



## MAC '96 IS BRANCHING OUT!

by Brenda L. Seago and Julia Shaw-Kokot



Whether you are going out on a limb with new ideas, turning over a new leaf, or getting down to the roots of issues, MAC '96 in Columbia is for you. Held at the Columbia Inn in **Columbia, MD** on **October 12-15, 1996**, the meeting offers many options. We will begin the program on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with a **Keynote Panel on the State of Health Sciences Information Services: Perspectives**. The panel will assess the state of current organizations and services, how they have had to change recently, as well as what changes are expected in the future. An **Awards Brunch** will follow the Keynote Panel. In the afternoon, there will be **Contributed Paper Sessions** (see related Call for Papers on page 2 of this issue), followed by a **General Session on Consumer Health** topics. The **State Meetings** will be held in the late afternoon before the evening dinner theater.

Monday morning will begin with a **Breakfast with the Exhibitors**, followed by the **MAC Business Meeting**. A **Professional Issues Forum**, including a session on Governmental Relations and speakers from MLA and NN/LM, will conclude the morning sessions. We will again offer the popular **Roundtable Luncheon**, with a variety of topics from which to choose.

The second **General Session** will address issues relating to **copyright and ILL**, such as copyright law in the age of technology and its effect on ILL, copyright vs. license, fair use according to the publishers, and copyright law and its effect on consortium collection development policies. The program will conclude with **Skills Sessions** on possible topics such as international opportunities, personnel management, alternative medicine, and getting started with a consortium.

This year's **Continuing Education** programs will offer you the chance to learn new skills or improve current ones. Here is a sneak preview of the sessions being offered in Columbia. Two full-day hands-on computer sessions are scheduled for Saturday, October 12. Both sessions will be held at the University of Maryland at Baltimore computer labs. The staff from the Southeastern/Atlantic Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine will present a session, "**Internet Train-the-Trainer**." Or, join Scott Garrison and Julie VanDyke for "**Publishing on the Web: HTML Concepts and Standards**." Saturday afternoon's class will address "**How to Design a Survey or Questionnaire: A Practical Workshop**" with Susan Bastable. CE offerings on Tuesday, October 15, will include a full-day course, "**Basic Library Management**" with JoAnn Bell, and a morning session, "**Power and Influence**," presented by Elizabeth Poage Baxter.

Look for more details in the coming months, mark your calendars, and join us in Columbia!

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## CONTRIBUTED PAPER SESSIONS FOR THE MAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Would you like to give a presentation at the MAC Annual Conference in Columbia, MD? The Program Committee plans two concurrent contributed paper sessions this year. One session will center on the Internet. Appropriate submissions could deal with, but will certainly not be limited to, how you evaluate or organize sites, novel uses you have found for the Internet, or advice on setting up a home page.

Don't yet have Internet access? There's no need to worry, because our other session will be more general. Tell us about your research projects or share your experiences navigating the challenges and pitfalls of getting a grant. The possibilities are endless.

To be considered, submit an abstract of not more than 250 words by **June 1, 1996** to: **Diane Fishman, Manager, Reference and Information Management Services, Health Sciences Library, University of Maryland at Baltimore, 111 South Greene St., Baltimore, MD 21201; (410) 706-7373; FAX: (410) 706-8403; Email: dfishman@umabnet.ab.umd.edu.**

We would prefer submissions be sent by email or US mail (with a paper copy and diskette in plain ASCII-text format). However, the following disk formats are also acceptable: Mac WordPerfect 3.1; DOS WordPerfect 6.1; or DOS MS Word 6.0. Fax or paper-only entries will also be reviewed. Because of time constraints, there will not be a second call for submissions this year, so please send us your abstracts as soon as possible. Got an idea? We want to hear it.

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### Highlights: MAC/MLA Executive Board Meeting

January 26, 1996  
Health Sciences Library, UNC-Chapel Hill

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Governmental Relations** - The Committee will continue to provide a bimonthly column in *MAC Messages*.

