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## FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

### INTERNET ACCESS VIA LIFENET

You have undoubtedly been hearing about the Internet and perhaps have heard of Lifenet. Lifenet, which up until recently was available through MLA, will provide connection to the Internet if your institution does not already have a connection. You may be wondering what is available through the Internet that makes it of interest. Internet provides access to a large number of online catalogs not only in the United States, but around the world as well. For those of us who do not use OCLC, this is a boon for locating books and journals. Internet also provides access to electronic mail and conferencing, bulletin boards, and other networks and services. There are also federal databases available through the Internet, and the NSF is planning on making grant award announcements through the Internet.

MLA had been providing access to Lifenet; however, the demand was so overwhelming that they were compelled to suspend accepting new applications until after 1 January 1993. MLA is looking into other alternatives and will apprise people of the latest information.

If you are already using Internet, I can recommend a journal published by Meckler, called Research and Education Networking. The subscription price is \$97/year for nine issues. It is very readable and has good information: one example is a program you can download onto a Macintosh for interactive information about the Internet.

One of the Section's objectives for the upcoming year is to organize an e-mail cluster for information exchange among members. I am exploring this possibility using Lifenet, and will publicize developments in this area in future newsletters.

Christine Fleuriel  
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# MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

## CANCER LIBRARIANS SECTION MINUTES ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MAY 18, 1992 - WASHINGTON

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### Attendees:

Christine Fleuriel-Dana Farber Cancer  
Institute  
Jeanne Becker-Memorial Sloan-Kettering  
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Karen Albert-Fox Chase Cancer Center  
Cheryl Warren-Valley Care Health Systems  
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Ann Nista-Temple University  
Mary Edith Walker-St. Jude Children's  
Research Hospital  
Dottie Hawthorne-Mayo Medical  
Foundation

Section President, Dottie Hawthorne, called the meeting to order at around 8 a.m. Secretary, Laura Brown, was not yet present to read the minutes. She distributed the minutes later in the meeting, and they were approved after Jeanne Becker pointed out a few corrections.

Dottie Maucione, Chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the slate of candidates for next year's offices:

President: Paul Kittle, Loma Linda University  
Secretary: Mary Sprague, Ohio State University  
Sect. Council: Margaret Vugrin, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center  
Sect. Council Alt.: Dottie Maucione, Calvary Hospital

The Section's MLA Nominating Committee candidate is Amy Butros.

Dottie Hawthorne suggested that the Cancer Librarians's Section Nominating Committee start early in the year to seek people willing to serve as officers of the section.

Dottie Hawthorne gave the Membership and Treasurer's Report in Gayle Ablove's absence. She reported that there are now 68 members of the Section, which is an increase of 7 members from last year. The budget balance is \$1,289.67. More money is expected from the sale of *Clinical Oncology: A Selected List of New Books 1988-1991*.

Mary Edith Walker reported on the newsletter. She has served as editor for the past five years and would like to step down from this position. She said that she'd be happy to work with someone who was willing to take over this job. The newsletter comes out three times a year, and she appreciates the contributions received from members. Dottie Hawthorne suggested a team approach to the production of the newsletter.

Section Council Representative, Jeanne Becker, next gave a report. She asked for input concerning approval of three new MLA Special Interest Groups.

The new groups are: Outreach, Vision Science, and Problem-based Medical Education. All three were approved by our section.

Jeanne also mentioned LIFENET, the new MLA e-mail system available to members to enhance committee work. She also indicated that our section will need to designate a member to serve as a liaison to Section Council for the purpose of program planning for the Annual Meeting two years in advance of the actual meeting. She suggested that the immediate Past President of the section fill this function.

Jeanne next reported on discussions Section Council had regarding the drop in contributed papers and in registration for Continuing Education programs at this year's Annual Meeting. Perhaps more mid-conference workshops will be held in the future, as the one scheduled this year was over-subscribed. Jeanne said that the draft of the revised portion of the Section Bylaws was approved by 19 of 20 section members who voted via the newsletter. Now our Section is in compliance with MLA national regulations.

Since Susan Michaelson was not able to attend the Annual Meeting, Dottie Hawthorne reported on the Clinical Oncology Booklist. Susan's printed report on sales indicated that 90 copies of the list had been sold, with only 13 copies remaining in stock. Susan would be interested in continuing as editor of this publication. Section members felt that the 2-year frequency was appropriate for this list, and that more effort should be made in the area of publicity. Mary Edith suggested covering more consumer health cancer-related books.

