data collection, management, and sharing make them valuable partners in this effort. Additionally, librarians' own research about health information-seeking behavior can benefit from these added data. Data is a key feature in ethical concerns for librarians that come into play when they face misleading public discussion or ideas or when they are asked to research something medically dubious, such as reparative therapy. Ideas based on prejudice or superstition can very easily become accepted as fact or basic assumption. What happens when the data or research that a librarian can provide counter that or provoke hostility? Proposals for presentations are invited about things that could range from the effects of bigoted public ideas about LGBT people in health provision, to pressures some librarians have felt about providing accurate consumer health information for politically loaded topics, to difficulties in serving a marginalized people in the face of public prejudice such as the Roma in Europe or undocumented persons in the United States.