**Honors and Awards** - A motion passed to redesign the Membership Form to provide for a new designation, "Renewal with Retired Status." Registration fees will be waived for retired MAC members.

**Publications** - The Committee proposes creating a bibliography of MAC membership publications. The Honors and Awards Committee was charged with the responsibility of tracking membership publications and establishing evaluation criteria. A motion was passed to use current AHIP criteria for evaluating publications. The Publications Committee will work with the Membership Committee on revising the brochure. There are currently 120 subscribers to the MAC Listserv. It was decided that new members will automatically be subscribed to the Listserv, with the option to unsubscribe at any time. Susie Speer is updating the *Policies and Procedures Manual*, and any suggestions can be directed to either Susie or Jonathan Lord. The plan is to mount the updated *Manual* on the proposed MAC Home Page. Beverly Murphy and Linda Collins were congratulated for their work on *MAC Messages*. There will be a new column appearing in *MAC Messages*, "InfoTech Watch," dealing with current technology issues. A replacement is needed for State Reporter Leah Hollenberg Anderson, who is leaving the Northern Virginia area. The Committee plans to mount another electronic issue of *MAC Messages* this year and is actively exploring plans to mount the MAC Home Page.

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*Highlights: Executive Board Meeting, continued*

**Membership** - The Committee plans a survey to determine if the dues increase has had any impact on renewals. The Committee will also work on designing a Membership Form that will provide consistent membership information. The *Membership Directory* will be mounted on the proposed MAC Home Page. Tracy Powell, who is leaving the MAC region, was thanked by the Chair for her contributions to the Committee. Lynn Eades will step in as Chair.

**Professional Development** - The Committee presented a brief program development guideline for the proposed student intern. The fund raiser for the Scholarship Fund was a success with over \$300 in profits being realized. Another fund raiser will be planned for the Annual Meeting in Columbia. The Committee will be providing five CE classes at the Annual Meeting this year. The AHIP counseling sessions were very well attended at last year's Annual Meeting and will again be offered at this year's meeting, along with another AHIP roundtable discussion.

**Research Task Force** - A two-part survey is being developed to monitor research activity and the level of electronic communication within the Chapter. The Task Force recommends that it remain intact for at least the next year to continue its efforts of monitoring, promoting and publicizing research activity in the Chapter.

### BOARD MEETING

**Treasurer's Report** - As of December 31, 1995, there was a combined balance of over \$24,290 in the Treasury. It was decided to commit \$12,500 to a one-year CD. There was a motion to continue liability insurance through MLA.

**Chapter Centennial Activities** - MAC will join MLA in planning various centennial activities for 1998, including a joint meeting with the Pittsburgh Chapter. A MAC Centennial Task Force was created, which will be coordinated by Diane McKenzie, M.J. Tooley, and Janie Trumbull.

**Annual Meeting in Richmond** - There were 200 registrants. Profit from the meeting was approximately \$2000. Attendees gave the meeting a 61% excellent rating!

**1996 Annual Meeting in Columbia** - There will be a Home Page, including surveys and announcements. The program will begin on Sunday, October 13th.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ryan, MAC Secretary



### COME TO COLUMBIA!



October in Maryland will be sunny and warm - Indian Summer - for all who come to Columbia for MAC/MLA 1996. Set in the gently-rolling hills of Howard County, Columbia is a rural delight, convenient to world-class shopping, delicious restaurants, historical sights, antiques, and lovely open spaces. Perhaps you will want to visit a cider mill pressing or take in a gallery opening. Equestrian jumping programs and civil war encampments may be taking place as well. Midway between Baltimore and Washington, Columbia will offer a sophisticated country setting in which we can relax and learn, meet our colleagues, and develop new skills. Plan now to attend the meeting and take advantage of all that awaits you. Our conference hotel, the beautiful Columbia Inn, resides on 10 wooded acres alongside Lake Kittamaquindi. Between meetings, participants can jog, walk or bike along the water's edge and admire the white swans and blue herons. Sound like a travelogue? Come see for yourself in October...Come to Columbia!

