PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

The beginning of 1998 is a good time to reflect on past accomplishments, enjoy the present, and plan for the future. Here is a short recap of NCNMLG’s milestones and achievements so far this term.

The Past:

On November 12, 1997 NCNMLG celebrated its 50th birthday with a festive dinner party at San Francisco’s Palace Hotel. Andrea Woodruff and her committee (Ysabel Bertolucci, Leonard Shapiro and Sara Pimental) planned our celebration which was attended by 50 members, including 13 past Presidents. Following dinner, Nancy Zinn, chapter Archivist, gave us an engaging and humorous recap of her 12-month process of culling through our voluminous chapter archives of minutes, newsletters, manuals, annual reports, and correspondence (but sadly no photos) to write our chapter history. Nancy, you did a terrific job of both writing our history and relaying the process. Thank you! Everyone will receive a copy of the history along with the mailing of our new Membership Directory, being updated by James Liu, Membership Chair. Thanks, James.

Kudos to our Public Relations Committee (Janie Grosman, Judy Welsh and Julia Kochi) and to the Electronic Resources Committee (Patrick Newell, Mary Buttner and Heidi Heilemann) for publicizing National Medical Librarian’s Month in October. The PR Committee organized two projects this year designed to promote medical librarianship. Janie Grosman chose the slogan for our orange poster “Information Is the Best Medicine” and every member should have received one in the mail. They also wrote our first-ever press release about the value of medical librarians, which appeared in the Sacramento Bee and, hopefully, newspapers all over Northern California. Patrick Newell and the ERC designed the poster graphic which is also the new design for our chapter web page <http://www-ncnmlg.stanford.edu:5000>. Thanks guys for an outstanding job!

Andrea Woodruff, Program Chair, planned our September program, “Internet Hardware: Making Sense of Technospeak,” with 25 in attendance. Nancy Mangum, CE Chair, recruited Laurie Thompson, MLS—George Washington University, and lawyer Harry Youtt for our fall CE program entitled “Electronic Resources Licensing Issues-Beyond Copyright.” This furthered our chapter’s professional development goal to focus on electronic resources and licensing issues.

The Present:

The Union List Committee, chaired by yours truly and assisted by Tonya Kraft and Roger Brudno, worked on producing the seventh edition of the union list. Order forms are in the Newsletter beginning with the September/October issue and the books should be ready soon.

Mary Buttner is making local arrangement plans for our January program and Board Meeting. Thomas Rindfleisch, Director of Lane Medical Library, will speak on Privacy, Internet Technology and Health Care. Join us at MacArthur Park in Palo Alto, Tuesday, January 27. The Board meeting starts at 3 p.m. and the Business meeting, followed by dinner and program, starts at 5 p.m.—see registration flyer for details.

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Copy for the March/April newsletter is due by the 1st of March.
CALENDAR

JANUARY
15 Nominating Committee completes NCNMLG slate of officers
27 Winter Board meeting and program

FEBRUARY
12-14 NCNMLG/MLGSCA Joint Meeting, Tucson, AZ
13 Nomination of chapter officers at Joint Meeting
17 Ballots mailed for election of NCNMLG officers

MARCH
1 Copy deadline for March/April Newsletter
15 Newsletter mailed
15 MLA annual report due
Mid-month Spring Board meeting and program
23 Ballots due to Elections Committee

APRIL
Mid-month Spring CE class
19-25 National Library Week
23 Special Librarians Day

MAY
1 Copy deadline for May/June Newsletter
15 Newsletter mailed
22-27 MLA Annual Meeting Centennial, Philadelphia
25-29 Outstanding check requests or deposits due to Treasurer
31 Close of fiscal year; books close

JUNE
TBA Transitional Board Meeting

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Dorrie Slutsker, Bylaws Chair, and her committee of Gerald Saunders and Maryann Zaremska have been revising our bylaws and these will be voted on soon. Thanks for all your work.

