

St. Louis Medical Librarians  
Annual Business Meeting

Matthews Medical Books  
Maryland Heights, MO

June 18, 2009  
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### Minutes

After meeting and greeting each other as colleagues within SLML, Cheryle Cann called the meeting to order and gave a special “thank you” to Matthews Medical Books for hosting the luncheon of our Annual Business Meeting.

#### Treasurer’s Report:

Donghua Tao reported an ending balance of \$ 7,588.17 in the SLML account. She provided an itemized list of expenses and a short description of our CD investment vehicles.

**Treasurer’s Report accepted.**

**Old Business:** Ruth Lewis announced that the Biology Library at Washington University in St. Louis is closing, and its function is to be spread to other WUSTL libraries. Ruth mentioned that other libraries at may be consolidated into another campus library. Betsy Kelly and Will Olmstadt described cuts at the WU Becker Library.

#### Committee Reports

- **Archives** – 2010 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of SLML. Efforts are underway to write a history of Saint Louis Medical Librarians and mark the occasion of SLML’s 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
- **Communication** – Holly reported that (at the time) the SLML web site was proceeding, but was a slow process, and the new web site is in a final draft. A home page (draft) is being constructed. There will be new features on the site, such as pictures of librarians/members. If the general design is accepted, the site will be ready by the end of July 2009.

It was asked if we need a search box on the web site home page, and there was a resounding “yes”. Also suggested, was that a link for MLA and MCMLA be added and there was general agreement for this. The web site will draw from a basic design, with the goal of keeping it as simplified and streamlined as possible.

Cheryle stated that both Holly and Leanne have done an excellent job on the web site re-design.

- **Continuing Education and Programs** – Jennifer asked everyone to complete an evaluation form. She stated that we are trying to get talent and programs which enhance the development of the profession and our members. She suggested that we should think about a panel discussion on the latest search techniques.

Jennifer also mentioned the potential for a program about the state of health and medicine during the Lewis & Clark Voyage of Discovery.

Jennifer expressed her concern with the problem of scheduling events and then having a number of people who do not show up. It is hoped that we will have more participation from the membership. Jennifer asked if any/many members would be interested in a full-day training session that would provide CE credit.

- **Membership** – During 2008 /2009 Cathy Sarli suggested a Membership Year of January thru December (the Organizational Year is July 1<sup>st</sup> thru June 30<sup>th</sup>). Cathy asked about putting the membership list in any particular/approved format? It was noted that old members should be kept in the directory (per Betsy Kelly). The data is still there for all updates.

Cathy stated that we will keep Emeritus Members in the Directory. A question was asked if our organizational membership is down. The answer is yes.

There was a general statement that SLML wants to encourage others to join. This can be done, possibly by word of mouth, possibly to any guests when special events are held, and to call and send personal invitations.

- **Strategic Planning** – An evaluation of the strategic plan will be reviewed on a yearly basis. There was general agreement that the plan looked very good.
- **Nominating** – Jennifer Plaat is the new President Elect. Holly Hubenschmidt has been nominated to be the new Member-at-Large. Holly will also continue to chair the Communications Committee.

**Non-Committee Information at the Business meeting:** Cheryle briefly (at the beginning of the meeting) covered some professional development issues. Cheryle encouraged continuing education. There was mention of a slight change in guidelines for recognizing achievements. Information on significant achievements would be posted to the SLML list-serv. All members should now be receiving messages via the list-serv. Betsy Kelly stated that there will be some technical changes occurring to the list-serv.

There was a call for the people who attended the 2009 MLA convention in Honolulu, Hawaii to give us their thoughts and comments on the meeting.

**Betsy Kelly** – did a poster at MLA, it is online.

**Will Olmstadt** - presented a poster at MLA about automating a journal; a “Hospital Medical Virtual Journal log”, with RSS Feed aggregation.

**Holly Hubenschmidt** – presented a session testing the use of general automation, e.g. Google (30% error rate) and standard health information sites.

**Donghua Tao** – presented a paper at MLA on Health Literacy and how to educate patients. MLA emphasized how to link data in library to patients’ medical records. A reason is that doctors and nurses do not use electronic resources, e.g. problem of logging-on to systems, embedding links, and promoting use of electronic data. Point of Care Resources are even more important now.

**Assako Holyoke** – presented a paper on the “rate of return” on books, factors in inter-library loans and book returns (5-10% an acceptable return rate). If the rate of book returns is higher e.g. > 10%, then there is an indication of a problem, which could be due to content, level, book images, quality, etc.

No new or further information or business was presented.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.