**MAC/MLA TREASURER'S REPORT  
July 1, 1995 - December 31, 1995**

**Balance as of July 1, 1995                    \$17,877.20**

**INCOME**

General

Dues    1995                    580.00  
          1996                    3,300.00  
          1997                    125.00  
                                  \$4,005.00

Interest

Savings                    244.21  
CD                            338.36  
                                  \$582.57

Scholarship Sales                    \$540.00

1995 Meeting

Registration                21,275.00  
Exhibits                    4,950.00  
CE                            7,860.00  
Event Tickets                1,095.00  
Sponsored Events            3,100.00  
Miscellaneous                388.49  
                                  \$38,668.49

**TOTAL INCOME                                \$43,796.06**

**EXPENSES**

General

Travel                        663.97  
Postage                        51.32  
Dues Refunds                20.00  
Fees for Service            756.99  
Printing                        466.87  
Phone                         105.46  
Bank Fees                    32.28  
Miscellaneous                624.14  
                                  \$2,721.03

1995 Meeting

Postage                        280.70  
Printing                        571.50  
Fees for Service            28,211.19  
Refunds                        815.00

1995 Meeting (continued)

Office Supplies                210.44  
Honoraria                    600.00  
Travel                        1,009.58  
CE                            3,030.60  
Miscellaneous                228.93  
                                  \$34,957.94

1996 Meeting

Promotional Materials                \$77.80

**TOTAL EXPENSES                            \$37,756.77**

**Balance as of December 31, 1995        \$23,916.49**

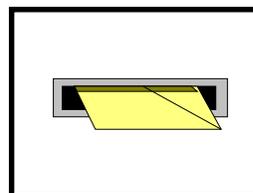
Respectfully submitted,  
**Ginny DuPont, Treasurer**



**WANTED: MAC SURVEYS**

Please return your MAC Survey ASAP! The Research Task Force is anxious to hear about the research activities and communication capabilities and preferences of our members. Look for the results of our survey in an upcoming issue of *MAC Messages* and on our Listserv.

If you did not receive a copy of the survey, contact **Dale Bartle Riordan, Chair, Research Task Force; (704) 547-2340; FAX: (704) 547-2322; Email: dbriorda@email.uncc.edu.**



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## NEWS FROM THE STATES

### MARYLAND

**Julia Kochi** has accepted the position of Personal Information Management Specialist for Clinical Programs at the Library and Center for Knowledge Management, University of California, San Francisco. Julia had previously worked at the National Library of Medicine after completing the NLM Associate Program in 1995. From 1991-1994, she was Educational Services Coordinator at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

**Stephen M. Jones**, Manager, Information Services, Medical & Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, has published an article entitled "Cross-cultural Considerations in Health Care Delivery: Chinese Viewpoints" in the *Maryland Medical Journal*, 45(3): 231-234, March 1996.

**Anne F. Dolan**, Director of the Kubie Medical Library at the Sheppard Pratt Hospital in Baltimore, has taken a new position at the St. Joseph's Medical Center in Towson, Maryland.

From **Welch Medical Library**:

**Kerryn A. Brandt** and **Harold P. Lehmann** have co-authored a paper, "Teaching Literature Searching in the Context of the World Wide Web," which is published in the *Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association*, v. 2: 888-892, 1995 (Symposium Supplement: Proceedings of the 19th Annual Symposium on Computer Applications in Medical Care).

**Kerryn A. Brandt** and **Jayne M. Campbell** have published an article entitled "Bibliographic Instruction Plus: A Short Course in Scientific Communication for Graduate Students in the Basic Sciences" in *Medical Reference Services Quarterly*, 14(4): 77-85, Winter 1995.

**Kerryn Brandt**, **Jayne Campbell** and **Will Bryant** are the authors of "Reflections on Reference Services," published



in the *Journal of the American Society for Information Science*, 47(3): 210-216, March 1995.

