A message from the President

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Scottsdale Arizona for the upcoming MLGSCA/ NCNMLG Joint Meeting. The programs and continuing education will be very informative and directly applicable to developing new opportunities for outreach, partnering and creating entrepreneurial enterprises as we move into the future. The Welcome Reception on January 30th promises to be a wonderful opportunity to network with our Southern colleagues and all join in with Latin jazz and salsa dancing.

In addition, please plan to attend a very important business meeting at 2:00 PM on Friday, February 1st in the Papago Room of the Conference Resort. A bylaws change will be voted on as well as other important announcements and discussion. An agenda will be posted on the NCNMLG listserv next week.

See you in Scottsdale!

FELLOWSHIPS

It’s time to apply for the National Library of Medicine’s (NLM’s) Associate Fellowship Program. Appointments for Associate Fellows are made for one year with a stipend of $36,656+. Associate Fellows are expected to complete the full training program (September-August).


The NLM Associate Program is open to U.S. and Canadian library/information professionals, as well as graduate students completing their degrees. The qualification requirements are:

- Master's degree in an ALA-approved library/information science program, earned by August of the year of appointment
- United States citizenship  Note: Canadians with ALA-accredited Master's degrees can use the same application process as U.S. citizens. U.S. citizens will receive first preference.
- Experience is desirable, but not essential.
Optional Second Year. The NLM Associate Fellowship Program now includes an optional second year at a library or information center in an academic health sciences center, hospital, or other health-related organization. The additional year provides an opportunity to develop skills and gain experience in working with administrators, librarians, health professionals, system developers, and educators to design and implement information services that are integrated with clinical and/or educational programs and contribute directly to accomplishing the parent institution’s mission. Interested Associates will compete for placement in this extension of the program.

Questions about the program may be addressed to:
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Building 38, Room B1E09
Bethesda, MD 20894
Phone: (301) 435-4083
Fax: (301) 480-1467
Email: moorem@mail.nlm.nih.gov

BENCHMARKING

The MLA Benchmarking Network is open for your data entry until March 1st, 2002!!

Don’t miss out on this opportunity to participate in a significant library benchmarking effort. All Medical Library Association personal and institutional members are eligible to enter data. The questions are specifically designed for hospital and specialty medical libraries.

- It will take only about 45 minutes to enter your data, once you have collected it.
- Data worksheets are available to print out to help you organize your data prior to input.
- You do not have to answer every question, e.g. if you can easily obtain the number of hospital admissions (from the AHA Guide), but have trouble locating the number of discharges, just skip it!
- Many survey questions changed since last year’s beta test. No pre 1999 data will be accepted.

Why take the time to benchmark with MLA?

- When you need data to answer that "need for next day" question from your administrator, the data will be there for you if we all participate now.
- Many libraries must participate so that the data will be valid for us all.
- You’re contributing to the profession by developing a rich database of information.

To get a taste of the kinds of reports you’ll be able to access with this data, check out the presentation by Roz Dudden, Chair of our Outcomes Team, located on the Benchmarking web site http://www.mlanet.org/members/benchmark. You’ll need your MLANET username/ID and password to enter (found on your MLA Membership Card). FAQ’s and other resource materials are also on the web site. Contact your Benchmarking Chapter Educator (listed on the web site) with any additional questions. You can also contact me at rand@lij.edu.

Debbie Rand
MLA Benchmarking Implementation Task Force Chair
UPDATE ON THE SPRING CE COURSE

As reported in the Nov-Dec 2001 newsletter, the CE course on database-driven web sites originally planned for March 2002 had to be cancelled due to unavailability of the instructor. PSRML is working with another instructor to develop a course with a similar content. The new instructor plans to have the course ready by late April, May, or June 2002.

We'll let you know when the details as soon as we have them …..

Candace Walker & Vickie Sanders, CE Co-Chairs

MLA SATELLITE TELECONFERENCE

Sync or Swim: Managing the Flood of PDAs in Health Care
Wednesday, February 6, 2002
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Central Time

Agenda
Part 1: Introduction to PDAs
   A. What Are PDAs and Why Are We Seeing Their Growing Use in Health Care
   B. What's Out There?
   C. Question and Answer Period

Part 2: Case Studies: A Look at Professional, Educational, and Clinical Settings
   A. Librarians Using PDAs
   B. Lifelines to PDA Users
   C. PDA: A Clinical Tool for Residency Training
   D. Mobile Computing and Patient Encounter Tracking in the Clinical Clerkship Arena
   E. Question and Answer Period

Part 3: Supporting PDAs
   A. Library and Institutional Issues
   B. Question and Answer Period

Part 4: Concluding remarks

Please note: As of 1/15/2002 when this issue of the newsletter is going to press, there are no firm downlink sites in northern California or Nevada. However at least 2 facilities are considering hosting the conference. So keep checking out MLANET for a list of sites at: http://www.mlanet.org/education/telecon/pda_states02.html

And if any of you decide to host the teleconference, please let me know so I can post it to the list and announce it at the Joint Meeting in Scottsdale.

