FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

March 11, 1996
Annual Report to the MLA Board of Directors
May 1995 through March 1996

Goal 1: Professional Development

One invited speaker program was sponsored by the Cancer Librarians Section at the 1995 MLA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Dr. E. Loren Buhole spoke on ONCOLINK, the World Wide Web-based cancer information service which he initiated.

A contributed papers session, jointly sponsored with four other sections, will be held at the 1996 MLA Annual Meeting in Kansas City.

The Section continues to use its CANCERLIB-L listserv as a forum for sharing information and fostering electronic discussion.

Goal 2: Advocacy

A prototype section brochure was developed and presented at the 1995 MLA Annual Meeting. It should be completed by and distributed at the 1996 MLA Annual Meeting in Kansas City.

Goal 3: Organization

The Cancer Librarians Newsletter continues to be issued regularly. Issue number 20 was published in February 1996.

The Section held its annual business meeting during the 1995 MLA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. The President and Vice-President/President-Elect met to discuss plans for the Section’s program at the 1996 Annual Meeting. Subsequently, CANCERLIB-L was used to poll members about topics for the contributed papers session to be held at the 1996 Annual Meeting.

As of January 31, 1996, the Cancer Librarians Section has 129 members. As of February 28, 1996, the treasury balance is $1959.42.

Motion
This report is informational and requires no action by the Board of Directors.

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Chair, 1995/96 and 1996/97
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Leave the subject line blank and
type the following in the body:

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Cancer Librarians Section News will be published
four times a year, starting in 1996-97.
Cancer Librarians Section members automatically
receive the News with their membership.
Others may subscribe for $5 per year.

Copy or requests for information
should go to the Editor.
The News is designed, produced and edited by
Margaret Vugrin.
CANCER LIBRARIANS SECTION  
Business Information

A. 1996/97 Objectives

MLA Headquarters has requested that each Section formulate its objectives for 1996/97 by June 15. Many thanks to Margaret Vugrin for her help in this!

Please let me know if you have any other suggestions.

Cancer Librarians Section 1996/97 Objectives
1. Publish four issues of Cancer Librarians Newsletter.
3. Finalize and print Section membership brochure.
4. Revise bylaws so that we are in compliance with MLA procedures, especially for election of officers.

B. Agenda for Section Business Meeting in Kansas City

TENTATIVE AGENDA:

Approval of minutes of last year’s business meeting.
Treasurer’s report
Report of Section Council meetings on June 1, 1996, including any other actions requested by MLA
Bylaws changes (to conform with MLA HQ rules)
Cancerlib-L report (no. of subscribers, etc.)
President’s report (including MLANET liaison)
Newsletter report

C. Section Bylaws Changes

MLA now requires that new section officers must be elected by MARCH 1. The bylaws must be changed by March 1997 to reflect this.

The proposed bylaws changes are in brackets. Please send me your comments.

Article IV. Officers
Section 3. Election of Officers

[Results of election of officers must be submitted to MLA Headquarters no later than March 1 of each year.] Ballots shall be mailed to the voting membership no later than [January 15 of that year.] Ballots must be received by the Nominating Committee by [February 15 in order to be counted.] Candidates shall be declared elected upon receiving a majority of votes cast. [A term of office commences with the end of the Association’s annual meeting.]

D. Personnel: Officers, Elections, etc.

MLA Section Council and MLA HQ must have the names, etc. of all officers, committee chairs, section council reps and alternates, program planning chairs, newsletter editors, and nominees for MLA nominating committee by June 15. If your info is NOT the same as in the current MLA directory, send me an email message with the correct info!

Officers for 1996/97: Sherrill Cohn from Amgen has volunteered to run for Vice-President/President Elect. She will plan the Seattle meeting (1997) and serve as President in 1998. Ola Holowka consented to be Secretary. The terms of Annelie, Margaret, and Cindy expire in 5/98. Please vote by June 1st either by e-mail to (hlrv@ttacs.ttu.edu) or see the ballot in this issue. Only one vote per member.

I would like to thank Amy Butros, Eve Ruff, and Dottie Maucione, our Nominating Committee, for their suggestions for officers.

MLA Nominating Committee candidate: Janet Nelson volunteered to run for this. Section Council will choose nominating committee candidates in Kansas City.

MLANET liaison: Paul Kittle agreed to be the MLANET liaison.

I would like to thank Cheryl Warren and Karen Albert for taking the reins of the Clinical Oncology Bibliography.

I would also like to thank Janet Nelson, Paul Kittle and all the members for their assistance this year.

Gayle J. Ablove  
CHAIR, Cancer Librarians Section
CANCER LIBRARIANS SECTION

Election Ballot

Vice President/Chair-Elect

__________ Sherrill Cohn
            Amgen
            Thousand Oaks, CA

__________ Other, Please write in:

Secretary

__________ Olia Holowka
            M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
            Houston, TX

__________ Other, Please write in:

Please mail ballot to Margaret Vugrin.
(Address on p.2) either print or e-mail votes will be accepted. Only one per member.

Please respond by June 1st.
TECHNOLOGY - LATE BREAKING SESSION

Section Programming III
Tuesday, June 4th at 11:00 AM

Our Technology Late Breaking Session is now set. Late breaking sessions are an experiment this year to see if we could put together programs on cutting edge topics. Our technology session will be in the Section Programming III slot on Tuesday, June 4th at 11:00 AM and will include the following presentations.

1. Our lead off speaker and session coordinator will be Cliff Lynch, Director of Library Automation of the University of California's Office of the President. His topic is "Information Technology Developments of the Next 5 Years and Their Potential Impact on Libraries".

