



Midwest Chapter / Medical Library Association

2007 Annual Business Meeting

Omaha, Nebraska

October 15, 2007 (9-10:30 a.m.)

1. Call to Order – Chris Shaffer
The Annual Business meeting of the Midwest Chapter, Medical Library Association was called to order by Chris Shaffer, President, at 9:10 a.m.
2. Announcements – Chris Shaffer
None
3. Introductions and Special Guests – Chris Shaffer
Mary Markland, Incoming President
4. Determination of Quorum – Sunny Worel
Sunny Worel, Parliamentarian, confirmed the presence of a quorum in order to conduct business.
5. Approval of 2006 Annual Business Meeting Minutes – Deborah Lauseng
Motion, Passed: Moved to adopt the 2006 Business Meeting minutes [Motion by Carole Gilbert]
6. Membership Secretary – Bette Sydelko
Reported that we have 415 members, of which are 15 student members.
 - a. First Time Attendees and New Members
Bette extended a welcome to all new members and first time attendees and had them stand for recognition.
 - b. Drawing for free 2008 MLA membership
Recipient: Doreen Roberts, Hilding Medical Library, St. Luke's Duluth MN.
7. Treasurer – Marlene Porter
As of October 11, 2007 the beginning balance was \$33,435.03 and the ending balance is \$22,758.50. The difference, \$10,314.77 is due to a disbursement to the 2006 joint meeting hosts (the University of Louisville's Kornhauser Health Sciences Library, the University of Kentucky's Medical Center Library, and the Kentucky Medical Library Association). A copy of the financial statement was distributed during the meeting.

8. Representative to MLA Chapter Council – Pam Rees
Pam introduced Karen Hanus, incoming Alternative Representative to MLA Chapter Council. Pam provided a brief overview of the role of Chapter Council—one of two advisory groups to the MLA Board; promote MLA activities and awards with the chapters; share chapter news through MLA news; sponsor chapter sharing roundtables lunch at MLA (at which Midwest Chapter offers two scholarships); and serve as chapter liaisons. Chapter Council is also working at incorporating more social networking tools within these various communications efforts.

Pam shared these announcements. There is a new benchmarking survey available on MLANET.org, and input is needed by the end of December. The new membership survey will be going out by the end of October. MLA is moving to online renewal process for 2008.

Remember, any member can send comments to Mark Funk directly, at president@mla.org.

9. Annual Meeting Program Coordinators
 - a. Omaha 2007 – Jim Lander and Chris Shaffer
Jim Lander, co-coordinator, reported that as of October 10th there were 265 registrants. Leading up to the Conference, there have been a number of weekly teleconferences, all helping keep everything on track. Thus far, the meeting is going beautifully. Jim asked members of the various planning committees to stand and be recognized for their efforts.
 - b. 2009 Ohio – Bette Sydelko and Marlene Porter
Marlene Porter and Bette Sydelko, co-coordinators, extended a welcome to Columbus, Ohio for the 2009 Midwest Chapter meeting. The meeting will be held October 3-6 at the Hyatt on Capital Square. Tentative theme is “Seek, Explore, Discover.”
 - c. 2010 Wisconsin -- Donna Barbour-Talley
Donna Barbour-Talley reported that discussions are in process for determining the 2010 Meeting Coordinators.
10. Awards and Scholarships Recap – Sheryl Stevens
Professional Development Award went to Brenda Fay, Hurwitz Medical Library, Aurora Sinai Medical Center, Milwaukee, WI.
Annual Meeting Scholarship Awards went to Elizabeth (Betsy) Bromley, SLIS student, University of Wisconsin, and Brooke Billman, Education and Outreach Librarian, Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, University of Iowa.

2007 Distinguished Librarian of the Year is Peggy Richwine, Outreach Services Director, School of Medicine Libraries, Indiana University. Carole Gilbert, last year’s recipient presented the award, noting that Peggy was truly our hero for her vision, work, enthusiasm, and leadership in health librarianship.

