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Alaska: North to the Future

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Half a million square miles...68 people per square mile...1/2 million people (half the population of Rhode Island) living in an area 1/5 the size of the contiguous United States...highest mountains...biggest glaciers...fewer than 15,000 miles of roads and highways...1,400 miles of ferry routes...27 hospitals, only 5 of which have more than 100 beds...and 5 medical libraries. What a challenge! As we come to the end of our summer in the Pacific Northwest, it seems a good time to turn our thoughts toward our colleagues in Alaska and their particular challenges in providing health information to their patrons in the Land of the Midnight Sun.

Alaska Health Sciences Library

The Alaska Health Sciences Library (AHSL) is a state wide biomedical information services supported primarily by the State of Alaska, Division of State Libraries, Archives and Museums. It is located in the University of Alaska Anchorage Consortium Library. Together the Consortium Library and the Health Sciences Library represent the major resource of health sciences information in Alaska. Services are fee-based and are available to citizens and health care providers throughout the State of Alaska. The staff consists of a director, a reference librarian, a library assistant who is in charge of interlibrary loans, and a clerk and her assistant who are responsible for photocopying and the table of contents service.

AHSL has traditionally depended on the mail service to deliver its services from Barrow to Ketchikan. However, with the development of new technology AHSL began looking for ways to deliver literature searches more quickly and with greater assurance that they would arrive. With no money to develop or demonstrate the service, AHSL turned to NLM in January 1990 with a request for an information access grant — the Rural Alaska Health Information Project. The grant was funded July 1, 1991. AHSL will be providing a wide variety of innovative and extensive serv

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Steve Rauch is the Library Coordinator at Merle West Medical Center in Klamath Falls. He worked previously at a hospital library in Colorado Springs and has also worked for the IMF and the World Bank Library.

Idaho

submitted by Nancy van Dinter

Lynda Greenwood is now the librarian for both Bannock and Pocatello Regional Medical Centers in Pocatello.

Peggy Flowers is the new librarian at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston.

Nancy van Dinter has permanently accepted the position of Health Information Consultant at the Idaho State Library.

British Columbia

by Jim Henderson and taken from other sources

After three decades as Director of the B.C. Medical Library Service, **Bill Fraser** retired on June 30. Bill was honored as a Fellow at the Medical Library Association's Ninety-First Annual Meeting in San Francisco, the second Canadian to receive that honor. Fellowship is conferred by the Board of Directors in recognition of outstanding contributions to the advancement of the purposes of MLA. Bill's work experience includes various public library positions in British Columbia before his appointment as library director of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia's Medical Library Service from 1962 to 1991. Bill was the founder and first president of the Health Libraries Association of British Columbia and a founding member of the Canadian Health Libraries Association. His contributions to that organization were recognized in 1988 when he was made a

Lifetime Member. He has also been very active in the Medical Library Association and is a three-time president of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of MLA.

Many students in the Medical Libraries course in the UBC School of Library, Archival, and Information Studies benefitted from his skill as a teacher. At the dinner in Bill's honor in June, the C. William Fraser Scholarship Fund was announced. An annual grant generated by the Fund will be given to a student in the School who is interested in pursuing a career in health librarianship.

His students, his colleagues, and the BCMLS staff will remember his warmth and genuine interest in them as well as his contributions to health librarianship. His quiet, unostentatious demeanor accomplished much. His legacy to the physicians and health libraries of B.C. will last for many years.

Washington

from Washington State *Resourceline* and other sources

The **Regional Medical Library (Pacific Northwest Regional Health Sciences Library Service)** has been officially renamed the **National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM), Pacific Northwest Region** by the National Library of Medicine.

Cindy Muller has joined the library team as health information specialist at Southwest Washington Hospital.

Pamela Miles has left Schick Shadel Hospital to become the new half-time Library Specialist at the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute at the University of Washington, Seattle. Library service at **Schick Shadel** has been suspended indefinitely.

Claudia Scott is the new librarian at Stevens Memorial Hospital, Edmonds, replacing **Peggy Burt**. Peggy has moved on to a Seattle company called Interactive Generation, where she is

working on library software application and development. To reach Peggy, call 206/523-7905.

Eve M. Ruff has left the Regional Medical Library to take the position of Head of Library Services at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle.

