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The Education Committee coordinated the April 20th MLA Webcast “Shifting Skills to Navigate the Changing Horizon: Finding Our Way in New Biomedical Research and Health Care Environments”. GMR sponsored two sites: MDMLG at Wayne State and MMHSL at MSU. MHSLA then sponsored sites at WMHSLA in Grand Rapids and UM in Ann Arbor.

The Education Committee is busy finalizing agreements with speakers for the fall conference and applying for CEU’s for those classes that will require this.

The student scholarship deadline was April 30th. Marilyn Kostrzewski coordinated this, sending out the announcements and collecting the applications. We received 4 applications by the deadline. The committee has selected its student scholarship winners and is in the process of notifying the two winners. The member scholarship announcement will be sent out by midweek next week. The application deadline for member scholarships is June 30th. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline. Mary Fitzpatrick will be collecting the applications and drawing a winner from eligible applicants. The member scholarship winners will be notified by July 30th. As a reminder the second member scholarship for either conference registration or hotel cost requires that the winner either serve on a committee for the following year or present a poster, lightning round or serve on a panel for the current conference.

Diane LeBar sent out a call for posters with abstracts due by July 1st. Poster presentations will be on Thursday September 22, from 2:30-4pm. Jennifer Barlow has graciously agreed to coordinate our Lightning Round session on Friday September 23rd at 1pm. We will be doing PowerPoint presentations of 20 slides in 6 minutes. If you have a new idea or just want to promote your library please consider presenting a Lightning Round or a poster.

If you have any questions please call or email me.

Thanks,

Mary Fitzpatrick, Education Chair.