



Medical Library Group of Southern California & Arizona (MLGSCA)

Annual Activity Report

Area 1: What MLGSCA Does

Beginning September 1, 2015, MLGSCA contracted the services of a bookkeeper to streamline reconciliation of our accounts. This has allowed the treasurer to focus on reporting and general oversight of the chapter's finances.

The leadership of MLGSCA and NCNMLG continues to be in discussion regarding the benefits to all parties involved regarding a merger of the two chapters. Potential benefits envisioned include: a larger pool of potential leadership candidates with greater diversity, more professional development opportunities, an increased impact on policy and professional issues beyond the local area, streamlining the administrative aspects of chapter management to make possible more time and resources for local events and education. There has been some concern among the chapter leadership with regard to the actual details and process of a "merger" and the work involved. Discussions will continue into 2016-17.

Area 2: New Professionals

As our business meetings and continuing education courses are near completely online, MLGSCA has organized social events to engage existing members and recruit new members. In September, we partnered with California Library Association and participated in 6 "happy hour" meet and greets in the greater Southern California area. This allowed our members to connect with each other and allowed us to promote our professional group and medical librarianship in general to public and academic librarians. This year we have gained 22 new regular members.

MLGSCA has a strong history of mentoring students and new professionals. Our Professional Issues committee arranges mentor/mentee relationships, pairing members with similar interests and skill sets. The committee has also partnered with the local ALA accredited library schools to raise awareness of our chapter and MLA. Qualifying students are eligible for free chapter membership; we currently have 23 student members.

Area 3: Education

This year we have continued to supplement our Continuing Education offerings by sponsoring viewing sites for the MLA Webinars. We scheduled sites in Southern California and Arizona for the entire Fall 2015 Webinar series as well as the March 15, 2016 webinar. Additionally, we offered four in-person Continuing Education classes at our Joint Meeting held in January 2016 at Stanford University. Our Continuing Education Chair also promotes opportunities provided by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Pacific Southwest Region such as the monthly Midday at the Oasis.

Area 4: Technology

In September 2015, we upgraded our membership payment and event registration platform to Wild Apricot. This has allowed for a more user-friendly and streamlined registration process on both member and administrative ends and reduced our administrative cost in half.

Motion:

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

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