**Research Section  
Medical Library Association  
Annual Business Meeting**  
May 30, 2017  
7:00 AM – 9:00 AM PST  
Seattle, Washington  
Washington State Convention Center  
Room 205  
Online via Zoom.

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order

* 7:01 Call to Order.

1. Review and approval of minutes of the May 17, 2016 business meeting

* Merle Moved to approve. Allison Howard seconded.

1. **Introductions** (Meeting Attendees) – 38 Attendees Recorded:

Abby Adamczyk, Katherine Akers, Kris Alpi, Kathleen Amos, Patricia F. Anderson, Maggie Ansell, Marie Ascher, Caitlin Bakker, Michelle Bass, Brooke Billman, Tara Brigham, Carol Colasacco, John Cyrus, Melinda Davies, Martha Earl, Erin Foster, Lynne Frederickson, Tess Grynoch, Rosie Hanneke, Karen Heskett, Rachel Hinrichs, Margaret Hoogland, Allison Howard, Emily Johnson, Deborah Lauseng, Susan Lessick, Emily Mazure, Jolene Miller, Tony Nguyen, Peter Oxley, Virginia Pannabecker, Kim Powell, Melissa Rethlefsen, Merle Rosenzweig, Ahlam Saleh, Angela Spencer, Amy Suiter, and Beatriz Vaoman

Zoom Attendees: Heather Holmes, Carol Perryman, Karin Bennedsen, Carol?)

1. **Chair’s Report** (Ascher)

* Research Section Annual Report is posted online for everyone to read.
* *Hypothesis* Issue was released Fall 2017. Christine Marton resigned shortly after. Erin Foster and Carol Perryman have since been appointed co-editors. Next issue of *Hypothesis* should be released in June and will continue on schedule. Members strongly encouraged to submit articles.
* Marie was on the planning committee for the “Reproducibility in Research” Symposium. The Section supported the symposium as a sponsor and also gave two $500 stipends. Awardees are required to submit reports to *Hypothesis* as a condition of their reimbursement.
* The Research Imperatives Task Force will soon be sunsetted; however, a Research Curriculum Committee will be formed.
* Marie Ascher will work on transitioning Michelle Bass and jointly work on a new section procedures manual.

1. **Treasurer’s Report** (Nguyen)

* Starting January 1, 2016, the Research Section had a balance of $16,861.52. The Section had Net Revenue of $3,100.28 from Membership Dues and Royalties. The membership disbursed &1,883.39 due to Annual Meeting Food and Beverage service at both the Austin 2015 and Toronto 2016 meetings. As of December 31, 2017, the Section had a balance of $18,128.41.
* For 2017, the Section has planned expenses of $2400.61 due to $1,000 support towards the Reproducibility in Research Symposium ($500 to the symposium itself and $500 for 2 stipends to Research Section members), food and beverage service at the Seattle 2017 annual meeting, and $550 for annual meeting research awards.

1. **2017 Program Report** (Bass)

* 2 Special Content Sessions were submitted for the 2017 annual meeting, The #meddatalibs book discussion was accepted. Attendees from the Research Section were happy to hear of the positive feedback received on the book discussion. Discussed that in the future a book discussion might not be a Special Content Session. Suggested something like a “Booze and Books” options since there were several competing concurrent sessions, making it difficult for conference attendees to pick. Suggested the possibility to try something unscheduled. Also mentioned that the hashtag for the content session was a little long.

1. **Section Council Report** (Mazure/Ascher)

* MedLIbEd and professional competencies were discussed. Competencies self-assessment survey was sent out to members will inform MLA of courses that need to be developed.
* Community Pages – Council members were informed that Socious will be retired and MLA will transition to a new platform. The Section will likely need to update community pages. (Socious sold themselves out of business.)
* Communities/Affinity Groups – If we were to rebuild the communities/affinity groups all over again, what will they look like? What is the structure? A meeting is scheduled on Wed 5/31/17 7:30 AM in room 602. Full Speed Ahead Blog post was created to learn more: [MLA Communities: What Are Our Guiding Principles? We Need Your Input!](http://www.mlanet.org/blog/mla-communities-what-are-our-guiding-principles?-we-need-your-input!)
* Streamlining Section By-Laws – Possible outcome: one set of bylaws for all Sections, plus individual Section procedure manuals. Liz Lorbeer is currently evaluating to see if it is feasible.
* Requests to include the Chair-Elect to Section Council Listserv so that the Chair-Elect can get the information in advance of becoming Chair. In the past, a Section representative attended the meetings; however, the Chair and Past-Chair later became the Section Council reps. Virginia enthusiastically agreed to inclusion of chair-elect.

