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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR
Betty Jo Jensen

The 1993 Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon is just around the corner. I hope you have already marked October 20th - 22nd on your calendar and that you are planning to attend. There is much in the program to entice us, and the meeting is a wonderful opportunity to network with colleagues from all over the region.

Some PNC scholarships are available, so be sure to apply, if funding in you institution is in short supply this year. Information and the application form is printed in this newsletter.

June Fulton, MLA President, will be joining us for this meeting. She is anxious to hear our views on several MLA projects, notably the Platform for Change and Code of Ethics. I hope you have read both documents and will come prepared to voice your opinion. Also on her list of topics was 'what type of advocacy role would we like to see MLA play?' How can the organization help libraries in marketing themselves, providing promotional and informational items such as buttons, bookmarks, posters? For many of us, this is the best opportunity we get to provide input to the MLA Board. If there is something you want to say, now is the time.

And while you are marking your calendars! The 1997 meeting of the Medical Library Association will be held at the Sheraton in Seattle on May 21st - 28th ("prime time" from the 24th through the 28th).

From the Editor:

This issue could be called our Document Delivery or Interlibrary Loan issue. The pilot project between the University of Washington and the Seattle Area Hospital Library Consortium has generated concern which is addressed in the three letters which follow. I believe that this newsletter is an appropriate forum for debate, announcements, or clarification of library policy. If after reading these letters, you still have questions or concerns, please address them to Bob, Sherri, Jackie, or myself.

In addition, Nancy Press has shared a list of Canadian libraries who have joined DOCLINE. Both British Columbia and Alberta are part of our chapter. With the changing

directions of our healthcare policy in the U.S., and as a way to expand resource sharing, you may want to give serious thought to adding these libraries to your routing map and allowing your library to be placed in their map.

One final note, Jeanne Crisp at WSL's Library Planning and Development division asked that this slight correction be made to the Jan-Mar *Message from the Chair* column, "the State Library has developed a special project to give public and community college libraries some Internet accounts so their staff can try out and see what the benefits might be. To my knowledge, none of the 70 or so libraries that are participating are using these accounts for public access".

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Dear Sherry & Jackie:

We of INWHSL have some concerns about the pilot project for ILL with SAHLC we'd like to share with you, and with the membership of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of MLA, to whom this letter will also go.

We're concerned about the secrecy from both SAHLC and the UWHSLIC regarding the project during negotiations. The concerns about resources which led to it were not expressed concretely in any forum that we know about, beyond concerns all of us have expressed at one time or another. If there were institutions in the region whose behavior precipitated the negotiations and the project, perhaps solving a couple of specific problems would have been better than what we see as a shotgun solution.

We're concerned that no attention appears to have been paid to the impact on resource sharing in the region. The lack of free reciprocity on the part of the six participants within the state, and selectively within the region, will affect those of us who elect to continue reciprocity. Many will continue because the missions of our libraries include responsibilities to society and the general public.

For hospitals, the time constraints of patient care may direct ILL traffic. We're concerned about the requirement for other libraries to go to the UWHSLIC before routing to the participants. This severely restricts the range of choices we might make, including one to pay whatever charge the participants may levy in return for their historically faster service. We also wonder, with the HSLIC committed to 24 hour turn-around for the SAHLC participants, what impact that will have on service to its other ILL customers. HSLIC has not been known for the fastest service.

What we would have preferred to have happen includes, first, identification of any specific problems, and an approach to solving them.

Next, rather than refusing service for any title held by the HSLIC, we'd prefer to have had rates set which would have let us choose between the faster service usually obtained from hospital libraries or service from the HSLIC, or other sources.

Finally, we would much preferred to have had the opportunity to attempt to find solutions in our professional groups, rather than react after the fact.

The principal purpose for this letter is to seek more regional, collaborative solutions to problems which we all face. We hope it will also serve to bring frustrations which have been expressed privately, and in small groups, into the open for resolution, or at least airing.

Sincerely yours

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Dear Bob:

I would like to respond to your concerns about the pilot project for ILL with SAHLC and clarify some of the misconceptions of the members of INWHSL.

