

Cancer Librarians Section Business Meeting, MLA2010

Washington, D.C.

Monday, May 24, 2010, 4:00PM-5:00PM

Present: Julia Esparza (Chair), Stephanie Fulton (incoming Chair-Elect), Jeannine Gluck, Barbara Henry (Secretary), Beth Lewis, Christine Marton (Chair-Elect), Margaret Vugrin (Immediate Past Chair)

Meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m. by Julie Esparza. The minutes from the 2009 business meeting were approved.

Reports

CLS Chair Julie Esparza talked about the annual report to MLA. One of her goals was dues reduction (from \$10.00 to \$5.00) to encourage NCI-designated cancer center librarians to become members. A second goal was to send a letter and Cancer Librarians Section button to every member encourage them to renew their Section membership. Unfortunately the MLA management system couldn't produce a report of CLS members, so this idea will have to be revisited. Donna Gibson from MSKCC volunteered to write a letter to other NCI-designated cancer centers to push the library staffs to join CLS. Stephanie Fulton from M.D. Anderson, and incoming CLS chair-elect, said she too would be willing to do this. Julia's third goal was to update the Core Cancer Library. This was not accomplished this year, but Frank Davis has volunteered to take on this project.

Julia reported that CLS had received a total of \$1000 in donations from NEJM and Nature Publishing that covered the cost of the business meeting and our portion of the Section Shuffle expenses. Other expenses for this meeting will be payment of Annual Meeting stipends to three officers and two speaker honoraria of \$100 each. The balance in the CLS treasury as of 4/30/10 was \$10,478.89.

CLS webmaster Ann Marie Clark has updated the section's website. This includes the Recommended Websites portion as well as making the 2008 Bylaws changes. The minutes from the 2008 meeting seem to be missing, so everyone is asked to see if they have a copy to give to Ann Marie. Christine Marton, Chair-Elect, noted that the minutes are indeed online and can be retrieved through a Google search. [<http://www.selu.com/cancerlib/newsletters/2008%20Cancer%20Section%20Business%20Meeting%20Minutes.pdf>]

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David Duggar has agreed to produce the CLS newsletter and published the Spring/Summer 2010 issue shortly before the MLA2010 conference. It is on the CLS website. [<http://www.selu.com/cancerlib/newsletter.html>]

Immediate Past Chair Margaret Vugrin made a motion to accept the proposed bylaws changes presented by Barbara Henry regarding the portions of the bylaws dealing with Section Council representatives and representatives-elect. Christine seconded the motion. The motion passed. The changes will now go to Section Council for their approval. Barbara Henry, CLS Secretary, will examine current CLS bylaws to see if there is anything in the dues portion that needs to be changed.

Frank Davis sent his report on the recommended cancer sites. He raised a question about whether we should continue to list only links for the professional society meeting abstracts that are free, or should we include those for which there is now a charge (Society of Gynecologic Oncologists, Society of Surgical Oncology). It was the consensus of the group that all should be listed, but it should be clearly noted if it was a fee-based site or a free site.

Margaret Vugrin reported from the Section Council meeting that both Jerry Perry and Ruth Holst talked about their elective agendas. Margaret is involved with two Section Council task forces: Travel stipends/honoraria and Retention/recruitment.

Christine raised the issue of membership and officer recruitment. Julie noted that CLS has 70 members – not one of the smallest sections, and not one of the large ones, but right in the middle. However, she concurred that there is a problem with officer recruitment. She stated that we need to engage the membership more fully and cultivate younger members. Julie reminded everyone about the Section Shuffle on Tuesday afternoon as a opportunity to recruit more members.

Christine gave the 2010 programming report. CLS sponsored one program, in collaboration with the CAM SIG and CAPHIS, with 4 invited speakers. She noted that there were approximately 40 attendees, despite the rather sequestered location of the room, and that the speakers represented a diversity of perspectives on the provision of information to cancer patients about CAM that provoked many questions and comments from the audience.

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Incoming chair-elect Stephanie Fulton reported on the first meeting for 2011 programming – the theme for 2011 is Rethink. Discussion ensued about what type of programming would work for us. Suggestions were to focus on: Who are you? What is your elevator speech? Why are libraries and librarians still relevant? We discussed doing short videos – filming various elevator speeches, etc. Jody Philbrick, Medical Education Section, expressed interest in being a secondary sponsor of the program. Christine encouraged the consideration of the use of Web 2.0 technologies in presenting the section program in an unconventional manner, and the adoption of Web 2.0 technologies by CLS in general, and noted that Section Council had recently approved a new award, the Section Project of the Year Award.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Gail Hendler reported that Melissa Just was elected to have her name submitted to the Section Council election candidates for the MLA Nominating Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Henry, MLS, AHIP