

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

by Connie Schardt

REFLECTIONS ON RICHMOND

It's always amazing to me how much time and effort can go into an Annual Meeting and that it can be over so quickly. The Local Arrangements Committee and the Jefferson Hotel provided us with a wonderful setting for the meeting which was attended by close to 200 librarians and exhibitors.

Overall evaluations yielded high marks for Hospitality, Hotel Accommodations, the Welcome Reception, the Banquet, General Session I with Dr. Susan Gutske, and General Session II with Dr. Jana Bradley. All CE classes, including the Skill Sessions, were well attended. Dr. Elizabeth Baxter-Poague's class on Managing Change was singled out as an excellent topic and presentation.

Sample of Comments from the Evaluations:

SO WHAT WAS THE BEST THING ABOUT THIS MEETING? A chance to see old colleagues and meet new ones; interactive General Session II; flow of the meeting was good and well organized; less hectic than past meetings; "I feel I gained a wealth of knowledge from this meeting"; overview of information, concise to-the-point lectures and excellent professional contacts.

WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE CHANGED ABOUT THIS MEETING? Location in town was not convenient to other restaurants; more food stations at the Welcome Reception; more discussion on health care issues and advocacy rather than only discussion on information; more programming for academics.

DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE 1996 MEETING? More choice of sessions or more time to choose from the available sessions; more terminals for the Internet Booth; presentations and discussions that are more controversial - many of our topics are rather bland and technologically based; posters were good, but I missed the contributed papers; make sure it is as interesting and exciting as '95.

GENERAL COMMENTS: A well balanced meeting - a good mix of speakers/sessions/social events and opportunities to network with colleagues; everything was wonderful and so well organized; how about classical music at the next banquet! This was a great meeting!

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FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

A number of Chapter projects got started this year which will need your support and participation:

- ① In order to meet the MAC goal of fostering streamlined communication and dissemination of information to members, we have asked the Research Task Force to collect data on MAC members' current access to the Internet and evaluate methods to facilitate access. At the same time, we will continue to develop the World Wide Web homepage as a source for current information about MAC and the Annual Meeting, as well as an archive for MAC documents.
- ② The Professional Development Committee has established a Scholarship Fund to support various professional development initiatives. 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. This year the Committee sold very trendy eyeglass retainers/MAC badge holders at the Annual Meeting to support the fund.
- ③ The MAC Listserv has been up and running for several months thanks to the efforts of Jonathan Lord. While traffic on the Listserv has been somewhat slow, we want to use it to foster the exchange of information, suggestions and questions among MAC members.
- ④ In preparation for the MLA Centennial Celebration, we have engaged Marguerite Abel on a project to collect and write the definitive history of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter.

While our projects and actions are guided by member participation in MAC committees, we gladly welcome suggestions and comments from the entire membership.

MAC HONOREES

Linda Watson, Director of the University of Virginia Health Sciences Library, was honored by MAC as **Librarian of the Year**. This is the highest award given by the organization and is presented for outstanding leadership or scholarship in the health sciences library profession. Ms. Watson was noted for fostering cooperation and collaboration among librarians in both hospital and academic environments and for her instrumental work in the initiation of the Virginia Medical Information System (VAMIS) grant project to improve networked services for libraries in Virginia.

Jonathan Lord, Online Services Coordinator at the University of Virginia Health Sciences Library, was also honored by MAC with the **Marguerite Abel Service Award**. The Abel Award is presented to a member for exemplary service to the Chapter during the past year. Jonathan was recognized for his skillful editorship of the Chapter newsletter, *MAC Messages*, and for his implementation of an Internet Listserv discussion group to facilitate communication among Chapter members.

THANK YOU!

Dear MAC Colleagues:

I want to thank all of you for honoring me with the MAC Librarian of the Year Award at the Richmond meeting in October. I'm sorry I couldn't have been there in person at the luncheon to accept it, but I understand that Diane McKenzie shared with you my thoughts about what it meant to me. I had no idea that my reference to Cal Ripken would pay off so grandly, however. About a week or so later, Nan Seamans sent me the Cal Ripken T-shirt she had won as a doorprize at the Business Meeting!! It is a treasured possession which I will wear proudly as I think about my MAC colleagues!!!! Thank you all again.