2. Our second speaker is Brian Warling, Manager, Digital Library Operations, Univ. of California, San Francisco. He will discuss and demonstrate Medscape, a web-based interface to the Melvyl Medline Plus database. Medscape utilizes the Z39.50 protocol and a session-oriented HTTP server to provide a seamless access to Medline Plus. It also has a direct link from retrieved Medline citations to full text via journals in the UCSF Redsage Electronic Journal System.

3. Our final speaker is Dalia Kleinmuntz, Webster Library, Evanston Hospital. She will report on "Hospital Libraries Networking Beyond Medline". She will discuss hospital library information technology projects where the new technologies are being applied in the hospital library setting.

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HealthSTAR NOW AVAILABLE

The National Library of Medicine and the American Hospital Association are pleased to announce the merger of the HEALTH (Health Planning and Administration) and the HSTAR (Health Services/ Toxicology Assessment Research) databases. (See also the HealthSTAR article on pages 1,5 of the Nov-Dec 1995 Technical Bulletin.)

The new database, entitled HealthSTAR (Health Services Technology, Administration, and Research), is now available to all users of NLM's online services network. For online information about the HealthSTAR unit record, at the USER: prompt type: $INFO HEALTHSTAR.
New and Innovative Services in Health Care Settings  
(Contributed Paper Session)  

Sunday, June 2, 1996  
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  

Introduction  
(4:00 - 4:05 p.m.)  

Moderator: Deborah Lawless,  
Instructor & University Librarian, Borland Library,  
University of Florida, Jacksonville, FL  

AN INTERNET TEACHING TOOL: A COMPANION RESOURCE TO WORKSHOPS TEACHING  
HOSPITAL LIBRARIANS TO USE THE WORLD WIDE WEB {1}  

(4:05 - 4:20 p.m.)  

Keir Reavie, Coordinator of Research Support Services, Shiffman Medical Library,  
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An instructional World Wide Web (WWW) site was created as a companion resource to workshops  
teaching hospital librarians to access the Internet/WWW. Workshop attendees can use the resource to (1)  
test and implement knowledge obtained in the workshop, including use of the WWW and WWW clients; (2)  
contact the instructor for online support via electronic mail; (3) provide suggestions for improving the workshop; and (4) prepare for attendance at a follow-up, train-the-trainer workshop. Developed using the  
Hypertext Markup Language (HTML), hypertext links facilitate the librarian's retrieval of relevant information about the WWW, using a WWW client, accessing health sciences resources and creating user documentation to support their own training of health care providers. Information about trainees' use of this WWW resource; specific problems encountered in using the resource; with use of the Internet/WWW and with the train-the-trainer process are discussed. Information obtained is also used to modify the WWW resource and future workshops.  

{1} This work was supported by a contract from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Greater Midwest Region.
CREATING A WEB PAGE FOR ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ADDICTION INFORMATION RESOURCES

(4:20 - 4:35 p.m.)

Denis Gaffney, Collection Management Librarian, (formerly Head of Reference), Medical Research Library, State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn

The development of the World Wide Web has made it possible for librarians, especially in reference services, to create Web pages devoted to information resources in very specific areas. Links can easily be made to innumerable sources of information on the Web. The challenge was in finding appropriate sources of subject information in the fields of alcoholism and drug addiction, arranging them on the page in a way that was most convenient for the patron to use and constantly monitoring the page to make sure information is current and that links are active. One must also be on the lookout for new sources of information. The paper will discuss how the author went about these various parts of the process, e.g. by using Lycos, WebCrawler, Yahoo and other sources of subject-specific information on the Web. Evaluation of the Web page was received from specialists in the field at our medical center. The process of making the availability of the resource known to staff is also discussed.

HOSPITAL LIBRARIANS RESPOND TO: “AN INTERNET TEACHING TOOL: A COMPANION RESOURCE TO TEACHING HOSPITAL LIBRARIANS TO USE THE WORLD WIDE WEB”

(4:35 - 4:50 p.m.)

Cathy H. Eames, Library Automation Specialist, Children’s Hospital of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan;

Carole M. Gilbert, Director, Library Services, Helen L. DeRoy Medical Library, Mission Health/Providence Hospital and Medical Centers, Southfield, Michigan

In hospitals, the librarian may become one of the first to learn to navigate the Internet, become the local “expert” and, with minimal support, be expected to teach others within their institution. Internet instructional classes are of two types, those related to intellectual access and those related to physical access, with fewer materials written for librarians to use when training hospital staff how to physically access the Internet. A librarian new to the Internet and a librarian already using the Internet will explore the usefulness of an Internet teaching tool, developed to help librarians and their library users configure the software used to physically access the World Wide Web.
CRITERIA FOR SELECTING A WEB SEARCH ENGINE

(4:50 - 5:05 p.m.)

Kathlyn L Reed, Ph.D., OTR, MLIS, AHIP, Education/Information Services Librarian, Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library, Houston, TX.

The number of Web search engines available to search the Internet and World Wide Web are rapidly increasing. However, the quality is not equal among all Web search engines. The purpose varies, the way in which the search is performed varies, the reliability varies, and information reported varies. Librarians have special needs when evaluating Web search engines for their own use as well as when making recommendations for client or patron use. This presentation will focus on developing and organizing criteria librarians may want to consider in the selection of Web search engines, such as case of access, frequency of down or unavailable time, number of Web sites searched, updating frequency, code line searched, reporting of actual addresses, reporting of description of a site, use of multiple Web search engines versus using only one, number of sites retrieved in a search, availability of boolean logic, options for precision or recall and other points.

Questions and Answers

(5:05 - 5:30 p.m.)

Business Meeting

Monday June 3, 1996
4:00pm-5:30pm

This is an important meeting for our membership as it is one of the few times a year we get together as a group and can plan the coming year. Please mark this on your calendar.
WANTED: YOUR INPUT

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: __________________________ e-mail: __________________________

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