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Message From the Chair

Patrice O'Donovan

The 1993 Annual Meeting in Portland was a huge success. The program and setting were superb, the weather terrific and the opportunities to network with our colleagues were many. The MLA Annual Meeting in San Antonio is fast approaching. I hope that many of you were able to take advantage of the recent fare wars to purchase discounted tickets. It is also time to begin looking into travel possibilities to Coeur d'Alene for our Chapter Meeting this coming Fall. Preliminary reports from the Program Planning Committee are exciting and we are no doubt in store for another outstanding meeting.

Although I have only been Chair for a few short months, I have already developed a tremendously increased respect for Past-Chairs and Executive Boards. The work done 'behind the scenes' on Chapter business is somewhat exhausting but always stimulating. The past officers (some of whom are also current) have done an outstanding job of establishing and maintaining a smoothly operating system by which to run Chapter affairs. Our Chapter MAP is laudable and provides thoughtful guidelines and timelines for the direction of the Chapter. The Professional Development fund is in place and offers assistance to any Chapter member to participate in professional programs and courses. The Lending Library makes available many books, A/V materials and software on a variety of library-related subjects.

Would you like to help? Executive Board and Committee position descriptions are being revised and reviewed. If you have a desire to serve as a chapter officer or a committee chair or member, please contact any member of the Executive Board. We need and encourage as much participation by members as possible to continue to progress as a Chapter.

The Executive Board met on March 4 in Spokane, Washington. Since our Chapter meeting in October it has become evident that it will be of the best interest to the Chapter to pursue the incorporation offer made by MLA Headquarters. Vicki Croft, our Treasurer, has gone above and beyond the call of duty in sorting out the details of this process. The Board will carefully study the pros and cons of incorporation over the next few months. If any of you would like to have input into this process or have expertise in this area, please let me know.

If you have any questions or suggestions for how the Chapter can do an even better job for you, please contact me or any member of the Executive Board.

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Critical Health Issues of Vulnerable Populations on San Antonio Meeting Agenda

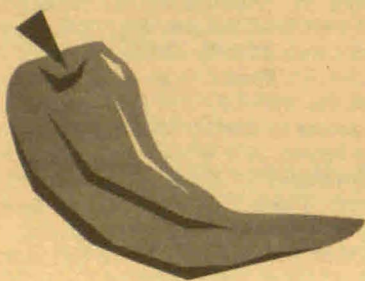
As health information professionals, we are compelled to understand the current, critical health issues facing vulnerable populations in America today. Just who are these groups? What do they have in common? What can be done to improve their health care?

At the Medical Library Association Meeting, on Tuesday, May 17, from 10:30-12:00 noon, a panel of experts will answer these and other questions as they share their research and experiences related to high risk populations. The distinguished panel of speakers include Dr. Lu Ann Aday, professor of behavioral sciences and management and policy sciences at the University of Texas School of Public Health; Bruce Gardham, Manager, Library Research Services, Canadian Mental Health Association; and Dr. Alfonso Holquin, Associate Dean, University of Texas School of Public Health, San Antonio.

We are particularly fortunate to have the highly respected medical sociologist, Lu Ann Aday on the panel. Dr. Aday is the principal author of eight books, including *At Risk in America*, which was positively reviewed in *NEJM*, *JAMA*, and *AJN*. During her presentation she will highlight the framework she developed for identifying vulnerable populations and their needs.

Dr. Aday states in her book, *At Risk in America*, "As members of human communities, we are all potentially vulnerable." It behooves us, as consumers of health and as information professionals, to understand these issues and their implications. The sponsoring MLA Sections of Public Health; Relevant Issues; and Consumer and Patient Health Information, invite you to attend this program which promises to be both stimulating and informative. We look forward to seeing you in San Antonio.

Submitted by Andrea Kenyon, Chair, CAPHIS



Healthcare Reform & Medical Libraries

Learn about the possible impact of healthcare reform upon medical libraries at this year's MLA Annual Meeting.

Dale Dirks, MLA lobbyist in Washington, DC will offer his insights on the larger political environment along with practical advice on how we can become more effective advocates for medical libraries. Mr. Dirks's presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer period, then Governmental Relations Committee Chair Sara Jean Jackson will offer an update on pending legislation of interest.