Sincerely,

Linda Watson

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Minutes: Mid-Atlantic Chapter/MLA Annual Business Meeting

Monday, October 16, 1995

Grand Ballroom, Jefferson Hotel, Richmond, VA

Board Members present: Anne Wood Humphries, Chair; Susie Speer, Past-Chair; JoLinda Thompson, Secretary; Connie Schardt, Chair-Elect; M.J. Tooley, Chapter Council Representative; Ed Dzierzak, Chapter Council Alternate; Absent was: Ginny DuPont, Treasurer.

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 pm. Minutes of the 1994 Annual Business Meeting were approved as submitted.

Executive Board and Committee Reports

Anne Humphries referred attendees to the written reports included in the registration packet. She congratulated the Board and Committees on a very productive year and particularly noted the Scholarship Fund, MAC Listserv and Research Task Force as accomplishments for the Chapter.

Connie Schardt reported for the Program Committee. There were 175 registrations for the Annual Meeting. Three CE classes filled and prospective attendees had to be turned away. Eight commercial vendors exhibited, three of whom were exhibiting at MAC for the first time.

Anne Humphries reported for Ginny DuPont, Treasurer, who was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. She urged those with questions about the written budget to contact Ginny. Generally, the budget is holding steady. The balance as of June 30, 1995 was \$17,877.20.

Karen Martinez of the Governmental Relations Committee announced that a new committee member was needed from West Virginia. Diane McKenzie expressed a need as well for members from West Virginia and Maryland for the Honors and Awards Committee. She also reported that the Executive Board passed a resolution to waive dues for retired members in the Chapter. Tracy Powell of the Membership Committee announced that Bridget Loven, who maintains the membership database, is now an ex-officio member of the committee. Barbara Koehler of the Publications Committee announced that Jonathan Lord, the incoming Chair, has MAC stationery for those who may need it.

Susie Speer reported for the Nominating Committee that 154 ballots were returned. She thanked the members of the committee and those who agreed to run for offices this year. Newly elected officers for 1995/96 are: **Brenda Seago, Chair-Elect; Mary Ryan, Secretary; and Maggie Demchuk, MAC Nominee to the MLA Nominating Committee.**

Dale Riordan reported for the Research Task Force. She directed members to the Preliminary Report in their packets. She also urged the membership to look at the poster session being presented by the Task Force at the meeting.

Old Business - There was no old business to be discussed.

New Business

A. *Bylaws Revisions*

Susie Speer reviewed the changes to the bylaws necessitated by MLA's new model bylaws. A written report was made available to meeting attendees. Noted changes included: Immediate Past-Chair is now an elected official; composition and charge for standing committees is now included; retainment of ballots for 6 months after elections was removed from the bylaws and put in the Policy and Procedures Manual. Susie opted to keep two items not included in the model bylaws. There was no provision for a tie in an election and since this has happened in the past, our rules were retained.

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Article 11, pertaining to the Chapter's relationship to MLA, was also retained.

There were no objections to the proposed changes. After some brief discussion, it was moved that the revised bylaws be sent to the MLA Bylaws Committee for review. The motion was approved. If the MLA Bylaws Committee approves the revisions, a paper ballot will be mailed to the membership.

B. MAC 1996 Goals and Objectives

Anne Humphries reviewed the proposed Goals and Objectives for the members present. It was moved that the Goals and Objectives be accepted as written and submitted to MLA. The motion was approved.

C. 1998 Joint Meeting with Pittsburgh?

Anne Humphries has been discussing a possible joint meeting for 1998 with the officers of the Pittsburgh Chapter. The meeting would be held in Pittsburgh, possibly at Station Square. She raised the issue with the group in order to see if there were any potential problems or concerns. M.J. Tooley noted that MLA is encouraging joint meetings during our Centennial Celebration year. There were no objections to the idea. Talks with the Pittsburgh Chapter about the joint meeting will continue.