The Health Sciences Library and Information Center, as a public institution, serves its clients within the guidelines and requirements of the University of Washington. We do not profit from ILL service, but we are required by the University to recover costs. The rate set for the pilot project was determined by a detailed study of in-house costs over a four week period. This rate is subject to review after a year. The rate is based on a "basic service" level using DOCLINE and prepayment of services to avoid additional billing costs.

The project was initiated at the request of the larger SAHLC libraries, whose administrators felt they could no longer spare the staff to do ILL nor absorb the expenses of providing free ILL service to other libraries. A subcommittee of the SAHLC Executive Board contacted Elaine Martin, Associate Director, Education, Clinical, and Research Services, and proposed the project based on a similar consortium effort in Toronto, Canada. A series of detailed meetings ensued throughout the months preceding the WMLA meeting. The timeline was to formulate the plan, get feedback from SAHLC libraries through a number of open forum discussions, and present the plan to the rest of the state at the WMLA annual meeting. The planning was certainly not done in secrecy.

HSLIC does not require participating libraries to cease supplying free ILL's to the region. HSLIC does not require participating libraries to come to the UW first. The only requirements for the pilot on HSLIC's part are prepayment based on expected use and SAHLC membership. The decision to no longer provide free ILL's to libraries and to fill loans after the requesting library has tried the UW was strictly the decision of the larger hospital libraries choosing to participate in this project. The HSLIC does not presume to dictate the ILL policy of other libraries; it simply must recover its own costs as mandated by the University.

Besides the WMLA discussion, HSLIC has attempted to describe the project in several ways. I have asked for time in the PNC/MLA program to explain this project and was told there is no time in the program. Two articles have appeared in the NN/LM, PNR, **Supplement**, and another is on its way. Two articles have also appeared in **Northwest Notes**.

I will be writing an article for the September issue of **Supplement** to discuss resource sharing issues raised by the pilot. I will also be available at the PNC/MLA meeting in Portland in October to discuss the pilot project with individuals.

In regards to your comments about the lack of the 24-hour turnaround time, you are mistaken. HSLIC's ILL service has maintained a 24-hour turnaround time for several years now. Recent DOCLINE statistics show that 78% of the requests leave HSLIC within 24 hours of receipt. If you or other libraries do not receive your requests in a timely fashion, you may want to check your local mail service.

We are aware that the pilot project may (or may not) have an effect on health libraries around the region and, consequently, we are tracking all aspects of the pilot test once the test is underway. This is precisely why we chose to do this project as a pilot — to learn and experiment with new approaches to delivering information to health professionals. I have asked the Resource Sharing Committee of the NN/LM, PNR, to monitor the regional effects of this project. We are continuing to gather information about everyone's concerns and will certainly take them into consideration as we evaluate the pilot.

Other libraries and groups of libraries in the state and region are welcome to make proposals to us regarding alternative information delivery models, or for participation in the existing pilot project. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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August 25, 1993

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Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of July 26, 1993, in which you list the concerns of your consortium about the 1994 pilot project between the Seattle Area Hospital Library Consortium (SAHLC) and the University of Washington's Health Sciences Library and Information Center (UWHSLIC). I hope that my response will help to mitigate those concerns.

Responsibilities to Society and the General Public

Since its inception in the mid-1970s, SAHLC's primary service philosophy has been to help serve the healthcare needs within each member's institution through cooperative projects, and to find ways to share resources and build library services on a broad geographical basis. There has been a fundamental commitment to sharing resources between larger and smaller libraries and over time, that commitment was extended to the entire state and region. Development and/or acquisition of many of the resource-sharing tools we now take for granted were originally spearheaded by SAHLC or its members. Promotion of the WMLA Union List of Serials, OnTyme, cooperative LSCA grants, LaserCat, QuickDOC, cooperative storage of journal backruns, continuing education—for nearly 20 years SAHLC libraries have demonstrated their commitment to cooperation, reciprocity, resource-sharing, and the development of health sciences libraries.

Has the Sense of Responsibility Changed?

