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WHAT'S IN A NAME? NEW TITLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER

What do you think of our new masthead? It was thought up and designed by Mark Funk using a Macintosh. He points out that the underline represents a "normal curve." Many thanks for the imagination!

In the listing of Section officers and committees in this issue, I have included FAX numbers and E-mail codes where they were provided.

Submissions for the spring issue of the Newsletter are welcome at any time. FAX, E-mail, disk, or US Mail are all acceptable.

Elizabeth H. Wood
Editor

LIBRARY RESEARCH SECTION 1990/91 OBJECTIVES

The goals of the Library Research Section for 1990/91 are incorporated under two of MLA'S 1991 goals: to strengthen the professional and education programs and to act as an advocate for members.

The Library Research Section plans to identify and provide continuing education opportunities that support credentialling for academy members at all levels.

Program Objective:

To sponsor a post-MLA all day symposium on the Research Process: from Proposal Writing to Publication.

The Library Research Section plans to promote a dynamic research agenda for MLA.

Problem Solving Objectives:

To Revise the Research Agenda for MLA.

The Library Research Section plans to plan for and foster research among members:

Resource Objectives:

To publish two issues of "Hypothesis", the Library Research Section Newsletter, Issues will be published in the Summer, 1990 and Spring, 1991. The Newsletter will be distributed to all Section members.

To update and distribute the Research Bibliography and the Research Projects Database.

To publicize work of the committee by sponsoring a poster session at the 1991 MLA annual meeting. The research bibliography and the research projects database will be distributed.

To develop new ideas for assisting MLA members in their research endeavors.

To sponsor, with the Technical Service Section, a contributed papers session on research in technical services at the 1991 MLA annual meeting.

LIBRARY RESEARCH SECTION MEETS IN DETROIT

BUSINESS MEETING, MAY 22, 1990
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

The business meeting was led by chair, Pat Gibson. Approximately 35 members were in attendance.

Results of elections

Prudence Dalrymple, Chair-elect
Mark Funk, section nominee for MLA Nominating Committee

Bylaws Committee

Changes were needed to conform with changes in the MLA bylaws. Justine Roberts (chair) has made the necessary corrections.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Current membership stands at 156; 35 new members joined and 22 did not renew, for a gain of 13.

Membership renewals brought in \$470.52. Proceeds from the 1989 post-conference symposium on evaluation added \$1,319.07. Total receipts were \$1,789.59. The committee donated \$425 to support the CE committee's survey, and another \$100 was paid to the University of Illinois for further data analysis. The account balance as of May 15, 1989 was \$1,829.71.

Liaison to Government Relations Committee

Karen Brewer, who has served in this position for several years, has asked to be replaced. She is drafting a statement of responsibilities. Ann Weller, incoming section chair, will appoint a replacement. Volunteers were encouraged.

Research Resources Committee

Phyl Lansing reported that Neil Rambo is continuing to maintain the research-in-progress database and has received six requests for information from it. Entries will be rolled into a backfile after three years. A suggestion was made to actively solicit information (for the database) on projects reported at MLA. The research bibliography continues to be updated. The mentor/consultant program is being expanded and Ruth Fenske is following up on how institutions have supported research activities. Funds from the section have been used to further analyze data from the survey regarding institutional support for research.

Research Issues Committee

Ada Seltzer summarized the findings of a study of release time she and Susan Crawford conducted. The May MLA News contained a report of their study.

Karen Hackleman reported that the committee is responsible for a paper and a poster session on their survey. A report was also submitted to the MLA CE Committee. An article is currently being written for submission to the Bulletin. Direct costs for the project have totaled \$1,325, not including considerable costs absorbed by the committee members' institutions. A discussion on the MLA research grant program followed, with the consensus that the \$500 awards are often not adequate for research support. Virginia Bowden proposed a motion, which was approved, to recommend that MLA increase the maximum grant to \$1,000. A recommendation will be made to the chair of the Scholarship and Awards Committee that the ceiling be increased and that the information to MLA members be clarified to encourage applications (emphasizing that multiple grants are available). These recommendations will also be taken to Section Council.

Section Council

Trudy Gardner, section council representative, reported on council activities. Of particular note were the need to report election results 30 days prior to MLA annual meeting, and the recommendation that section program chairs be selected two years before an annual meeting in order that preliminary program information be available to the NPC. The section membership indicated disagreement with a proposed procedural change to have the section council chair elected by national ballot rather than by the council.

DocKit on Evaluation Instruments

Joanne Marshall, compiler of the DocKit, described the newly available publication which consists of samples of evaluation instruments submitted originally for the symposium on evaluation

in health sciences libraries, held in 1989. The 280 page compilation includes the updated research bibliography.

Program for 1991

Ann Weller reported that an outline for a post-conference symposium on the research process, to be sponsored by the section, has been approved for the 1991 annual meeting. It will be held the day following the conference. A subcommittee will be formed to carry out the planning; volunteers were invited.

Research Agenda

Committee chair Jackie Bastille led a discussion on the draft of a proposed research strategy for MLA. Many diverse opinions and comments were offered relating both to the purpose of the document and its specific content. A second session, Think Tank, for selected members was to be held later during the conference.

