

**Philadelphia Regional Chapter
Medical Library Association
Minutes, Board of Directors Meeting
Institute of Pennsylvania Hospital Reading Room
Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
November 9, 2012**

Present:

Steve Bogel	Secretary, 2012-2014
Barbara Cavanaugh	Development Committee Chair, 2010-2013
Gary Childs	Treasurer, 2012-2014
Prudence Dalrymple	Chapter Council Representative, 2011-2014
Gary Kaplan	Nominating Committee Chair/Parliamentarian, 2012-2013
Mitzi Killeen	By-Laws Committee Chair, 2012-2014
Julia Lewis	Government Relations Committee Chair, 2012-2014
Jenny Pierce	Education & Credentialing Committee Chair, 2012-2014
Anne Seymour	Chapter Council Alternate, 2011-2014
Lydia Witman	Chair, 2012-2013

Absent:

Ginny Brown	Communications Committee Chair, 2011-2013
Emily Dunster	Archives Committee Chair, 2012-2014
Barbara Kuchan	Membership Committee Chair, 2011-2013
Laura McNamara	Chair-Elect/Program Chair, 2012-2013
Mark Puterbaugh	Webmaster Committee Chair, 2012-2014

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM by Chair, Lydia Witman.

II. Minutes, Summer Meeting, July 24, 2012

Steven Bogel distributed the minutes to board members prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Gary Childs and seconded by Julia Lewis. The minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Chair Remarks – Lydia Witman

A. Mid-Year Report and Goals for Remainder of 2012-2013

Lydia Witman distributed the MLA Philadelphia Regional Chapter Mid-Year Report, 2012. The report required no further action by the board. Ms. Witman thanked Gary Kaplan for leading the effort to obtain the funding for the chapter's new AHIP First-Time Applicant Award. The chapter may consider

submitting the AHIP First-Time Applicant Award for a 2013 MLA Chapter Project of the Year Award. A suggestion was made to consider adding an agenda item to a future board meeting to consider other opportunities for chapter recognition awards.

See attached MLA Philadelphia Regional Chapter Mid-Year Report, 2012

B. Board Vacancies

Laura McNamara has resigned as Chair-Elect/Program Chair, 2012-2013. Barbara Kuchan, the current Membership Committee Chair, will complete the Program Chair term through May 2013 and will be the Chair-Elect, 2013-2014. Ms. Witman noted that there was not much work remaining for the Membership Committee for the current term, and that many of the duties could be shared by committee members and others. She will speak to Ms. Kuchan regarding outstanding membership issues such as the Acteva account and various outreach efforts.

The AHIP Liaison position remains vacant. A suggestion was made to appoint a chapter member from Delaware to be the AHIP Liaison in order to promote chapter inclusivity. If travel time from Delaware to Philadelphia-based board meetings is problematic, the AHIP Liaison could attend via web or telephone conferencing.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Gary Childs

As of November 8, 2012, treasury assets were \$13,557.22 in the checking account and \$5,747.93 in the Pennsylvania INVEST program, for a total of \$19,305.15. Last year at this time, the Chapter had \$14,042.54 in the checking account and \$5,743.97 in the Pennsylvania INVEST program, for a total of \$19,786.51. See attached Treasurer's Report.

All donations to the Chapter from corporate sponsors have been recovered in full from Acteva.

Jenny Pierce raised a question about the categorization of some of the funds included as Annual Meeting Income on the Cash Flow Comparison Report. The funds in question might better be described as Corporate Donations.

Lydia Witman suggested that the board obtain price quotes to perform a financial audit of the chapter, and Mr. Childs suggested that some of these quotes be obtained from local auditors.

Action Items:

Mr. Childs will correct the distribution of the funds in question on the Cash Flow Comparison Report from Annual Meeting Income to Corporate Donations.

Mr. Childs will obtain some price quotes for a financial audit of the chapter, and Ms. Pierce will obtain recommendations for some local auditors with experience working with non-profit organizations.

V. Committee Reports

A. AHIP – Lydia/Gary Kaplan

Gary Kaplan noted that there has been some interest in the AHIP First-Time Applicant Award, but no one has submitted an application. Jenny Pierce suggested that the chapter propose to MLA that they should hold a webinar to review the AHIP application procedure. The Philadelphia chapter could assist MLA with the webinar.

Action Item:

Ms. Pierce will make some initial inquiries with MLA about a webinar to review the AHIP application process.

