

Washington Medical Librarians Association
Board Meeting
February 9, 2007

University of Washington Health Sciences Library
Seattle, WA

WMLA President Jan Schueller called the meeting to order at 9:15am.

Present: Jan Schueller, Gail Kouame, Susan Barnes, Andrea Ryce, Neal Van der Voorn, Ann Glusker, Julia Parker (by telephone), Susan Banks (by telephone)

Officer and Committee Chair reports

The minutes of the April 12, 2006 meeting were approved.

Past-President Susan Banks discussed WMLA elections for 2007 and, with the group, compiled a possible slate of candidates, including Kathleen McCrory for President-Elect, Chari McRill and/or Brynn Beals for Program Chair for the 2008 meeting, Susan Klawansky for CE Chair, Michelle Goodwin or Kendra Thulin for Recording Secretary, Kendra Thulin or Sue Marshall or George McAlister for Member-at-Large. Susan Banks will contact these potential candidates and pull a slate together.

Neal Van der Voorn presented plans for the upcoming 2007 WMLA Annual Meeting on March 30. The theme will have to do with computer technology for smaller libraries, and the program will include a presentation by Christopher Peters, Washington State Library IT specialist, on Web 2.0; Marcia Batchelor on the Doody list (a new version of the former Brandon-Hill list); And/Or/Not Consulting's Denise Bonin (of Vancouver, BC) on installing and managing RSS feeds, Wikis, and Blogs; and backups could be Denise Stewart of WebJunction or Donna Okubo of PLOS. Sponsors will include Ovid and Ebsco. In subsequent discussion, the theme title of "New Technologies We All Can Use" was decided upon.

Gail Kouame presented plans for CE opportunities on March 29: a half-day hands-on workshop on advanced PubMed (taught by Linda Milgrom); and a half-day hands-on workshop on creating online tutorials (instructor to be determined). These workshops will take place in Bastyr Library's computer lab.

Treasurer Andrea Ryce reviewed funds donated by WMLA in 2006: a donation of \$1,000 to libraries impacted by Katrina and \$1,500 to support Connie Schardt's Evidence-Based Medicine for the Medical Librarian CE course at the Western MLA Chapters meeting. The balance in WMLA's account is \$9,762.52 according to US Bank and \$8,871.30 according to QuickBooks. Andrea will embark upon a project to reconcile the two accounts; this was approved by the WMLA board. Not many expenses are anticipated for the upcoming year: honoraria for speakers, rental fee for Bastyr, non-profit fee to the State of Washington, fee to Drizzle for hosting the WMLA web site, and domain name fee to Net Solutions. These expenses will be covered by registration fees and annual meeting income. The group discussed other possible uses for WMLA's funds: the association already offers travel scholarships (and the group agreed that these should be promoted); expenses incurred by WMLA Board members in traveling to board meetings could be supported (the board approved this); lunch at the annual meeting could

be supported through a \$5 voucher for meeting registrants (the board approved this); and WMLA could support something at the September, 2007 PNC/MLA meeting in Montana. Andrea will also research options for investing WMLA funds in a way that accrues more interest.

Member Secretary Julia Parker reported that the association has 51 members, and that the size has been fairly steady for the past couple of years. Jan will send out a renewal reminder along with a meeting preview. The member roster on the WMLA web site is outdated; Julia will send an update to Bob Reichart, WMLA webmaster.

Old Business

The bylaws were updated over the summer and approved by the WMLA membership in September, 2006. They have not yet been updated on the WMLA web site but that is in progress.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Barnes, Recording Secretary