Neil Rambo has been named chair of the MLA National Program Committee for the 1995 annual meeting in San Antonio.

The new Medical Reference Specialist for the King County Library System is **Maureen Carleton**. Maureen replaces **Mary Campbell**, who is working part-time at a branch of the Library System following the birth (in June) of her second son, Zachary.

Evergreen Hospital Medical Center Library has a new direct-dial telephone number: 206/899-1892. The number for the main hospital switchboard has not changed.

Margaret Salazar, formerly at Weyerhaeuser Technical Information Center, began at Group Health Cooperative Central Library as the new Library Technician in July.

Darlene Hildebrandt is the new Head of Science Libraries at Washington State University.

Vicki Croft, Head Librarian of the

PNC/MLA Committee Chairs for 1991

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Washington State University Veterinary Medical/Pharmacy Library, and **Diane Prorak** from the University of Idaho Library are co-authors of an article on training veterinary students to access journal article abstracts from remote sites by computerized methods. See *Veterinary Medical Education*, 15(1):33-36, Spring 1991.

Alaska

submitted by Jeri van den Top

NLM visits Anchorage — on June 25, **Lois Ann Colaiaanni** visited Alaska Native Medical Center's Bonnie Williams Memorial Library and the Alaska Health Sciences Library. AHSL invited **Donna Hudson** from USAF Elmendorf Hospital to join us.

Name Change: The **USAF Regional Hospital Elmendorf** is now the **11th AF Medical Center, Elmendorf AFB**, and serves as a secondary care institution for all Department of Defense personnel in the Pacific Overseas Area.

TELE-Project Librarian **Eve Ruff** made her final trip to Alaska in June. She certainly impacted Alaska's health care information delivery system and we will miss her.

Alaska Health Sciences Library (AHSL) received notice that its Information Access Grant, "Rural Alaska Information Access Project" application was funded.

Call for Papers - International Cooperation Section - MLA 1992 Annual Meeting

The Program Committee of the International Cooperation Section calls for papers for the Section's Contributed Paper Session at the 1992 MLA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Papers should describe the experience of a North American librarian working in a foreign medical library. The theme of the session is "International Resource Sharing:

North American Librarians Abroad". The deadline for abstract submission is November 31, 1991. Notice of preliminary acceptance will be given by December 31, 1991, with final papers due March 31, 1992. Presentations are to be fifteen to twenty minutes in length. Submit abstracts of 250 words or less, including primary author's name, address, and telephone number, to Van B. Afes, Louis Calder Memorial Library, P.O. Box 106950, Miami, FL 33101; fax, 305/324-4089.

Call for Nominations

The Hospital Libraries Section (HLS) Professional Recognition Committee is seeking nominations for the new HLS Recognition Awards program. Certificates will be awarded to outstanding members in the following categories: Publications, Research, Technological Innovation, and Leadership. To qualify, the nominee must be a member of the Hospital Libraries Section. The recognition must involve hospital library functions or leadership.

You or anyone in the HLS that has developed a unique or innovative program or activity that falls into one of the four categories can qualify. To nominate yourself or someone else, send a letter with the full name, address, and phone number of the nominee and explain why this person should be recognized. If possible, send seven (7) copies of the item used for nomination to Janice Kelly, Chair, Professional Recognition Committee, Christ Hospital Library, 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. A maximum of 5 individuals per category will be selected each year. Certificates will be awarded at MLA in May. All nominations for the 1992 awards must be received by February 28, 1992.

From the Chair

by Jeri van den Top, PNC Chair

I hope you will join me in Boise and take up the challenge to soar to new heights. These past few years, many of us have faced or taken budget cuts or watched libraries close — do we dare dream? Let us come together to share our successes and failures as we hear tips on talking to management (Herb White) and consider new options for delivering services. Pan Spickelemeir and her committee have indeed put together a stimulating program.

The Chapter's Lending Library and display board will be at the meeting. As you know, these items were purchased for the members' use, and I hope you will take advantage of them. I also hope Bob Pringle is getting a great response to his call for members to share materials they have developed — I hate reinventing the wheel!

Let's all make a date to soar!