B. Archives – Emily Dunster

Emily Dunster was not able to attend the board meeting but submitted the Archives Committee Report. Although no decision has been made regarding an option for storage of chapter e-mail and other chapter documents, a Gmail account, or some other cloud storage option, should be considered for this purpose. Until a decision is made regarding a suitable storage option, board documents should continue to be forwarded to Ms. Dunster.

See Archive Committee Report

C. Bylaws – Mitzi Killeen

Mitzi Killeen advised that there is nothing new to report.

D. Chapter Council Representative Report – Prudence Dalrymple & Anne Seymour

During the past several months, the Chapter Council has focused on the MLA Board's decision to support Roundtable tickets for new members attending MLA 2013. The Council and the board hope that MLA – Philadelphia continues to support this program. Other activity has focused on improvements to the Chapter Council website and promoting membership and leadership. A group from the Mid-Atlantic Chapter is gathering information about outreach by MLA chapters to students regarding scholarships and awards, career and teaching support, mentoring, and other chapter work. A member of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter will be contacting each chapter's Chair about this.

Information was distributed regarding *Chapter Council Presents Sharing Roundtables* at MLA '13, including a list of roundtable topics for 2013.

See Chapter Council Representative Report

E. Communications – Ginny Brown

No committee report received.

Action Item:

Lydia Witman will follow-up to obtain the report.

F. Development – Barbara Cavanaugh

There is no activity to report since the July 24, 2012 board meeting.

The Development Committee recommended some 2013 Annual Meeting fundraising strategies, including: eliminating print mailings and only using e-mail; not soliciting vendors with a long history of not giving, but identifying new contacts for non-contributing vendors who the committee believes should be contributing; targeting Wolters Kluwer separately from UpToDate; trying to regain CABI as a contributor; considering new incentives for donors; continuing to identify new potential vendors. There was a brief discussion of ideas to attract more vendors, including asking vendors what incentives would encourage them to contribute.

See attached Development Report

G. Education & Credentialing – Jenny Pierce

The MLA sponsored event, *Ethical and Legal Aspects of Disaster Response*, was held on August, 21, 2012. Of the 20 registrants, 13 attended, and the evaluations were generally positive. MLA credentialing information has been submitted.

PubMed for Experts, a MAR sponsored presentation, will be held on November 16, 2012 at Temple.

The chapter was asked to host a MAR sponsored event that was requested by the Hospital Libraries SAG, *The Ropes: Planning Instruction for the Adult Learner*. Confirmation is pending from Missy Harvey for this event which is to be held the week of April 8, 2013.

Ms. Pierce represented the chapter at the MAR RAC meetings in August and October.

All paperwork for MLA credentialing was submitted for all Quad CE courses.

See attached Education & Credentialing Committee Report

H. Government Relations – Julia Lewis

The committee report listed the relevant posts to the chapter website since July 2012. Ms. Lewis asked the board to forward suggestions to her for future topics to be covered on the website. Lydia Witman asked Ms. Lewis to let her know if she would have any suggestions for speakers at the next Annual Meeting.

See attached Government Relations Committee Report

I. Membership – Barbara Kuchan

Current membership stands at 104 members, with 94 regular members, 6 student members, and 4 retired members. Each member's record in the online membership directory now includes a date through which the membership is valid. Lifetime members now have the designation (*retired*) – *honorary lifetime member*, along with the date the lifetime membership was awarded.

See attached Membership Committee Report

J. Nominating – Gary Kaplan

Committee member, Robb Mackes, took the lead on the AHIP First-Time Applicant Award, for which the chapter received a \$1500 NN/LM MAR grant to allow the chapter to make seven or more awards. The board vetted the terms of the award to assure fairness and transparency in making the awards. The deadline for submitting an application is April 15, 2013.

The chapter offered awards to four applicants to support their attendance at the Quad Meeting. Two applicants withdrew, and Ellen Abramowitz and Lydia Witman received grants. Ms. Abramowitz and Ms. Witman will write reports and Mark Puterbaugh will coordinate their publication.

A discussion ensued regarding a number of other chapter awards. The board agreed on the following details of each award:

Bea Davis Education Award: certificate; annual dinner registration; \$600 cash award

Randy Brenner Memorial Consumer Health Award: certificate; annual dinner registration

Robert Preston Lee Memorial Award: certificate; annual dinner registration

Chapter Achievement Award: no changes to this award from previous years (certificate; annual dinner registration for awardee and one guest; gift)

Chapter Appreciation Award: no changes to this award from previous years

The term for the position of Program Chair is up in the spring 2013. Mr. Kaplan asked the board to advise the committee about any potential candidates.