D. 1996 MAC Annual Meeting Invitation

M.J. Tooley, 1996 LAC Co-Chair, invited members to attend the 1996 Annual Meeting in Columbia, Maryland. The meeting will be held on October 12-15 (Saturday through Tuesday) at the Columbia Inn. M.J. showed a video on Howard County attractions and gave away door prizes.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
JoLinda Thompson, Secretary



COLUMBIA COMMENT



Just in case you missed the wonderful MAC Annual Meeting in Richmond (or even if you didn't!), here are some **important dates for 1996: October 12-15**. These are the days you should plan to be in Columbia, MD for the next Annual Meeting. Hotel rates at the lovely Columbia Inn will range from an affordable \$85 to \$95 per night. This charming suburban location is convenient to Baltimore and Washington, boasts a variety of fine restaurants, and has a huge mall within walking distance of the hotel. Mark your calendars now!

**MAC COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS
1994/1995**

**Treasurer's Report
July 1, 1994 - June 30, 1995**

INCOME

Dues	1993	490.00
	1994	1,260.00
	1995	970.00
	1996	35.00
		\$2,755.00
Interest		
	Savings	112.67
	CD	242.70
		\$355.37

1994 MEETING

Conference Fee	16,740.00
Sessions/Exhibits	5,740.00
1 Day Registration	810.00
Student	20.00
CE	9,655.00
Welcome Reception	250.00
Banquet	390.00
Thursday Lunch	90.00
Sponsored Events	1,675.00
Sponsored Speaker	500.00
Donation	75.00
Program Adds	100.00
Miscellaneous	20.00
	\$36,140.00

TOTAL INCOME \$39,250.37

EXPENSES

General	
Travel	1,430.31
Postage	646.50
Fees for Service	1,593.52
Printing	1,548.44
Phone	112.81
Office Supplies	21.46
Bank Fees	22.48
Miscellaneous	493.41
	\$5,868.03

1994 MEETING

Postage	467.48
Printing	3,343.51
Fees for Service	17,120.44
Refunds	985.00
Office Supplies	323.85
Honoraria/Speaker Expenses	2,306.13
CE	5,321.66
Other (Novelties)	263.65
	\$30,131.72

1995 MEETING

Postage	873.25
Printing	1,658.48
	\$2,531.73

TOTAL EXPENSES \$38,521.48

Balance as of June 30, 1995 \$17,877.20

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny DuPont, Treasurer

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is happy to announce the results of the 1995 election. Elected officers are:

Chair-Elect, Program Chair.... Brenda Seago
Secretary..... Mary Ryan
MAC Nominee to MLA
Nominating Committee..... Maggie Demchuk

We would like to thank their opposing candidates, RoseMarie Leone, Kathleen Lese, and Pat Hammond for their willingness to serve the Chapter.

Two hundred and seventy-four ballots were mailed. Of these, 154 ballots were returned. Five were returned after the deadline and 24 were unusable, yielding a total of 125 countable ballots, a 45.6% return rate.

Nominating Committee Members: Susie Speer, Chair; Cecilia Durkin; Gary Freiburger; Tricia Powell; Deborah Gilbert; and Peggy Patterson.

Susan C. Speer
Past-Chair

Professional Development Committee

Chair: Julia Kochi*; Chair-Elect: Julia Shaw-Kokot
Members: Terrance Burton, Susan Feinglos*, Lucy Glenn*, Jean Hiebert*, Mary Hyde, Janice Lester, Paula Raimondo, and JoLinda Thompson. *Outgoing members

The Professional Development Committee (PDC) continued to offer membership services in line with the Committee's responsibilities, as well as the overall strategic objectives of MAC/MLA. These services were promoted through a series of articles written for *MAC Messages* by members of the PDC. The articles varied in subject matter and included information about AHIP consultation services throughout the year, journal clubs, and becoming an MLA certified CE instructor.

