



**CHAPTER COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT
April 27, 2015**

Goal 1: Recruitment, Membership and Leadership in the Profession

Progress to date:

Chapter Council has elected Melissa Ratajeski to be the Chair-Elect over the next year and she will assume Chair duties at the end of Angela Dixon's term for a 3 year term.

Chapter Council also elected 6 candidates as nominees to the Nominating Committee and forwarded their names onto the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Our Rising Star, April Schweikhard has been working with the Chair and the Co-Chairs of the Roundtables Committee over the past year to evaluate the current Roundtables event. After completing a lot of research and talking to many MLA members, April developed a survey and sent it out to the MLA membership. She is currently working on analyzing the results and they will be presented at the Chapter Council meeting at MLA and she will have a poster outlining the results. It was a great experience to work with April this year and we are looking forward to the results of the survey and hopefully developing a better Chapter Council event.

Chapter Council and Section Council will be sponsoring a poster session at MLA 2015 to highlight Sections and Chapters and to encourage membership. All MLA Chapters and Sections have been invited to participate.

AHIP membership continues to be actively promoted at chapter meetings and events and several Chapter Council representatives are also MLA AHIP Mentors.

Chapter Council members continue to communicate information about MLA's professional development programs, scholarships, awards and projects to their chapter members.

Several chapters offer financial support for students and librarians to attend chapter meetings and the Annual MLA meeting.

Chapter Council members are participating in the Colleague Connection to support new members and first time attendees as they have in the past several years.

Goal 2: Life Long Learning

Progress to date:

The purpose of the Roundtables event is to foster information exchange on chapter-related topics as well as on subjects of general professional concern which supports the lifelong learning goals of MLA. The 2015 event has been advertised in MLA News as well as on Medlib-L and chapter e-mail discussion lists. We are recruiting facilitators and recorders for the discussions. As of April 24, 2015, there are 153 registrants.

Chapter participation in the centralized CE wiki continues to increase. The Chapter Council CE Committee Liaison and Chapter members will continue to promote it to Chapter CE coordinators.

Goal 3: Advocacy

Progress to date:

Plans are underway for a day-long meeting of Chapter Council at the MLA 2015 annual meeting in Austin, TX. This year Chapter Council is teaming up with Section Council to share breakfast and to meet jointly with the President, President-Elect, and the Executive Director. This will allow all Council member to interact with each other and with association leadership for the exchange of information and ideas. The Councils will break into separate meetings at the end of the joint session for discussion of Council related items.

Goal 4: Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

Progress to date:

Chapter Council members make up the membership of the MLA/Majors Chapter Project of the Year Award Jury, in which one chapter is recognized for a special project that they have conducted. The jury is looking at ways to encourage more submissions. The award for 2015 was won by the Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona for their project entitled, *Chapter Outreach and Promotion to Non-Medical Librarians in Arizona*. Congratulations MLGSCA!

The Roundtables Committee has compiled evaluations from the 2014 event and 97% of the participants rated the event as good or better. Letters of thanks were sent to all facilitators and recorders who submitted their reports. The committee also asked for member comments and feedback for new table topics for the 2015 event via an online survey in fall 2014. The feedback was taken into account while developing the new list of table topics to keep the 2015 event relevant and up to date.

The Chapter Council Web Manager posted the final reports from the 2014 Roundtable discussions to make them accessible to members of MLA.

The Chapter News editor for MLA News has edited and submitted several chapter updates highlighting accomplishments, issues, chapter meeting reports, award announcement, library advocacy initiatives and professional development opportunities.

Goal 5: Building a Network of Partners

Progress to date:

The Roundtables Committee is supporting the information needs of individuals such as consumer health information specialists and others engaged in providing health information services to the public by offering to host discussions on the topics of Consumer Health at the 2015 event.

Chapter Councils members report partnering with other professionals in a variety of ways, including belonging to professional organizations outside of health sciences librarianship and partnering with other library groups to sponsor meetings and continuing education events.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Chapter Council Chair
April 27, 2015

Chapter Council Officers and Committees 2014/2015

Officers

Chair: Angela Dixon: 5/13-5/16
Vice-Chair: Melissa Ratajeski: 5/13-5/15
Secretary: Dina McKelvy: 5/13-5/14

MLA Liaisons

Continuing Education Committee: Betty Sydelko, through 5/16
Core Membership Committee: Melissa Ratajeski, through 5/15
Credentialing Committee: Cristina Pope, through 5/15
MLA News Chapter Column Editor: Jennifer Lloyd, through 5/17
Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee: Heather Brown, through 5/17
Technology Advisory Committee: Bart Ragon, through 5/15
Futures Committee: Cristina Pope, through 5/15

Committees

Chapter Council Presents Sharing Roundtables

Karen Hanus, Co-Chair
Antonio DeRosa, Co-Chair
Montie' Dobbins
Lisa Ennis
Sylvia McAphee
Dina McKelvy

Communications

Lisa Ennis, Web Manager
Sylvia McAphee, Annual Meeting Table Coordinator
Diana Delgado, Wiki Assistant

Continuing Education

Bette Sydelko, Chair

Elections

Alan Carr, Chair

Todd Hannon

Majors/MLA Chapter Project Award Jury

Melissa Ratajeski, Chair

Bette Sydelko

Marianne Burke

Sylvia McAphee

Jackie Wirz