

**MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER
Medical Library Association
2009/10 MLA Annual Report
Covering May 2009 – May 2010**

MLA Goal 1. Recruitment, Membership and Leadership in the Profession

After an overwhelmingly positive vote, the MAC and Pittsburgh chapters merged under the aegis of MAC. “Western Pennsylvania” was added to the MAC Logo to represent this merger. The former Pittsburgh chair was added to the Executive Board of MAC and the former Pittsburgh Alternate Chapter Council Representative was elected to the same position in MAC. The funds of the Pittsburgh Chapter were merged with the MAC funds. The archives of the Pittsburgh Chapter will be added to the MAC archives kept at Virginia Commonwealth University.

- MAC has 183 active members including 35 Western Pennsylvania Members
- The Honors and Awards Committee solicited nominations for three MAC Awards. The winners are: MAC Librarian of the Year: Lois Culler, Inova Fairfax Hospital
Marguerite Abel Service Award: Elaine Sullo, George Washington University
One-Person Library Award: Malathi Lakshman, Washington DC Veterans Affairs Library.
- Outgoing MAC officers and committee members received certificates of service.
- *MAC Messages*, the Chapter’s online newsletter, and the MAC Web site provided information about MAC events and the accomplishments of MAC members. The MAC blog established in December 2008 has an average of 8 views per day. The MAC/MLA listserv has 425 recipients.
- For the fifth year, a MAC Conference scholarship was offered to a MAC member. This year’s winner was Andrea Hillard.
- A MLA Scholar award for a Pittsburgh area member is being established to use funds established for that purpose by the Pittsburgh Chapter
- 10 Library or Information Sciences students will be chosen to attend the MAC2010 meeting free of charge.

MLA Goal 2. Life Long Learning

The MAC2009 meeting, “3bytheSea,” was a joint TriChapter (MAC, NY/NJ, Philadelphia) Meeting held in Atlantic City October 5-8, 2009. 225 MLA members attended; 81 were MAC Members. The conference was well received with 94% of attendees rating the program as “good” or “great.” The conference was a financial success as well generating revenues above expenses.

- Four Continuing Education courses were offered at the 2009 Annual Meeting in Atlantic City.
- Three Poster Sessions and three contributed paper sessions were held.
- The AHIP Representatives to MLA held an information session for MAC members at the Annual Meeting.
- A Speed Mentoring Event was held for conference attendees who signed up for the 5 minute rotating sessions.

The MAC2010 Meeting will be held in Chapel Hill, NC October.13-15, 2010

- Co-chairs are Rick Peterson and Megan Von Isenburg, Duke university
- The theme is “A New Vision for Health Sciences Libraries.”
- An E-sciences/Translational Sciences symposium organized by librarians from UNC Chapel Hill and Duke and sponsored by NN/LM SEA region is being planned.

The MAC2011 Meeting will be held in Richmond, VA. Co-chairs for the meeting are Barbara Wright and Shannon Jones from Virginia Commonwealth University.

A Research and Assessment Committee was established. Plans are underway to create a compilation of research-oriented resource to be placed on the MAC website.

The Professional Development Committee of MAC offers help to members who need assistance in developing a poster and/or presentation at a professional conference.

The MAC Chapter Council Representatives continue to encourage MAC members to participate in MLA CE opportunities, MLA Chapter Sharing Roundtables and MLA Webcasts.

MLA Goal 3. Advocacy

- Many MAC libraries support MLA’s Global Initiative by providing free document delivery services to the Latvia Medical Center Library and to Moldova’s medical library.
- In addition to the free delivery of articles, many libraries offer Interlibrary Loan to foreign researchers either free or for a small fee.

MLA Goal 4. Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

- The 2009 Annual Meeting included a Hospital Libraries Luncheon Symposium on the Magnet Recognition Program. The speaker was Karen Drenkard, Director, The Magnet Recognition Program, American Nurses Credentialing Center.
- The Communications Committee implemented a blog format for the Chapter newsletter to communicate information relevant to Chapter members more quickly and to allow more interaction via comments
- An E-sciences Symposium is planned for the MAC 2010 Meeting

MLA Goal 5: Building a Network of Partners

- Member rates for the 2010 Meeting will be extended to other MLA Chapter Members and to ANCHSL
- MAC and the Pittsburgh Chapter merged, creating one larger organization under the aegis of MAC.
- The Chapter Council Representatives represented the concerns of MAC members on the MLA Chapter Council. They served as a communication conduit between MLA and MAC sharing news and regularly soliciting the feedback of MAC members.
- Many MAC libraries continue to participate in GoLocal projects.

Other

In 2008 MAC conducted a Financial Management Study to assess the financial health of the Chapter. While the Chapter's finances are healthy, money management recommendations that could withstand two consecutive years of meeting losses and significant operating budget losses were implemented. An account that will fund the Chapter awards for ten years and an operating budget that can allow for special programs and one-time expenses was established.

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This report is informational and requires no action by the Board of Directors

Respectfully submitted on April 12, 2010.

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