
CLS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Cancer Librarians Section Business Meeting Honolulu, Hawaii Sunday, May 17, 2009

Present: Karen Albert, Dan Boutchie, Frank Davis, Julia Esparza, Stephanie Fulton, Donna Gibson, Grace Gmeindl, Gail Hendler, Barbara Henry, Margaret Hsieh, Dina McKelvy, Ellie Phillipou

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 a.m. by Julie Esparza. The minutes from the 2008 business meeting were approved.

Reports

Julie distributed copies of Margaret Vugrin's annual report to MLA.

The treasurer's report stated we had received \$1500 from sponsors which included CIG Media Group, New England Journal of Medicine, and Wiley-Blackwell.

Ann Marie Clark sent her report on the section's website. She is keeping the site up to date as she receives information from members.

Barbara Henry will look at our current bylaws to see if we need to make changes to the portion dealing with Section Council. Section chairs and former chairs are now the Section Council representatives.

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

Frank Davis reported on the status of the recommended websites project. There is a need for more volunteers. You can add your own topic if you have a special area of interest that is not currently covered. There are three areas open for adoption: Alternative Medicine, Drugs & Biologics, and Statistics & Epidemiology. Julie suggested that we work to get something in *MLA News* about the recommended websites.

Frank also gave the Section Council report:

- There is a recruitment and retention wiki now available.
- A free trial membership is available to new MLA members – they may choose up to 3 Sections for a 6 month trial.
- Some Sections are not updating their websites.
- Mailing lists are not up to date for some Sections.
- Awards deadline is now March 15.
- MLA has purchased new association software. This will eventually allow individual members to manage their AHIP portfolios, change their passwords, etc.
- February 15 is the deadline to report new Section officers to MLA headquarters.
- Ruth Holst, chair-elect of Section Council, spoke about her agenda for the Council:
 - a. Advocacy for hospital librarians
 - b. Personal health records and links to the library
 - c. Health literacy
 - d. Scholarly communications
 - e. Care competencies
 - f. Face book and You Tube pages
- Carla Funk and Connie Schardt spoke to the Council about building membership, preparing new librarians, and possibility of virtual meetings and/or conferences.

Julie gave the membership report. She said we picked up two or three people at the Free Shuffle last year, and we had retained those members. There are few Cancer Librarians Section members from NCI-designated cancer centers. It was



suggested that we look at the Docline list and see who are the librarians at these centers and contact them about joining the section. She will check with MLA to see if we can charge half price to new members. A 2010 Section Shuffle is being planned. Julie asked for marketing ideas.

A question was raised about releasing our mailing list to our vendor sponsors.

Other Business

Julie said one of her goals is to develop a travel grant award in honor of Ann Hutchinson who did a lot of the work to form the Cancer Librarians Section. This would be a Section award, for our members only. It would not necessarily have to be used for travel to the Annual Meeting. We could possibly use the Public Health or Collection Development Sections' awards as models.

It was also suggested that we could create an award for persons who have made contributions to the Section and/or to oncology.

Julie will put out a call for volunteers to assist in the development of these two awards.

Karen Albert asked if everyone else was experiencing difficulty in getting to the NCCN guidelines. The login is problematic. She will write a letter to send to MLA headquarters asking them to advocate for us to NCCN.

The NEJM vendors who were present at the meeting were thanked for providing breakfast.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara J. Henry, MLS, AHIP

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