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Message from the Newsletter Editor

Spring has arrived – birds of all kinds are singing and building nests, ducks and geese are migrating north, and squirrels are busy digging up flower beds. This is a very busy time for CLS members as well, with MLA2008 just around the corner. I look forward to meeting all of you at MLA2008 and to attending the CLS section program on Translational Medicine and the business meeting (see page 5 for details). Many thanks to all who contributed to this issue of the newsletter: Gail Hendler, Margaret Vugrin, Julie Esparza, and Frank Davis.

For me, this season of hope and renewal is also a time for personal reflection as I contemplate the many changes in my life over the past year and how my life has become intertwined with the topic of cancer. In April 2006, I started my employment as the librarian at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre. In the fall, my male cat became very ill with an aggressive form of osteosarcoma and was euthanized. Shortly after MLA2007, I reluctantly left Calgary Alberta and returned to the province of Ontario where I grew up and spent most of my life. My mother had recently fractured several ribs due to osteoporosis. More significantly, she had discovered a breast lump. Although worried, she was rather reluctant to undergo imaging and get a biopsy. In the fall of 2007 she underwent surgery. The biopsy showed that her lump was benign. What a relief!

Over the past summer, I was employed as a research librarian by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Infectious Diseases Branch. Ironically, given that my previous employment was at a cancer treatment centre, my first task was to locate, read and summarize the scientific literature (journal articles, government reports and pharmaceutical company documents) as well as the print media coverage in Canada, the United States, Europe, Australia and New Zealand, on the new HPV vaccine, Gardasil, a preventative vaccine against cervical cancer. The provincial government, which was facing an election at the time, wanted to know if the vaccine was safe and effective as well as predict the public's reaction to a vaccine that would be administered as three shots to all girls in grade eight. It was both a hectic and exhilarating time to be in the thick of making public health policy (see <http://www.hpvontario.ca>).

2008 heralded more change as I accepted a contract teaching position (Online Information Retrieval) at the Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto, where I am completing my doctorate on the topic, "How women seek health information on the Web".

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Mark Vrabel featured in Library Journal, 3/15/2008



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



After a long, snowy and very busy winter, I am delighted to welcome spring, which is scheduled to arrive later this week along with snow! Longer days have already begun, and with them come the happy anticipation of reconnecting with friends at the upcoming Medical Library Association meeting in Chicago, May 16 – 21, 2008. I want to thank the CLS members who have been working very hard to make CLS conference contributions interesting, relevant, engaging and relevant. Margaret Vugrin, Program Chair, has planned a timely and exciting program: *Translational Medicine and the Library's Role* scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2008 2:00pm – 3:30pm. Andrew Hamilton, from Oregon Health Sciences University Library, will lead a panel of invited speakers to explain what translational medicine is and how this science will impact us and our libraries. The section business meeting will immediately follow the program on Tuesday, May 20th 4:30-6:00pm and will include a vote on the revised section bylaws Barbara Henry has been working on this year. I hope many CLS members will be able to join us as the business meeting as it offers a wonderful opportunity to network with colleagues who share professional interests and provides a venue to actively participate in leading the section forward. Please make sure to also stop by the CLS booth at the first ever MLA Section Shuffle on May 18, 2008 from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Julie Esparza, Section Council Representative, is planning a festive and welcoming table display meant to showcase the benefits of CLS membership to new MLA members. Thanks to donations from all MLA sections, munchies will be available. There will be a contest for “most creative display” so please support the CLS by casting a ballot for our table! Another reason to attend the Section Shuffle is to take advantage of the six month free “trial” section membership, so stop by and bring friends and colleagues interested in joining CLS along! Please remember to check the online Oasis meeting planner to get the most up-to-date information on all meeting events.