The AHIP subcommittee, composed of credentialed PDC members, continued to function as a means of support and guidance for those going through the credentialing process. Susan Feinglos, AHIP Liaison to the PDC, and the other subcommittee members provided AHIP counseling at the 1994 Annual Meeting in Asheville, NC, to 25 MAC members. This service will again be offered at the 1995 Annual Meeting in Richmond, VA, with members being able to request counseling appointments when they register for the meeting. In an effort to expand the counseling endeavor, an article was written for *MAC Messages* encouraging people to contact the AHIP consultants throughout the year. The names of the consultants are now routinely placed in *MAC Messages* as space permits.

Board funding for the Student Internship was approved this year. A sum of \$500 was allocated to start the internship. A part of this amount will be used to buy a "recognition" item for those who give a donation and part will fund an intern in 1996. It is anticipated that the sale of the "recognition" item will make the internship a self-sufficient program. Currently, guidelines for intern selection are being developed, and the "recognition" item is being designed and ordered for this year's Annual Meeting in Richmond.

The PDC will again provide a booth at this year's meeting, which will highlight the various continuing education opportunities available through MAC and MLA. A list of available journal club bibliographies, a brochure about becoming a CE instructor, an updated MLA Course Roster, and information about self-study programs, journal

clubs, and AHIP certification will be made available at the booth.

Working on the momentum gained by offering NP The Adult Learner course, the PDC has created a subcommittee to investigate increasing the number of MLA certified instructors in the MAC region. An article concerning this issue was published in *MAC Messages*, and a roundtable luncheon discussion on this topic will be held at the Annual Meeting in Richmond. Other options being discussed are creating a mock application form that members can use as an example when applying to become an MLA certified instructor, and developing a program which would pair experienced members with those interested in developing courses or becoming certified instructors.

In previous years, the PDC has offered seven to eight CE courses at the Annual Meeting, but lack of enrollment has lead to the cancellation of one to two CE courses each year. In order to avoid a recurrence of this situation, it was decided to offer fewer courses at this year's Annual Meeting. Higher honorariums and hotel room rates precipitated an increase in course costs; however, the CE courses are still expected to be financially self-sufficient. The following courses are being offered: CE 602 Principles of Hospital Library Management; CE 06 Writing for Publication; NP Managing Change; NP Health Services Research Information; and NP Malpractice and Medical Librarianship: Risk Management. In order to bring more attention to the courses being offered, PDC members on the CE subcommittee have posted individual advertisements on the new MAC Listserv, in addition to advertising them in the regular locations.

Julia K. Kochi, Chair

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The Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Medical Library Association proudly salutes the following 1995 Chapter members who are certified MLA instructors:

- Jo Ann Bell**
- Mary Ann Brown**
- Anne Fredenburg Dolan**
- Susan J. Feinglos**
- Karyn Pomerantz**
- Tracy E. Powell**
- Susan C. Speer**
- Steven J. Squires**
- Margaret K. Stanghor**

Publications Committee

The Publications Committee is charged with responsibility for all MAC publications. The Committee met at the Winter Executive Board Meeting in Richmond in January 1995. Current Members are: Barbara Koehler, Chair; Jonathan Lord, Chair-Elect; Beverly Murphy and Linda Collins, *MAC Messages* Editors; Diane McKenzie; Susie Speer; and Paul Worona, MACPAC Coordinator.

MAC Messages: The editing torch was passed to Beverly Murphy and Linda Collins and they began with the May/June issue. Thanks to Jonathan and the new editors, the transition went smoothly. I want to formally thank Jonathan for his years at the helm and for being so gracious as to travel to North Carolina to personally ensure that all materials were redistributed and all questions answered.

New members: Diane McKenzie, from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Susie Speer, East Carolina University; and Paul Worona, University of Virginia, joined the Publications Committee. Paul will assume responsibilities connected with MACPAC.

State Reporters: We acquired a new State Reporter for North Carolina, Melanie Holles, of the Charlotte AHEC.

MAC Listserv: Jonathan was successful in bringing up the Listserv in March, 1995. It has already been a useful tool for communicating MAC business from the Executive Board.