Thanks,

Candace Walker, NCNMLG CE Co-Chair
cwalker@chw.edu
"Signing on the Dotted Line: Licensing Essentials for Library Professionals"

Beginning February 25th through April 5th, OITP will host an online e-mail tutorial on licensing. The licensing tutorial will cover licensing basics in 25-30 brief, but informative messages written by Lesley Ellen Harris (http://www.copyrightlaws.com/index2.html), a recognized expert in copyright law and the author of Licensing Digital Content: A Practical Guide for Librarians.

The tutorial will help librarians negotiate and interpret licensing agreements with confidence. Highlights include: frequently asked questions, licensing lingo tips, how to develop a licensing policy, how to be a better negotiator, and MORE. The licensing tutorial course is FREE to ALA members, and only $25 for non-ALA members.

For those librarians engaged in licensing activities, this is a MUST DO!

Signing up is easy.

1. Send an e-mail message to: listproc@ala.org
2. Leave the subject line blank.
3. In the body of the email type:
   subscribe licensing YourFirstName YourLastName
   (example: subscribe licensing John Doe)

After subscribing, you should receive an automated message. On February 25th, you will receive your first e-mail tutorial message on licensing. You can read your messages when they arrive, save them for later, or print them out, but we recommend reading the messages in the order that they are received.

Non-ALA members can receive the tutorial by sending a $25 check or money order made out to the American Library Association. Please include your e-mail address with your check so we can subscribe you. Send the check to:

   American Library Association
   Office for Information Technology Policy
   1301 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Suite 403
   Washington, D C 20004
   Attn: Chiffonya

For more information, contact Chiffonya Brown or Carrie Russell at ALA’s Washington Office, (800)941-8478 or write to Chiffonya at cbrown@alawash.org.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Barbara Ryken
Has recently been named Director of the John A. Graziano Memorial Library. She had been the Interim Director for the last six months.
**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

The John A. Graziano Memorial Library is looking to hire a fulltime Assistant Director. This person will be responsible for reference, orientations, bibliographic instruction, maintaining the library website, collection development, participation on College committees, and filling in during the director’s absence. Salary range is $40,000-$42,000. The library serves Samuel Merritt College as well as Summit Medical Center. The College website is <http://www.samuelmerritt.edu>

Resumes may be sent to:
Human Resources Department
Samuel Merritt College
450 30th St.
Oakland, CA
94707

**BOARD MEETING - MINUTES**

NCNMLG General Business Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting, November 16, 2001
UC Berkeley Valley Life Sciences Building Room 2063

**Present:** Doug Varner, President, Sara Pimental, Mary Beth Train, Vickie Sanders, Annette Osenega, Nancy Magnum, Rebecca Davis, Janice Perlman-Stites, Cherill Lash, David W. Brown, Ronald E. Shultz, Barbara Ryken, Karen Halverson, Candace Walker, Wess-John Murdough, Jack Stephens, Sue Stanek, Feili Tu, Angela Brunton, Mina Davenport, Cathy LeGrand, Norma Kobzina, Jacqueline Wilson, Barbara Bibel, Lynn Van Houten, Beth Weil, Ruth Amernick, Mary Ann Zaremska.

**Call to Order:**
Doug Varner called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

**2002 Joint Meeting:**
Doug Varner announced the 2002 Joint Meeting will be held January 30, 2002 through February 3, 2002 in Scottsdale AZ. There is a link off the NCNMLG website with registration information.

**2004 Joint Meeting:**
Rebecca Davis solicited members to participate in the planning of the 2004 Joint Meeting to be held at the Grand Sheraton Hotel in Sacramento California. Rebecca promises dark chocolate to all volunteers and to have dark chocolate at the meeting.