I'm pleased to announce that CLS successfully conducted section elections in February and want to congratulate Julie Esparza as our incoming chair-elect. I want to thank Julie for volunteering to again serve CLS and know she will continue to make many substantial contributions. At the same time, I want to encourage all section members to consider volunteering for the many opportunities CLS has to offer. Every year, CLS struggles to place candidate names on our ballot and each year the process becomes more difficult. The longevity of CLS depends on each and every member. Our Recommended Web Sites team, who publish an online list of oncology resources on the CLS website, are always on the look-out for new contributors. Your expertise and contributions to this project will be highly valued, so please contact Frank Davis if you have an hour or so a month to devote to would like to share your knowledge: fdavi2@email.uky.edu I would like to thank Tricia Reusing, Barbara Henry, Karen Albert, Frank Davis, Christine Marton, Ann Marie Clark, Jan Orick, Julie Esparza, Margaret Vugrin, Sue Felber and Isabel Sulimanoff for all of their contributions to our section this year.

Finally, I look forward to meeting many CLS members in Chicago and welcoming potential and new members at our Section Shuffle. Right now, I would like to introduce and welcome two very special additions to the CLS group. Julie Esparza, incoming chair-elect, and Tanya Smith, former chair, gave birth to sons this past year. Please allow me to introduce them to you and to offer both Julie and Tanya congratulations on this wonderful event! Please join me in welcoming these two newest honorary CLS members: Milo James Tipton and Joseph Robert Hackett.

Have a safe trip and a beautiful spring!

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Milo James Tipton

Born: 8/7/07

Parents: Tanya Smith and Jim Tipton

Height: 19"

Weight : 8 lbs. 3 oz.



Joseph Robert Hackett

Born: 7/19/07

Parents: Julia Esparza and Michael Hackett

Height: 20.5"

Weight: 7 lbs. 12 oz.



CLS SHUFFLE PARTICIPATION

As mentioned in the last newsletter the Cancer Librarians Section (CLS) will be participating in the first Section Shuffle sponsored by the Section Council. It will take place on May 18, 2008 from 6-8 pm. For this event comments on how and why CLS has been useful to current members will be displayed on a poster. In addition we will be handing out newly created CLS buttons. So plan to stop by and pick up your button. Buttons will also be handed out at our exciting program "Translational Medicine and the Library's Role on Tuesday" on May 20 from 2:00-3:30 pm to current CLS members and at our important Business Meeting following on the same day from 4:30-6:00 pm.

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CLS Button



CLS RECOMMENDED WEB SITES: CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The MLA Cancer Librarians Section is seeking volunteers to assist the *Recommended Web Sites* project. Librarian editors can share responsibility for an existing topic or develop new subject lists.

“The purpose of the **MLA Cancer Librarians Recommended Web Sites** project is to provide medical librarians with a resource to use in their daily practice and teaching. Secondly, it is our contribution to the Medical Library Association so that the headquarters staff can refer oncology professionals to a list of quality health web sites. Our goal is to have a limited number of resources that meet the quality criteria for currency, credibility, content, audience, etc., as described on our website.”

The site is linked to the Cancer Section homepage or can be directly accessed via the following URL:
http://www.selu.com/cancerlib/recommended_websites.html

Cancer Section members have contributed to the project: Ann Marie Clark, Frank Davis, Gail Hendler, Jan Orick, Tanya Smith, Mark Vrabel.

Comments and suggestions should be sent to the section web editor for review by the selection committee. The web editor link can be found at bottom of the *Recommended Web Sites* page.

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ASCO CONSUMER HEALTH WEB SITE: CANCER.NET

The American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) recently launched a new cancer information portal site, Cancer.Net (www.cancer.net). This site offers in-depth information on over 120 types of cancer and cancer-related syndromes. The overall structure is similar to the ASCO website (www.asco.org); navigation bar on the left side, content in the middle, and cancer types listed on the right side. For each type of cancer, information is divided into two sections: biomedical (Cancer.Net Guide) and psychosocial (News, Information, and Support). Content is primarily text-based. However, one can subscribe to a monthly email bulletin, and a few podcasts are available. Overall, cancer information content is similar to that found on the National Cancer Institute web site. One criticism is the lack of multimedia elements: images and videos should be integrated with the text to illustrate anatomy and medical concepts. However, there is an Illustrations Gallery and images can be selected according to cancer type from a dropdown list.