Not at all. But this commitment to free resource-sharing has come at an increasing cost to our own internal service and users. While our efforts at resource sharing have been wildly successful, our efforts at expanding our own staffs to meet the growing patient care, research and education needs within our own institutions have not kept pace. As the numbers of interlibrary loans we fill for the state and region have

continued to grow, making some of us net lenders, the number of staff we have to do the work has not grown proportionately. This has placed increasing burdens on us to provide the kind of services for which we strive and to which we are dedicated.

It is in light of these conditions that SAHLC members began to explore other options to meet the changing needs of our institutions and budgets. We know that the pilot project will alter the landscape, and that the services many libraries have obtained for free will no longer be free. Academic libraries faced this issue years ago, and we must grapple with it now. Other states have instituted fees for interlibrary loans and we adapted because we knew that those systems had done what they must to survive. In the face of ongoing change and challenges, it is our responsibility as professionals to develop innovative responses in our operations and procedures.

Discussions began in 1992 between SAHLC and UWHSLIC about new ways to cooperate and share expertise. Resources could not be shared on a free, reciprocal basis because the UW is a state institution and must charge for services. Among themselves, many SAHLC members had eliminated the idea of charging fees as an option because they needed to simplify their ILL procedures rather than expand them to include bookkeeping.

The report of a model for academic and hospital library interlibrary loan cooperation in Toronto, Canada was investigated, and it provided the basis for a preliminary approach. UWHSLIC carried out a time/motion study to determine the cost of providing ILLs, and in February, 1993, meetings began to examine the actual details of a one-year pilot project for 1994.

There has been neither secrecy nor conspiracy. The larger SAHLC libraries explained their interest in alternative ILL options and invited all who were interested to form an ILL sub-group to discuss the general outline of the Toronto project with UWHSLIC. The discussions were reported on at each SAHLC meeting. In April, SAHLC conducted an educational meeting on interlibrary loans to update members on the outline of the pilot project, discuss the impact of the project, and to provide attendees with information on all the major vendors and methods for obtaining interlibrary loans. A presentation about the pilot was made at the annual Washington State Medical Librarians' conference. An article was published in the Region 6 **Supplement** in May. **Northwest Notes**, April-May 1993 also carried an article with the outlines of the pilot project.

The collections of the pilot project participants will still be available if something is not available at the UW; they will simply not be available as a first choice. A review of the May **Supplement** should answer most questions; anyone who cannot locate that issue, may contact the Regional Medical Library for a copy of the article.

An evaluation will be made of the pilot project at the end of 1994. There will be opportunities for SAHLC participants and UWHSLIC staff to work out problems and fine-tune the procedures during the year. If the project is deemed a success by all sides, it will offer the region an additional way to handle interlibrary loans that will free up library labor for other work. Should the pilot not succeed, we will continue our search for timely, cost-effective ILL methods.

In future, I encourage you to call me if any issues should emerge that carry the potential for misunderstandings. We value our long-term relationships with our colleagues in the region, and we have much to offer each other.

Sincerely,

Jackie Gagne, President
Seattle Area Hospital Library Consortium

Future of OnTyme?
by Kathy Murray

The announcement by St. Vincent Hospital and Health Center in Billings and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle of their intention to drop OnTyme has led to the question, are others considering this as well? How heavily is this system used, and for what purposes? Would having access to the Internet be enough justification for dropping a simple e-mail system? While it still exists, should we try and have a discussion using the OnTyme system of the pros and cons of keeping/dropping this service? If you'll send your comments to me using the ** pnc/codes address, I'll compile them and report the results in the next issue of **Northwest Notes**.