Samples Requested for October Meeting

Bob Pringle, ICNE Spokane, and **Diane Prorak**, U of Idaho, want copies (50 if possible) of the info sheets or other user helps you've created. We want to share your successes with the people who visit our round table on end-user stations and user helps.

Thanks to those who've already sent some - we know more are out there, on many topics beyond end-user searching.

The results of the Rochester group study about hospital libraries appears in the Letters section of the September 4, 1991 issue of JAMA.

Be sure to check it out!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September
27-28

The Importance of Being Well-Connected. ASIS, Pacific Northwest Chapter, Annual Meeting, Red Lion Inn, Kelso, Washington. Contact Alan Denison, 206/965-0567, or Anne Passarelli, 206/524-6913.

October
4-5

Technofair, Bellevue Concourse, Bellevue, Washington. (article elsewhere in this issue.) Contact: Shirley Lewis, 206/753-2114.

October
9-12

Soaring to New Heights: Health Information in the 90's. Pacific Northwest Chapter/MLA Annual Meeting, Boise, ID. Contact Deanna Canfield, Registration Chair, Mountain States Tumor Institute, 208/386-2744.

October
10-12

Oregon Educational Media Assoc. Fall Conference, Bend, OR. Contact: Sherry Hevland, 503/649-5764.

October
17-19

Association of Mental Health Librarians, annual meeting, Westin Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles, CA. Contact Mary Conlon, President, AMHL, Medical Library, Cedarcrest Regional Hospital, 525 Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111; 203/666-7638.

November
17-20

Symposium on Computer Applications in Medical Care, sponsored by the American Medical Informatics Association, Washington, DC. Contact AMIA, 11140 Rockville Pike, Box 324, Rockville, MD 20852.

1992

January 22 **Washington Library Association Legislative Day**; contact Susan Hardy, Tacoma Public Library, 206/591-5611.

September 30-
October 2

The Pacific Spirit: Information Without Boundaries. 1992 PNC/MLA Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia.

News From Chapter Council

by Sylvia E. MacWilliams, Chapter Council Representative

Chapter Council meetings at MLA were busy as usual. Much discussion revolved around dues increase (it passed) and MLA activities to obtain member comments and input regarding dues structure. Focus groups regarding the dues structure (see article elsewhere in this issue) will be held in Chapters this fall. MLA is attempting to obtain our input—this is our OPPORTUNITY to comment and provide input on an issue that is important to all of us.

Regarding communication, MLA is planning implementation of an information network on Compuserve. More news will follow. Also, members are encouraged to submit individual Fax and E-Mail numbers direct to MLA for inclusion in the MLA directory.

Other items of business: Ada Seltzer was elected incoming Chapter Chair. Discussion about centralized dues collection has been ongoing for some time. Chapter Council voted not to pursue at this time. Chapter council alternates now have voting rights for Chapter business. This allows alternates to have more active involvement in Chapter Council decisions. The need for a Chapter liaison to communicate with and assist with credentialing was recommended. Also chapters will be encouraged to appoint a chapter historian who will maintain historical files and submit them to Chapter council for posterity.

Chapter Roundtable Sharing sessions were very well attended - 147 people shared ideas on such topics as funding, state groups, credentialing, CE and membership.

Technofair To Be Held

TECHNOFAIR III: The Human Connection will be held at the Bellevue Concourse on October 3 & 4 in Bellevue, Washington. TECHNOFAIR III offers hands-on experi-

ence with automation products and services, workshops, and round table discussions on automation issues. Workshops are designed for all levels of users, from novice to expert. The exhibit area and arcade will give you a chance to try out new products on both IBM and MAC computers.

Some of the topics and presenters included in the two-day program are: Repairs and troubleshooting, Cindy Jenkins; Telecommunications, Eve Ruff; Computer Humor, Michael Schuyler; Circulation systems for small libraries, Kathleen McHarg; BBS, Michael Schuyler; ILL Management, Jay Daly; LAN's in Libraries, Paul Kittle; Networking CD-ROM's, Paul Kittle; The Human Connection, Terry Hansen (editor of Puget Sound Computer User); Microsoft Windows; and Ergonomics.

Space is limited to 300 registrants and registrations are accepted in the order received. The cost for this 2-day packed automation program is \$30 and includes lunch both days. If you have not received your information package, call Rivka Sass or Shirley Lewis at 206/753-2114.