**Barbara M. Koehler** and **Chung Sook Kim** have published a paper entitled "Overnight Document Delivery Service" in the *Journal of Interlibrary Loan, Document Delivery and Information Supply*, 6(1), 1995.

### NORTH CAROLINA

**Jane Moran** is the new Outreach and Information Services Educator at the Fayetteville AHEC. She was previously with the Cumberland County Public Library system for nine years, most recently as Branch Manager for the Bordeaux Branch Library.

The **Association of North Carolina Health and Science Libraries** (ANCHASL) will hold its Spring meeting on Friday, May 17, 1996 at the Holiday Inn-Salisbury. The full-day meeting, which includes lunch, will address the theme "Moving on Up: Expanding Professional Horizons." Morning speakers will include Susan Feinglos, Director, Duke University Medical Center Library, who will discuss membership in the Academy of Health Information Professionals, and Carol B. Myers, Branch Services Director, Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, who will discuss customer service training as a part of service excellence. Dr. Kim Buch, Professor of Psychology at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, will conduct an afternoon skills session on change management in the workplace. For more details, contact **Dale Bartle Riordan**,

ANCHASL President-Elect, J. Murrey Atkins Library, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC; (704) 547-2340; FAX: (704) 547-2322; Email: dbriorda@email.uncc.edu.

### VIRGINIA

The **Tidewater Health Sciences Librarians** (THSL) hosted the MLA Satellite Teleconference, "The Role of the Library in Accreditation," on March 13, 1996, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Hampton. **Jacqueline Bird**, Chief, Library Service, was the site coordinator.

**Moorman Memorial Library** at the Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS) is winding up its NLM grant project, AIDSinfo, for Eastern Virginia. This grant has provided free access to HIV/AIDS information through two AIDS service organizations, the Norfolk Public Library, the Eastern Regional AIDS Resource and Consultation Center, and the EVMS Library. Although the grant period is over on March 31, 1996, the EVMS Library plans to supply training, support, and consultation in an effort to further provide HIV/AIDS information to the community at additional public library sites.

In February, the **EVMS Library** conducted a pilot project, a Clinical Medical Librarian (CML) program, for pediatric residents, students and attendings at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters (CHKD). **Maggie Demchuk**, who served as the CML, attended morning reports, team rounds, medical conferences, and other related activities in order to provide timely information at point of need. All participants were asked to evaluate the service. These results, along with the information on time and costs of the project, will be evaluated to determine the usefulness and value of the CML program to the Medical Education Program at CHKD, the EVMS Department of Pediatrics, and the Library.

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## MAC NUGGETS

### From The Governmental Relations Committee

by Martina Darragh



#### TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1995: GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS

In the wake of the furor over the Internet “indecent” standard contained in the Telecommunications Act of 1995 (passed 2/1/96), we should take this opportunity to congratulate and thank MLA’s Governmental Relations Committee and Mary Langman. In conjunction with other library groups, they worked to make sure that the Snowe-Rockefeller-Kerrey-Exon amendment was included in the final version. This amendment stipulates that K-12 schools, libraries, and rural health care providers must be given discounted telecommunications rates. These rates will be established by the Federal Communications Commission in conjunction with FCC-state joint boards. When we think of how the Communications Decency Amendment (CDA) to the bill slipped by without significant public comment, it highlights how crucial these lobbying efforts can be.

Health sciences librarians beware! Given the vagueness of the CDA, something as basic as graphical information on breast cancer prevention could be considered nudity and therefore indecent. Numerous groups are actively working to challenge this section of the law. ALA’s Intellectual Freedom Committee has drafted a statement on appropriate access to electronic information, which is available via email at [ALAOIF@uicvm.uic.edu](mailto:ALAOIF@uicvm.uic.edu). In addition, a “Blue Ribbon” campaign (symbolizing the preservation of basic civil rights in the electronic world) has been initiated by the Electronic Frontier Foundation. Current information about electronic censorship can be obtained through <http://www.eff.org/pub/Alerts/> or via [ftp.eff.org](ftp://ftp.eff.org) under */pub/Alerts/*.

