

**SC/MLA Professional Development Committee
Annual Report
(November 2004-October 21, 2005)**

“Exceeding Our Boundaries: Advocate, Rejuvenate, and Celebrate.”

Professional Development Committee Members include:

Susan Clark, MS 2005-2007

Feili Tu, SC 2005-2007

Darlene Parker-Kelly, GA 2005-2007

Co-Chair, Sue Felber, FL 2001-2005

Co-Chair, Sandra Canham, FL 2005-2005

Michael Fitts, AL 2002-2005

Leslie Duncan, TN 2004-2007

Charles Caballero, PR 2004-2005

During the first half of the year, the SC/MLA Professional Development Committee accomplished the following activities: We reviewed the continuing education interests noted on conference evaluations from 2004, selected classes, contacted instructors, and decided on six classes for the 2005 Annual Meeting. This mid-year report provides the details.

Seven “letters of invitation” were mailed out in early April to each course instructor. One of our course instructors asked if there could be a reimbursement transfer fee of the airline ticket if the class did not meet the required number of participants. The Professional Development Committee made a recommendation to the Executive Committee that CE instructors purchase their airline ticket, coach class, at least 30 days prior to travel. In the event a CE course did not meet the minimum number of class participants, we suggested Southern Chapter reimburse a transfer fee not to exceed \$75. The Executive Committee approved this recommendation. This situation occurred specifically this year since the only mode of transportation was via air to Puerto Rico.

In mid-July the Committee submitted a grant application in the amount of \$500 to the NN/LM Southeastern/Atlantic Training Award as apart of NN/LM SEA outreach program. This amount would subsidize the cost it was going to take to bring in Susan Meadows, the instructor for the continuing education class Evidence-Based Information Service Delivery: Oh Librarian, Where Art Thou? Soon afterward, we were awarded the training award. A final report to NN/LM will be written at the completion of the Annual Meeting.

Our estimated cost for all six classes is \$6,887.20. This includes travel, lodging, honorarium, audio-visual costs, and an estimate for cab fare and per diem. As of October 1st we have sixty-three participants with a total course fee amount of \$8,480.00. Our revenue has exceeded our estimated expenses.

Darlene Parker-Kelly from the Multi-Media Center at Morehouse School of Medicine has accepted the position as in-coming Chair for the October 2005-October 2006 fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Felber and Sandra Canham
Co-Chairs, Professional Development Committee