Call for Papers — The Pacific Spirit: Information Without Boundaries

The 1992 meeting of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, on September 30-October 2, 1992. This is a call for papers for the contributed portion of the program. Four 15-minute time slots are available. We would like the papers' topics to tie in with the conference theme of "Information without Boundaries." Almost any topic, if looked at from the proper perspective, has something to do with the crossing of physical, intellectual, or cultural boundaries, so we will consider all submissions. Papers will be reviewed by the Conference Organizing Committee. Please send your abstract (up to 250 words) to Cliff Cornish, Medical Library, Royal Jubilee Hospital, 1900 Fort St., Victoria, BC, Canada V8R 1J8. Call Cliff for more information or to discuss your topic, 604/595-9723. DEADLINE is March 1, 1992.

Governmental Relations

by Susan Long, Chair, Governmental Relations Committee

At the MLA's San Francisco meeting, I attended the MLA/GRC meeting, which was chaired by June Glaser (Eastman Dental Library, Rochester, NY). The main focus for this committee in recent months has been the Reauthorization of the Medical Library Assistance Act and federal budget funding for the National Library of Medicine. Of particular interest is an additional \$10 million targeted specifically for outreach activity.

Senator Albert Gore's (D-Tennessee) bill, which would create an electronic suprastructure similar in scope to the interstate highway system, has recently attracted a lot of attention. The National Research and Education Network (NREN) would involve government, business, schools and libraries hopefully allowing common access. As I understand it, existing networks such as BITNET and INTERNET would be a part of this system. Dr. Lindberg also spoke about NREN in his NLM Update.

Although the NREN bills (SB272 and HR656) have been around for awhile, both the House and Senate held hearings this spring and the legislation appears to be on a "fast track" There is currently much discussion on the NREN vision including technology problems as well as social and organizational issues.

The MLA/GRC also held a special meeting for those MLA members who were attending the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services. The committee hoped to establish some sort of presence at the Conference in an attempt to focus on health information access issues. Whether or not they were successful remains to be seen, as delegates were just returning home this week.

June Grable, a librarian with the Center for Health Statistics, reports that some of the "Rainbow" series may "unofficially cease" and be published instead, in part, in peer-reviewed journals. There is concern that this

will become a trend, making data formerly published in the series more difficult to access, and possibly publishing the data in formats which vary, making it harder to extract consistent statistical data. June and other librarians at NCHS are asking for those who are concerned to write to RAINBOW SERIES, c/o Jack Mounts, Room 1064, National Center for Health Statistics, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782. For more information you may contact June at 301/436-6154, or PNC/GRC Committee members Bob Pringle or Susan Long.

Your chapter PNC Committee (S. Long, B. Pringle, L. Wykoff, M. Horner) would like to hear from you if you are aware of governmental or regulatory action that could have an effect on our libraries. In the next issue of Northwest Notes, I'll discuss the legislative agenda of the Hospital Libraries Section. As Chair of the PNC Governmental Relations Committee, I recently received a request from the MLA/GRC. As you know, the 1992 MLA Annual Meeting will be held in Washington, DC, giving MLA members a unique opportunity to be seen and heard by the congressional leadership. This is a critical link in the process of advocacy for access to health care information.

The groundwork for the 1992 MLA meeting in Washington DC is now being laid. As a starting point, the GRC is compiling lists of members along with their congressional representatives. Please provide me with the following information and return it to me before October 18, 1991. If your home and your institutional districts are different please include the names of both. Only information for the House of Representatives is needed; we can figure out the Senators! We need to know your name, your institution's name and congressional district, and the representative for that district; and your home congressional district and representative's name if they are different from your institution's.

Return this information to Susan Long, Medical Librarian, Kalispell Regional Hospital, 310 Sunny View Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

ices throughout the state for both served and underserved populations.

Since the application in January 1990, the TELE-Project librarian has visited Alaska. AHSL is now receiving Loansome Doc requests from Bethel and anticipates more Loansome Doc sites. The University of Washington MEDEX Program has been requiring that its Alaska-bound students receive Grateful Med training and use the software to support activities during their rural preceptorships in Alaskan communities such as Kodiak, Sitka, and Ft. Yukon. The RAHEC (Rural Alaska Health Education Center) has established a health bulletin board titled HEALTH ALASKA for the rural practitioner, and is developing a library service request feature. AHSL is still not a mandated service, but with these new developments AHSL hopes to demonstrate its vital role in providing quality health services in Alaska.