Reviewed by Christine Marton



CANCER SECTION PROGRAM AND BUSINESS MEETING



The **Cancer Section's program** is scheduled for Tuesday May 20th from 2-3:30PM. Our program is entitled: Translational medicine and the library's role: We will have a panel of distinguished librarians who have worked in this area: Terry Burton [Univ of Wisconsin, Madison], Carolyn Reid [Weill Cornell Library, Andrew Hamilton [Oregon Health & Science University] and Jon Eldredge [Univ. Of New Mexico].

The panel will provide us with an overview of translational medicine – what it is and the impact it will have on how we understand the epidemiology, diagnosis, and therapy of diseases; followed by discussion of the role of the library in translational medicine within (particularly in CTSA – Clinical Translational Science Awards) and across institutions. Case studies of library programs in translational medicine will be featured, with an open discussion session to follow.

The **Cancer Section's Business Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday May 20th 4:30-6pm. We hope that you will attend.

We look forward to seeing you at both sessions!

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Bisphenol A Health Alert

bisphenol A (BPA) is an estrogen-mimic substance found in many plastic (polycarbonate) containers and linked to breast and prostate cancer. Recently, the federal government of Canada has taken action to limit the use of this potentially toxic substance in food containers because of concerns that BPA can leach into food. In the US, the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, National Toxicology Program, published an FAQ on its website, www.niehs.nih.gov/news/media/questions/sya-bpa.cfm

UPCOMING CANCER CONFERENCES



ASCO Annual Meeting 2008 –
May 30-June 3, 2008, Chicago
AAE CPEN EACE Annual Meeting 2008 –
October 20-22, 2008, Clearwater, Florida
HMRI Conference on Translational Cancer Research -
September 10-12, 2008, Newcastle, Australia



PROPOSED CHANGES TO BYLAWS OF CANCER LIBRARIANS SECTION

Strike through (*example*) indicates words to be removed from current Bylaws. Italics (*example*) indicate words to be added to current Bylaws. Each change lists the rationale for the change.

ARTICLE IV. Officers

Section 1. Officers and Terms of Office

- C. The term of office of the Secretary shall be ~~one year~~ *two years*. An individual may not serve more than ~~two one~~ successive ~~terms~~ *term* as Secretary.

Rationale: extending the term of office of the Secretary to two years will allow more continuity in the office.

Section 2. Duties

- C. The Immediate Past-Chair shall act as Chair of the Nominating Committee, which is responsible for presenting a slate of officers for the following year. *The Immediate Past-Chair shall also serve as liaison to the MLA Membership Committee.*

Rationale: Immediate Past-Chair, as an elected officer and member of the Board of Directors, would be in a position to express any Section concerns to MLA Membership Committee. Since we are a small Section, there would not be a need to have a Membership Committee.

Section 3. Nominations and Elections

- A. The Nominating Committee shall prepare annually a slate of ~~(at least one, but more are preferred)~~ ~~nominee(s)~~ *one or more nominee(s)* for Chair-Elect and for each elective officer whose term expires.

Rationale: brings wording into conformity with MLA Model Bylaws.

- B. Ballots shall be ~~mailed, emailed, or faxed~~ *distributed* to the voting membership

Rationale: changing wording to *distributed* encompasses all modes (present and future) of transmission of ballots. The term *distributed* is used in MLA Model Bylaws

by the Nominating Committee ~~no later than thirty days prior to the Section's Annual Meeting and shall be received by the Nominating Committee by the date previously announced for counting ballots in time for the results to be declared on or before February 15.~~

Rationale: brings bylaws into compliance with new date for election results to be reported to MLA Headquarters. Wording conforms to MLA Model Bylaws.