1. **Committee Reports**:
   1. Nominating Committee Report (Mazure)

* Heather Holmes was selected as the Research Section representative to MLA Nominating Committee.
* Brooke Billman is our new Chair-Elect.
* The Nominating Committee consisted of Emily Mazure, Susan Lessick and Michelle Bass.
* Note: Voter turnout was low. It’s possible that people did not receive the ballot. Discussed that MLA made a change that people don’t receive forum digests. During the PH/HA meeting, this was also mentioned as a potential issue. Suggest a reminder e-mail to all members to opt-in to digest e-mails from the Research Section.
  1. **Awards Committee** (Powell)
* 15 papers and 20 posters will be judged for awards. Three judges are assigned to each paper/poster this year instead of two due to variability. This year, two Lightning Talk abstracts had high enough scores at for judging. Discussed the consideration to expand a cash award to Lightning Talks. If the section moves forward with awards for Lightning Talks, consider criteria used for Paper judging for Lightning Talk or do we need a new rubric and budget Lightning Talks?
* After some discussion, a motion was made to edit award procedure to add an optional or occasional award for an exceptional lightning talk. $50 suggested by Marie Ascher based on current award amounts. Support for Lightning Talk Award as deemed worthy during an annual meeting moved by Deborah Lawson. Seconded by Merle Rosenzweig. Amended if applicable (of high quality) by Michelle Bass.
* Michelle Bass also suggested an award for a SLIS student that presents.
* There was discussion about changing the wording in the abstract submission process to make it explicit that you are opting into a judging process.
* Final vetting needs to include Results and Conclusions. Many submitters (about 50%) miss the February deadline. The Awards Committee did not receive information from MLA until second week of April while final abstracts are due in February for the print program. Suggestion to reach out to NPC to allow researchers to submit Results and Conclusions after the February deadline.
* Award winners should be encouraged to publish in *Hypothesis* (or *JMLA*). At least a small report or work they did. Currently abstracts are published in *Hypothesis*, but Section members expressed interest in something more being published.
  1. **Membership** (Varman)
* Currently there are 235 Members in the Research Section. 1 less than last year. Messages were sent to 30 members who did not renew, only 10 added the section again.
* 45 members who have joined the section over the last couple of years were surveyed to see what they wanted from the section and/or why they joined. Responses received were that some sought mentorship, research tools, opportunities to serve, forum listserv, help with research, didn’t know about awards. (Discussed need to market awards better.) Stated that the survey will be published and available. It may be good for forum discussion if published in *Hypothesis.*
* The Research Section Poster is available on website and posted by MLA. Minor updates were made to the poster.
  1. **Mentoring** (Clark/Staley)
* Susan Lessick reported. Maureen Clark and Jennifer Staley have updated web information/guidelines/tip sheet. They provided feedback to update the “Find a Mentor/Be a Mentor” page. A broadcast message was sent on MLA about mentorship program. After release, there were 2 requests for pairings. The next step is to get more volunteers. There are plans after the meeting to send a call for members to participate on the Research mentoring committee. Research Mentoring Task Force activities related to the research-mentoring program have concluded. Future mentoring activities include greater outreach to the MLA community of researchers and establishing a presence at MLA meetings to expand members’ awareness of mentoring resources for librarians. Contact Jennifer, Maureen or Margaret for more information about this.
* Suggest sharing cross-findings with Public Relations Committee to help with mentorship program at MLA.
  1. **Research Agenda Committee** (Eldredge)
* Marie Ascher (reported) for John Eldredge. There will be an article on the progress of the Systematic Review Project in the June issue of *Hypothesis* and they are working on a thematic analysis from the contributors’ perspective to submit to *JMLA* shortly. The *Hypothesis* will be a snapshot in time. A web resource kept up to date is a long standing goal.
* International Collaboration Committee is supporting 2 conferences, the [International Congress of Medical Librarianship (ICML) and European Association for Health Information and Libraries (EAHIL)](http://eahil2017.net/) joint conference in Dublin, Ireland June 12-16 where several Research Section members are presenting and Michelle Kraft will give a keynote. Additionally, the [9th International Evidence-Based Library and Information Practice Conference (EBLIP)](http://eblip9.org/) will be in Philadelphia, June 18-21.
  1. **Community Manager Report** (Hoogland)
* If members want to post something on the Section website, contact Margaret Hoogland. A Section Facebook page was created as an additional means of communication. Marie used a membership list to add found members to the group. It’s not replacing anything but is used to enhance what the group already does. Also discussed the possibility of the group having a LinkedIn page or not.