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### VIRGINIA

#### From Tompkins-McCaw Library:

**Mona Thiss**, HIV/AIDS Outreach Librarian, is now the new Southside Virginia AHEC Librarian.

The new AIDS Resource Librarian is **Gail Tatum**. She comes to Tompkins-McCaw Library from the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Library.

For the latest news and happenings at Tompkins-McCaw, check out the Web site at <http://exlibris.uls.vcu.edu/tml/tmlhome.html>.

### WEST VIRGINIA

**Robert Murphy**, Director of the West Virginia University Health Sciences Library, is on extended medical leave.

**Terrance Burton** has been appointed Acting Director in his absence.

**Linda Jacknowitz**, Director, West Virginia CONSULT, and **R. Wesley Farr**, MD, West Virginia University, Section of Infectious Diseases, co-hosted “A Case Study of an AIDS Patient Teleconference” on March 5, 1996. This MLA-accredited teleconference presented a full range of issues specific to the care of a woman with HIV infection, including the use of Grateful Med and the free NLM AIDS-related databases in the primary care environment. Over 200 people registered for the conference. The program was sponsored as part of an AIDS Information Outreach grant and funded by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern Atlantic Region. In addition, WV CONSULT has produced a workbook providing detailed instructions on how

to search these databases. For information on obtaining a copy of the “National Library of Medicine’s AIDS-Related Databases: A Grateful Med Workbook,” contact **Linda Jacknowitz** at (304) 293-4996 or send email to [jacknowitz.linda@consult.hsc.wvu.edu](mailto:jacknowitz.linda@consult.hsc.wvu.edu).

### PUBLICATION DEADLINE

Items to be published in the **May/June** issue of *MAC Messages* may be submitted to the editors up until **May 15, 1996**.



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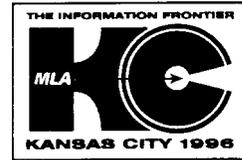
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## NN/LM SE/A REGION NEWS



NLM has announced that its *Cumulated Abridged Index Medicus* will cease effective with **Volume 25**, the cumulation for the 1994 issues of the monthly *Abridged Index Medicus (AIM)*. A cumulation of the 1995 issues will not be published. The *Abridged Index Medicus* was initiated in 1970 to “afford rapid access to selected biomedical journal literature of immediate interest to the practicing physician.” A subset of citations from approximately 119 English-language clinical journals was selected for *AIM*. There are several reasons for the discontinuation of this publication: increasing numbers of subscribers have been accessing MEDLINE directly and subscriptions are declining; searching MEDLINE is more efficient and effective for identifying relevant citations; and MEDLINE is more cost-effective for most users. NLM Associate Director of Library Operations, **Lois Ann Colianni**, said recently, “I realize that some find this publication particularly useful, and I would be happy to explore alternative sources for this information with such individuals. Please contact me at (301) 496-6921, or [loisann@nlm.nih.gov](mailto:loisann@nlm.nih.gov), or by mail.” This decision does not affect the monthly *Abridged Index Medicus* for 1996 or the unabridged *Cumulated Index Medicus*.

On April 23, 1996, **Beverly Gresehover** and **Barbara Kuchan** will offer a full-day Grateful Med/DOCLINE class at the University of Maryland at Baltimore Health Sciences Library microlab from 8:30 am - 4 pm. Participants will earn 3 MLA CE contact hours for the DOCLINE portion. The first half will be devoted to Grateful Med search features and using *MeSH*. The second half will cover DOCLINE and its features, interaction with other MEDLARS files, Loansome Doc, and the DOCUSER file. Participants will have the opportunity to learn through hands-on practice as well as lecture and demonstration. To register for this informative course, call the NN/LM SE/A office at **(800) 338-7657** or **(410) 706-2855**.



### The Continuing Education Experience

Coming your way at the 1996 MLA Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO, is a roster of continuing education courses that will reach all levels of today's health sciences librarians. MLA and the Continuing Education Committee have planned a wide variety of courses that extend to the many interests and issues that face medical librarians. Now is your chance to take advantage of this important opportunity to enhance your professional development.

