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REGION THREE REPORT

The following is a report of Greater Midwest Regional Medical Library Network (GMRMLN) activities and information from the Regional Council meeting in July. It is lengthy and you may wish to read it selectively, but all of it is timely. Some items require action at the State Council meeting in October and some items are important to you in the daily operations of your libraries.

Online Updates . . .

Local NLM Online Update sessions are to be available each year in each state, in the fall. MHSLA has scheduled one in conjunction with the October meeting in Traverse City. An update will be available in conjunction with Online '83 to be held this fall in Chicago. These sessions must be self supporting. A second update will be provided if enough interest is expressed (to Lynn Sorensen Sutton or Jackie Raphaelson). For 1984 and 1985—local groups wishing to sponsor a local online update clinics should contact online search update committee by February of those years.

Collection Development . . .

The new Region 3 has a total of \$25,000 for this year to be spent for "Collection Development" in the Region. The Regional Council decided to split the money evenly among the 10 states of the region, and that they should spend as their State Councils deem most appropriate.

State Council will decide:

- What specific items will be purchased
- Which resource library will hold materials
- Submit this information to Main Office by *December 1, 1983*.

For expedience sake, Yvonne Wulff and Ruth Taylor from UM and WSU respectively will agree on the way specifically they recommend this money should be spent. They will make a recommendation in the form of a motion at the State Council meeting in October. The motion will be mailed with the meeting agenda.

Underserved Areas . . .

Region 3 had been instructed to identify areas in the region which are considered to be "underserved" by medical libraries, and then to design a plan for getting service to those areas. This project was not well received by representatives in most states because of the success and saturation achieved by the extramural coordinators and because of the lack of specific funding for this project. Three states (North Dakota,

South Dakota and Wisconsin) will pursue this project. The other states will not pursue this issue due to the priority of other pressing issues.

RML Director of Michigan . . .

This will be a directory of libraries participating in the RML. Only Resource Libraries will hold complete sets of directories for each state. Participants will receive directories of their state only, unless they request otherwise. (The entire set is extremely large and therefore considered to be too unwieldy to be practical for any but the resource libraries.)

Information contained in the directory is extensive for each library. It includes memberships in consortia, types of service provided, and other descriptive information.

- This is *not* the mailing list for the RML.
- You have received an information sheet for this directory and should have completed and returned it by this time (early summer).
- If you only filled in name and address section, and not the other information requested, you will *not* be included in the directory.
- If you did not return the form you will not be included in the directory.
- Please write to the RML office in Chicago if you do not think you were included in the directory.

Interlibrary Loan Manual . . .

The final draft of the Interlibrary Loan Manual for Region 3 was approved by the Regional Council at its July meeting. It will be available for distribution by September 1983.

Two appendices to the manual will be distributed separately because they are not yet prepared. They are: Appendix F—a chart illustrating comparative interlibrary loan charges of the Resource Libraries in the Region; and Appendix H—a list of the interlibrary loan policies of each of the Resource Libraries.

The ILL Manual was prepared by the Document Delivery Committee on Region 3. This was chaired by a Basic Unit librarian from Chicago, Janet Zibrat, and it was based on the Region 7 Manual.

In Michigan, the draft was evaluated by Metta T. Lansdale, Jr., State Representative, Lynn Sorensen Sutton and Barbara Kormelink. Comments were considered in the revision for the final draft.

The final draft is 55 manuscript pages, including Appendices.

Interlibrary Loan Uniform Changes and Billing . . .

A motion before the Regional Council to establish a uniform interlibrary loan charge at \$6.00 per transaction throughout the Region, *did not pass*. State representatives did not approve because it meant an increase in charges. Resource libraries were not supportive because of their internal restrictions.

A motion to establish centralized ILL billing was *not passed*. This was due to the lack of a feasible method presently available.

The following motion was *passed*: That the Document Delivery Committee investigate instilling as much uniformity as possible and as much centralization as possible into the regional interlibrary loan invoicing practices—or words to that effect.

