

**Compiled Annual Reports
Southern Chapter / Medical Library Association
2007-2008**

ArchivistLisa Ennis & Nicole Mitchell

1. Used materials to respond to queries from chapter members.
2. Identified additional space for the collection and began moving it.
3. Sent a 2007 Annual Meeting program to MLA Archives as required
4. Received donations of pictures and past copies of *Southern Expressions* from two members

Goals:

1. Create a new inventory and finding aid.
2. PDF old *Southern Expressions* for inclusion on the website.
 - a. Add metadata to all issues
3. Continue working on the Needs List.
4. Considering a “Remember the Archives” blurb/column for *Southern Expressions*—maybe a “Blast from the Past”

Benchmarking Chapter LiaisonLinda Garr Markwell

The SC Benchmarking Committee, which is composed of one member from each Southern Chapter state, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, is almost fully selected:

AL – Tracy Powell	PR – Elsa Lopez
FL – Sue Felber	SC – Kay Smith
GA – Edie Lacy	TN – Jan Haley
MS – Karri Swaggart	VI – vacant

The goals of the newly created Benchmarking Committee for the October, 2007 to October 2008 were:

- appoint and maintain a Committee with one member from each of the states accomplished, with within Southern Chapter, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands the exception of VI
- encourage the librarians/libraries of the Southern Chapter members (all members accomplished with the exception of those medical school librarians/libraries reporting statistics to AAHSLD) to participate in the MLA Benchmarking Network during its next open entry period
- work with the committee members to educate Southern Chapter members about accomplished the advantages of participating in the MLA Benchmarking Network
- work with the committee members to develop publicity for each accomplished state, PR, and VI representative to use in encouraging the Southern Chapter librarians to participate in the MLA Benchmarking Network

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. An article was placed in the summer 2008 issue of Southern Expressions announcing Edie Lacy, of Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, the winner of the drawing from among SC Benchmarking Survey participants for the free 2008 Birmingham meeting registration.
2. The MLA Benchmarking Network's Interactive Report Site should be updated with the 2007 survey data by late November or early December, 2008. Data from the surveys are available for access by the participants of those surveys free of charge. Non-participants may access the data for a fee.
3. The following email was posted to the mla-bce list October 15th from Kate Corcoran:

[mla-bce] Status of benchmarking project

Kate Corcoran [corcoran@mlahq.org]

Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2008 1:48 PM

To: mla-bneb@mlahq.org; mla-bce@mlahq.org

Hi, folks -- apologies for the length of time between updates -- just wanted to send a quick note out to folks in case you are being asked questions at upcoming chapter meetings.

We are currently hoping for next month for launching the benchmark reports. I am still editing some data and am grateful that Roz Dudden has agreed to update our reporting ranges for the reports. The programmers are free at the beginning of November and we hope to be able to test reports mid-November.

We have not yet determined the timing on future benchmarking surveys because we are waiting to see the complete capabilities of the new association management system (AMS) we choose -- it may be that members may be able to record a number of institutional demographic characteristics in institutional records. We will know more after the new system is chosen and we begin implementation and customization. This project has been taking up a lot of time, so I apologize that benchmarking has slowed down a bit during this time.

I will be away on vacation October 20-31, so please let me know this week if you have other questions.

Thanks! -- Kate C.

Kate E. Corcoran
Dir. of Research and Info. Systems
Medical Library Association

MLA Benchmarking Network Data:

<http://www.mlanet.org/members/benchmark/index.html>

BCL List on MLANET: The Chapter Liaisons are listed on MLANET at the following URL:

http://www.mlanet.org/members/benchmark/bcl_list.html

Benchmarking Network Editorial Board:

http://www.mlanet.org/members/directory/committee/comm_bench.html

Bookkeeper ReportPam Neumann

SCMLA Fiscal Report (Summary)

October 1, 2007-September 30, 2008

Opening Balance October 1, 2007 (9/30/07 bank statement): **\$18,814.38**
 Closing Balance September 30, 2008 (9/30/08 bank statement): **\$15,622.05**

Deposits (summary):

Martha Watkins Scholarship Fund	1280.00
Membership	6080.00
SCMLA 2007 seed money return	2000.00
SCMLA 2007 meeting income	<u>958.32</u>
Total Deposits:	\$10,318.32

Debits (summary):

Awards:	\$4200.82
Academic Librarian of the Year (ALY); Hospital Librarian of the Year (HLY); T. Mark Hodges (TMH) Award & Honorary Members Awards:	\$1192.76
First Time Attendee Award:	1090.00
Research Awards:	950.00
Research Project Grant:	968.06
Bank fees	14.00
Bookkeeper's honorarium	500.00
Executive Board Mtg. Expense (5/22/07)	274.78
Insurance; Federal filing fee	155.00
Membership Expenses	281.19
MLA Chapter Sharing Roundtables Contribution	90.00
Oral History interviews supplies	24.71
Postage for SCMLA Membership Directories	528.50
Printing SCMLA 2006/07 Annual Reports	303.80
Printing SCMLA Membership Directories	1198.40
SCMLA 2008 Seed Money	2000.00
SCMLA 2009 Seed Money	2000.00
SCMLA Website Hosting	360.00
SCMLA web domain name renewal	27.45
SCMLA 2007 gifts for Local Arrangements group	85.72
SCMLA 2007 Program Chair expenses	131.28
Transfer of funds from SCMLA checking account to Martha Watkins Scholarship Fund CD:	<u>1335.00</u>
Total Debits:	\$13,510.65