See attached Nominating Committee Report

K. Program

No report.

L. Webmaster – Mark Puterbaugh

No report.

VI. Old Business

A. Cloud-based archives – Emily Dunster/Lydia Witman

Ms. Witman suggested that the board consider using Google to store chapter e-mail and other important chapter documents. Jenny Pierce raised questions about Google's rights over the material they stored, as well as privacy concerns. In the ensuing discussion, the question was raised whether there are fee-for-service vendors to consider for a cloud-based archive. Anne Seymour suggested that some of the membership/event software vendors might offer space for this purpose.

VII. New Business

A. Annual Meeting Budget (Lydia Witman)

Jenny Pierce offered a motion to fix the annual meeting budget at \$6000. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a brief discussion about limiting the annual meeting expenses by such means as: eliminating liquor from the "paid" drinks category and offering beer and wine only; implementing a "ticket" system so that a ticket could be used for one free beer or glass of wine, after which the attendees could pay for additional glasses.

B. Hospital Libraries Section Support (Lydia Witman)

Ms. Witman will try to determine the percentage of the chapter membership who are hospital librarians, before the board considers offering formal programming for this segment of the membership.

C. Acteva issues and possible new vendor (Gary Childs)

Accreditation of Acteva by the Better Business Bureau has been revoked. There is some urgency in finding a new vendor in time for membership renewal which should be done by February 15, 2013. Mr. Childs submitted a list of vendors to be considered to replace Acteva such as: cvent; eventbrite; paypal; regonline; wild apricot; and, MLA's AHIP Management System.

Action Item:

Lydia Witman will follow-up with the Chapter Council to see if MLA can have a role in helping the chapter with membership/event functions.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting concluded with the board's enthusiastic support for Barbara Kuchan as Chair-Elect.

The next board meeting will be in February. Ms. Witman will send board members a poll to fix the date.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 PM by Ms. Witman.

Submitted by: Steven Bogel, Secretary

MLA Philadelphia Regional Chapter - Midyear Report, 2012
Submitted Oct 3, 2012

Since MLA '12 in Seattle, the board of the Philadelphia Regional Chapter has met once, on July 24, for our annual "transition" meeting of incoming and outgoing officers and chairs. The next board meeting is scheduled for Nov 9th in Philadelphia. Our chapter members number 103 as of Sept 26, 2012. Assets total \$19,044.83 as of Oct 1, 2012. The following are highlights of Chapter activity from May through September 2012.

MLA Strategic Goal 1:

Recruitment, Membership, and Leadership in the Profession

In September, we began promotion of our new "AHIP First-Time Applicant Award". We were granted funding from our NN/LM-MAR RML, the University of Pittsburgh, to support this project; Gary Kaplan, Nominating Committee Chair, led the effort, with help from committee members Robert Mackes and Beth Lewis. We will have a table at the upcoming Quad conference, at which we will promote the chapter; the table will be staffed during peak traffic times, under the leadership of Barbara Kuchan, Membership Chair.

MLA Strategic Goal 2: Life-Long Learning

Professional Development Grants were awarded to three chapter members to support their attendance at the upcoming Quad meeting; Gary Kaplan led the efforts. The board voted to provide some financial support for two Open Access Week educational events arranged by the Philadelphia Scholarly Communication Group; events will take place in October, free of charge to attendees. Jenny Pierce, Education & Credentialing Chair, arranged the CE class "Ethical and Legal Aspects of Disaster Response", held on August 21 at the Hagerty Library of Drexel University; this class was sponsored by the MLA. An additional CE class, "PubMed for Experts", is planned for November 16. Our 2nd annual Programming Survey was completed by Laura McNamara, Program Chair, on July 23rd; results showed that our members have an interest in learning about copyright, expert searching, and professional skills (leadership, presentation skills, etc.). We also collected data on formats and times/places preferred by members.

MLA Strategic Goal 3: Advocacy

The Web Committee has diligently posted employment opportunities in our region, which benefits not only chapter members but also all with an interest in health sciences librarianship. The Government Relations Committee has diligently posted about legislative issues relevant to health sciences librarianship, communicating about topics of interest both nationally and locally; analysis and ramifications of the Affordable Care Act have been a hot topic.