Canadian DOCLINE Participants

So far, these Canadian libraries have submitted DOCLINE applications. Not all the applications have yet been processed, but they are:

B.C. Cancer Agency (F00436) (ANC)

B.C. Health Association (F06666) (BCV)

Burnaby Hospital (F30038)

Chilliwack General Hospital (F05056) (CHI)

Greater Victoria Hospital Society (F00144) (ROY)

Lions Gate Hospital (F10059) (LIO)

Maple Ridge Hospital (F30041)

Medical Library Service, College of Physicians and Surgeons of B.C. (F10058) (BCP)

Ministry of Health (F00186) (TRY)

Nanaimo Regional General Hospital (F10057) (IMO)

Prince George Regional Hospital (F30039) (RNC)

Registered Nurses Assn. of B.C. (F30028) (RNA)

Richmond Hospital (F30032) (RON)

Riverview Hospital (F10272) (RRV)

Royal Columbian Hospital (F00456) (RYL)

Royal Inland Hospital (F08080) (RAL)

Surrey Memorial Hospital (F10056) (SRY)

Vancouver Health Department (F00182)

Workers Compensation Board of B.C. (F00982) (WOC)

Recent participants with no LIBID yet:
BC Ministry of Social Services, Vancouver
Justice Institute of BC
Canadian HIV Trial Network
BC Rehabilitation Society
Pacific AIDS Resource Centre, Vancouver

The main concern in sending items across the border appears to be how long it might take. While books, can present a problem, normal interlibrary loan articles seem to be received as quickly as if they were shipped within the U.S. You may find the article by Leslie Morris published in the October 1992 issue of CLI (40(5):335-7 titled "Transborder interlibrary loans: Canada & the U.S." answers some of these concerns.

AUTOMATION COLUMN

Internet Access

Access to the Internet is becoming easier with the addition of more local access phone lines to the Halcyon host computer. Tacoma, Olympia and Shelton now have local numbers and a toll-free number for Customer Support has been added (1-800-539-3505).

NLM's Catalog on the Internet

NLM's online catalog, called the "Locator", searches the book holdings database (CATLINE), the audiovisual holdings database (AVLINE), and the journal holdings database (SERLINE). Information is also available on library hours, policies, interlibrary loan, and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM). There is no charge for searching Locator via the Internet. For more information, please contact NLM information at 1-800-272-4707. To log on, set your communications terminal emulator to **VT100**, connect to the Internet using your normal method, issue the telnet command - **telnet locator.nlm.nih.gov** or **telnet 130.14.12.1**, and answer the login: prompt with **locator** (must be in lower case).

FDA Electronic BBS

The FDA electronic BBS is a news service provided free-of-charge by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Office of Public Affairs to professionals interested in FDA issues. All information is added to the BBS as soon as it is released. The FDA BBS allows you to access:
.. news releases
.. Enforcement Report (weekly recall list)
.. Drug and Device Product Approval List
.. Medical Devices and Radiological Health news
.. FDA Medical Bulletin
.. Special section on AIDS information
.. FDA Consumer magazine, index and selected articles
.. FDA Federal Register summaries (available by subject or date)
.. Congressional testimony by FDA officials
.. Speeches by FDA officials
.. Veterinary Medicine news
.. Upcoming FDA meetings
.. Important alerts
.. On-line User Guide

The FDA BBS is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can access the FDA BBS from any type of computer or terminal with a 300, 1200, 2400, or 9600 Bps asynchronous modem. The FDA BBS is also available via the Internet at FDABBS.FDA.GOV or 150.148.8.48.

Prospective users can call the FDA Press Office at 301/443-3285 for telephone access information (for directly dialing into the BBS rather than using the Internet). A toll-free number is available in the U.S. Logon and initial "registration" online is quick and simple. Technical support is available weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. EST.

A detailed review of the FDA Electronic Bulletin Board Service, by Bonnie Snow, appears in the February 1993 issue of DATABASE (page 80).

Expanded Reference Service from NLM

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) is expanding its Reference services to handle your requests. Now, you may send your inquiry electronically over the INTERNET to:

REF@NLM.NIH.GOV

This address has been created to receive and respond to specific reference inquiries from librarians and health professionals; it is not meant for discussions, opinions, or announcements. Messages will be picked up daily (Monday through Friday except for federal holidays), and usually responded to the same or next day. Please be sure to include your BITNET or INTERNET address so that reference staff can respond to you.

