Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Medical Library Association

Chapter Organization
Executive Board Members 2000/01

Effective at our Annual Meeting in October 2000, the Mid-Atlantic Chapter's Executive Board roster is as follows:

Jonathan Lord, AHIP, Chair
Janice Kelly, Chair-Elect, 2001 Program Chair
Steven J. Squires, Immediate Past Chair, Nominating Committee Chair
Rebecca Johnston, AHIP, Secretary
Pat Hammond, AHIP, Treasurer (term ends December 2000)
Ann Sasser, Treasurer-Elect (term begins January 2001)
Ginny DuPont, Chapter Council Representative
Paula Raimondo, AHIP, Chapter Council Representative Alternate

Chapter Committees

Professional Development Committee, Diane Cooper, AHIP, Chair
Membership Committee, Melanie Norton, AHIP, Chair
Honors and Awards Committee, Ann Duesing, AHIP, Chair
Publications Committee, Susie Speer, AHIP, Chair
MAC Webmaster, Adam Glazier, AHIP
Newsletter (MAC Messages) Editor, Janice L. Mason
MACMLA-L Listserv Owner, Inhye Son
MAC Archivist, Diane McKenzie, AHIP

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter (MAC) of the Medical Library Association is an organization of health sciences librarians and other information professionals serving the District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia. MAC dedicates itself to excellence in health information services and to the advancement of the profession of medical librarianship. MAC also serves as a vital link to the national activities of the Medical Library Association. There are presently 232 members in MAC. The following are activities undertaken or underway since May 2000.

Professional Development

The Chapter's Annual Meeting was held October 18-21, 2000 at the Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke Virginia. Our meeting theme was "MAC 2000: Reaching For The Stars!" and was attended by 133. Educational and programming events included the following:

Medicine: Providing 'Just-in-time' Information at the Point-of-Care," presented by Dr. David Slawson; "Creating the Digital Library," a panel discussion with panelists from both libraries and publishers; "From Silos to Pastures," presented by Dr. Jack E. Brinn.

Planning is underway for the next two chapter annual meetings. The 2001 meeting will be October 17-20 in Ocean City, Maryland. MAC members in West Virginia and the District of Columbia will jointly sponsor the 2002 meeting.

Regional CE events continue to be posted on the MAC website.

A list of AHIP counselors is published in the Chapter newsletter, and AHIP counseling for members at the annual meeting and throughout the year was provided.

A list of all MAC AHIP members is published on the MAC website.

A regular column directed toward the hospital librarian was maintained in the newsletter.

Advocacy and Membership

The Honors and Awards Committee continued its program of recognizing chapter officers and committee members for their contributions. Additionally, the Committee awarded a Marguerite Abel Service Award, a One Person Library Recognition Award, and a MAC Librarian of the Year Award to deserving members at our Annual Meeting in Roanoke.

The MAC Honors and Awards Committee solicited nominations for MAC members qualifying for MLA awards. MAC member Jacqueline Brown Ramseur was the winner of the 2000 Lois Ann Colaianni Award for Excellence and Achievement in Hospital Librarianship.

The MAC Intern Program continues to recruit applicants from regional library schools plans are underway for a student intern in 2001.

A Professional Issues Forum panel at the annual meeting, featuring MLA President Michael Homan and MLA Executive Director Carla Funk, addressed the issues of membership in MLA and MAC and how the two organizations compliment and strengthen each other.

The Membership Committee sent letters and e-mails to approximately 330 MLA members in our region describing the benefits of Chapter membership and inviting them to join.

Organization

A Financial Planning Task Force completed its work and presented a report at our Annual Meeting in October. The full text of the Task Force's report is posted on the MAC
website. The MAC Executive Board discussed the recommendations of the Task Force at a February 2, 2001 board meeting and will pursue a number of the recommendations.

An Annual Meeting Task Force was appointed in March 2001 to examine the Chapter's Annual Meeting procedures. The Chapter's Annual Meeting costs are rising, attendance is falling off, and the ability to find moderately priced meeting venues are concerns that the Task Force will address. The Annual Meeting Task Force will prepare a preliminary report for the Executive Board's September 2001 meeting.

Strategic Planning Task Force presented a report and recommendations at our Annual Meeting in October. The Executive Board decided to pursue the recommended needs assessment survey of information professionals in the MAC region. Plans are underway to conduct the survey during the summer months of 2001.

A MAC Records Task Force completed work on policies and procedures for all official chapter documents, electronic information, and archives. An agreement was made with Virginia Commonwealth University to house MAC archival materials. A new position of Chapter Archivist was established.

The committee chairs of the five standing committees and the chapter chair have developed plans for committee activity in 2000/01.

The chapter Executive Board met in Richmond, VA on September 15th and the five standing committees met at the annual meeting in Roanoke, VA, on October 19th, 2000. The Executive Board and Chapter Committee's met in Charlottesville, VA on February 2, 2001.

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of candidates for Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Nominee to MLA Nominating Committee, and new Chapter officers were elected by the membership in September. A new Nominating Committee will be formed by past-Chair Steve Squires and a slate of officers will be selected during the summer of 2001.

Research

MAC continues to provide members with opportunities to report important initiatives they are involved with within their institutions. Members presented contributed papers and posters at the annual meeting. Abstracts from these are included on the chapter website.

The MAC Bibliography, a continuing record of member's publications and presentations, was maintained. Submission forms are included on the chapter Web site.

MAC submitted Project MACLend, a chapter-sponsored DOCLINE-based interlibrary loan initiative, was submitted for consideration for the 2001 Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year Award.
National Information Policy

A Governmental News Report was published in each issue of MAC Messages during 2000 and several legislative alerts were posted to the MAC electronic mailing list.

The Governmental Relations Committee and MAC Chair are gathering information and opinions about the proper role of this committee and the Board will determine its future status and activity during 2001.

The "Applying Copyright Law in Libraries" continuing education course was offered at our Annual Meeting in October.

Information Technology

CE, programs, poster and paper presentations, and skills sessions at the annual meeting included topics related to information technology and electronic access and delivery of information.

Chapter members continued to use the MACMLA-L electronic mailing list to communicate chapter business. Each new member is subscribed.

The chapter newsletter, MAC Messages, was published six times in 2000 and is available in both print and electronic forms.

The MAC website site (http://www.cbil.vcu.edu/mac) was maintained and enhanced throughout the period. It is used to promote chapter activities, provide information, facilitate communication, and link to key information on MLANET.

MOTION

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan M. Lord, AHIP Mid-Atlantic Chapter Chair 2000/01