Heidi Heilemann, MLA Chapter Council Representative, just submitted a poster proposal on the history of our chapter’s 50 years for MLA’s up-coming Annual Meeting and is awaiting notice of acceptance. And Jo Anne Boorkman is currently preparing her discussion of the same topic for the luncheon address in Tucson on Friday, February 13.

The Future:

Now is the time to get your registration in the mail for Joint Meeting 1998 in Tucson, Arizona February 12-14. Visit their web site at <http://ahsl.arizona.edu/infinitevistas/> for the latest information on the conference. Be sure to attend NCNMLG’s chapter business meeting at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 13. In order to conduct business, we must have a quorum present, which is about 40 members. Come and hear about plans for Joint Meeting 1999, from our Tri-Chairs: Ron Schultz, Priscilla Stephenson and Brian Warling. See you there!


As you can tell, it’s been a fast-moving and productive six months for our chapter. Thanks to all of you for your work and dedication to NCNMLG.

—Dorothy Thurmond
MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

**Diane Douglas** is now the Information Management Specialist for the Doctors Medical Center. This facility is the result of a merger between the Doctors Hospital of Pinole (where Diane has been Medical Librarian since 1993) and the Brookside Hospital in San Pablo. Each hospital is a campus (the San Pablo Campus and the Pinole Campus, located about 5 miles apart). Diane spends 75% of her time at the San Pablo campus.

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**Eugene Kapaloski** has retired from ISI as of 12/31/97 and will be the BIOSIS Representative for CA, WA and OR starting 1/1/98.

His new directory information is:

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**Dorothy Thurmond** has accepted the position of Medical Librarian at Sutter Roseville Medical Center effective January 5.

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General listserv: ncnmlg@krypton.stanford.edu  
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Everyone is encouraged to subscribe to either or both of these lists. They are very low-volume lists designed for communication of important information from NCNMLG to its members. They won’t fill your mailbox with too many messages. The only time you will need to unsubscribe is when your e-mail number changes. In this case two actions are necessary. You will need to unsubscribe your old e-mail number and then subscribe the new number. This keeps our listserv current!

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NCNWEB and MLANET

Visit [http://www-ncnmlg.stanford.edu:5000](http://www-ncnmlg.stanford.edu:5000) our chapter’s award-winning Web site! It contains information about the membership, a calendar of events, publications, the chapter constitution and bylaws, chapter history, and a membership application form.

Also, be sure to visit MLA’s new home page on the Web at [http://www.kume.edu/MLA](http://www.kume.edu/MLA). It contains information on MLA as well as a hot link to our chapter Web page.
JOINT MEETING
OF MLGSCA & NCNMLG
"Infinite Vistas: Creating the Future, Celebrating the Past"
February 12-14, 1998
Tucson, Arizona
Website: http://ahsl.arizona.edu/infinitevistas/

Joint Meeting Program Updates
(Be sure to check the Website for up-to-date information on Joint Meeting activities.)

Thursday Luncheon
Barbara Peters, owner of the Poisoned Pen Bookstore in Scottsdale, is indeed bringing a mystery author with her! Laurie King, author of A Grave Talent (and others about a San Francisco-based female PI) and The Beekeeper’s Apprentice, and A Monstrous Regiment of Women (about the woman who married Sherlock Holmes late in [his] life), among others, will participate in our luncheon presentation! This is great news—I know you’ll enjoy this book chat. Plan to read some of Ms. King’s work before February, to add to the pleasure of the discussion!

Thursday’s Keynote Panel on our Future
A colleague and friend is an activist CPA who is involved in shaping the future of her profession. She recently shared with me questions that group has going on the web. I submit the following to you, adapted from the CPA visioning process, to further stimulate your interest in and participation in the Digital Library Panel on Thursday morning. Please—remember that you have the opportunity now to ensure that the panel explores the issues you want explored. Consider answering any of the following queries on our web page—http://ahsl.arizona.edu/infinitevistas/—to submit your ideas and questions!