Inquires regarding the loan of materials from NLM should be send to the Collection Access Section:

ILL@NLM.NIH.GOV

Questions about Grateful Med should be directed to:

GMHELP@GMEDSERV.NLM.NIH.GOV

Other inquiries regarding searching MEDLARS databases or the MEDLARS system should be directed to:

MEDLARS@NLM.NIH.GOV

Hospitals and the Internet

Why DO hospitals want to connect to the Internet? My hospital is not sure it does want to. I've always been sure that there are many benefits, but I haven't been able to quantify them. Dr. Gary Malet sent the following list over the Internet and I thought others might find it useful. [editor's comments]

"I thought I would send along some of the applications of medical Internet communications that are anticipated:

1. Electronic mail
2. Online consultation for reimbursement
3. Case studies/presentations
4. News delivery
5. Online continuing medical education
6. Classified advertising
7. Job positions
8. Distribution of practice quality information
9. Quality of care surveys
10. Epidimeologic studies
11. Competitive pricing of equipment and supplies
12. Delivery of pathologic slides and graphics
13. Physician networking and malpractice prevention
14. Remote committee meetings
15. Delivery of templates for approval/disapproval by third parties according to evolving medical standards of practice
16. Collaborative research
17. Transfer of templates and programs
18. Participation in special interest groups
19. Professor/student relations
20. Advocacy/groups
21. Hospital/outpatient clinic information transfers
22. Meeting announcements

CancerNet

The information in CancerNet is now available on the NIH Gopher server. To access the server you must have Gopher client software on your host computer or PC, or you may telnet to one of the following gopher public access sites:

Host name:	IP#
info.umd.edu	128.8.10.29
consultant.micro.umn.edu	134.84.132.4
gopher.uiuc.edu	128.174.33.160
panda.uiowa.edu	138.255.40.201

After moving through all the screens to get to the NIH Gopher server, select #2 NIH Information and then #3 CancerNet information on the sub menu. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Berg, Building 82, Room 103A, Bethesda, MD 20892, phone 301/496-8880, fax 301/480-8105, or cheryl@icicb.nci.nih.gov via the internet.

New Members

Please welcome the following individuals as new members to PNC/MLA for 1993:

Susan Marshall
Central Washington Hospital
Wenatchee, WA 98807

Sue Innes
Washington, DC 20007

Kathy Anderson
Lynnwood, WA 98037

PUBLICATIONS

The Gila Literacy Program recently published an **English/Spanish Medical Manual** that translates questions, directions, diseases, parts of the body, registration forms, medical terms, and useful phrases and vocabulary related to health needs. There are sections on visits to the doctor's and dentist's office as well as a trip to the hospital. One to four copies costs $5.00 each. For five or more, the price is $4.00 each. Send checks payable to the Gila Literacy Program, 1052 Adonis Ave., Miami, AZ 85539.

The Leprosy Research Foundation has just published a compact disc, **"Leprosy Literature, 1913-1991."** The 41,168 citations and abstracts are from MEDLARS, PsychLIT, AGRICOLA & SOCIAL SCIENCES and *Tropical Disease Bulletin*. To order, send $20 to Leprosy Research Foundation, 11588 Lawton Court, Loma Linda, CA 92354.

The National Library of Medicine **Collection Development Manual (CDM)**, 3rd edition, 1993 has been published. It may be ordered from NTIS. PB number is 93-177046. The price is $19.50 paper, $9 for microfiche. The CDM is also available electronically through NLM's ftp publications service. To access, ftp to nlmpubs.nlm.nih.gov, enter nlmpubs at the "login" prompt and your email address at the "password" prompt. The manual is in the TECHSERV directory in both PostScript and WordPerfect formats.

The American Hospital Association (AHA) Resource Center has produced a Selected Resources list, **Trends in U.S. Health Care**, to assist users in meeting their information needs. Single copies of this list are available free of charge. To request a copy, please call 312/280-6263, or send a self-addressed mailing label with your request to the American Hospital Association Resource Center, 840 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60611

HLS Standards

Draft 1.6 of the standards being revised by the Hospital Libraries Section of MLA is available for comment by contacting Connie Schardt, Chair, Standards Committee, AHEC Library, Rowan Memorial Hospital, 612 Mocksville Ave., Salisbury, NC 28144, fax 704/636-5050, or schardt@med.unc.edu via the Internet.