One of our goals was to institute a Technology column for *MAC Messages*. Jonathan volunteered to coordinate the column and will try to provide us with columns three times a year, either written by himself or someone knowledgeable whom he will recruit.

Policy & Procedure Manual: No changes were made this year; however, some people have suggested changes. These suggestions should be submitted in writing to Jonathan for updating purposes.

New Business: Lynn Eades has inquired about creating a MAC Web page. She would be interested in working on one if we could get a group together to build it.

Barbara M. Koehler, Chair

Chapter Council

Chapter Council Representative - M.J. Tooley
Chapter Council Alternate - Ed Dzierzak

As the Mid-Atlantic Chapter's elected liaisons to the Medical Library Association, the Chapter Council Representative and Alternate have participated in a number of activities during the past year, including:

- ☑ Attendance at the MAC Annual Meeting in Asheville, NC, and participation in the Annual Business Meeting and the MLA Open Forum.
- ☑ Attendance at two MAC Executive Board Meetings: January and September, 1995.
- ☑ Representation for MAC at the MLA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Both representatives attended 1.5 days of Chapter Council meetings and participated in the Chapter Roundtable Luncheon.
- ☑ Submission of both a Mid-Year and Annual Report.
- ☑ Querying of MAC members and officers using the Chapter Listserv or email to provide input to MLA on the following issues: library school interns, Chapter technology experts, and *Platform for Change* implementation plans.
- ☑ Use of the Chapter Council Listserv by the MAC Representative to inquire about election practices and continuity in other MLA chapters.
- ☑ Under the leadership of the Chair of the MAC Honors and Awards Committee, the MAC Representative assisted with the submittal of two applications for the Chapter Project of the Year Award.
- ☑ M.J. Tooley continues to serve as the Chapter Council MLA Centennial Celebration Work Group Chair, and Ed Dzierzak has been appointed as Chair of the Compliance Committee.

Chapter Council activities this past year included:

- ☑ The incorporation of MLA chapters was completed in the spring of 1995. Incorporation provides legal protection for individual members of the Chapter if legal action is brought against the Chapter.
- ☑ Offering a group insurance program for chapters through MLA. There are two types of policies: one to cover general liability and the other, Director and Officer liability. MAC elected to participate in the program this year and is seeking advice from legal

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counsel concerning the necessity for this type of insurance.

☑ This was the first year for submissions for the Chapter Project of the Year Award. This \$500 prize will be awarded to a chapter project that shows excellence, innovation and contribution to the profession of health sciences librarianship. It will be presented at the Awards Luncheon at the MLA Annual Meeting.

M.J. Tooley, Chapter Council Representative

Honors and Awards Committee

Committee Members: Diane McKenzie, Chair; Patricia Hammond, Chair-Elect; Jill Davis; Mary Tackett; Judith Hartman; and Susie Speer, Board Liaison.

The 1995 Honors and Awards Committee moved forward with the implementation of the final phases of the Honors and Awards program. Reflecting this implementation, the Committee revised procedures and added policies and procedures for the two major awards and for other honors.

In January, MAC retirees were honored with brief biographies in *MAC Messages* and a congratulatory letter that also encouraged them to continue their membership and activity in MAC. Discussion of retiree benefits and their place in the Chapter should be on the agenda for next year.

This summer, there were excellent nominations for the MAC Librarian of the Year Award and the Marguerite Abel Service Recognition Award. The recipients will be announced at the Annual Meeting in Richmond, Virginia. The recipients will be further honored and their full professional contributions made known to Chapter members by publication of substantial biographical sketches in *MAC Messages*.

As part of the program to promote MAC members at the national level, the MAC Librarian of the Year was nominated for the Estelle Brodman Award for the Academic Medical Librarian of the Year. The Committee also submitted two Chapter activities for the new MLA Chapter Project of the Year Award: the MAC Listserv and the Honors and Awards Program. Other MLA awards were reviewed and procedures developed for informing the MAC membership about these awards, through *MAC Messages* and the MAC Listserv.