The continuing education courses at MLA '96 are an experience that is not to be missed. There is a broad selection at this year's Annual Meeting so everyone should be able to find something they need. There will be courses in law, ethics, career advancing, dentistry, consumer resources, geriatric and gerontology issues, medical terminology, and the list goes on. There will be courses for librarians who are new to the field, who are managers, and who are experienced in special types of librarianship.

Continuing education courses are designed to impact all librarians, and this year the roster includes nine CE courses that have been recently revised and updated for today's information managers. These courses include management, finance, clinical medicine, nursing, oncology, drug and pharmaceutical information, toxicology, computers, and research.

Computer courses are becoming a specialty at Annual Meetings. MLA will be hosting a variety of courses including a series of hands-on computer courses that will take you into the depths of the information superhighway. You will learn about the basics and the advanced techniques of the World Wide Web and the Internet, including Hypertext Markup Language, software, file transfers, searching techniques, and designing your own electronic library.

Because teaching and reaching out to others is becoming a big part of medical librarianship, we have scheduled several courses to help you make a difference to your learners. These courses focus on teaching adults, making presentations, creating outreach programs, working with bibliographic instruction programs, and problem-based learning.

As the role of the health sciences librarian continually changes, MLA brings to the forefront courses that make a mark on librarianship. The 1996 continuing education experience will include courses in managed care organizations, clinical practice guidelines, strategic positioning, and telemedicine.

As a special treat this year, there will be a preconference symposium, Managing Health Information Resources for the 21st Century: the 2nd MLA Symposium on Collection Development in Health Sciences Libraries. Here, participants can learn about the newest trends in collection development and share ideas that have worked for their colleagues.

The postconference symposium, Telemedicine: Supporting Decisions by Patients, Caregivers, and Administrators, is jointly sponsored by MLA/American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA). It will explore the challenges and opportunities that come from providing information services and systems to support the treatment of patients at a distance.

The expansive continuing education experience this year is an opportunity that is not to be missed. To find out more about the courses offered at the Annual Meeting, please see your Preliminary Program or contact the **Professional Development Department at (312) 419-9094**.

### MLA '96 Annual Meeting Website

The MLA '96 Website includes information about the schedule, program, registration, conference hotel, and the Kansas City area. It also provides links to health sciences information available on the Internet.

As the meeting date draws nearer, the Website will provide one-stop shopping for information on the meeting, including complete program details, daily schedules, photos, speaker information, maps of the meeting facilities, and local attractions. For example, you may now view the entire program document (including registration, continuing education, and hotel reservation forms) in Portable Document Format (PDF), using the Adobe Acrobat Reader.

Currently, the MLA '96 Website offers: General Meeting Information; MLA '96 Program Information; Preliminary Program Forms; Featured Speakers; Special Events; Educational Offerings; Late-Breaking Sessions; Information Frontier Donors; Traveling to Kansas City; Kansas City WWW Resources; and MLA '96 Webmasters.

Visit the Website today at:

<http://www.kumc.edu/MLA/MLA96/>

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions pertaining to the MLA '96 Website, please contact MLA '96 Web Team Leaders **Steve Clancy** ([slclancy@uci.edu](mailto:slclancy@uci.edu)) or **Scott Garrison** ([garrison@acpub.duke.edu](mailto:garrison@acpub.duke.edu)).

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## MLA CENTENNIAL

To prepare for MAC participation in the MLA Centennial celebrations, Diane McKenzie, M.J. Tooley and Janie Trumbull are coordinating a task force to promote and organize chapter efforts. MLA Centennial plans include a year-long series of events commencing at the 1998 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. It is hoped that there will be widespread participation in these events, the focus of which may be national, regional or local.

MAC's general tenets for the Centennial are to involve each committee and each state in this project. Plans at this stage include a chapter history, which Marge Abel is writing, and either a special "history issue" of *MAC Messages* or an ongoing History Column in the issues leading up to, and continuing through, the Centennial. These newsletter items will be coordinated with Beverly Murphy, Co-editor of *MAC Messages*, who has volunteered to work on this task force.