Self-Study Courses Available Through MLA Headquarters

In 1992, MLA piloted its self-study program with the assistance of the Hospital Libraries Section (HLS) membership. MLA officials have been pleased to have had 23 participants go through a course or currently be involved in a course, so far! Effectively immediately, MLA is offering self-study courses to *all* members.

Course topics include time management in the small library, dealing with difficult behavior, language of medicine, leadership skills for managers, and many others designed for your personal needs. The cost of these self-study courses ranges from $60.00-$125.00 and the average completion time is four weeks. Certificates are distributed for MLA contact hours once your exam and evaluation is returned.

If you are interested in receiving the list of self-study courses, please contact MLA, Professional Development Department, Six North Michigan Avenue, Ste. 300, Chicago, IL 60602-4805; 312/419-9094; fax, 312/419-8950.

Call for Papers for San Antonio

The 1994 Annual Meeting in San Antonio (May 13-18), will be the debut of a more streamlined meeting format with more programming in the hands of member units. Sections and other units will be responsible for most of the programming at the San Antonio meeting, including all of the contributed paper sessions. The following contributed paper sessions are being planned for the 1994 Annual Meeting — the program titles is followed by the sponsoring Section(s):

...... Collecting and organizing materials available on the Internet (Technical Services, Collection Development)

...... Emerging roles, enduring values in information services to nursing and allied health clienteles (Nursing and Allied Health Resources)

...... Fresh findings II: ongoing research projects in health sciences librarianship (Library Research) - poster format

...... From vision to reality: skills for today (Hospital Libraries Section - an abstract and outline for review are required; presentations will focus on practical ways to implement professionalism, perform a needs assessment, create teams, and utilize the Platform for Change skills)

...... Impact of the Internet on public services (Medical School Libraries, Public Services)

...... Linking the memory of the past with the technology of the future (History of the Health Sciences, Medical Society Libraries)

...... New directions for librarians: applying knowledge and skills in non-traditional areas (Medical Library Education, Platform for Change Implementation Task Force)

Please use these guidelines when submitting a paper: a) **deadline is September 30, 1993**, b) send two copies of the abstract (one blinded) to Pamela Van Hine, ACOG Resource Center, 409 12th SW, Washington, DC 20024, pvanhine@capcon.net, 202/484-1295 (fax), c) one copy of the abstract should list all authors and institutional affiliations, the other copy will be used in a blind review process and should not include any information identifying authors or institutions, d) abstracts may be submitted in paper, facsimile, or electronic form, e) indicate in the upper right hand corner of the abstract the Section to which you wish your abstract to be forwarded, and f) do NOT submit abstracts directly to sections.

The 1994 NPC will notify you of the Section program committee's decision by mid-November. If your paper is accepted, you will be given instructions at that time for preparing camera-ready copy along with a form to be used in requesting any audiovisual support needed. Final copy is due by January 7, 1994.

Poster Presentations

If you would rather present at a poster session, there will be two time slots. Proposals of not more than 250 words, accompanied by a conceptual drawing of the poster should be submitted including descriptions of all equipment requirements. One copy of the proposal should list all authors and institutional affiliations. Submit four copies of the proposal that do not include any specific information identifying the authors or institutions. Each presenter's area will have an 8'x10' booth with table and chairs. Free display mounting board and electricity will be provided upon request. Presenters are responsible for all other equipment, hardware, and furnishing expenses and are encouraged to use MLA authorized vendors. At least one of the authors of the poster session must attend the Conference. Submit all five copies of the poster session proposals by **September 30, 1993** to Katherine Branch, Head, Science Libraries, Kline Science Library, 210 Prospect Street, PO Box 6666, New Haven, CT 06511, katherine_branch@qm.yale.edu, 203/432-3441 (fax). Notice of preliminary acceptance will be made by mid-November, 1993. Additional guidelines and instructions will be given at that time. Final copies of the poster session abstract are due by January 7, 1994.

