Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Medical Library Association

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 175 members in MAC. The following are activities undertaken or underway since May 2001.

Professional Development
The Annual Meeting "Sunny Daze-Eyeing the Future" was held October 17-20, 2001 in Ocean City, Maryland, attended by 154. Five continuing education courses (65 total attendance) were held: Continuing Medical Education and Health Sciences Libraries: Partnership Opportunities; Building and Managing Your Digital Library; Bioethics: An Introduction for Health Information Professionals; Personal Digital Assistants; and The History of Health Sciences: A One Day Overview. The program included an overview of mobile information technology in health care and how libraries can support them, sessions on "Determining our Worth and Communicating our Value," topical sharing sessions, posters, contributed papers, technology fair and exhibits.

Planning is underway for the next two chapter annual meetings. The 2002 meeting, Capitolizing on Our Legacy, jointly sponsored by MAC members in West Virginia and the District of Columbia, will be held on October 17-20 in Washington, DC. This meeting will celebrate the 50th anniversary of MAC. A planning group has met to consider a multiple chapter, joint meeting for 2003.

Regional CE events continue to be posted on the MAC website. Molly Cahill from the University of North Carolina served at the MAC Intern and worked with the Professional Development Committee on its CE programs.

An Annual Meeting Task Force is evaluating the effectiveness and format of the annual meeting as the chapter's primary means for communication and exchange of ideas and for continuing education. A report is due at the fall Executive Board meeting.

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

Paula Raimondo, MAC Chapter Council Alternate, is Chapter Council's liaison to MLA's Credentialing Committee. Ms. Raimondo was also appointed to the joint Chapter/Section Program Committee for the 2003 MLA annual meeting. A list of all MAC AHIP members is published on the MAC website.

Advocacy and Membership
Carol Jenkins, MLA President, presented the MLA udpate, advocating "Quality Information for Improved Health" by "Investing in Our Future."
A regular column directed toward the hospital librarian was maintained in the newsletter.

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 Ocean City. The Marguerite Abel Fund was established with a cash award and a cash award accompanied the Abel Service Award in 2001.

The Membership Committee welcomed 33 new MAC members. The committee targeted library schools to encourage students to consider a career as a Medical or Health Sciences Librarian. The on-line Membership Directory is still in process.

**Organization**
A needs assessment survey of information professionals in the MAC region was conducted in the spring of 2001 and a report given at the annual business meeting. A Strategic Planning Task Force was formed and charged with reviewing the findings of the assessment and revising the strategic plan for the chapter. The Task Force met in January. The chapter Executive Board met twice this year. 2001-2002 goals and objectives for the chapter were approved. The five standing committees met twice and developed their planning documents.

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of candidates for Chair, Secretary, and Nominee to MLA Nominating Committee. New Chapter officers were elected by the membership in September. An archive of official chapter documents and electronic information is housed at the Virginia Commonwealth University. VCU staff created a web-based preliminary finding tool to locate materials in the archives and a photo archive of annual meetings.

**Research**
Promoted the MLA benchmarking initiative in the Chapter. Merle Colglazier served as our benchmarking liaison. 27 MAC members participated in the survey. A free registration to the 2002 annual MAC meeting was awarded to Marian Blecker of Alamance Regional Medical Center, Burlington, NC for her participation.

MAC continues to provide members with opportunities to report important initiatives in which they are involved within their institutions. Members presented 6 contributed papers and 19 posters at the annual meeting. Abstracts from these are included on the chapter website.

**Information Technology**
Chapter members continued to use electronic means to promote chapter activities, provide information, facilitate communication, and link to key information on MLANET. Each member is subscribed to the MACMLA-L electronic mailing list. The chapter newsletter, MAC Messages, is published six times annually and is available in both print
and electronic forms. The MAC website site (http://www.cbil.vcu.edu/mac) is maintained and enhanced throughout the year.

CE, program sessions, posters and paper presentations at the annual meeting included topics related to information technology and electronic access and delivery of information. A technology fair was introduced at the annual meeting this year.

**MOTION**

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

Respectfully submitted,
Janice E. Kelly, Mid-Atlantic Chapter Chair 2001-2002

Chapter Officers:
Janice Kelly, Chair
Russet Hambrick, AHIP, Chair-Elect, 2002 Program Chair
Jonathan Lord, AHIP, Immediate Past Chair, Nominating Committee Chair
Patricia Vaughn, Secretary
Ann Sasser, Treasurer
Ginny DuPont, Chapter Council Representative
Paula Raimondo, AHIP, Chapter Council Alternate

Chapter Committees:
Honors and Awards Committee - Rick Peterson, AHIP, Chair
Membership Committee - Melanie Norton, Co-chair; J. Dale Prince, AHIP, Co-Chair
Professional Development Committee - Gary Greenstein, AHIP, Chair
Publications Committee - Susan Speer Corbitt, AHIP, Chair
MAC Webmaster - Adam Glazier
MACMLA-L Listserv Owner - Inhye Son
MAC Archivist - Diane McKenzie, AHIP Newsletter (MAC Messages) Editor - Janice L. Mason