MLA has asked chapters to consider joint meetings in 1998, and MAC is planning a joint meeting with the Pittsburgh Chapter, where we hope to display the MLA Centennial Exhibit. Preliminary program plans include a panel of long-time MAC/MLA members giving their historical perspectives.

One of our first needs is to identify people in each state who have the proximity to resources and the interest in working on stories for the special newsletter edition or columns. Please contact one of the following coordinators if you would be willing to be the "state history contact." **Diane McKenzie, (919) 966-0957, dmk.hsl@mhs.unc.edu; M.J. Tooley, (410) 706-2693, mjtooley@umabnet.ab.umd.edu; or Janie Trumbull (919) 660-1120, trumb001@mc.duke.edu.**

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### MAC RETIREES by Diane McKenzie

Beginning in 1996, MAC members who retire from active library work will receive a membership fee waiver. They will continue to be MAC members and receive the newsletter, *MAC Messages*, the directory, and the other advantages of membership. The honor will be retroactively extended to all retirees who are current MAC members.

The Honors and Awards Committee suggested the fee waiver as a way of showing appreciation to retiring members who have supported the Chapter. The Executive Board approved the recommendation at the January 1996 meeting.

Last year, the Chapter honored retiring members by publishing brief biographical sketches in *MAC Messages*, noting accomplishments and future plans. If you are retiring or know of a MAC member who has retired recently or will retire in 1996, please notify **Pat Hammond, Chair, Honors and Awards Committee; (910) 609-6601; FAX: (910) 609-7710;** or your state reporter, so we can show our appreciation.

MAC has been looking at ways to reward and honor its members. The Honors and Awards Luncheon, certificates of participation, and the MAC Librarian of the Year and Marguerite Abel Service Awards are some of the other ways that MAC shows appreciation for members' support. The Chapter is pleased to have a way to honor its retiring members.



### CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE FOR RETIREES

The **Hospital Libraries Section (HLS) of MLA** awards Certificates of Service for retirees. The purpose of the certificate is to acknowledge and congratulate HLS members upon their retirement for their years of service to the field of hospital librarianship. In order to be eligible for a certificate, the recipient must have reached an acknowledged retirement age or tenure, have been an HLS member for at least five years preceding retirement, and be verified/approved by the Membership Committee for certificate eligibility.

Certificates of Service may be requested for retiring librarians by their colleagues or by the retiring librarians themselves. The certificate, which is suitable for framing, will be issued as soon as each request is approved. Recipients will be announced at the HLS Annual Meeting and in an issue of the *National Network*.

If you would like to request a Certificate of Service for yourself or a colleague, please write to the Membership Committee member listed below and enclose the following information: member name; year (date) of retirement; age at retirement (whether over or under 55 years of age); length of service in the field; approximate number of years with HLS membership; and verification that the member has been in the HLS for at least five years before retirement.

Please send the information to **Patricia Regenberg, Health Sciences Library, Mountainside Hospital, Bay & Highland Avenues, Montclair, NJ; Email: pregenbe@intac.com.**

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## AHIP FAQs: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ACADEMY OF HEALTH INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS

The MAC AHIP counselors are available to answer questions you may have about applying for membership in the Academy of Health Information Professionals. Not surprisingly, some of the questions we get are of general interest and are asked routinely. In case you were wondering, here are some frequently asked questions about AHIP and their answers.

**Q:** *I will be applying as a Provisional member. I know that I must update my records each year for five years, but do I have to pay the application fee each year?*

**A:** No, the application fee covers the entire five years of your Provisional membership.

**Q:** *I am about to complete my Provisional membership. Do I have to pay a fee to join the Academy at Member level?*

**A:** Yes, you must pay the full fee for Academy membership. Note that the full fee must also be paid by persons who remain at the Provisional level for less than five years.

