

Cancer Librarians Section Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

7:00 am – 9:00 am

Present: Karen Albert, Elizabeth Brackeen, Deborah Bonelli, Carolyn Bridgewater, Rosemary Catalo, Frank Davis, Stephanie Fulton, Heidi Heilemann, Gail Hendler, Barbara Henry, Halyna Liszczyński, Jan Orick, Patricia Reusing, Tanya Smith, JoAnne Sparks, Ruth Volk, Mark Vrabel, Margaret Vugrin, Linda Yarger.

The Cancer Librarians Section Business meeting was held on Tuesday, May 17, at the Marriott Rivercenter in San Antonio, TX. Breakfast, sponsored by Jones and Bartlett Publishers, was served. Karen Albert distributed complimentary copies of the Journal of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (JNCCN) to all attendees. The National Comprehensive Cancer Network, an alliance of 19 of the world's leading cancer centers, is an authoritative source of information to assist patients and health care professionals make informed decisions about cancer care.

Mark Vrabel, Program Chair/Chair Elect called the meeting to order at 7:15 a.m. Minutes of the Business meeting were approved by Gail Hendler and seconded by Margaret Vugrin.

Reports:

2005 Program Chair/Chair Elect Report:

JoAnne Sparks reported that our section sponsored four program sessions with Collection Development, Research, and Technical Services on the Impact of Open Access (OA) Publishing. The sessions will take place today from 2:30-4:00 pm with Karen Albert, Moderator.

2006 Program Chair/Chair Elect Report:

Mark Vrabel indicated that feedback is needed in regards to the effectiveness of MLA's five major themes approach: clinical, diversity, education and outreach, research and technology. Views expressed were: members were forced into a category which sometimes overlapped; themes were either too specific or too broad; and a refining process perhaps is needed for themes to work better. He reported that the theme for MLA' 06 is Transformations A-Z set for Phoenix, AZ, May 19th -24th. Mark polled the group for suggestions for the cancer section participation and thanked members who sent ideas via email. Suggested topics were benchmarking, NIH policy, open access update, best practices for the treatment of cancer, and living with cancer and/or cancer survivorship.

Section Council Report:

Gail Hendler and Margaret Vugrin presented news from Section Council.

- A concerted effort will be made to find out what all of the sections are doing internationally.

- Librarians without borders concept is meant to support clinicians who are engaged in disaster situations.
- Feb 15th will be the deadline for elections. The email voting process has been approved.
- Gail Hendler and Karen Albert's motion regarding the ongoing lack of indexing for cancer meeting abstracts into PubMed or NLM Gateway was reworded to note a publicly accessible database and then approved. Details regarding its progress will follow via the listserv.
- Election results of the MLA Nominating Committee were: Nancy Allee, Rosalind Dudden, Gail Dutcher, Heidi Heilmann, Terry Jankowski, and Maggie Wineburgh-Freed.
- Gail Hendler stated that a Section Council Alternate Representative is needed; consult MLA's Section Council website for duties and obligations at <http://scouncil.mlanet.org/>

Section Chair's Report

Tanya Smith thanked everyone for the terrific job done this year. Special thanks given to JoAnne Sparks, Gail Hendler, and Margaret Vugrin for their continue work and dedication to the section.

Treasurer's Report:

Tanya Smith reported for Sue Felber that the section funds were located. The amount on hand reported to be about \$8,165.

Web Site Editor Report:

Tanya Smith reported for Ann Marie Clark that news items are added to the web site as needed. The group commended Ann Marie for her work on the web site.

Newsletter Editor Report:

Tanya Smith reported for Michelle Arbuckle who request that members submit articles for the newsletter. The group commended Michelle for her work with the newsletter.

Nominating Committee Report:

Margaret Vugrin had to leave early but the slate of officers for the upcoming year was: Mark Vrabel – Chair – Elect/Program Chair; Heidi Heinemann – Secretary.

Membership Committee Report:

Margaret Vugrin had to leave early. Jan Orick volunteered last year to Chair the Membership Committee, and Deborah Bonelli volunteered this year.

Section Projects:

Cancer Librarians Section Brochure

Gail Hendler reported that hard copies of the brochure were available at the Section Council table and posted on the section's website:

<http://www.selu.com/cancerlib/about.html>

“Best Websites” Committee

Frank Davis volunteered to Head the committee and will coordinate with Ann Marie to update members of its progress.

Other Business:

Online Bibliography/Annotated Bibliography/Core Cancer Library Resource List

The most recent core list of cancer materials is 2001 and available at <http://www.selu.com/cancerlib/corelist.html>. Due to lack of participation, the list was dropped. Elizabeth Brackeen will look into the possibility of revitalizing it, and establishing a “community” review process. The Cancer Librarians section “community” will build the content dynamically.

Bylaws Update

Barbara Henry graciously volunteered to update the section’s Bylaws as needed.

Consortium

Karen Albert reported on exploring the idea of forming a consortium to purchase journals. Others to investigate this initiative along with Karen are Jan Orick, JoAnne Sparks, and Patricia Reusing.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by Carolyn Bridgewater, Secretary
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