

MAC/MLA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

by Anne Wood Humphries, Chair

The Fall Board Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Medical Library Association was held on September 15, 1995 at the Claude Moore Health Sciences Library of the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Proposed Bylaws Revisions

The Board made no additional changes to the revisions which were mailed out to members with this year's ballots. Discussion of the revisions will be an agenda item at the Business Meeting to be held during the Annual Meeting in Richmond, followed within 30 days by a paper ballot.

Chapter Council Representative/Alternate Term of Office

M.J. Tooley, Chapter Council Representative, recommended that the policy manual for the Nominating Committee be revised to allow the Chapter Council Alternate to run for the Chapter Council position after serving the initial 3 years as Alternate. (A write-in option would also appear on the ballot). In this way there would be greater continuity among the representatives and a stronger voice in Chapter Council. The Alternate could decline to run if he/she did not desire to serve for the additional 3 years.

Chapter Project of the Year Award

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter submitted two projects to the MLA Awards Committee as candidates for the Project of the Year Award. MLA has asked that chapters support an endowment fund for this yearly award to ensure its continuation. The MAC Executive Board discussed the merits of contributing to this endowment and concluded that it was a worthwhile investment since our chapter has applied for the award, plans to do so in the future, and since the money does go to support the chapters. The Board voted to donate \$250.00/year for 3 years to the Chapter Project Endowment for a total of \$750.00.

MLA/Chapter Centennial Celebrations

M.J. Tooley, Chair of the Chapter Council Centennial Workgroup planning the 100-year anniversary of MLA, led the Board's discussion of MAC's plans for the Centennial. MAC is planning to do a Chapter History; Marguerite Abel is already working on this project and has contacted some of the first chapter members for information on its beginnings. A suggestion was also made to sell T-shirts celebrating the Centennial at the scholarship booth during our 1998 Annual Meeting. An oral history poster session featuring people from MAC was another idea (borrowing from the MLA Oral History Committee). M.J. suggested creating a sub-group of 2-3 people to begin planning in the interim period before the 1998 meeting.

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Retired MAC Members

The Honors and Awards Committee published biographies of last year's retirees in the January 1995 issue of *MAC Messages* in order that they receive recognition for their accomplishments. MLA Fellows currently have their annual MAC membership dues waived; the Board voted to also waive dues for retired MAC members.

Scholarship Fund

This year, the Professional Development Committee will be selling eyeglass retainers/MAC meeting badge holders at their booth in the Exhibit Area for the newly established Scholarship Fund. The fund will be used to support various professional development initiatives, and it is planned that a different item will be sold each year. The first project will be an internship program to support a library school student's work on a MAC committee and attendance at the Annual Meeting. Criteria for selecting the intern will be developed in the next year, with selection to begin in 1997.

Research Task Force

Dale Bartle Riordan, Chair of the Research Task Force, reported that initial work has begun on developing research goals for the chapter. The first accomplishment of the Task Force is a poster session on research that will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Ginny DuPont reported that the current balance in the MAC treasury is \$32,521.58. The CD has earned approximately \$400.00 in interest.

1995 Annual Meeting in Richmond, VA

Brenda Seago, Local Arrangements Co-Chair, reported that a MAC Annual Meeting Web Page has been developed with an updated meeting program (<http://WWW.CBIL.VCU.EDU:8080/macmla/>). The Annual Meeting evaluations will also be done electronically. Two terminals will be available in the Registration Area, and results will be tabulated right away. To avoid crowds, attendees will be encouraged to complete evaluations throughout the meeting.

1996 Annual Meeting in Columbia, MD

M.J. Tooley and Jayne Campbell are the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) Co-Chairs for the 1996 Annual Meeting. An invitation to Columbia will be presented at the Annual Business Meeting in Richmond.

1997 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC

Mary Hyde and Debra Scarborough are LAC Co-Chairs for the 1997 Annual Meeting. The Holiday Inn Rosslyn was suggested as a possible meeting hotel.

1998 Annual Meeting in West Virginia

The Board discussed the possibility of a joint meeting with the Pittsburgh Chapter for 1998. The 1993 meeting that was held at Lakeview in Morgantown, West Virginia was also a joint meeting with Pittsburgh. The Pittsburgh Chapter Executive Board was very positive about this suggestion and has offered to be the host this time, pending approval of their membership. A joint meeting will be raised as an item for discussion at the Annual Business Meeting in Richmond.

1996 Goals and Objectives

The Board discussed the goals and objectives for 1996. A draft version will be presented for membership discussion and approval at the Annual Business Meeting in Richmond.

NN/LM SE/A REGION NEWS

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern/Atlantic Region is pleased to announce that **Beverly Gresehover** has accepted the position of Training/Consultation Coordinator for the SE/A Region effective August 29, 1995. Beverly has a wealth of experience in many different health information professional settings and has been an independent consultant from 1983 to the present with her own consulting firm, Information Crossroads. Prior to consulting, she was the Library Manager at Union Memorial Hospital from 1990-1993. No stranger to the University of Maryland at Baltimore (UMAB) Health Sciences Library, she served as Head of the Circulation Department there from 1979-1982. In addition to her other professional responsibilities, Beverly is actively involved with a variety of library professional organizations including the Special Libraries Association, SAILOR Editorial Board, and her recent Presidency of the Maryland Association of Health Sciences Librarians.