**Continuing Education:**
Candace Walker announced on February 6, 2002 MLA is having a satellite class on PDA’s entitled, “Sync or Swim: Managing the Flood of PDA’s in Healthcare.” More information is at the MLA website.

On March 22, 2002, Kristin Antelman of the University of Arizona will be teaching, “Creating Database-Driven Content for your Website” at Washington Hospital in Fremont. The hospital is located two blocks from the Fremont BART station. This will be a full day class. Mark your calendar.

**Benchmarking Initiative:**
Lynn Van Houten reported the Benchmarking Initiative will be open in December 2001 to submit data for two to three months. As an incentive to submit data NCNMLG will be offering one full registration to the 2003 San Diego MLA Conference. Lots of Benchmarking Initiative publicity is forthcoming.

Redesign Chapter Web Site:
Peggy Tahir, Head of the Web Redesign Committee, and committee members Julie Kochi, Clair Kuykendall, and Julie Hagen are working on the redesign of the chapter web site. This will be a valuable tool. We look forward to upcoming news about this project.

Proposed Bylaw Change:
Doug Varner reported on the proposed bylaw change compiled by Dorrie, Slusker, former Bylaws Chair. 30 day notification was given to membership. The proposed Bylaw change would remove the Past President from the voting Executive Board. It has become increasingly difficult in recent years to find candidates for the position of Vice-President/President-Elect. This position requires a three-year commitment as a voting Board member, one year as Vice-President/President/President-Elect, one year as President and one year as Past President.

Removing the final year of this position from the voting board makes the job much more palatable and attractive to prospective candidates. The Past President would remain on the Executive Board in an advisory capacity. The Past President’s primary responsibility is to maintain the chapter’s Policy and Procedure Manual. Attendance at Board meetings is not critical to the performance of this duty.

The change would reduce the number of voting Board members from 10 to 9. Conducting Board business would actually become easier, as the quorum would be reduced from 6 to 5.

Mary Beth Train made the motion to accept the bylaws change to remove the Past President from the voting Executive Board. Angie Brunton seconded the motion. The motion carried. The proposed bylaws change to remove the Past President from the voting Executive Board has been accepted.

Proposed Bylaws Addition
Dorothy Schmidt, Chair, Bylaws Committee, proposes an addition to the bylaws to give the President the discretion to terminate committee appointments if needed. The proposed addition is: Article VII. Committees. Section 1. Standing Committees. Part E. "The President shall have the discretion to terminate appointments.”

The chapter is proposing this addition to bring our bylaws into compliance with the MLA model bylaws revised 9/2000. The language in this revision follows exactly that of MLA’s new bylaws. This provision in the bylaws will serve as a safeguard to the chapter and may protect it in case of legal action brought by a member.

This announcement constitutes the initiation of the proposed amendment. Written notice shall be mailed to all NCNMLG members 30 days prior to the next business meeting, via the newsletter to be published November/December 2001. There will be a business meeting at the 2002 Joint Meeting in Scottsdale AZ. Proving there is a quorum of members at that meeting, this amendment will be voted on. A two-thirds majority of the members present shall determine the disposition of the amendment.

Other Items from Members:
Angie Brunton encouraged members to join the Golden Gateway Library Network of the Library of California.

Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Submitted by:
Vickie Sanders, Secretary
CALENDAR

JANUARY 30- FEBRUARY 2, 2002
NCNMLG/MLGSCA Joint Meeting, Scottsdale, AZ
For more information, please visit their web site at http://www.mlgsca.mlanet.org/jtmtg2002/

FEBRUARY 6, 2002
MLA satellite conference on PDAs.
Additional information in this issue and also at: http://www.mlanet.org/education/telecon/pda/index.html

MARCH 13-15, 2002
Computers in Libraries, Washington, DC
Please contact Doug Varner if you are interested in coordinating group attendance at this meeting.
For more information on the conference: http://www.infotoday.com/cil2002/default.htm

MAY 17-23, 2002
MLA 2002, Dallas, TX
Don’t miss the show! MLA ’02 in Dallas, Texas, May 17-23, 2002. To learn more go to www.mlanet.org. If you have trouble accessing MLANET, please use the IP address http://65.167.243.5/

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Everyone is encouraged to subscribe to the general listserv. These are very low volume lists designed for communication of important information from NCNMLG to its members. The only time you will need to unsubscribe is when your email address changes. In this case two actions are necessary. You will need to unsubscribe your old email address and then subscribe the new address. This keeps our listserv current!

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