Tuesday, May 17, 2-4 p.m.

Library Research Resources

Are you interested in doing research?

Are you looking for resources to understand the methodologies you can apply to your research?

Do you need a mentor to walk you through your research endeavors?

Do you want to know what research projects are underway among colleagues?

MLA Library Research Section's Research Resources Committee can provide the information.

Goal III of the MLA Strategic plan states that MLA is dedicated to improving health through professional excellence and leadership in research in health information science. In MLA's 1992 Platform for Change, a section on Research, Analysis and Interpretation is listed among seven areas of important knowledge and skills that should be developed by the health sciences information specialist. In that section, emphasis is placed on the development of research skills among health sciences librarians and helping librarians to acquire the ability to interpret research results.

To reach those goals, the Committee, produces an updated version of the following products on an annual basis:

1. A research bibliography on library & information sciences research: This selected and annotated bibliography presents an overview of resources which can facilitate researchers' activities. Included are publications on the development of research studies, basic research methodologies and techniques, statistical analysis, research ethics, and proposal writing. The cited publications are not only for researchers, but also for consumers of research. For specific research methods, sample articles are listed to demonstrate the specific methods employed.

2. A database of research in-progress related to health sciences librarianship: The database lists research in-progress, estimated time of completion, and the research methods used.

3. A research mentors directory: The directory lists MLA members who have volunteered to serve as research mentors or consultants to other MLA members needing assistance. They are ready, able, and willing to talk about your ideas, to give advice on research methodologies, or to review your manuscript before it's submitted to a peer-reviewed journal.

In addition to contact information, the research interests and the areas of strength of each mentor are included. They can give assistance on selection and definition of your research topic, funding sources, research design/methodologies, implementing the project, data analysis, statistical procedures, and publishing. From this database you can locate the mentor to match your interest.

To obtain a copy of the research bibliography, research mentors list or the list of research in-progress, please contact
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Submitted by M. Emily Fang
Chair, Library Research Sections'
Research Resources Committee

1994 PNC/MLA CE Survey

231 PNC/MLA continuing education survey forms were sent out in January 1994 to the PNC/MLA mailing list; 128 completed forms were returned. Your Regional Medical Library has been mailing and tallying this survey for PNC/MLA every year since 1983.

1. **Library related education**
 - 109 MLS
 - 15 college courses
 - 13 trained on the job
2. **Type of library**
 - 38 academic health sciences library
 - 6 academic library
 - 45 large hospital (200+ beds) library
 - 22 medium hospital (75 to 199 beds) library
 - 6 small hospital (1 to 74 beds) library
 - 15 other
3. **Course Topics** [Respondents were asked to check the five most useful topics.]
 - 74 clinical practice guidelines--algorithms, outcomes, & evidence-based practice
 - 74 presenting data, internal & external, to assist administration in demonstrating effectiveness/outcomes
 - 67 conducting needs assessments
 - 61 intermediate Internet hands-on course
 - 58 critical evaluation of the health literature
 - 52 preparation for JCAHO survey: information management standards
 - 43 beginning Internet hands-on course
 - 42 technical issues involved in establishing an Internet node in your facility
 - 30 library services for allied health professionals
 - 29 advanced Internet hands-on course
 - 4 dental literature resources

Clinical Topics:

 - 30 infectious diseases
 - 12 clinical complications of endoscopic surgery
 - 5 elderly primigravidas

[Respondents also suggested a variety of other topics.]
4. **Course Format.** [Respondents were asked to check which one they prefer.]
 - 109 course with lecture/discussion/exercises
 - 9 small group sharing session
 - 8 independent study with videotape or software
 - 8 independent study with self-paced manual
 - 1 other: long distance learning/interactive
5. **Course Length.** [Respondents were asked to check which one they prefer.]
 - 87 half day
 - 31 full day
 - 7 other: don't care/depends on course topic
6. **Fees.** [Respondents were asked the maximum fee they would pay for a course of high interest.]
 - 4 \$25
 - 56 \$50
 - 55 \$100
 - 11 \$200
7. **Credit.** [Respondents were asked if MLA credit is an important factor.]
 - 48 yes
 - 79 no

Survey developed by the PNC/MLA CE committee; survey mailed by and results compiled by Nancy Ottman Press, Resource Sharing Coordinator, NN/IM, Pacific Northwest Region.