The NN/LM SE/A staff will be attending both the Mid-Atlantic and Southern Chapter meetings of the Medical Library Association this Fall. SE/A staff look forward to the Mid-Atlantic Chapter meeting in Richmond, VA from October 15-18 and the Southern Chapter meeting in Puerto Rico from November 11-14. At both meetings, staff will provide the traditional "NN/LM Update" to report our news as well as provide an opportunity to let us know what is happening with you! So, please mark your calendars and join us for what surely will be two educational and fun-filled meetings.

The NLM Long Range Plan on the Education and Training of Health Sciences Librarians is now available from NLM's Public Information Office and via the Internet. The report's goals and recommendations address the need to:

- prepare for new forms of information required for health sciences librarianship
- match the capabilities of health sciences librarians to the needs of employers
- update and enhance the curricula of schools of library and information science
- foster educational programs enabling health sciences librarians already in the workplace to update and extend their professional education and training
- experiment with alternative methods and courses of study for adult learning

- attract the best and brightest candidates that the current market can provide
- achieve greater cultural and ethnic diversity in the profession

The report is available on the Internet in several formats. On the **World Wide Web** (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/>), the report can be found under *Research & Development Activities; Extramural Program*. On the **Gopher** (gopher.nlm.nih.gov), it is listed under *Extramural Programs*. Via **FTP** ([ftp.nlm.nih.gov](ftp://ftp.nlm.nih.gov)), it is listed under *extramural; trainhsl*.

Printed copies are also available from NLM's Public Information Office, Attn: Training Report, Bethesda, MD, 20894; (301) 496-6308; Email: publicinfo@nlm.nih.gov.

QUESTIONS ABOUT AHIP CERTIFICATION?

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NEWS FROM THE STATES

MARYLAND

The **Welch Medical Library** at Johns Hopkins held its second Internet Fair on July 25-27, 1995. More than 1200 people attended sessions on such topics as UNIX, email, World Wide Web including patient and basic science resources on the Web, TCP/IP, and HTML. For more information on the Fair or to look at a brochure, contact **Karla Hahn** at (410) 955-3410 or via email at khahn@welch.jhu.edu.

NORTH CAROLINA

Julie VanDyke joined the Duke University Medical Center Library staff September 1st as Head of Learning Resources Services. She received her Master of Library and Information Science degree in 1995 from the University of California, Los Angeles, and has worked at the Pacific Southwest Regional Medical Library in Los Angeles, the UCLA Louise Darling Biomedical Library, and the University Research Library, Los Angeles.

Marilyn Hastings, who had worked in the Duke University Medical Center Library Circulation Department as evening and weekend Library Assistant since 1990, has accepted a position at the University of North Carolina at Asheville where she will be teaching Internet classes. Marilyn received her Master of Library Science degree from North Carolina Central University in 1994.

The Fall meeting of the **Association of North Carolina Health and Science Libraries (ANCHASL)** will be held on November 17, 1995 in Durham, NC. "Say It Loud, Say It Often, I Want My Internet - Part 2" will be the theme of the meeting. Paul Gilster, author of *The Internet Navigator*, will be one of the featured speakers. For additional information, contact **Beverly Murphy**,



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VIRGINIA

The University of Virginia Health Sciences Library welcomes **Cynthia K. Robinson** as its new Assistant Director for Collection Services. Cynthia comes to Charlottesville from Omaha, Nebraska where she was Head of Education at the McGoogan Library of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center. She received an M.A. in Library and Information Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in May of 1992 and spent a year as a National Library of Medicine Associate before joining the staff at Nebraska.

The **Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA)** project was funded by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) in 1994 in order to establish a network of shared electronic resources among educational institutions in the state. This consortium of academic libraries provides access to a variety of shared databases for participating sites, including books and electronic texts, government information, newspapers, and images. Access to some commercial resources is restricted to faculty and students of the VIVA consortium, but visitors to the VIVA website are welcome at: <http://www.vcu.edu/ulswweb/viva/viva.html>

ADDRESS PROBLEM?

Is your copy of *MAC Messages* going where you want it? The address labels that are used to mail the newsletters are generated from the Membership Committee. **Bridget Loven** is the current committee member who is managing the membership database. Any address corrections or changes should be sent to Bridget and not the newsletter editors.

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PUBLICATION DEADLINE

Items to be published in the **November/December** issue of *MAC Messages* can be submitted to the editors up until **November 15, 1995**.