Academy News

If you were "grandfathered" into the Academy of Health Information Professionals (included automatically because you were certified prior to that time), you and several hundred others will need to apply for membership renewal by June 30, 1994. The Review Panel will naturally welcome packets from those who choose to apply earlier!

Please note:

...... 1) it is your responsibility to contact MLA to renew your academy membership. Call or write John Estrada, MLA Headquarters, Professional Development Department, 312/419-9094 for an application packet;

...... 2) you may upgrade your membership any time within the five-year period, as long as you meet the requirements for the higher level. "Grandfathered" members, however, cannot count activities before July 1, 1989; and

...... 3) you may renew your membership any time by completing fifty hours of professional activities in the five years after full recognition or five years from the last date of renewal, whichever is most recent. When you renew, your membership stays at the highest level you have achieved in the academy (without a break) if you have completed the requirements for the Member

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News and articles are most welcome! Please submit items via OnTyme, Internet or send them **on a diskette as ASCII files (text only; NO formatting!).** Short items (under one page) may be submitted to the Editor as typed copy. Please specify clearly that items are for the newsletter. Include your name, library, address, phone, and fax number (if available) with all submissions. Call or write for further details.

The Editor reserves the right to edit submissions as necessary.

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Maryanne Blake   **DUES: $15.00 U.S.**
Pacific Northwest Region, NN/LM   **$18.00 Canadian**
Health Sciences Library & Information Center
University of Washington, SB-55
Seattle, WA 98195

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO PNC/MLA

Your Name:_____

Address:_____

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(You may use home **or** work address)

Circle those that apply: **Renewal**   **New Member**

Membership type requested:
                Individual   **Institutional**

Are you a member of the Medical Library Association?
         Yes   **No**

PNC Professional Development Fund

The PNC Professional Development Fund is designed to encourage participation in professional programs and courses by our members. The Board recognizes that meetings and courses are often too far away for many members to attend -- those who live in the major metropolitan areas have a distinct advantage. The aim of the fund is to improve access for members, and to equalize opportunities for attendance at programs and courses which improve members' professional development.

All applicants must adhere to the criteria listed below. The applications will be reviewed by the Executive Board, and all applicants will be notified of the Board's decisions. Note: All applications which meet the following criteria will be funded after attendance at the meeting/program/course has been established, limited only by solvency requirements of the treasury.

Criterion 1   PNC Membership
Applicant must be a current member of PNC.

Criterion 2   Number of Grants per Applicant
Applicants are eligible for a maximum of one grant per year.

Criterion 3   Number of Scholarships per Institution
No institution may receive more than one scholarship per event per year.

Criterion 4   Dollar Amount
A maximum of $100.00 will be awarded per applicant. The grant will not exceed the actual expense associated with the meeting/program/course(s) for which the grant is requested.

Criterion 5   Matching Funds
No matching funds will be required of applicants.

Criterion 6   Subject/Content of Program/Meeting/Course
Professional Development funds are limited to professional programs, meetings, or continuing education courses sponsored by or co-sponsored by PNC and may not be requested or used for any other purposes.

Please make copies of the PNC Professional Development Fund application on the back side of this page.

Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association

Professional Development Fund
Application

Name _____   Job Title   _____

Liibrary   _____

Organization   _____

Street Address_____   P.O. Box   _____

City   _____ State _____   Zip   _____

Phone   (___)_____   Fax   (___)_____

Program/Course/Meeting   _____
Location   _____
Fee   _____   Total Requested   _____

What is your library's CE and/or education budget? $_____
Are any institutional CE funds available to you? If yes, $_____

Please list other professional meetings you regularly attend:

1.   _____   2.   _____

3.   _____   3.   _____

Please attach a *brief statement* explaining why this course/program/meeting will be of benefit
to you or your organization.

I have read and agreed to the conditions stipulated by the PNC Professional
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Signature   _____   Date   _____

Send completed application and personal statement to:
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