1. ***Hypothesis*** (Foster/Perryman). Two new *Hypothesis* co-editors were appointed. There will be a Spring/Summer issue coming out in June. Members are encouraged to submit articles. General policy and procedures, review criteria, etc. to streamline procedures will help get *Hypothesis* out to the community. Would like to coordinate and support with JMLA. DOI for *Hypothesis* is being investigated. Would like to include requirement for authors publishing in Hypothesis to have ORCID id.
2. **News from the Research Imperative Task Force** (Lessick)

The Research Imperative Task force was appointed in June 2015 to support health information research and activities (Supports MLA Strategic Goal #5). Second year concluded. In the past year, many activities were accomplished:

* Involvement with the Professional Competencies Task Force (Martha Earl coordinated effort) to complete the section on Research competencies.
* Involvement in the Research Mentoring Program.
* Updated MLA grant materials to allow for research teams and collaborations inclusion, not just individuals.
* Developed new research award for organizations that are pro-research organizations that support librarian’s research, the “MLA Award for Research Advancement in Health Science Librarianship.”
* Two new MLANET pages developed. Look for announcements from MLA and provide feedback for these new web pages:
  1. Maggie Ansell (with team) developed a “Librarian Research Guide.” Resources and Tools Working Group identified, selected, and divided resources and tools by 7 topics.
  2. Evidence You Can Use to Communicate Library Value page was developed by Mark MacEachern (with team).

Some discussion ensued about the Research Section taking on some responsibility for the upkeep of these pages. Community Manager and volunteers were suggested.

**New Research Training Institute**. IMLS grant of $238,989 awarded. The program will be held at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Institute participants will attend a one-week face-to-face workshop on research design and also receive post-institute support/mentoring for a year to help them conduct their research projects. All participants will have to submit a research project/topic as part of the application process. Instructors for the Institute will also act as mentors to participants as they complete projects. IMLS grant funds include 4 scholarships (4 per year). AAHSL will also provide scholarship support and hopefully other scholarships will become available for members to attend the Institute. Institute fees will run $1000, excluding lodging and travel. Each annual Institute will train/mentor 20 participants. Discussed a Section award like the award given to 2 participants to attend the reproducibility symposium. Five accomplished instructors were initially identified as part of the grant proposal submission process based on experience, education and related activities. Due to grant deadlines and pressures there was no time to put out a call for instructors; however, in the future there will be ongoing opportunities and calls for MLA members and Institute graduates to participate as instructors, mentors, and volunteers.

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* Kris Alpi – During the Inter-professional SIG meeting, there was discussion of research on attitudes of Inter-professional librarianship. Suggested that Research Section members may want to participate in research project as well. Plans to send an e-mail to the research section.
* Michelle Bass – Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee – There is a plan to reach out to underrepresented librarian groups and encourage Health Science Librarianship. The committee is seeking advice on who to contact. Suggested reaching out to University Libraries and iSchools and SLIS. Kris Alpi suggested adding a category in the mentor database that people who want to ask a question (pre-library school students) can be reached. Comment on geography. One member thought it may be helpful to develop and post a map of where members are. Believed that showing membership geographically would be great only if available publically. Also suggested that working through Chapters make sense.
* Programming for 2018. Those with any topics of interest should contact Brooke.

1. Adjourn 8:45 AM

* Motion to Adjourn by Kim Powell. Seconded by Kris Alpi.