MLA Strategic Goal 4:

Knowledge Creation and Communication

Those who received Professional Development awards to support their attendance at Quad are required to write brief reports, to be posted on the chapter's website by October 31. Chapter members

were encouraged to submit posters and papers to the Quad conference and to MLA '13 in Boston. The JMLA Call for Papers was posted on our website on June 25.

MLA Strategic Goal 5: Partnerships

In May, chapter representatives delivered our collected books and funds to a local Reach Out And Read site, promoting early literacy via pediatricians' offices. We continue to work closely with the Philadelphia chapter of SLA to cross-promote events and avoid conflicts. Jenny Pierce cross-promotes classes with SLA and HSLANJ as well. Laura McNamara has been working closely with student associations at our local iSchool, Drexel University, to promote health sciences librarianship; Laura has attended several social events with them in July, August, and September, and Laura, Gary Kaplan, and Prudence Dalrymple attended a social event with them on Sept 29. Also, as mentioned above, we are participating in the Quad conference to be held October 13-16 in Baltimore, with both board and chapter members contributing, especially Priscilla Stephenson and Anne Seymour; the conference theme is "Connections."

MOTION

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

Respectfully Submitted, Lydia Witman

Board Members

Executive Committee:

Chair: Lydia Witman, 2012-2013

Chair-Elect & Program Committee Chair: Laura McNamara, 2012-2013

Nominating Committee Chair and Parliamentarian: Gary Kaplan, 2012-2013 (past chair) Secretary: Steve Bogel, 2012-2014

Treasurer: Gary Childs, 2012-2014

Committee Chairs:

AHIP liaison: currently vacant

Archives Committee Chair: Emily Dunster, 2012-2014

By-Laws Committee Chair: Mitzi Killeen, 2012-2014

Chapter Council Representative: Prudence Dalrymple, 2011-2014

Chapter Council Alternate: Anne Seymour, 2011-2014

Communications Committee Chair: Ginny Brown, 2011-2013

Development Committee Chair: Barbara Cavanaugh, 2010-2013

Education & Credentialing Committee Chair: Jenny Pierce, 2012-2014

Government Relations Committee Chair: Julia Lewis, 2012-2014

Membership Committee Chair: Barbara Kuchan, 2011-2013

Web Committee Chair: Mark Puterbaugh, 2012-2014

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Treasurer's Report

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The attached Cash Flow Comparison Report shows a breakdown of our year to date finances compared with the previous year. The Itemized Categories Report shows our income and expenses at the item level for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary M. Childs
Treasurer, 2012-2014

**MLA-PHIL
Archives Report
11/7/12**

As we all know, the MLA-PHIL generates a considerable amount of email that is not easily searched in the list-serv archives. We briefly discussed opening a gmail account for MLA-PHIL to house emails and shared documents for MLA-PHIL via email in the beginning of October. Although no decision has been made thus far on options for storage of email and other documents for MLA-PHIL, a gmail account or other cloud storage option should probably be considered for easy searchability of chapter emails and other important MLA-PHIL documents.

Until we decide on a worthy option, please continue to follow the Policy and Procedures wiki for submitting material to the chapter archives. Since I will not be in attendance for our November 9th meeting, you can also forward me your materials from the board meeting at Emily.dunster@jefferson.edu.

Emily Dunster, Archives Chair

**MLA-Phil Board, Chapter Council Representative Report
November 9, 2012**

During the past several months, the primary activity related to Chapter Council was the Board's decision to support Roundtable tickets for new members. MLA and the Chapter Council appreciate our past support and hopes we will continue to support this program.

At the national level there is activity focused on improving the Chapter Council Website and promoting membership and leadership. To that end, the Membership Chapter "Shuffle" is being re-vamped; further details forthcoming. Along the same lines, I received a message regarding student outreach form our chapter, which is reproduced here:

A group of colleagues in the Mid-Atlantic Chapter is gathering information about what outreach MLA chapters have made to students, including scholarships and awards, career and teaching support, mentoring, inclusion in committee or other chapter work, etc. A member of the group will be contacting each chapter's Chair with questions. If there is a specific person in your chapter, other than the chair, to whom we should also talk, please share their contact information with KT Vaughan at ktlv@email.unc.edu.

I am also attaching an item focused on promoting membership in the chapter; it is designed to be used in a chapter newsletter, and could also be used for other promotional activities such as the website. The item is reproduced here for your information and can be used, as desired.

Respectfully submitted,

Prudence Dalrymple

Chapter Council Representative

Chapter Council Presents Sharing Roundtables

Submitted by Becky McKay and Tim Mason, Cochairs, Chapter Council Roundtables Committee

Please plan on attending the Chapter Council Presents Sharing Roundtables at MLA '13 in Boston, MA on Sunday, May 19, from noon-1:30 for lunch and informal discussions.