The Committee is pleased that there is a special Honors and Awards Luncheon this year as part of the Annual Meeting in Richmond. It is important for the Chapter to take the time to justly honor our award recipients. In the past, there was too much competition for attention at the Banquet to adequately honor our awardees.

In addition to presenting the two major awards at the Honors Luncheon, the Chapter will continue honors for members who are Academy of Health Information Professionals, outgoing officers, appointees, committee chairs, and committee members. It has been difficult to honor members as instructors, consultants, and course developers, and even more difficult to find members willing to submit publications and presentations to the Committee. The Committee has ideas for improving these areas in the coming year.

Honors and Awards Committee Objectives for 1995/1996:

1. Meet as a committee at the Annual Meeting in Richmond in October, 1995 and at the Executive Board Meeting in early 1996.
2. Present the Marguerite Abel Service Recognition Award and the MAC Librarian of the Year Award at the 1995 Annual Meeting with follow up biographies in *MAC Messages*. Solicit nominees and select recipients for both awards in 1996. Evaluate providing recipients with free registration at the MAC Annual Meeting.
3. Present certificates of appreciation to outgoing officers, appointees, committee chairs and committee members at the 1995 Annual Meeting.
4. Recognize MAC/MLA members who have achieved Academy of Health Information Professionals status at the 1995 Annual Meeting.
5. Submit the names of MAC members or Chapter projects for national MLA awards in 1996.
6. Evaluate the approach to recognizing MAC members who publish or present papers and those who are certified as instructors, consultants, or course developers.
7. Honor retiring MAC librarians with letters of recognition and with biographies in *MAC Messages*. Discuss the role of the retirees in MAC.
8. Recruit new Committee members, especially from Virginia, Maryland, and West Virginia.
9. Communicate with the Executive Board and the membership about the Honors and Awards Program.

Diane McKenzie, Chair

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee met at the Annual Meeting in Asheville, NC. Projects planned for the year included:

- Publication of the *Membership Directory*
- MAC Reception at the Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association in Washington, DC
- Inclusion of preprinted membership renewal forms in the MAC Annual Meeting registration packets

In discussing possible target groups for increasing membership, the Committee decided that it did not want to focus on support staff at this time. In addition, MAC membership among federal librarians had already been a focus of the Committee in the previous year. The Committee discussed the need to recruit a new DC representative, and agreed that the Chair would contact Committee members not present to identify a Coordinator for the MAC Reception at MLA.

The Membership Committee gained new members to represent Virginia and the District of Columbia in 1994. The new member representing the District of Columbia had to leave the Committee, and another member was recruited to take her place mid-year. This year, the Committee will be recruiting new members from West Virginia, Maryland, and North Carolina.

During the upcoming year, the Committee will examine the effects of the dues increase on membership, work to promote MAC membership at the state and local association level, and identify methods for increasing MAC membership among MLA members in the region.

Committee Members: Tracy Powell, Chair; Cecilia Durkin (VA); and Sally Winthrop (DC). Members rotating off the Committee include Ed Dzierzak (WV), Barbara Coon (MD), and Bridget Loven (NC).

Tracy E. Powell, Chair



IT'S TIME TO RENEW!

The time is here to renew your MAC membership for 1996 and keep those valuable MAC benefits coming uninterrupted! A preprinted renewal form was included in the registration packet for the Annual Meeting, and a blank **membership form is included on page 13 of this issue of *MAC Messages***. Please verify your membership information and submit the completed form and \$25 dues to the MAC Treasurer, Ginny DuPont. **Dues and forms must be received by March 15, 1996 for your information to be included in the 1996 *MAC Membership Directory*!**

If you are not sure of your membership status, please check the mailing label on this issue of *MAC Messages*. The two-digit code in the upper right-hand corner of the label indicates the last year for which your dues were paid. All dues paid prior to the Annual Meeting were applied to 1995 membership for those whose 1995 dues had not already been received, as is done every year.