~~Candidates shall be declared elected upon receiving a majority of the votes cast. Where there are more than two candidates, a plurality shall elect. A majority vote elects unless there are more than two candidates, then a plurality shall elect.~~

Rationale: simplifies wording and conforms to MLA Model Bylaws.



PROPOSED CHANGES TO BYLAWS OF CANCER LIBRARIANS SECTION - CONTINUED

Section 5. Candidate for the MLA Nominating Committee

- A. The name of one *Cancer Librarians Section member who is a Regular Voting Member of the Medical Library Association*, chosen by the Nominating Committee, shall be submitted each year to the Section Council as a potential candidate for membership on the MLA Nominating Committee.

Rationale: adds wording to clarify that the Nominee must be a member of the Section.

ARTICLE VII. Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees

C. The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least a total of three (3) members, with the Section's Immediate Past-Chair acting as Chair of this Committee. Members are appointed by the Immediate Past-Chair, with the approval of the Board of Directors. This committee shall be responsible for presenting a slate of officers for the following year. *[N.B. Neither the Chair nor the Chair-Elect shall serve on or appoint members to the Nominating Committee. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised. 1990, p. 425]*

Rationale: brings wording into conformity with MLA Model Bylaws.

Note: There was discussion at our recent business meeting about amending the Bylaws to include some named committees. In our current bylaws, only the Nominating Committee is named (Section 1, C) in the Bylaws.

By not naming any other specific committees, this gives each Section the leeway to decide which committees they need, if any, without having to revise their bylaws every time a committee is formed or disbanded.

Section 1, A states "the Board of Directors shall establish standing committees..., recommend the name and size of each committee, and set the length of the term of appointment."

Section 1, B states "the Chair, in consultation with the Board shall designate and announce committee members and chairs in advance of the beginning of his or her term of office and when these appointments shall take effect. The Chair shall have the discretion to terminate appointments."

Finally, the Model Section Bylaws only names the Nominating Committee as a standing committee of a Section, and the wording we have in our current bylaws in Section 1, A & B, is consistent with their wording regarding any and all other Section Committees.



NIH PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY: IMPACT ON LIBRARIES

Many Cancer Section librarians work for institutions that receive NIH funding for research and clinical trials. The new **NIH Public Access Policy** will have a major impact on both librarians and researchers. Key components are excerpted below. Complete information about the NIH Public Access Policy can be found at the following URL: <http://publicaccess.nih.gov/>

Overview

The NIH Public Access Policy ensures that the public has access to the published results of NIH funded research. It requires scientists to submit journal articles that arise from NIH funds to the digital archive PubMed Central (<http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/>). The Policy requires that these articles be accessible to the public on PubMed Central to help advance science and improve human health.

Address Copyright

Make sure that any copyright transfer or other publication agreements allow the article to be submitted to NIH in accordance with the Policy.

April 7, 2008

As of April 7, 2008, all articles arising from NIH funds must be submitted to PubMed Central upon acceptance for publication.

May 25, 2008

As of May 25, 2008, NIH applications, proposals, and progress reports must include the PubMed Central reference number when citing an article that falls under the policy and is authored or co-authored by the investigator, or arose from the investigator's NIH award. This policy includes applications submitted to the NIH for the May 25, 2008 due date and subsequent due dates.

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How to Comply

Address Copyright

Make sure that any copyright transfer or other publication agreements allow the article to be submitted to NIH in accordance with the Policy.

Submit Article

Authors may submit an article to the journal of their choice for publication.

1. If you choose to publish your article in certain journals, you need do nothing further to comply with the submission requirement of the Policy. See http://publicaccess.nih.gov/submit_process_journals.htm for a list of these journals.

Quick Facts

All peer reviewed articles arising from NIH funds are required to be submitted to PubMed Central.

Submitting a manuscript usually takes less than 10 minutes.

[Many journals submit articles on behalf of authors](#)

