

**Washington Medical Librarians Association  
Business Meeting  
WMLA Annual Meeting  
March 31, 2006  
Bastyr University**

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by WMLA president Jan Schueller, and past-president Susan Banks welcomed WMLA back to Bastyr.

**Reports:**

Minutes: The minutes of the 2005 Business Meeting, which had been provided in advance via the WMLA web site, were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Andrea Ryce is WMLA's new treasurer, and she distributed the 2006 treasury report. She filed the organization's annual nonprofit report to the Secretary of State in March. WMLA's balance in its account at US Bank is presently \$11,396.69. Income will be posted soon from conference sponsorships, membership renewals, and conference registrations. Maryanne Blake suggested that a group of WMLA members review its books, because it has been a long time since anyone has done so. Maryanne, Linda Milgrom, and Marcia Batchelor volunteered to work on this.

Membership: Julia Parker reported that we have 35 paid members at present, which is a little better than this time last year (when we had 24). The typical pattern is for people to renew right before the annual meeting, so she anticipates that the roster will soon include another 25 or 30 people. We have 3 student members and 2 additional new members. In addition, 3 lapsed members have renewed. Following a general discussion on encouraging more people to join WMLA, the board members agreed to discuss a possible name change for the organization.

Nominating Committee: Jan reported that, since Sue Jacobsen had found it necessary to withdraw from the position of WMLA president, Jan is now both the new president and the president-elect. Susan Banks, past president, will chair the Nominating Committee this year.

CE Committee: Gail Kouame reported that we had two CE classes yesterday: "Expert Searching" taught by Terry Jankowski, and "No Compende" taught by Gail Kouame. 13 attended Terry's class and 4 attended Gail's. The sessions made money and we saw new faces among the participants. The sessions were promoted this year to these email lists: HLIB-NW, CAPHIS, SLA NW, PNLA, and WIIF. Audience members suggested that WMLA CE could also be promoted to the regional ASIST list. Pamela Murray reported that the Internet Users Group held two meetings this year, one on link resolvers and the other various topics of interest. The second meeting was filmed and placed on DVD.

Bylaws: Susan Barnes will be the interim bylaws chair while Jan Schueller is president. It is time to look at, and probably revise, the bylaws, which have not been revised since 2002. More specificity is needed regarding term limits, timing, and succession for executive board members and committee chairs.

Resource Sharing: Kathleen McCrory suggested that the WMLA Resource Sharing committee be formally disbanded since issues are being discussed and decided in other venues. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by the membership.

Annual Meeting: Jan thanked Sue Jacobsen and Kathleen McCrory for organizing this year's meeting with its theme of "Health Literacy: Implications for Health Science Librarians."

### **Old Business:**

Maryanne Blake reviewed the summary she presented to the WMLA Board regarding her membership survey. She created the survey using SurveyMonkey, announced it on HLIB-NW, and received a response from 65% of the WMLA membership. Maryanne will post the complete results on the WMLA website, and here are a few highlights:

- 58% of WMLA members have belonged for ten or more years
- 44% are from hospital libraries; 41% from academic libraries; the remainder from other types of biomedical libraries such as biotech firms
- 54% attended the 2005 meeting. Of those who did not attend, they were unable to take the time off (this was by far the most common reason for not attending), or were not interested in the topics covered by the meeting, or said the topics were not relevant to their work, or had other commitments or conflicts.
- 82% have attended a WMLA meeting in the past
- 34% attended the two CE sessions that were held the day before the 2005 annual meeting.
- Here is what respondents want to get from WMLA meetings, in ranked order:
  1. Collegiality and networking
  2. New/Cutting edge topics
  3. Nonclinical topics such as library management and IT
  4. Clinical topics were ranked as moderately important
- CE topics of interest include electronic resources management, technology for small libraries, and management (such as ROI).

### **New Business:**

Jan Schueller reminded us that we are still looking for someone to be our Government Relations chair.

Maryanne Blake asked whether WMLA would be willing to sponsor a CE session at the upcoming Western MLA Chapters meeting in Seattle. Jan Schueller encouraged Maryanne to submit a formal request with a brief budget to her.

Sue Jacobsen suggested that a good topic for upcoming CE would be health insurance information. She is working with a social worker, who is developing a web module on health insurance.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Barnes, Recording Secretary