1. What types of change do you foresee for health sciences librarians?
2. What is the Core Purpose of health sciences librarians?
3. It is January 1, 2011. Describe the headline you’d like to be able to write about the medical library profession.
4. Describe the ideal skill set the health sciences librarian should have by the year 2011.
5. What is your health sciences librarian Vision?
6. How do you think the profession is changing in response to new competitors, e.g., the Internet, and end-users who feel that they no longer need us? Should we be changing? How?
7. Will our traditional market segments (health care in general, professional service, not for profit, industry/business, government, education) hold different core values and competencies that will define health sciences librarians in 2011? If so, what differences do you see?
8. What are the core competencies (the skill set, the characteristic personal attributes) that will distinguish health sciences librarians from other professionals in the year 2011? Which of these competencies do health sciences librarians have as a group today? Which will need to be developed?
9. Which factor is changing faster, the profession’s core competencies and functions or the public’s image of health sciences librarians? Comment on why you think this situation exists.
10. What do you think will happen to our profession’s commitment to “serving the public interest” in the future?

—Jacque Doyle

If anyone is interested in volunteering to be a room and/or av monitor, please contact Kathy Bilko at kathybil@samaritan.edu or (602) 835-3024 or FAX (602) 835-8796 (to her attention). Monitors will be responsible only for contacting facilities if there is a problem with the heat, sound or av equipment. They do not have to be “repairpersons.”

NCNMLG Chapter Business Meeting
10:00 a.m.
Friday, February 13, 1998
Quorum of 40 members needed!
Come and hear plans for Joint Meeting 1999
Information & prizes
Presentation by Tri-Chairs:
Ron Schultz
Priscilla Stephenson
Brian Warling

SEE YOU THERE!
JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Title: Medical Librarian – full time or part time
Reports to William A. Sandberg, Executive Director
Organization: Guttman Library and Information Center — Sacramento-El Dorado Medical Society, Sacramento.

The Sacramento-El Dorado Medical Society invites applications for the position of Medical Librarian. Guttman Library has one of the largest medical library collections in Northern California. For more information about the library visit our website at <http://www.sedms.org>.

Responsibilities: Provide reference and online database searching for physicians, corporations and the public. Responsible for all facets of library management, including collection development, cataloging, collaboration on budget, and formulation of policies and procedures. Librarian provides organization for the Library Committee which meets quarterly. Librarian oversees one part-time technical assistant who handles daily interlibrary loan transactions, photocopying and journal check-in.

Qualifications: ALA accredited Masters Degree in Library Science. Previous experience in a health science library preferred. Search expertise necessary on MEDLARS and DIALOG databases, the Internet, CD-ROM systems, plus a working knowledge of Windows 95 software.

Application: Send resume to Mr. William A. Sandberg, Sacramento-El Dorado Medical Society, 5380 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95819. Position open until filled.

The Medical Society offers an excellent benefits package. The Medical Society is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

Title: Manager of Library Services
Organization: Kaiser Permanente—Vallejo
Salary: $43,000-$50,000-$60,000

Responsibilities: Directs, implements, and manages the knowledge-based information services for the local service area; serves as consultant for knowledge-based clinical reference technology to service area staff; develops, implements, and manages projects in knowledge-based information, informatics, and the Internet; develops and administers local service area budget; formulates and implements needs assessments, quality assurance programs, policies and procedures for the operation and maintenance of library services; hires, trains, guides, and evaluates health sciences library staff; evaluates new methods and emerging knowledge-based information technology to determine compatibility, cost effectiveness, and potential benefit to the service area; medical librarian at one library within the service area; plans, analyzes and evaluates library services on an on-going basis to ensure that medical personnel’s information needs are being met and improves existing services or implements new services.

