

Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association
MLA Liaison Committee Report
1979-1980

According to the Bylaws, the MLA Liaison Committee "shall establish and maintain channels of communication with MLA and report on the feasibility of becoming a state chapter of MLA".

This committee is composed of the following members: Carole Colter, Chairman (1979-1980), Barbara Coe Johnson (1979-1980), Jeanne Hartenstein (1979-1981).

As chairman of this committee, I maintained close communications this past year with Ursula Poland, who is the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee-MLA Group Structure Implementation. Ursula kept me informed of the progress on the revisions of the MLA Bylaws. During the past year, I presented interim reports at Board meetings to inform our officers about the status of the MLA revisions.

In June, I also attended the Open Forum Debates and the MLA Annual Business Meeting in Washington, D.C. to observe the discussion on the proposed amendments and revisions in the MLA Bylaws. MLA members approved these changes at the June meeting. Mail ballots were sent out to MLA members in September and the results of the Bylaws voting will not be announced until November. I advised our Board that the committee could not officially proceed to do anything until the MLA Bylaws were passed by the members. The Board decided unanimously that the MLA Liaison Committee should not begin working until the members of our state association had the opportunity to discuss and debate the issue of MLA chapter status at the Annual Business Meeting in October. If our members approve chapter status for our state association, then the committee can begin work on the application. In the fall 1980 issue of our state association newsletter, I discussed the MLA chapter status issue in my column to inform our members in preparation for the discussion on this issue at the Annual Business Meeting.

Therefore, I did not activate this committee for the reasons cited above. I am also recommending that Barbara and Jeanne have the opportunity to serve on this committee next year if they are interested in working on the next project for this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Colter

Carole Colter, Chairman