Online Union Monograph Catalog on BRS . . .

This is a "private file" on BRS that was initiated by old Region 7 and continues with the support of the new Region 3. RML participants, especially BHSL's, who use it find it extremely valuable. Contact RML office for access instructions.

Online Catalog Committee members are solicited to accomplish the following (If you would like to volunteer, please send your C.V. to the RML office):

- a) Establish a "goal" of the catalog
- b) Include hospital holdings
- c) Establish an interface with OCLC or a comparison with OCLC
- d) Prepare communications as to how to access the catalog for use or for input

Please send suggestions for subject collection analysis of the catalog to Pat Pinkowski of RML Office. (Pat is the RML Online Services Coordinator.)

Union Lists . . .

GMRMLN (Region 3) Union List of Serials is based on the former KOMULS as produced in Louisville for old Region 3 KOM.

This GMRMLN list is available in two (2) issues for an annual subscription fee of \$55. The first issue, dated April 1983, is being shipped as of *August 10, 1983*. Those who ordered union lists in March of 1983 should have received them by the end of August. Please call RML Management Office if you ordered but did not receive. The second issue is scheduled for publication October 1, 1983. \$55 will purchase both issues. There is no reduced rate for the second issue only.

The first issue includes 10 Resource Libraries from former KOM that are presently Resource Libraries *plus* the Medical College of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. The second issue will include the above eleven (11) library holdings plus:

Indiana University School of Medicine
University of Wisconsin at Madison

National Biomedical Serials Holdings Database (SERHOLD) is produced by NLM and will include the resource libraries from old Region 7 including:

University of Illinois

John Crerar

Northwestern University Medical Library

Southern Illinois Medical Library

*University of Minnesota Biomedical Library,
Minneapolis

University of Minnesota—Duluth

*University of North Dakota, Harley French Library

(* = data current to December 1980)

SERHOLD will not include KOM libraries because the KOMULS data is more accurate. KOMRML holdings were dropped from this SERHOLD list in favor of using the new, more accurate GMRMLN list.

SERHOLD will be held by Management Office for \$15 per fiche set; one issue per year. This new list *may be* available by October 1, 1983. Stay tuned. Use the prepublication order form (available soon) to receive your list as soon as possible.

NLM Direct Access . . .

Direct access interlibrary loan to NLM will begin October 1, 1983 at \$5.00 per interlibrary loan transaction. In order to use NLM direct ILL access you must purchase and use *both* of the above mentioned union lists to verify that your request is not held in the Region. The timing of our receipt of SERHOLD is obviously critical for the initial use of direct access. The timely availability of SERHOLD is dependent upon when NLM gets the list to Chicago for reproduction and distribution.

A SERHOLD prepublication order form will be available from Region 3 Management Office shortly. If you use this form to order early you will receive your list as soon as possible.

Hospital Library Holdings on the Regional Union List . . .

It was recommended at the Regional Council meeting and is a very distinct possibility, that Basic Health Science Libraries (hospitals, MSU, other non-resource libraries) will be able to have their holdings listed in the GMRMLN Union List of Serials. The basic cost of the fiche product should remain the same if they go to a double column format.

Libraries will have to bear the cost of putting their holdings in the list. Ohio hospitals have their library holdings in due to a "tape drop" from local union lists that was funded by leftover KOM money. Michigan hospitals may be able to use OCLC tapes available through the efforts of the Michigan Regions of Cooperation.

Calendar . . .

GMRMLN will produce a calendar for sale as a fund raising effort. It will be illustrated with wood cuts from materials in the resource library collections.

Management Office will announce its availability.

Exhibit . . .

A traveling exhibit promoting GMRMLN will be available for use at library and other meetings. There will be a rental fee for its use.

Health Professionals on the Regional Council . . .

