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Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group (MDMLG)
Representative Report 3/19/2013

- An MDMLG Executive Board Meeting was held March 6, 2013.
 - The MDMLG scholarship was discussed and it was decided to limit the scholarship to students at WSU. The award is designed to encourage students interested in health science librarianship and includes a full year membership to MDMLG and a monetary award. Further investigation regarding extending the scholarship to other schools will be discussed in the coming year.
 - Staffing (downsizing) changes at the Detroit Medical Center libraries were discussed. It was announced that Cathy Eames would retire at the end of March.
 - The Board talked about the upcoming MDMLG election and complimented the Nominating Committee on the excellent slate of candidates. The slate is as follows:
 - President Elect: Stephanie Swanberg
 - Board Member/Secretary: Alexandra Elizabeth Sarkozy
Melanie Bednarski
 - Board Member/Public Relations: Diane LeBar
Diane Piskorowski
 - Nominating Committee: Bridget Faricy-Beredo
Keith Engwall
Jana Thompkins
Mary Carr
- An MDMLG General Business Meeting and Lunch was held on Thursday, March 14th at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Keith Engwall, Web & Emerging Technologies Librarian at the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, presented a lunch & learn titled “Getting Started With Twitter.” The theme of the meeting was continued with a presentation by Patricia Anderson, Emerging Technologies Librarian at Taubman Health Sciences Library/UM, with her talk titled: “Twitter? But WHY?: Hashtags Beyond the Conference.”
- The MDMLG Summer Luncheon is planned for June 13th and will be held at the Big Rock Chop House in Birmingham. The planned speaker is current MLA President and Director of U of M’s Taubman Library, Jane Blumenthal. Her planned topic is: Membership and Mentoring.
- The September Meeting date and location have yet to be determined. However, the planned topic will be Misa Mi, Associate Professor at the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, presenting on librarian involvement in the systematic review process.
- The Professional Development Committee, chaired by Toni Janik, is looking into the possibility of sponsoring several CE opportunities: a 4-part PubMed class, a systematic review class or a session on gray literature, pending speaker availability.

Respectfully submitted,

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