**Q:** *I don't have all of the required documents at hand. Do I have to supply "everything"?*

**A:** You will need to make an effort to produce all the documents. It is important that they be in the correct order and that you create two separate sets to send. You can expedite the process by following the instructions explicitly and by being neat. Make it easy for the reviewer to follow by highlighting your name and any other pertinent facts on the documentation.

**Q:** *Do I get credit for paraprofessional experience that occurred before my library degree?*

**A:** Not directly. Only professional experience (after completion of your master's degree) counts for AHIP certification.

**Q:** *How do I calculate years if I am a part-time employee?*

**A:** AHIP considers 37 hours as a full work week and eleven months as a year. This equals 1,776 hours a year (based on 48 weeks). To enter the Academy at the Member level, you need 8,880 hours of employment over a five year period. A quick way to figure this is to multiply the number of hours you work each week by 48. Then divide 8,880 by that number. For example, if you work 20 hours a week, you would have 960 hours in a year and be eligible in 9¼ years.

**Q:** *I have been appointed to a MAC committee and have served two years of a three-year term. I am about to submit my AHIP application. Can I count this as a professional activity?*

**A:** Yes, but you may claim only the two years of service you have completed.

Additional questions may be addressed to any of the following AHIP counselors. You don't have to wait until the Annual Meeting to have your questions answered - contact them at any time!

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## *Academy of Health Information Professionals*

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The Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Medical Library Association proudly salutes the following Chapter members who, during the last quarterly review period, attained or renewed membership in the

**Academy of Health Information Professionals**  
at the level indicated:

**Distinguished**

- + Anne Wood Humphries
- + Diane McKenzie
- + Margaret Stangohr
- ~ Frieda Weise

**Senior**

- ~ Mary Frances Bodemuller

**Member**

- \* Francesca Allegri
  - \* *New Member*
  - + *Renewal at Higher Level*
  - ~ *Renewal at Same Level*
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## MAC/MLA AWARDS 1996

MAC/MLA recognizes two MAC members annually with special awards. The **Marguerite Abel Service Recognition Award** is presented for exemplary service to the Chapter. The **MAC Librarian of the Year Award** recognizes a MAC member who has made outstanding contributions to the profession of health sciences librarianship.

MAC members may submit nominations for the two awards, and the MAC Professional Honors/Awards/Recognition Committee will review the nominations and determine the recipient of the award. The awards will be presented at the MAC Annual Meeting in Columbia, Maryland.

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### MAC Librarian of the Year Award

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This award is presented to a MAC member for outstanding contributions to health sciences librarianship. A plaque and paid MAC registration will be awarded to the recipient.

**Criteria used to determine the recipient of the award include, but are not limited to:**

- leadership in the profession
- scholarship/publications/research
- teaching/training/mentoring
- professional activity
- service to the health profession
- development of special projects

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### Marguerite Abel Service Recognition Award

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This award is given to a MAC member for exemplary service to the Chapter during the past year. A plaque and paid MAC registration will be awarded to the recipient.

**Criteria used to determine the recipient of the award include, but are not limited to:**

- serving as an officer or committee chair/member
- working on special MAC projects
- developing/teaching courses for MAC members
- presenting papers or posters at MAC meetings
- writing/editing for MAC publications
- acting as a mentor or consultant for MAC members
- representing MAC to other groups

Submit nominations to the Honors/Awards/Recognition Committee using the MAC/MLA Nomination form included with this newsletter (or your own form) and supporting documentation describing why the nominee should be considered for an award. Nominations may be made by individuals or groups. Nomination information will be treated as confidential.

**Deadline for nominations is JUNE 30, 1996**

## MAC/MLA AWARD NOMINATION

AWARD: \_\_\_\_\_ *MAC Librarian of the Year*  
\_\_\_\_\_ *Abel Service Recognition Award*

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Indicate why this nominee should receive the Award. Use concrete examples.  
(Your comments will be the basis for judging this nominee.)

ALL NOMINATIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

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Send nominations by JUNE 30, 1996 to:  
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