

**Cancer Section Business Meeting
Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association
Chicago, IL, May 20, 2008, 4:30 – 6:00 pm**

Committee Member Attendees

Gail Hendler, Chair; Margaret Vugrin, Chair-Elect/Program Chair and Section Council Representative; Julia Esparza, Section Council Representative - Elect, Sue Felber, Treasurer; Tricia Reusing, Secretary; Christine Marton, Jan Orick, Karen Albert, Sandra Canham, Beth Lewis

Other Attendees

Peter Femenella, Jr., Dan Boutchie

Meeting Place

The Cancer Librarians Business Section Meeting was held in the Atlanta Room in the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Welcome, Call to Order and Approval of Last Year's Meeting Minutes – Gail Hendler, Chair

Gail called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm. Gail welcomed everyone and all attendees introduced themselves and stated where they worked. She noted that at the end of the meeting Dan Boutchie from the New England Journal of Medicine would speak briefly on possible licensing discounts for section members. Meeting minutes from the 2007 business meeting were reviewed and approved.

REPORTS

Chair's Report

Gail noted that the Cancer Librarians Section Report to MLA had been submitted and is posted on the MLA website. Copies were made available at the meeting. Gail congratulated and thanked: Christine Marton for doing a great job on the section newsletter; Ann Marie Clark for her work on the section website; and Julie Esparza for her work on the Section Shuffle. In addition Gail noted that two of our members – Jan Orick and Karen Albert—had won major MLA awards. In addition, member Ruti Volk published an excellent book on cancer resources in 2007. It was noted that former section president/member Mark Vrabel had been featured recently in the *Library Journal's* "Movers and Shakers" section. Gail also congratulated Margaret Vugrin on the excellent section-sponsored program on

Translational Medicine which had just occurred earlier in the afternoon. It was noted that 75 people attended the session.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Felber

Sue distributed copies of the budget flyer and noted that the section is in good shape financially. The balance of funds in May, 2007 was \$9,253.65. The current balance (as of 4/30/08) is \$9,453.75. She noted that there are a few remaining expenses need to be paid.

Newsletter Editor's Report – Christine Marton

Christine noted that the Fall/Winter issue was 11 pages and the recent Spring issue was 8 pages. She encouraged all members to submit news items, reviews of books or other resources, or other items of interest.

Website/Webmaster Editor's Report – Gail Hendler read Ann Marie Clark's Report

Back issues of the newsletter are being posted on the website. A few older issues are still missing. Gail noted that Ann Marie has done a great job on the website.

Bylaws Report – Gail Hendler for Barbara Henry

There was a discussion of the Section's proposed bylaws changes which had been emailed in advance to all members. One of the proposed changes was to change the term of office for the Secretary from one year to two years. Another change was to allow section election voting to take place by email. A third change was to have the Immediate Past-Chair of the Section to serve as liaison to the MLA Membership Committee.

Gail noted that recent proposed changes about the MLA Section Council representatives might make us want to rethink our proposed bylaws changes. However, after some discussion, the Section's proposed bylaws changes, as presented, were voted on and approved by the members.

Section Elections – Gail Hendler

Recommended Websites Report – Gail Hendler for Frank Davis

Gail reported for Frank that volunteers were needed to "adopt" a topic and to keep it up to date. Margaret Vugrin volunteered to take on a colon cancer awareness topic section. It was noted that Sue Felber has a great resource in the works – a list of books on cancer for public libraries. This is something that may be good to post on the website.

Section Council Report – Margaret Vugrin

Margaret reported that there is a proposal at the national MLA level to no longer have section council representatives. It would have to be approved by the membership.

Julie Esparza reported that MLA did a survey of members and found that 933 members are not members of any section. Reasons given were: cost; never heard from section if they had joined one in the past; and “saw no benefit.”

Margaret reported that section council reps were asked to remind their sections and/or section members to:

- Check your online MLA directory listing to make sure it is current;
- Update the section website after elections
- Add a link to the MLA conference to all section websites
- Elections should now be completed by February 1.

Margaret also noted that the new MLA president Mary Ryan’s special interests are:

- Emergency preparedness
- Librarians without Borders
- Conflict of Interest

2008 Section Program Report – Margaret Vugrin

It was noted that the Cancer Section’s program at this conference had four excellent speakers and that there were 75 attendees recorded by MLA. The title of the program was: Translational Medicine and the Library’s Role. The speakers were Terry Burton (University of Wisconsin, Madison), Carolyn Reid (Weill Cornell Library), Andrew Hamilton (Oregon Health & Sciences University) and Jon Eldridge (University of New Mexico).

Membership Report – Gail Hendler

Gail noted that the section’s membership is down a little. Gail handed out certificates of appreciation to all members.

Section Shuffle – Julie Esparza

Julie noted that the Section Shuffle had gone well and attendance was good. Julie had created a display board and distributed Cancer Section buttons. She noted that Margaret had designed the buttons and that the Cancer Section logo is now on the website in a usable format. Members who visited the MLA Section Shuffle were invited to join a section free for 6 months to try it out.

2009 Section Program Planning – Julie Esparza

Julie noted that we need ideas for the Section's 2009 program. She shared her idea: "Cancer is cancer in any language." She noted that she wanted to get across the idea of language differences, health literacy, community and diversity. There was discussion that CAPHIS might be a good section partner on this program.

It was also noted that there will be fewer MLA program sessions in 2009. There will be only four sessions and everything will end by 2:30 pm.

Cancer Meeting Abstracts /Google – Karen Albert

Karen reported that there are some technical problems with cancer abstracts appearing in Google Scholar. Karen stated that she will ask Ruti Volk to take over this project of working with Google Scholar, ASCO, ACR, ONS and Sigma Theta Tau Nursing to ensure that abstracts are posted properly.

Other Business

There was a brief discussion about the new NIH Public Access policy, requiring recipients of NIH grants to submit an electronic copy to PubMed Central of their final, peer-reviewed manuscript upon acceptance for publication no later than 12 months after the official date of publication.

New England Journal of Medicine Presentation – Dan Boutchie

Dan Boutchie announced that there was a possibility of a group discount for Cancer Section libraries if there were some new NEJM site licenses among our member institutions. It was agreed that a notice would be posted to the listserv to see if there is interest.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Reusing
Secretary