AHSL also anticipates strong involvement in supporting research in the unique health problems of the Arctic. Several university units recently joined with AHSL to update Dr. Robert Fortune's "The Health of Eskimos: A Bibliography 1857-1967", which focuses on health-related literature pertaining to the Eskimos and Aleuts of Alaska and Canada. The project (not yet completed) began in 1988 as a collaborative effort of the University of Alaska Anchorage's Institute of Circumpolar Health Studies, the Arctic Environmental Information and Data Center (AEIDC) and Consortium Library, AHSL, and Dr. Fortune, a faculty member of UAA's Biomedical Program.

Alaska Native Medical Center

The Alaska Native Medical Center (Public Health Service Hospital) (ANMC) in Anchorage has a small medical library of approximately 500 books and 73 journal titles. There is 24-hour access to these resources, and the library is served by a part-time librarian, Sarah Rogers. Sarah depends on the Alaska Health Sciences Library to fill requests for computerized literature searches,

interlibrary loans, SDIlines, and Table of Contents service. She makes consultative visits to the libraries of the Public Health Service units in the state and has been to Kotzebue, Bethel, Kanakanak (Dillingham), Ketchikan, and Metlakatla, and even to Barrow, the northernmost settlement in the United States.

In September 1990, the ANMC Library was awarded money for a Grateful Med outreach program to introduce online searching via Grateful Med to health professionals in underserved areas and provide them with a link to information services from a health sciences library. As a result, the Library has purchased a Macintosh IIsi and has also arranged for equipment as needed for 5 bush sites. This program also involves visits to the bush sites to demonstrate the use of Grateful Med.

U.S. Air Force Regional Hospital

The USAF Regional Hospital at Elmendorf became the 11th Air Force Medical Center on July 1, 1991. The Medical Center at Elmendorf AFB currently serves as a secondary care institution for all the military in the state, and for AF personnel in the Pacific overseas area and is a primary site for Veterans' Administration patients in Alaska. The hospital currently has 71 beds available, and a new hospital is planned to begin construction in 1996.

The hospital library at Elmendorf is comprised of two sections: a medical library section and a patient library. The two sections are administratively separate while being housed together.

The medical library is responsible to the Chief of Administration. The library currently subscribes to 275 journal titles, and holds 15 years of backfiles for most of these titles and has approximately 5,000 medical books. In addition to serving the hospital staff, the library also serves as backup for the Air Force clinics and Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard remote sites in Alaska, which have few resources. Librarian Donna Marie Hudson provides interlibrary loan, lending and borrowing, Medline searches, and table of contents service.

The patient library is a branch of the Base library. The library currently subscribes to 56 magazines, but keeps only the current issue. The Patient Library also has the largest collection of consumer health information in the state. Services are limited to reference and interlibrary loan.

Fairbanks Memorial Hospital

The Fairbanks Memorial Hospital Medical Library is a clinical library for the medical staff, nursing and support services, administration and management. The librarian, Doreen Smith, works 20 hours per week, and all staff have 24-hour access to the library. Medical information for patients is provided through the Patient Resources Department, and recreational reading is provided through the Auxiliary.

The collection includes approximately 1,100 books and 150 journal titles. The tables of contents of selected journals are published in the "Daily Briefs" for all staff, who may then request copies of articles.

The donation of a terminal and purchase of a modem and printer in 1984 enabled the library to provide on-site access to MEDLARS databases. They have acquired back issues of journals on microfiche and purchased a microfiche reader/printer for the library. FMH is also an active Docline participant. In 1985 FMH subscribed to the Hospital Satellite Network, and AV equipment is located in the Library for taping and viewing.

The other aspect of Doreen's job is education. She is a member of the Education Department and assists the Education Coordinator in making continuing education programs and workshops available to all staff, and keeps computerized continuing education attendance records.