Dottie Hawthorne next listed the Section's objectives for 1992:

1. Publish the Clinical Oncology Booklist.
2. Print a recruitment brochure.
3. Sponsor a talk at the Washington DC meeting.
4. Publish the newsletter 3 times a year.

Three of these four objectives were met completely, but there was some uncertainty regarding #2, the recruitment brochure. Paul Kittle, who was not in attendance, had been in charge of this project, and no one was sure of its status.

The Section's objectives for the upcoming (1993) year were set as follows:

1. Explore the establishment of an e-mail cluster to improve communication among Section members.

2. Publish the newsletter 3 times a year.
3. Start working on the Booklist.
4. Plan a program for the Annual Meeting in Chicago; begin planning for the following year's meeting in San Antonio.

Dottie Hawthorne next spoke on Section compliance which requires that elected officers of the section be Regular Members (personal or individual) of MLA National. The Nominating Committee of the Section must notify potential officers of this requirement. Jeanne Becker suggested that there be written guidelines for the Nominating Committee and Board to review each year that would include this recommendation. With the new dues structure, it is possible that this ruling will change to allow institutional members to qualify as officers. Discussion ensued on this issue, and the consensus was that institutional membership should be sufficient to qualify people to hold Section offices. Chris Fleuriel will write a letter to Section Council to voice our opinion on this issue. Jeanne Becker will write guidelines pertaining to the nominating process and send them to the Section newsletter editor for publication.

Chris Fleuriel then described the upcoming program sponsored by our Section. The speaker was to be Dr. John Collins Harvey, from the Center for Clinical Bioethics, Georgetown University. He was to speak on "Ethics in Clinical Medicine."

Discussion next took place regarding ideas for improving the visibility of the Section in order to generate more membership. Karen Albert described difficulties one of her co-workers experienced in attempting to join the Section. Jeanne Becker agreed to mention this problem at Section Council. Ideas for promoting greater visibility included: contributions to the MLA News; adding a membership form to the Booklist; disseminating the fact that to join the Section you don't need to be a cancer librarian, but perhaps just have an interest in cancer-related topics; and contributions to the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association. Eve Ruff then described her self-initiated project on collecting data on Comprehensive Cancer Center libraries. She is designing a questionnaire for this purpose and will submit her draft to Chris Fleuriel for review.

Lastly, introductions were made of everyone present, and thanks were given to last year's officers for all their hard work.

Submitted by,

Karen Albert, Secretary

## NIH CONSENSUS DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE STATEMENTS

## ALERT FOR CANCER LIBRARIANS

Recently one of our faculty requested an issue of the National Institutes of Health Consensus Development Conference Statements, but our check-in records indicated we had not received any since the end of 1989. As the item was needed in a big hurry, our interlibrary loan assistant checked the UCMP list for libraries with holdings and called a number of them, only to discover that they had the same gap we did. Several calls to the Office of Medical Applications of Research at NIH over a two-month period did not yield the desired issues or the promised order form for the series (apparently they have a large backlog of requests), so I finally spoke to the director of the program, Dr. John H. Ferguson. He was alarmed to learn of the gaps and had been under the impression that mailing lists for the series included most of the medical libraries in the United States. He immediately sent me several back issues and the order form. I promised to distribute copies of the order form to all the medical librarians I could reach. The current emphasis on quality assurance makes this series extremely important. It is indexed in Index Medicus and MEDLINE, and it is free. If you would like a copy of the order form, please contact me.

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Seminars in Oncology publishes supplements each year, often discussing a particular drug or other topic in cancer treatment. The first supplement for 1992 concerns ifosfamide, an experimental drug in the United States, but more widely used in other countries. However, the drug is used in cancer clinical trials in the United States.

The supplements are typically funded by drug companies. It is the publisher's position that the subscription entitles you to receive all the regular issues, but is not considered payment for supplements. In the case of Supplement 1 for 1992, the drug company did not wish to pay to have the supplement provided to American libraries because the drug cannot be routinely prescribed by American physicians. Therefore, this issue is not being sent to American libraries and is not available for purchase by them. This will apparently be the case with Supplements 5 and 6 also.

