

**MAC/MLA 2005 ANNUAL MEETING
ROUND TABLES
DISCUSSION SUMMARIES**

The 2005 Mid-Atlantic Chapter Round Table Discussions were held during lunch on October 6, 2005. The participants covered eleven timely topics: AHIP; Best Practices for Electronic Reference; Collaboration/Consortia/Partnerships; Consumer Health; Go-Local Endeavors; Health Literacy; Informationist; Is Paper Passé?; Mobile Technology; Recruitment Issues; and Turf to Worth. Because of high interest, there were two tables each for Turf to Worth and Is Paper Passé? Below are summaries to some of the discussions.

Go Local Endeavors

Janice Kelly, Facilitator

Attendees: Lucy Koscielnak, Alexa Mayo, Sheila Snow-Croft, Nadine Ellero, Elizabeth McTigue

Two handouts on Go Local were distributed. The first handout contained web links to Go Local resources, the Go Local Homepage, contact information for the four regional projects and the Go Local listserv. The second handout was a copy of the *MedlinePlus Go Local Participation Guidelines* developed by the National Library of Medicine. We discussed this handout at length. Participants discussed and ask questions about key issues to consider before undertaking a project, geographical coverage, how to and what to include when submitting a proposal, NLM's funding guidelines and the timing of submissions, the difference between a locally hosted and NLM hosted system, technical and personnel requirements, and promotion. Ms. Mayo answered questions about the many decisions and plans in place at the University of Maryland for their statewide project. These included finding and selecting resources, obtaining materials from state agencies, personnel and the distribution of labor, promotion, and using the NLM hosted system. Ms. Snow-Croft assisted with information on the Alabama project and her work on the University of Maryland promotions committee. Ms. Kelly assisted with information on other projects in the region and NN/LM funding. Ms. Ellero and Ms. McTigue attended because their institutions are considering undertaking Go Local endeavors. Ms. Koscielnak attended to gain information on the topic.