Bassett Army Hospital

The Docline code BRK belongs to the Medical Library for Bassett Army Hospital at Ft. Wainwright, just outside of Fairbanks. It is a 56-bed hospital and serves the hospital staff and also routes journals to the army clinic at Ft. Richardson, outside Anchorage. Part-time library technician

George Kimmell manages the library, which now has CD-ROM Medline. The hospital is under the command of Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, WA.

Through increased marketing and utilization of emerging technologies, Alaska's medical libraries hope to respond effectively to the needs of their state's health care providers, educators, and researchers. As they follow their state's motto, "North to the Future", they can serve as a source of inspiration to their peers in the Lower 48.

Truth or Dare?

by Kathy Murray, Providence Medical Center Library, Seattle, WA

Do we want the truth or would we rather tempt the fates? Do we want the status quo or should we dare to make a difference? These questions will be partially answered by the health of PNC's budget. Yes, this short column will address the benefits of a dues increase — an unpleasant topic at best! But knowing the facts can often make an unpleasant task easier to tackle.

The cost of operating PNC's business has always been subsidized by the members and their organizations. For example, the Lending Library was housed free-of-charge at the University of Washington; it now pays the same "rent" at Children's Hospital. Mailing costs for ballots, surveys, brochures and, until the last two years, the newsletter have historically been paid for by the members' various institutions.

Dues have been \$5.00 for US members and \$6.00 for Canadian members since at least 1980. This will be the first requested dues increase in the lifetime of most members. The Executive Board is recommending a \$10.00 (US) increase. The change in dues structure would begin January 1, 1992. The \$15.00 for US members and \$18.00 for Canadian members would pay for producing, publishing and mailing 6 issues per year of our high quality newsletter; adding new material to the Lending Library; providing stability for the Professional

Development fund; co-sponsoring C.E. courses benefitting our members; subsidizing Executive Board travel; and expanding our publicity materials (such as creating displays for use with the PNC-owned display panel).

The 1991 budget was significantly lower than previous years' budgets to keep us in the black. Only the newsletter was left untouched. All other programs and areas were cut or put on hold to maintain a balanced budget. This policy is acceptable for one year, but will lead to stagnation if continued into the future. The

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recommended increase will cover existing expenses and allow modest growth of some programs (e.g., Professional Development).

Each Board member has given this matter considerable deliberation. It has been a primary topic of discussion at both of the 1991 Board meetings. The Board believes very strongly that our recommendation favoring a dues increase to \$15 (\$18 Canadian) is sound and not excessive. If you have any questions, please contact any Board member. Executive Board members' names and telephone numbers appear on the front page of this issue.

The dues increase proposal will be a business meeting agenda item at the PNC annual meeting in Boise. The final vote will be by mail so every member has a chance to voice their opinion. We strongly encourage every member to respond immediately when they receive their ballot. Thank you for your time in considering this important vote.

MLA Dues Structure

by Sylvia E. MacWilliams

The MLA membership Committee want to hear your ideas and views on MLA dues structure restructuring. This is our OPPORTUNITY to provide input on an issue that affects us all. Meetings to obtain member input were held at the annual meeting in San Francisco. If you were not at the annual meeting you still have an opportunity to add your "two cents' worth." Your comments really do count — we will hold a Focus Group on Friday October 11, 1991 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the PNC/MLA meeting in Boise. If you wish to participate please call Sylvia MacWilliams at 206/256-2066.

PNC Elections to be Held

by Kathy Murray, Nominating Committee Chair

PNC Elections are just around the corner. As chair of the Nominating and Elections Committee, I have been tapping on a number of shoulders, looking for worthy individuals willing to serve this organization. We hope to contact all candidates prior to the annual meeting in hopes that a joint Board meeting can be held in Boise.

My goal has been to have representation of PNC by state or province; by size of library; and by type of library. I am most pleased that three of our smaller areas by population will have candidates on the ballot: Canada, Idaho, and Montana. Dolores Judkins, our incoming chair, represents Oregon; and Maryanne Blake, our treasurer, represents Washington. These two states are usually well represented — which is understandable, since the bulk of our members reside in Washington and Oregon. Having officers on the slate from other areas will give us an opportunity to make our Board truly representative of our region.

When you receive your ballots, please return them as soon as possible. If you are interested in running for an office, please call me at 206/320-3788. See you in Boise!

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