If your directory information changes prior to March 15, 1996, please notify Bridget Loven so your entry in the directory will be up-to-date. Any questions about your membership status should be addressed to **Bridget Loven, Membership Database Manager; (919) 966-8011; FAX: (919) 966-5592; Email: bakl@med.unc.edu** or **Ginny DuPont, MAC Treasurer; (202) 565-4612; FAX: (202) 565-4433; Email: dupont.ginny@forum.va.gov**.

NN/LM SE/A REGION NEWS

NLM has developed a new factsheet entitled *Opportunities for Training and Education Sponsored by the National Library of Medicine*. Topics listed cover: medical informatics; biotechnology; online information access; and medical librarianship. A brief description of these subjects is provided. This factsheet is available from the SE/A office or from the NLM FTP server at: **ftp://ftp.nlmpubs.nlm.nih.gov/nlminfo/factsheets/trainedu**.



NEWS FROM THE STATES

VIRGINIA

The **Tidewater Health Science Librarians** have selected new officers: Chairperson - **Ethel Pollock**, Eastern Virginia Medical School; Chair Elect - **Linda Chelmow**, Riverside Regional Medical Center; Secretary - **Anne Buse**, Williamsburg Community Hospital; Treasurer - **Richard Harris**, Eastern Virginia Medical School; VaCoHSL representatives - **Lori Beaudoin**, Hampton VA Medical Center and **Janet Daum**, Alternate, Louise Obici Memorial Hospital.

The Moorman Memorial Library of the Eastern Virginia Medical School welcomes **Ellen Sayed** as its new Reference Librarian. Ellen comes to Norfolk from Morgantown, West Virginia, where she was Head of Access Services at the West Virginia University Health Sciences Library. Before joining the EVMS staff, she worked part-time as Nursing Information Access Librarian at the Medical College of Virginia under a grant from NLM. Ellen received both her MLS and BA from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

The University of Virginia Health Sciences Library welcomes **Ann Duesing**, who has been appointed Outreach Librarian for the southwest Virginia region. Ann's office is located at Clinch Valley College, an affiliate of the University of Virginia. Before her move to southwest Virginia, she was Director of the Medical and School of Nursing Libraries at Community Medical Center in Scranton, PA. Ann received her undergraduate degree from the University of Missouri, Columbia, and her Masters in Library Science from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

On November 13-15, 1995, the **University of Virginia's Health Sciences Library** was the site of "**InfoFair '95: Today's Technology at Work.**" InfoFair '95 provided a forum for the exchange of information on healthcare related computer technology including applications for patient care, research, and education. The InfoFair included local and nationally recognized speakers, exhibits of applications developed at UVa, and a series of classes on how to use the technology. Speaking at this event were: Michael J. Ackerman, Ph.D., Assistant Director for High Performance Computing and Communications, National Library of Medicine; Stephen M. Borowitz, M.D., University of Virginia School of Medicine; and Judy Ozbolt, R.N., Ph.D., FAAN, University of Virginia School of Nursing.

Cindy Edwards, formerly of the Portsmouth Naval Hospital Medical Library, has filled the position of Medical Librarian at Virginia Beach General Hospital.

WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia University Health Sciences Library has added **Mountain Med** to its array of services. Mountain Med offers fixed-fee access to the National Library of Medicine's databases using Grateful Med Software.

Nancy Wasson joins the West Virginia Health Sciences Library faculty as Head of Access Services. Nancy was previously Departmental Librarian for the School of Physical Education at WVU for 6 years.



Virginia Bender, who served as a temporary Reference Librarian at the West Virginia University Health Sciences Library last year, has returned to fill a new permanent Reference Librarian position. Virginia was previously the Circulation/Reference Librarian at the Bozeman Public Library in Montana.

Robert Williams is the new Head of Public Services for the Health Sciences Libraries at Marshall University. He was previously Reference Librarian at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

PUBLICATION DEADLINE

Items to be published in the **January/February** issue of *MAC Messages* may be submitted to the editors up until **January 15, 1995**.



