

**Washington Medical Librarians Association
Business Meeting
WMLA Annual Meeting
April 2, 2004
Bastyr University**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by WMLA president Susan Long.

Reports:

Minutes: The minutes of the Business Meeting of the 2003 Annual meeting were distributed and approved.

Membership: Julia Parker reported that we currently have 50 members, with 6 new members for 2004.

Bylaws Committee: Jan Schueller reported that the Bylaws Committee had a quiet year but that there would be a recommendation for a minor change to the Bylaws in New Business.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Schewe distributed the Transaction Report as of March 31, 2004. As of that date the WMLA treasury has \$9,964.16.

CE Committee: Gail Kouame reported that there were 37 responses to the CE Survey. The most popular topic was *Digital Libraries & Electronic Resources* (51%), with the next most popular topic Michellyn McKnight's *Proving Your Worth* class. Gail asked anyone with other interests to contact the CE Committee. Since we were not able to schedule a CE class with the 2004 Annual Meeting it was decided to offer to sponsor a CE class at the PNC/MLA meeting in October.

Student Representative: Jenny Abrahamson, UW *iSchool* representative, reported on some activities at the *iSchool*. The HSLIS SIS (student interest section) now has 14 members representing hospital, academic, biotech, and consumer health libraries. Terry Jankowski is serving as the Field Work Coordinator if anyone would like to contact her for a potential fieldwork student. Sherrilyne Fuller is the professor for the Health Sciences Information Needs, Resources and Environment class. The *iSchool* is currently developing a Biomedical Health Informatics Certificate Program, initially for matriculated students. A number of WMLA members indicated interest in this being made available as an Extension program. There is also an ongoing mentoring program, Project Network, to match interested students with practicing library and information professionals.

Annual Meeting: Boo Horak announced that the breaks at this meeting are sponsored by EBSCO, MD Consult, and Stat!Ref. Everyone agreed that Bastyr is a wonderful place to hold the meeting and that the 1st Friday in April is a good date. The plan is to hold the 2005 meeting at the same place and on Friday, April 1st. Boo asked that anyone willing to serve on the committee contact her.

Resource Sharing Committee: Kathleen McCrory reported to the group about a new program. DocMD, that is being used in the Midwest. The program allows smaller hospital libraries to use a

central server for electronic document delivery. Funding and hosting of such a server is the biggest issue. Contact Kathleen with any interest.

Group Purchasing Committee: Cheryl Goodwin & Susan Barnes reported on the activity of the group over the past year. The OVID-LWW contract was renewed for 2004 with a larger, Total Access Package, and nearly 50 libraries from the Northwest participating. The cost for returning libraries was less than their 2003 costs. Discussion followed regarding adding new members mid-year (possible now) and the need to get started earlier for the 2005 renewal. There was some discussion regarding the possibility of looking for databases of more use to biotech libraries. The PNC/MLA Board voted last fall to transition the committee to PNC/MLA due to the fact that the participants are not just Washington Libraries and to allow for even greater potential purchasing power. Cheryl Goodwin, Pamela Murray, and Susan Barnes will remain on the committee and the new representatives are Tori Koch (Montana), Greg Rowell (BC), Catherine Poppino (Idaho), Judith Hayes (Oregon) and Kathy Murray (Alaska). The Committee has been charged by the PNC/MLA Board to make recommendations regarding the procedures it would follow for developing future group purchases and whether or not to recommend that an institutional membership be developed (and required for participation in group purchasing) for PNC/MLA.

Old Business:

Lisa Oberg gave a brief summary of activities of the Washington Library Council. The purpose of the Council is to advise the State Library as to how LSTA money should be distributed. Last year there were requests for \$3,200,000 compared to a total of \$1,200,000 available. There are 2 librarians to represent special libraries. One possible area to look for funding is an initiative dealing with the right to health care information. She encouraged WMLA members to contact their legislators regarding the importance of maintaining the State Library.

New Business:

Nanette Welton reported that she is serving on an Ovid Advisory Committee. She asked that anyone with concerns, comments, or suggestions for Ovid contact her.

Potential Bylaws Change: It was suggested by the Nominating Committee that we change the Chair of the Nominating Committee from the Incoming President to the Outgoing President. The Board will review the existing bylaws to see if any other changes before notifying the membership of an upcoming Bylaws vote. Thirty days following the announcement a ballot will be sent to members.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Barnes, Recording Secretary
(with sincere thanks to Cheryl Goodwin, who took and compiled these notes)