Two health professionals have full voting membership on the Region 3 Regional Council. They are:

John J. Buchino, MD
Chief of Pathology
Kosair-Children's Hospital
Louisville, KY

Gail I. Banks, PhD, Director
Division of Continuing Education
Wayne State University
Detroit, MI

Many of you may know or remember Dr. Banks who served on the KOM Executive Committee for many years. He is a tremendous supporter of libraries and was a very productive member in KOM. Among other things, he was involved in the development of the hospital library survey of KOM.

Fact Sheets Available . . .

Several fact sheets are available from GMRMLN. Please write if you wish to receive them. To my knowledge the following are presently available:

- a) The Regional Online Union Catalog of Monographs and Audiovisuals
- b) GMRMLN Structure
- c) Online Services
- d) GMRMLN Interlibrary Loan Program
- e) GMRMLN Consortium Formation and Development
- f) NLM Grants
- g) Publications List

GMRMLN Communications . . .

If you wish to communicate with GMRMLN please do so at:

Greater Midwest Regional Medical Library Network
Management Office
Library of the Health Sciences/University of Illinois
at Chicago
P.O. Box 7509
Chicago, IL 60680
312-996-2464

GMRMLN will communicate with you via 3 sources: *The Region 3 Newsletter*, and other mailings. The State Council Representative will use MHSLA meetings, mailings and local group chair people to communicate GMRMLN information. (It's not perfect, but that is the idea.)

GMRMLN Personnel . . .

Irwin Pizer Director
Ruby May Associate Director

Other personnel are changing, please stay tuned.

Definitions . . .

GMRMLN Greater Midwest Regional Medical Library Network; Region 3

BHSL Basic Health Science Libraries, formerly known as Basic Unit. They include any RML participant that is not a Resource Library. BHSLs are predominantly hospital libraries, but include MSU, U.D. Dental Library, and pharmaceutical firms.

Regional Council The "executive" committee for RML business. Membership includes:

- 10 State Council Representatives (must be BHSL representatives)
- 10 Resource Libraries representing and chosen by all the resource libraries in the Region
- 2 Health Professionals Management Office staff

State Council Mandated by the region and is that body by which we are represented through the State Council representative. This is "old hat" to participants from old Region 7 but new to us in Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan. The formation of our State Council and selection of a new State Council representative will be accomplished in October at the MHSLA Annual Meeting in Traverse City.

Consortia Local groups with some fine differences:

- Local groups in Michigan allow personal memberships, consortia do not.
- Individuals and institutions may belong to more than one local group but not more than one consortium.
- Consortia were developed in the old Region 7 as a strong part of the RML network and were in existence before the RML was under way, and became part of RML structure almost as an afterthought when Participating Library Advisory Committees were formed and Basic Unit Representatives were selected. Local group presidents will be called upon more and more to become part of the RML communication structure. (See Fact Sheets on GMRMLN structure and consortia.)

**Plan now for the big
MHSLA Conference
in Traverse City
on October 12-14, 1983.**



**Ask your group chairperson
about the new
State Council.**

**Select your representative
for the first meeting
on October 14, 1983,
in Traverse City.**



**MEDLINE UPDATE
will be held
on Saturday, October 15, 1983,
in Traverse City.**

Metta's Farewell . . .

As of the October MHSLA Annual Meeting in Traverse City my term as State Representative to the new Region 3 will expire. The next representative will be duly elected in October by the first State Council of Michigan. This will be a two-year term and will be a lot of work, but it will have its rewards. The State Council Representatives and the Resource Libraries are equally represented on the new Regional Council. Because of this, the BHSLs (predominantly hospitals) will have high visibility and a strong voice in the activities of the new region, through their State Council Representatives.

The opportunity to serve on the Regional Council has been extremely valuable to me. Although you have not heard from me as often as I would have preferred, the work behind the scenes was important and, I think, worth the effort. I am greatly honored that I was selected for this role and I thank you all for this experience.

Metta T. Lansdale, Jr.

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State Council Representative for Michigan to
Region 3 Regional Council

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