MIDWEST CHAPTER/MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
FALL BOARD MEETING – October 8, 2004  
REPORT OF THE BENCHMARKING CHAPTER ENHANCER

- Attended the Benchmarking Roundtable at MLA on Sunday, May 23; served as recorder
- Attended the meeting of the Benchmarking Network Editorial Board on Tuesday, May 25 at MLA
- Sent several announcements to the Midwest list and the OHSLA (Ohio Health Sciences Library Association) list reminding members of the approaching deadline of June 30. These announcements included instructions with links to the survey and further information.
- The original deadline of June 30, 2004 was extended until July 11. The primary purpose was to allow those who had begun to enter data to complete all segments of the survey.
- In response to this extension, I e-mailed all Midwest Chapter participants who had entered some data, but had not completed the survey, informing them of the extended deadline. The MLA office provided this data via spreadsheet.
- On June 28, I sent out messages to the Midwest Chapter List and to the OHLSA List to announce the new deadline. Full instructions with links were included in the announcement.
- As of July 9, the Midwest Chapter, which had been in the lead with the most Benchmarking participants, was tied with the North Atlantic Health Sciences Librarians Chapter (NAHSL) at 49.
- Overall, I responded to questions regarding the benchmarking process, either directly, or by forwarding the question to appropriate (more knowledgeable) people associated with the benchmarking project.

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