Membership Committee Report

Leza Hamby, Chair

As of January 1994, there are presently 211 current members of PNC/MLA. This includes 5 life members. Membership Renewal Forms are included separately in this newsletter.

FRIENDLY REMINDER...DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR DUES AND MEMBERSHIP IN PNC/MLA FOR 1994!!! Please check your mailing label--if your label indicates a 1993N or 1993R you need to renew your membership for 1994. Annual dues are \$15.00 (U.S.) or \$18.00 (CDN). Dues cover one CALENDAR year.

Please note: this will be the last issue of Northwest Notes that you shall receive if you have not renewed.

New Members: Please welcome the following individuals as new members to PNC/MLA for 1994:

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PNC/MLA Summary Treasurer's Report 1/1/93 Through 12/31/93

Income	
Dues	2,982.54
Dues '94	120.00
Interest Earned	123.23
Meeting Income	4,713.09
Total Income	7,938.86

Expenses	
Annual Meeting	1,000.00
Board Meeting	1,528.58
Board Travel	1,025.10
Newsletter	862.05
Postage	173.91
Printing	6.50
Scholarships	300.00
Service Charge	4.15
Supplies	324.07

Total Expenses 5,224.36

Opening Balance 1/1/93 \$3,917.94

Balance in Checking Account on
12/31/93 \$6,632.44

*Submitted by Maryanne Blake,
January, 1994*

PNC/MLA 1994 Budget Proposal

Balance Forward December 31, 1993 = \$6,632.44

Income	
Dues	2,900.00
Checking Account Interest Earned	100.00
1993 Meeting Income	7,761.59

Total Income \$10,761.59

Expenses	
Annual Meeting (seed money)	1,000.00
Bank Expenses	40.00
Board Meetings	2,500.00
Board Travel	1,000.00
Contingency Fund	1,000.00
Incorporation ? ?	200.00
Membership Brochures	105.00
Newsletter Printing and Postage (6 issues)	2,100.00
Postage	200.00
Scholarships (5)	500.00
Supplies, misc. printing and copying	120.00
Cunningham Fellowship (1993)	200.00

Total Expenses \$ 8,965.00

Balance as of March 11, 1994 \$ 4,732.14

Submitted by Vicki Croft, Treasurer 3/11/94

News From Oregon Submitted by Madelyn Hall

Daphne Plaut, Librarian at Bess Kaiser Medical Center in Portland, had a baby boy February 4th. His name is Nathan Plaut Showell. Nancy Brown, formerly of Kaiser Center for Health Research, is staffing the library at Bess Kaiser while Daphne is on maternity leave.

Ann von Segen, St. Vincent Hospital and Medical Center, Portland, has hired a new library technician. Basia (pronounced Basha) Delawska-McQuaid was hired as a part-time technician, but the position was increased to full-time after two weeks.

The CD-PLUS Network between St. Vincent Hospital and Medical Center and Providence Medical Center is up and running. At St. Vincent there are approximately ten locations where MEDLINE and CINAHL can be accessed. Ann reports that everyone is anxiously awaiting the installation of the remote units which will enable anyone off-campus to dial-in and search. Peggy Baldwin at Providence Medical Center in Portland reports that everyone loves the network. Nursing stations, pharmacy, doctors' lounge, nursing education, and the call room for residents all have access to the network.

Natalie Norcross, Tuality Community Hospital in Hillsboro, is advertising for an MLS or equivalent for 6 hours a week. Preferable experience is two years in a medical library and microcomputer experience. The salary range begins at \$11.57 an hour. For information, contact Natalie at: 503/681-1121. Adding this person will allow Natalie to do some non-library related tasks in her hospital, such as teaching and team facilitating.

Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Center in Portland lost a .5 FTE library assistant position due to budget cuts.