11. Nominations and Elections – Eileen Stanley

President-Elect, 2008 - Deborah Lauseng

Recording Secretary, 2008-2009 - Elizabeth Smigielski

Treasurer, 2008-2009 - Marlene Porter, elected to second term

Potential Candidate to the MLA Nominating Committee, 2008 – Ed Holtum

12. Old Business

a. Website Redesign Special Committee

The new Midwest Chapter/MLA website was rolled out October 12th, just before start of this Conference. The website is ADA compliant and incorporates a number of web2.0 technologies. Many thanks to the Website Redesign Special Committee members: Brian Finnegan, Chair; Allan Barclay, webmaster; Rebecca Holz, and Mary Congleton. This Committee will continue implementing the full redesign through 2008.

13. New Business

a. Committee Charges

The goal of the Executive Board this year was to finalize new standing committee charges based on the changes in the revised Bylaws. Yesterday, October 14th, the Board approved the committee charges, a process that took much time at the Spring and Fall Executive Board meetings. The committee charges will be available on the Chapter website.

A Policies and Procedures Special Committee has been appointed for 2008. This Special Committee will be collecting and reviewing current policies and procedures from the current and former officers and committee chairs, and will recommend revisions or new policies to the Executive Board. Members include: Chris Shaffer, chair; Sheryl Stevens, Eileen Stanley, and Rebecca Caton.

b. New Officers and Committee Chairs – Mary Markland

Mary Markland presented the 2008 committee chairs and members. As incoming President, Mary appoints committee chairs and members for positions open during her presidential year. A handout of Executive Board, other officers, standing committees and members was distributed.

If anyone is interested in serving on a committee, please indicate your interest on annual membership renewal form or contact Mary directly.

14. Recognition of Outgoing Officers, Committee Chairs, Conference Coordinators

The following outgoing members of the Board were recognized:

Donna Barbour-Talley – Chair, Annual Meetings, 2006-2007 (re-appointed)

Brian Finnegan—Chair, Web Site Resign (Special Committee), 2007 (re-appointed)

Deborah Lauseng – Recording Secretary, 2006-2007

Melinda Orebaugh – Potential Candidate for Nominating Committee, MLA 2007

Marlene Porter, Treasurer and Chair, Finance Committee, 2005-2007 (re-elected)

Julie Schneider—Chair, Government Relations, 2007
Chris Shaffer – President, 2007
Elizabeth Smigielski – Chair, Communications, 2007
Eileen Stanley – Immediate Past President, Chair Nominations Committee, 2007
Sunny Worel – Parliamentarian, 2007
Sheryl Stevens—Awards and Scholarship, 2007 (re-appointed)
Sue London – Auditor, 2006-2007 (re-appointed)
Annual Meeting Coordinators—Jim Lander and Chris Shaffer, 2007

15. 2008 Michigan Invitation and Drawings

The “Merry Michigan Medical Show Players” (Ellen O’Donnell, Sandra Martin, Carole Gilbert, Barbara Platts, and Nancy Bulgarelli) presented “Severe Information Deficit Syndrome.” The Players shared that S.I.D.S. can only be cured by attending the 2008 Midwest Chapter Annual Meeting.

Barbara Platts extended an official welcome to “Vital Signs: Keeping You and Your Library Vibrant and Healthy” the joint conference of the Midwest Chapter/MLA and MHSLA (Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association), October 17-21, 2008 at the Troy, Michigan Marriott. The keynote speaker will be Deena Ebbert speaking on FISH! Philosophy.

The drawing for a free 2008 Midwest Chapter Annual Meeting registration went to Donna Barbour-Talley. The drawings for the Michigan product gift boxes went to Marlene Porter, and Ellen Fergusson

16. Transfer of Gavel

Chris Shaffer transferred the gavel to Mary Markland, new Midwest Chapter President.

17. Adjourn

Mary Markland adjourned the 2007 annual meeting of the Midwest Chapter/Medical Library Association at 10:00 a.m. until the Troy 2008 meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Lauseng, Recording Secretary