There are obviously several issues here, some relating to access to information. If you'd like to make your feelings known to the publisher, please take a few minutes to write to:

Dr. John Yabro, Editor-in-Chief  
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W.B. Saunders Co.  
Independence Square West  
Philadelphia, PA 19106-3399

Mary Edith Walker  
St. Jude Children's Research Hosp.

## MEMBER NEWS

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Several of our members have had articles published or in press in the library literature:

Abella, Gilbert V. and Kittle, Paul W. "The CD-ROM Experience Loma Linda: The Issues of Training, Logistics, and Creative Financing," Medical Reference Services Quarterly, Vol. 11(2), Summer 1992, pp. 1-11.

Paul W. Kittle is Director of the Library and Information Center at the Loma Linda University Medical Center, Loma Linda, CA.

Nista, Ann S., Albert, Karen M., and Lewis, Beth A. "Cost Recovery and Usage Tracking of CD-ROM Databases with Menuing Software," Medical Reference Services Quarterly, Vol. 10(4), Winter 1991, pp. 15-27.

Ann Nista is Associate Director of the Health Sciences Center Library at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.

Nista, Ann S., Albert, Karen M., and Lewis, Beth A. "CD-ROM Cost Recovery, Access Control, and Usage Analysis: A Case Study and Review of the Literature." in Wood, M. Sandra, editor, CD-ROM Implementation and Networking in Health Sciences Libraries, Haworth Press, 1993. (in press)

Karen Albert is Director of Library and Information Services at the Talbot Research Library of the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, PA. Beth Lewis is Assistant Librarian at the same institution.

## THANK YOU TO NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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Mary Edith Walker of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has served as Editor of the Cancer Librarians Section News for the past five years. Under her leadership the newsletter has flourished and grown to contain numerous interesting and informative features and articles. We thank her for her outstanding service in this capacity.

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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The Hospital Libraries Section (HLS) Professional Recognition Committee is seeking nominations for Professional Recognition Awards which will be given to outstanding HLS members in the following four categories: Leadership, Technological Innovation, Publications, and Research. To qualify, the nominee must be a member of HLS, and the recognition must involve hospital library functions or leadership.

Unique or innovative activities, publications, research projects, grant proposals, poster sessions, new users for software, user aids—all these and more qualify for consideration. To nominate yourself or a deserving colleague, contact Carole Gilbert, Chair at (313)424-3293 for a nomination form.



## ANOTHER CALL FOR NOMINATION

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The Friends of the National Library of Medicine

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This newly created award will honor an outstanding librarian or library program in the area of outreach to rural, unaffiliated or underserved medical populations.

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Friends Patron Dinner in Washington, D.C.

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City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## WANTED: YOUR INPUT

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Many of us see each other only once a year (or less!) at MLA. This bulletin provides a way for us to keep in touch and know what is happening in other cancer libraries. Please take time to send me some information about your library, your career, or your life (personal or professional milestones accepted).

I've listed a few possibilities to start you thinking; please let us know how you are "doing it good" in your library or your life!

\_\_\_\_\_ Building/renovating library      \_\_\_\_\_ Automating      \_\_\_\_\_ Offering a new service

\_\_\_\_\_ Writing/Researching      \_\_\_\_\_ Getting a grant for: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS BELOW:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to: Karen Albert, Talbot Research Library,  
Fox Chase Cancer Center, Phila., PA 19111

## BOOK REVIEW

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Psychotherapy and the Widowed Patient, edited by E. Mark Stern. New York & London, Haworth Press, 1990. 247 p. \$24.95 hardcover.

While there are a significant number of journal articles on widowhood, there are only a few books. Psychotherapy and the Widowed Patient consists of twenty chapters, each a case history or series of case histories with comments encompassing the relevant theoretical and cultural background, psychology, and therapeutic methods. Each chapter includes a bibliography of relevant articles from peer-reviewed journals. While widowhood is the central focus of the book, several chapters address the effects of grief on surviving children and the dynamic between children and widow. The chapter entitled, "Objected loss and pathological consequence: a study in the treatment of loss and self-injury," by Louis Birner, Ph.D., is a study of the consequences of the loss of a mate in a pathological relationship. The final chapter, "The fullness of emptiness," by Edward A. Wise, Ph.D., is reflective and includes a seven-part poem on aspects of the experience of loss. The book is printed on acid-free paper and is clothbound. Its usability would be enhanced by the inclusion of an index. Nevertheless, it would make an excellent addition to the psychotherapy or death and dying collection in any oncology library.

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