Attendees must register for a topic as part of their MLA '12 registrations; No onsite registration is available. Tickets are \$42 and include a plated lunch with a salad, entrée, and dessert (indicate dietary restrictions on your registration form).

MLA offers one free lunch ticket per topic to new members (MLA member for five years or less) that register for the meeting via the online registration system. Tickets are paid through Chapter donations and MLA and are available on a first come first served basis. See the preliminary program for details on how to register for a free lunch ticket.

Facilitators and recorders will be at each table to initiate discussion and to document the discussion for posting on the Chapter Council Web site (www.chaptercouncil.mlanet.org). Facilitators and recorders earn one point toward membership in the Academy of Health Information Professionals for completing these activities. ***If you would like to share your skills and expertise as a facilitator or a recorder for a particular, please e-mail Becky McKay at rlmckay@library.tamu.edu.***

Based on a survey of members as well as comments from previous roundtable attendees, the following discussion topics were chosen for MLA '13.

TOPICS FOR 2013 ROUNDTABLES (Topic descriptions are available online at:
www.chaptercouncil.mlanet.org/roundtables/index.html)

1. Budget Cuts Problem Solving**
2. Copyright Issues
3. Ebooks
4. Electronic Medical Records--The Role of the Library
5. Embedded Librarians
6. Health Literacy
7. Instruction Techniques
8. Integrating You or the Library into the Curriculum
9. iPads in the Curriculum, Clinics and Library**
10. Issues in Hospital Librarianship
11. Liaisons Stepping Out of the Library
12. Library Redesign**
13. Library Support for One Health Initiatives**
14. Literature Searches to Support Systematic Reviews
15. Measuring Success & Influencing Decision Makers
16. Mobile Technologies for Medical Librarians
17. Negotiating with Vendors
18. New & Emerging Roles for Medical Librarians
19. Outreach Services**
20. Scholarly Communication
21. Solo Librarians
22. Supporting Translational Research
23. Teaching Evidence Based Medicine to Students & Faculty
24. Virtual Reference

** New Topics for 2013

DEVELOPMENT REPORT
MLA – PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL CHAPTER
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No activity to report since July 2012 meeting.

Recommendations/plans for 2013 Annual Meeting fundraising:

- Eliminate print mailing and rely on e-mail communications.
- Eliminate certain vendors with long history of not giving, but for those non-contributing vendors which we feel really should contribute, identify new contact people.
- Target Wolters Kluwer separately from UpToDate.
- Try to regain CABI as a contributor.
- Consider new incentives for donors. For ex., buy an “ad” in the program?
- Continue to identify new potential vendors.

Submitted by: Barbara Cavanaugh, Chair, Development Committee
Nov. 9, 2012

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Education and Credentialing Committee Report

Members: David Brennan (2011-2013), Andrea McDonald (2011-2013), Lydia Witman (2012-2013, ex officio) Jenny Pierce 2012-2014(chair)

Publicizing MAR and other non-chapter CE opportunities:

Events:

Andrea continues to post information on chapter events, SLA events and other local events. She is awesome! Jenny posts to the listserv and shares with SLA and HSLANJ listservs as well.

Ethical and Legal Aspects of Disaster Response, August 21st MLA sponsored
20 Registrants, 13 showed up on the day. Evaluations were generally positive. All MLA credentialing information submitted to MLA.

Upcoming Trainings

PubMed for Experts Friday, November 16

Schedule to take place at Temple thanks to Barbara and Lauri Fennel. We worked with MAR to provide free registration.

The Ropes: Planning Instruction for the Adult Learner (Spring 2013)

We were asked to host this MAR sponsored event. The event was requested by the Hospital Libraries SAG. I'm waiting for confirmation from Missy Harvey. She hopes to have this event occur near the MAR sponsored data management event at the request of the Resource & Academic Libraries SAG. It is supposed to happen sometime the week of April 8th. If it does we would be looking at the same week. The thinking is there wouldn't be much of an overlap. (This is a date correction. I originally thought it would be in March.)

MAR RAC: Jenny attended RAC meetings in August and October representing the Chapter. For more information see the minutes at <http://nml.gov/mar/about/rac.html>

2012 Quad Meeting:

I worked with MLA for CE credential for all Quad CE courses. All paperwork for MLA credential was submitted.