**Chapter
Sharing
Roundtables
1996**



As you plan your agenda for the Annual Meeting in Kansas City, remember the Chapter Sharing Roundtables event, organized by MLA Chapter Council. Always a welcome event on the registration form, it will be held June 4, 1996 from noon-2:00 pm. The purpose of the roundtable event is to provide a forum for chapter-related discussions, which are always of special interest to anyone serving on chapter committees or as chapter officers. To ensure that discussions are relevant to today's concerns, new topics have been added and some long standing ones have been refocused for 1996. The following is a brief description of new and existing topics. The scopes for the existing topics are based on summary reports from the last two years, and those for the new topics reflect ideas from Chapter Council Reps and Alternates.

Existing Topics:

- **Annual Meeting Planning** - Discussions include planning issues such as joint meetings, fee structures, registration, and sponsorship. Attendance at this table is essential for anyone currently involved in planning chapter meetings.
- **Bylaws** - Useful for Bylaws Committee members. Attendees at the '95 meeting discussed chapter bylaws revisions, MLA model bylaws, and incorporation.
- **Chairs/Incoming Chairs** - Members at this table discuss a variety of topics of interest to chapter officers. Recent issues included communications, meeting planning, finance, and compliance. Although this table always generates a lot of interest, we would like to see attendance by Chairs/Incoming Chairs of ALL chapters attending the national meeting!
- **Continuing Education** - Issues addressed in this popular discussion group include needs assessment for CE, self-study, fee structures, and CE experiences from individual chapters.
- **Finance** - The Fund Raising table from past years will be included in this table's scope in '96. Other topics discussed at the finance table have been incorporation, insurance liability, reserve funds, and tax exemptions. This table is a must for treasurers and other officers of chapters.
- **Government Relations** - Topics discussed have included health care reform, distribution of legislative information to members, MLA national legislative activities, and copyright.
- **Membership** - An ongoing topic of concern for chapters. Last year attendees discussed membership databases and software, dues, directories, and recruitment and retention of members to chapters.
- **Research** - Participants shared ideas in '95 about encouraging members to conduct research, offering CE courses dealing with research, and developing a research practicum at Annual Meetings.

New or Changed Topics:

- **Automation/Internet** - We would like this table to serve as a "how we did it" or "how do we do it" session for making effective use of listservs, web pages and other automation ideas. Many chapters have used the Internet for chapter activities, public relations, etc. We expect this table to be an instant hit!
- **Centennial Events Planning** - This is an ideal topic for any chapter members who are working on their chapter plan or history for the centennial year. Although this topic is one with a limited time value, we are confident that it is an important one as chapters work on preparing for 1998.
- **Communications** - This table is a merger of Public Relations and Newsletters from previous years. Topics might include newsletters, poster sessions, developing chapter brochures and other public relations ideas.
- **Leadership Development** - This topic began last year with the title "Leadership Criteria." Participants discussed barriers to chapter members becoming leaders, gaining institutional support for chapter involvement, and how to prepare chapter members for future leadership roles at the national level.
- **Networking and Collaboration** - This table will incorporate State Groups but will also be a discussion for various ways chapters cooperate with other groups and associations (both library and non-library related).
- **Professional Growth and Development** - This table replaces the *Platform for Change* and the Professional Issues tables. Discussions might include how chapters can respond to problems encountered by members, such as downsizing, salary issues, and re-engineering. The scope may also include fostering and facilitating growth and development among chapter members.
- **Strategic Planning** - Chapters have done some innovative projects and sessions on strategic planning. We hope this table will serve as a sharing session to reveal what other chapters are doing to prepare for their future.

Each table is attended by a facilitator and resource person who lend expertise and guide the discussions in a positive, productive manner. The Chapter Council Committee members will be asking for volunteers in early Spring to serve in these roles. If you are interested in being a facilitator or resource person for any of the above tables, please contact **Jo-Ann Babish** at babish@hslc.org or call (717) 340-2125.

You must register for the Roundtables Event when you register for the Annual Meeting, even if you are not purchasing a lunch. You will also need to indicate the table you wish to attend. Please direct any questions to Jo-Ann Babish or your Chapter Council Representative. Based on evaluations we receive every year, this is an event that MLA members look forward to. Please make it part of your schedule in Kansas City!

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