NOMINATIONS FOR MLA FELLOWS AND HONORARY MEMBERS FOR 1991

Criteria for election as Fellow:

- * Candidate is at or near the close of an active professional career.
- * Candidate holds a regular membership at the time of election.
- * Candidate's contribution is significant to health sciences librarianship or the purposes for which the organization stands.
- * Candidate's contribution is of more than passing interest or local advancement.

Criteria for election as Honorary Member:

- * Candidate has not formerly held regular MLA membership or is outside of the library profession.
- * Candidate has made a significant contribution that advances the purposes for the which the association stands.

A curriculum vitae and statement of the candidate's contributions to the profession and MLA must be included in the letter of nomination. The deadline for nominations is September 15, 1990. Send nominations to Frances Groen, Immediate Past President, McIntyre Medical Sciences Bldg., McGill University, 3655 Drummond St., Montreal, PQ H3G 146 Canada, (514) 398-4722.

SURVEY

The Medical Library Association Books Panel is reviewing proposals for future publications and would like to assess the need for some revised reference works. To help the Panel plan future publications, please answer the following questions and return the survey to:

Virginia A. Lingle
George T. Harrell Library
Hershey Medical Center
Penn State University
P.O. Box 850
Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033

PLEASE RETURN THE SURVEY BY SEPTEMBER 14, 1990.

Where two or more choices are given, circle the appropriate answer to each question. Feel free to add any comments next to the question or on another sheet of paper.

Questions about you:

1. Do you have reference responsibilities? Y N
2. Do you have collection development responsibilities? Y N
3. What type of library do you work in?

Questions about publications:

1. The following questions all refer to sources for medical reference works. For each work, please indicate whether you are aware of the source, if you or your library own the work, and how often you use it.

- a. Medical Reference Works, 1679-1966: a selected bibliography, edited by John B. Blake and Charles Roos.

Aware: Y N Library owns: Y N You own: Y N

Use: More than once a month _____ (estimate) Once a month _____
 2-3 times per year _____ Never _____

- b. The three supplements to Medical Reference Works, 1679-1966:
Supplement I, 1967-1969; Supplement II, 1970-72; Supplement III, 1973-74.

Aware: Y N Library owns: Y N You own: Y N

Use: More than once a month _____ (estimate) Once a month _____
 2-3 times per year _____ Never _____

- c. The medical reference books section of the National Library of Medicine Current Catalog.

Aware: Y N Library owns: Y N You own: Y N

Use: More than once a month _____ (estimate) Once a month _____
 2-3 times per year _____ Never _____

- d. Introduction to Reference Sources in the Health Sciences by Fred Roper and Jo Anne Boorkman.

Aware: Y N Library owns: Y N You own: Y N

Use: More than once a month _____ (estimate) Once a month _____
 2-3 times per year _____ Never _____

IF YOU ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH MEDICAL REFERENCE WORKS BY BLAKE AND ROOS, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

Medical Reference Works grew out of the Handbook of Medical Library Practice, which used to list significant bibliographies. These bibliographies became too extensive to include and so Blake and Roos compiled an annotated bibliography of reference works in the field. The first volume covers 1679-1966, and there are three supplements, published separately, bringing it up to 1974. The entries are arranged by subject, and there are alphabetical indexes.

2. Are you aware that Blake and Roos is updated annually in the National Library of Medicine Current Catalog? Y N
3. Do you think that there is a market for an update or a revision of Blake and Roos? Y N
4. Who do you think would be most likely to purchase it?
5. If there were an update of the supplements only, covering the period 1967 to the present, would you purchase it? Y N Don't know
 (If you answered "yes") Would you buy it for \$80? \$60? \$40?
 (If you answered "don't know") What do you think such a book should cost?
 (same range)
6. If there were a revision of the entire work, covering the period 1679 to the present, would you buy it? Y N Don't know
 (If you answered "yes") Would you buy it for \$100? \$75? \$50?
 (If you answered "don't know") What do you think the revision should cost?
7. Would you be interested in a CD-Rom version of Blake and Roos? Y N Don't know
8. Please answer the following question if you are familiar with Blake and Roos:
 If the association were to publish a revision of Blake and Roos, which of the following changes would you recommend? Please answer yes, no, or don't know:

more information on the entries	Y	N	Don't know
indexes	Y	N	Don't know
other	Y	N	Don't know

(For other, please elaborate.)
9. Do you have any other comments?

Thank you for helping the Books Panel with its planning.

CALL FOR PAPERS

MLA 1991 - SAN FRANCISCO

Joint Contributed Papers Session Sponsored by

Technical Services Section
Library Research Section

The Library Research Section and the Technical Services Section invite contributed papers for presentation at the 1991 MLA meeting in San Francisco. Submit an abstract of not more than 250 words of a research project in technical services by September 7, 1990. The same abstract cannot be submitted to the National Program Committee for the contributed papers or poster sessions. Accepted papers will be given at the contributed papers session of the all day program sponsored by the Technical Services Section.

Reports of research projects either completed or ongoing will be considered. Abstract should include brief description of methodology, results or expected results, and importance of findings. Suggested projects: journal price comparison, vendor performance comparisons, cost/benefit of manual vs. automated loading serials holdings, comparison of access points in a manual vs. online catalog, or comparative studies of personnel or staffing issues.

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