Respectfully submitted by
Jenny Pierce

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Government Relations Committee

Government Relations post since July 1, 2012.

Oct. 22, 2012 Obama vs. Romney on Higher-Education Issues

Oct. 11, 2012 Judge Hands HathiTrust Digital Repository a Win in Fair-Use Case

Sept. 24, 2012 Congress Heads to Adjournment Threatening the Loss of Thousands of Research Grants

Jul. 27, 2012 Health Reform Source provided by Jenny Pierce, Public Ser. Librarian at UMDNJ

Jul. 19, 2012 House Appropriations Subcommittee to Move Forward With a Bill to Defund AHRQ

We had one comment in October that further explained fracking chemicals from Lydia Witman. This was in reference to a previous article posted in April, [*Physicians and Psychologists Upset by Gag Law on Fracking Chemicals.*](#)

Respectfully submitted
Julia Lewis

**MLA-Philadelphia Chapter
November 6, 2012
Membership Chair Report**

In September 2012, the membership committee chair proposed to modify the online Membership Directory with member expiration dates. This was approved by the Board. Now, each member's record includes through which date the membership is valid. See example below:

Ellen Abramowitz
Manager, Library Services
Health Sciences Library
Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital
1500 Lansdowne Avenue
Darby, PA 19123
Phone: 610-237-4150
E-mail: eabromowitz@mercyhealth.org
Member through: 2012

Members can now check for themselves whether their membership is current, or if they need to renew.

Lifetime members have the designation of – retired – honorary lifetime member and the date the lifetime membership was awarded for their record, as well as the member through information. See example:

Lenore Hardy (retired | honorary lifetime member, awarded 2012)
Member through: Lifetime

The membership committee participated in a promotional table at the MLA Quad meeting in October, 2012. The membership chair selected and purchased 100 kelly green can holders and 250 blue pens as giveaway items. The can holders have the Philadelphia Regional Chapter logo (in white) and the pens say: Philadelphia Regional Chapter | Medical Library Association. There are still a number of giveaways left for future events.

The Chapter has the following figures for chapter members. **Current membership count: 104 members;** with 94 regular members, 6 student members, and 4 retired members.

The 2013 membership drive will need to begin soon.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Kuchan

Nominating Committee Report

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AHIP Award

Robb Mackes took the lead on the "AHIP First-Time Applicant Award". We received a \$1,500 NN/LM MAR grant that will allow us to make seven or more awards. Board members vetted the terms to assure fairness and transparency in the provision of the awards.

We announced it on September 26 by email, Twitter, Facebook and a blog post:

<http://www.mlaphil.org/wp/grants-awards/2012/09/26/ahip-first-time-applicant-award/>. Flyers were distributed at the Quad Meeting, where we spoke with several people who were thinking of applying.

The deadline for applying is April 15, 2013, which requires having successfully submitted a portfolio to MLA HQ and paying the application fee. Please apply and encourage your colleagues to apply!

Grant Program for Professional Development

We announced an early cycle of professional development grants on August 1, 2012 to support attendance at the Quad Meeting. We offered awards of various amounts to each of the four applicants. Two people had to withdraw for personal reasons. Ellen Abramowitz and Lydia Witman received grants. In accord with the terms of the awards they will write reports. Thanks to Mark Puterbaugh, who is coordinating their publication.

Other Awards

We'll promote the other chapter awards after this meeting. The deadline will be set a few weeks before the annual dinner. Last year it was a March 30th deadline for a May 1st dinner.

- Bea Davis Education Award (last awarded 2011). Certificate and cash award of \$600. The purpose of this award is to foster and encourage library students to pursue educational activities related to health sciences librarianship.
- Randy Brenner Memorial Consumer Health Award (last awarded 2008). Certificate and cash award of \$500. **The cash award is not currently listed on the website, but is in the P&P manual. I assume we want that updated, or did we discontinue the cash award after the departure of the original funder?** The award recognizes an outstanding contribution to consumer health information services and patient education.
- Robert Preston Lee Memorial Award (last awarded 2012). Certificate, annual dinner fee, and gift or cash award not to exceed \$150. The award recognizes an outstanding contribution in the application of technology to the delivery of technical services.

Please start thinking now about potential nominees!

2013 Slate

Of the elected officers (Program Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Chapter Council Rep, Chapter Council Alternate), only the Program Chair is up for the Spring, 2013 election. Please talk with any of the nominating committee members about potential candidates.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Kaplan, Chair Robb Mackes Beth Lewis