



Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group Representative Report - May 26, 2015

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This report covers the MDMLG board meeting on May 6th.

MDMLG Programs – Recent and Upcoming

The Summer Luncheon and program will be held June 4th. The speaker will be Eric Norberg, the new director of the Reuther Archives at Wayne State. It will take place at the McGregor Center at Wayne State University. Prices are \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. The fall meetings will be moved to October and December this year to avoid conflict with the MHSLA meeting.

Taping of programs is still in a pilot mod. A decision will be made whether to continue once we see how often the recordings are viewed (the March meeting received 8 views).

Professional Development

Two 4 hour CE courses were recently sponsored by MDMLG:

- The GMR workshop on "Pubmed for Experts" on April 2
- "Research for Hospital Librarians" on May 1st.

MDMLG also sponsored the MLA April 22 webcast.

Finances

The budget has been trending with a deficit. After a membership survey and discussion regarding solutions, an online membership vote was conducted regarding a dues increase. The increase of \$10 for regular and institutional membership was approved. The new fees are \$35 for regular membership and \$50 for Institutional. Student and Emeritus memberships will remain at \$15.

Public Relations

There were 6 applications for the MDMLG student health science award. Applications were received from both Wayne State and University of Michigan this year. The winner was Kimberly Kelly from Wayne State. Kim is currently working at Oakwood Health System Library.

Membership

The reciprocal arrangement for student members was discussed. A statement will be added to the membership form indicating reciprocal membership. The membership chair will notify the MHSLA membership chair when a student joins.

Election Results:

President-Elect: Misa Mi from OUWB

Secretary: Emily Ginier, from U of M

Public Relations: Alexia Estabrook from Providence Hospital

Nominating Committee: Karl Ericson, Barbara Le Tarte, Wendy Wu

Other Business

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the lack of health science curriculum in the library school programs. Finding qualified candidates is getting difficult. Wayne no longer has dedicated health science faculty, the classes are offered infrequently and have been cancelled due to a lack of enrollees. Faculty may be dissuading students from specializing. It was suggested that the MDMLG and MHSLA presidents, along with Sandra Martin, current Director of the WSU Shiffman Library try to meet with Dr. Stephen Bajjaljy, Associate Dean of the library school, to discuss opportunities for more classes and promotion of this career path. MDMLG did staff a table at the library school orientation this year and spoke to some of the new students. There was discussion about a combined concentration in science and medical librarianship as a good option to lead to employment. The increase in new medical schools, as well as retirements has led to more open positions.

Sandra Martin mentioned that the faculty is very interested in knowing what skill sets prospective employers would like to see taught.

It was requested that this issue be brought up for discussion at the MHSLA board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen O'Donnell, MDMLG Co-Representative