Michele Johns, Planetree Health Resource Center in The Dalles, co-chairs the Statewide Collection Development Steering Committee. The April meeting will include an overview of the plan, members sharing their cooperative collection plans, and where to go from here. Future considerations include a sign-up list of different projects people might want to consider for cooperative collection development; e.g., consumer health, phone books, automotive manuals, etc. The group is also interested in the possibility of negotiating joint bargaining/purchasing agreements for library products.

If you would like a copy of the published plan, contact Patrice O'Donovan at OHSU (Internet: odonovan@ohsu.edu). Anne Billeter is resigning from the committee as of May 1 as she will be assuming the OLA presidency. Deanna Cecotti and Craig Smith will be co-chairs for the next year and Patrice O'Donovan will become a member in place of Dolores Judkins who is leaving the committee after this summer.

On February 16-17, the Oregon Health Sciences Libraries Association, exhibited at the Family Practice Review Conference in Portland. Backed by OHSU's large and colorful display, Oregon librarians demonstrated Grateful Med and CD-PLUS, distributed demo disks of Grateful Med, and marketed our profession. About 60-70 physicians stopped at the displays; most from the more rural areas of Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. Conceived and coordinated by Kathy Martin of Willamette Falls Hospital in Oregon City, participating librarians included: Cindy Muller, Southwest Washington Medical Center, Vancouver, Peggy Baldwin, Providence Medical Center, Portland, Madelyn Hall, Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Center, Portland, and Dolores Judkins and Steve Teich from OHSU.

Publications from Oregon include: "OCLC access on a TCP/IP network" by Carrie Willman and Dan Kniesner (Oregon Health Sciences University Library) *OCLC Systems and Services* 9(4): 31-33, Winter 1993.

CALENDAR

- May 13-18 **Medical Library Assn. Annual Meeting**, San Antonio, TX
- May 21-25 **American Society for Information Science Mid-Year Meeting**, Portland, OR. Contact ASIS, 301.495.0900, asis@cni.org
- June 2-5 **North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) Annual Conference**, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC. Contact Diane Grover (UW) 206.543.4786, grover@u.washington.edu or Katy Nelson (UBC), 604.721.8272, knelson@sol.uvic.ca
- June 9-14 **Canadian Health Libraries Assn. Annual Conference**, London, Ontario, Canada. Contact Lorraine Busby, U. of West. Ont. 519.661.2111x6362, lbusby@lib.uwo.ca
- Oct 23-25 **PNC/MLA Annual Meeting, Bridging the Gap: Forming Community Alliances**, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Contact Marcia Horner, Kootenai Medical Center, 208.666.2480, hornerm@guest.nwnet.net
- Oct 30-Nov 2 **Information Technology in Community Health (ITCH 1994)** Victoria, BC, Canada. Contact Dr. Paul Fisher, School of Health Information Science, Univ. of Victoria, 604.721.8575, pfisher@hsd.uvic.ca
- May 5-10, 1995 **MLA Annual Meeting**, Washington DC
- Fall, 1995 **PNC/MLA Annual Meeting**, Western WA
- May 23-28, 1997 **MLA Annual Meeting**, Seattle, WA

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The editor reserves the right to edit submissions as necessary.

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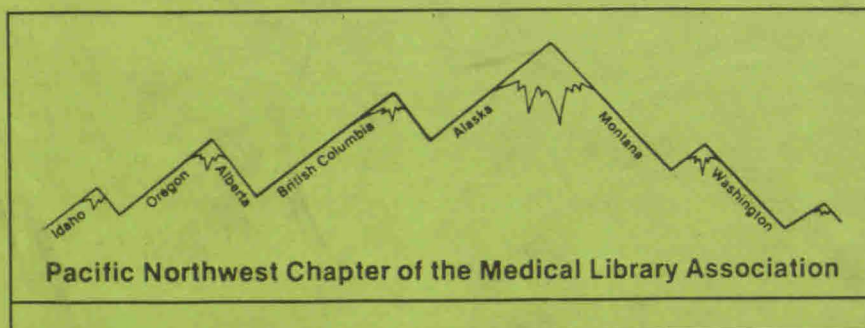
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