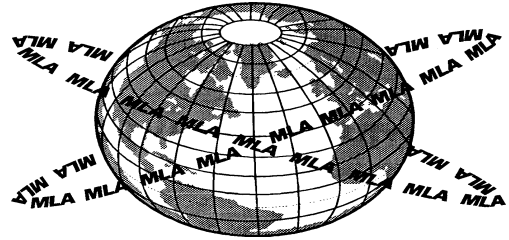


News from MLA

MLA

MLA Scholarship Application

The Grants and Scholarship Committee of MLA is currently accepting applications for the MLA Scholarship. This scholarship, in the amount of \$2,000, will be granted to a student entering an ALA-accredited library school or with at least one half of the requirements to finish in the year following the granting of the scholarship. For an application, please contact *MLA's Professional Development Department at (312) 419-9094 or via email at mlapd@mlahq.org*. **The deadline for applications is December 1, 1995.**



For questions regarding the scholarship, contact **Sarah Towner Wright, MLA Scholarship Chair, Himmelfarb Library, George Washington University Medical Center, 2300 Eye Street NW, Washington, DC 20037; (202) 994-1824; FAX: (202) 223-3691; Email: stowner@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu**.

Celebration Task Force Seeks Members!

In 1998, the Medical Library Association will be 100 years old! The centennial year will extend from the 1998 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia until the 1999 Annual Meeting. MLA is encouraging all chapters to join in the fun and help celebrate the Centennial.

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter has already committed to writing a Chapter History by 1998, but there are many other activities that could be realized during the 1998 MAC Annual Meeting. At the MAC/MLA September Executive Board Meeting, it was suggested that a small task force be formed to brainstorm and suggest ideas for the 1998 MAC Annual Meeting which would be submitted to the MAC Local Arrangements and Program Committees for that year. The task force would be disbanded in 1998. If you are interested in serving on the task force, contact either **Diane McKenzie, dmk@med.unc.edu, (919) 966-0957; or M.J. Tooley, mjtooley@umabnet.ab.umd.edu, (410) 706-2693.**

Board Agrees to Support MLA Chapter Project of the Year

by **M.J. Tooley, MAC Chapter Council Representative**

At the 1996 MLA Annual Meeting in Kansas City, the first Chapter Project of the Year Award will be given to recognize a chapter project that demonstrates "advocacy, leadership, service, technology, or innovations that contribute to the advancement of the health sciences librarian." This award, in the amount of \$500.00, will be given directly to the chapter to be used to enhance programs and services. The award needs to be endowed in the amount of \$10,000.00, and Chapter Council has committed to total endowment of the award by the MLA Centennial Meeting in 1998. This would amount to a \$750.00 contribution from each chapter. The MAC/MLA Executive Board has agreed to a \$250.00 per year contribution over the next three years to support the MLA Chapter Project of the Year Award. The Executive Board felt that this was an important project to support since the award directly benefits the winning chapter financially and promotes the chapter to the MLA membership.

NEW EMAIL LIST: FEDREF-L

The Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) announces the establishment of a new Internet list, **FEDREF-L**, the **Federal Reference Librarians Discussion List**. FEDREF-L is a moderated list for reference librarians in the federal government, although other subscribers are welcome to join. The list is maintained by the FLICC Reference/Public Services Working Group, whose mission is to explore the potential for increased networking and sharing among federal libraries, to exchange information about available services and collections, and to establish guidelines for sharing expertise (e.g. unique databases, special subject guides). The list provides a forum for discussion of issues affecting the whole range of federal library public services including reference, interlibrary loan, and circulation. Topics which may be addressed on the list include:

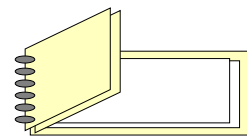
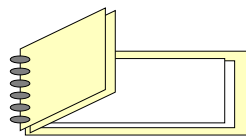
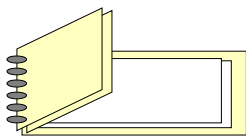
- Improved methods for resource sharing, interlibrary loans, referrals, and document delivery
- Increased sharing of staff expertise, publications and reference tools prepared or used by federal libraries
- Sharing information about new technologies
- Information regarding access to federal libraries

To subscribe to FEDREF-L, send an email message to: *listproc@loc.gov*. The text of the message should read: *subscribe FEDREF-L Firstname Lastname*. ("Firstname Lastname" are your real first and last names). You will receive a Welcome message confirming your subscription. For more information, contact **Steven Kerchoff, FEDLINK Network Librarian, FLICC/FEDLINK, Library of Congress, Washington, DC, 20540-5100; (202) 707-4848; FAX: (202) 707-4873; Email: sker@loc.gov**

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1994 HEALTH SCIENCE BOOKS INCREASE BY 1% OVER 1993

The annual Majors Statistical Summary of New Book Receipts Report has been released with 1994 figures for 130 publishers and 126 categories. The average title price was \$79.25, which is \$0.76 more than 1993 for a 1% increase. A copy of the report and a table indicating the price increases of health sciences books over the last ten year period were published in the 1995 Winter issue of *A Majors Report for Medical Librarians*. For more information, contact: **Sherry Thompson, Majors Scientific Books, Inc., PO Box 819074, Dallas, Texas 75381-9074; (800) 247-2929**.



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