Qualifications: Master’s degree in Library Science; certification in medical librarianship by the Medical Library Association preferred; five years experience in health sciences library; three years experience managing department operations, including budgeting and staff supervision; strong analytical and problem-solving ability, demonstrated interpersonal skills and ability to communicate with clients, peers, and vendors; knowledge and experience with online search systems and software programs, PC and LAN technologies, and Internet technologies.

Application: Send resume to Frances Beatty, Staffing Services, 200 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553-4696; (510) 372-1693; FAX (510) 372-1301.

CALIFORNIA’S NURSING PRACTICE ACT

The 1997 edition of California’s Nursing Practice Act with Rules and Regulations is now available. Send a check for $9.95 made out to Procurement - Publications, include a note indicating the title of the publication, NAME of requestor, and STREET ADDRESS (not P.O. Box), and mail to: Procurement Division, ATTN Publications, P.O. Box 1015, North Highlands, CA 95660. Call 916/574-2200 for more information.

New editions are not widely publicized, so you may wish to share this information with your nursing administrators.

—Nancy Crossfield
MLA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Many of you are planning to attend MLA’s Centennial Celebration in Philadelphia May 22-27, 1998 and for good reason. It marks the 100th anniversary of our organization. The theme is Visions of the Future – Reflections on the Past and what better place to reflect than in the city where MLA was established back in 1898.

I encourage you to participate in MLA this year with a contributed paper, poster or electronic demonstration. Papers can cover a wide variety of health science or related topics, such as a research project you have done, a successful program in your library, a view of where information technology is headed, or new roles for health sciences librarians.

Submit papers to Connie Poole/ Medical Library/Southern Illinois University School of Medicine/801 North Rutledge Street/P.O. Box 19230/Springfield, IL 62794-1219.

Posters and electronic demonstrations are an invitation to share with colleagues the latest approaches and technologies. They can cover a broad range of themes, including practical applications, innovations and interesting issues.

Submit posters and electronic demonstrations to Christine Bell/Babson Library/Newton-Wellesley Hospital/2014 Washington Street/Newton Lower Falls, MA 02162.

The August 1997 issue of MLA News contains detailed information regarding papers and poster sessions. The latest conference information is accessible on the Internet at MLANET. Please note that MLANET has a new web address: <http://www.mlanet.org/>. If you have the old address bookmarked, use that and it will forward you to the new address until further notice. See you in Philadelphia!

—Dorothy Thurmond

MLA ’98

Philadelphia “Physic”: Facts, Firsts, and Fascinating Facilities

The MLA Philadelphia Regional Chapter invites you to Philadelphia over the 1998 Memorial Day weekend to attend the MLA Centennial Conference in the city where the Medical Library Association began!

We want to give you a glimpse of both colonial Philadelphia, where so many “firsts” occurred in “physic” (an early term for the practice or profession of medicine), and of modern-day Philadelphia, where nearly 15% of the private-sector jobs are in the health care industry. To that end, we have put together a “virtual tour” for you at the URL above. Along the way, we hope to intrigue you so that during your visit, you’ll want to see first-hand some of the fascinating, medically-oriented facilities in the Philadelphia area. Some of these same places will be part of an MLA Conference tour that focuses on 18th-century medicine—refer to your preliminary conference program for sign-up information.

Philadelphia has many other notable libraries to visit, including the Free Library of Philadelphia, modeled after the Hotel Crillon on the Place de la Concorde in Paris, and the Rosenbach Museum and Library which houses more than 30,000 rare books. You could easily spend a month touring some of the more than 800 libraries in the Greater Philadelphia region. We invite you to do so!

See you soon at MLA’98!

—Anita Wagner, Assistant Director
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THANKS FOR SPONSORING OUR 50th!

NCNMLG celebrated its 50th anniversary at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco in November, but not without help from our friends. We were fortunate to have a number of generous sponsors for this event. We recognize and thank the following donors:

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