Martha Watkins Scholarship Fund CD balance:	\$22,678.14
Matures on 02/28/2009 3.51% APY	
SCMLA CD balance:	\$26,072.21
Matures on 02/28/2009 3.51% APY	
2007 Calendar Year Interest from Combined Tax Statements:	\$ 1428.35

Bylaws CommitteeJoe Swanson

In December 2007, the Bylaws Committee reviewed recommended amendments to the Southern Chapter Bylaws made at the annual meeting in Charleston, SC November 2008. The following sections were reviewed and revised: *Article IV, Section 1.B; Article IV, Section 2 and Article VI, Section 1*. The revisions were shared with Chair Judy Burnham.

The committee revisited the proposed amendments in January 2008 and a second revision was drafted. The second revision included the following sections: *Article IV, Section 1.B; Article IV, Section 1.G; Article IV, Section 2.M and Article VI, Section 1*. The second revision was submitted to the Executive Committee of the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association for comments. No comments were received.

On August 26, a notice of the proposed amendments and explanations for the changes or additions were sent to the Chapter's listserv. Members will have the opportunity to debate and amend the proposed amendments at this meeting. Thirty days after the 2008 annual meeting, members will be asked to vote on the proposed amendments and any amendments arising at the meeting. If approved, the amendments will become effective January 1, 2009.

In November 2007, Geneva B. Staggs joined Michael L. Scott and Joe Swanson, Jr. as part of the Southern Chapter Bylaws Committee. Michael L. Scott left the committee in December 2007 and Toni Yancey joined the Committee in January 2008. The chair wishes to express his sincere gratitude to the members of the committee for their hard work.

CURRENT BYLAWS	PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
<p>Article IV. Officers, Section 1.</p> <p>B. The term of office of the Chair shall be one year as Vice Chair/Chair Elect, the next year as Chair, and a third successive year as Immediate Past-Chair. No one shall serve more than one successive term as Chair or Vice Chair/Chair Elect, except when a vacancy is filled in accordance with Article 4, Section 4.A.</p>	<p><i>B. The term of office of the Chair shall be, in succession, one year as Program Chair-Elect, the second year as Chair-Elect/Program Chair, the third year as Chair, and the fourth year as Immediate Past Chair. No one may serve more than one successive term as Program Chair-Elect, Chair-Elect/Program Chair, Chair and Immediate Past Chair, except where a vacancy is filled in accordance with Article 4, Section 4. A.</i></p>
<p>Article IV. Officer, Section 1.</p> <p>G. The Executive Board (defined below) shall appoint a Bookkeeper, Convention Chair, Credentialing Liaison, Membership Database Manager, Newsletter Editor, Parliamentarian, and other appointed officers as needed.</p>	<p><i>G. The Executive Board (defined below) shall appoint a Bookkeeper, Convention Chair, Credentialing Liaison, Membership Database Manager, Newsletter Editor, Parliamentarian, <u>Government Relations Liaison</u>, and other appointed officers as needed.</i></p>
	<p>Article IV. Officer, Section 2. Duties</p> <p><i>M. The duties of the Government Relations Liaison shall be to establish and maintain communication with the MLA Governmental Relational Committee and to disseminate to the chapter issues, actions and concerns of the committee.</i></p>
<p>Article VI. Executive Board, Section 1.</p>	<p><i>The elected officers of the Chapter, the Standing</i></p>

<p>The elected officers of the Chapter and the Standing Committee Chairs shall constitute the voting membership of the Executive Board. The appointed officers shall serve as ex officio, non-voting members of the Executive Board.</p>	<p><i>Committee Chairs, and appointed Officers shall constitute the voting membership of the Executive Board.</i></p>
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Chapter CouncilDanny O’Neal, Chapter Council Representative and Jane Bridges, Chapter Council Alternate

Neither Chapter Council Representative Danny O’Neal nor Chapter Council Alternate Jane Bridges was in attendance at the MLA Chapter Council meeting in Chicago in May of 2008. Sylvia McAfee attended the meeting to represent the Southern Chapter and to cast a vote for Tom Singarella’s candidacy for MLA Nominating Committee.

Jane Bridges has agreed to serve as chair of the Chapter Council Communication Committee and is also serving as a committee member on the Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year award jury.

Danny O’Neal submitted the MLA Planning Grid document in July of 2008.

Also in July, Jane Bridges issued invitations to the 2009 Southern Chapter meeting to be held in Memphis to Connie Schardt, MLA President, and Carla Funk, Executive Director of MLA. Both invitations were accepted.

The following Chapter Council information was distributed to Southern Chapter on SOCHAP-L:

- AAHSL Leadership Fellows program
- MLA Chapter Project Award
- MLA’s T. Mark Hodges International Service Award
- Online survey for Chapter Council Roundtable topics

Communications CommitteeLee Clemans-Taylor, Nelle Williams (SoChap-L), Nicole Mitchell and Jason Baker (Southern Expressions), Justin Robertson and Lisa Ennis (Web Site)

Communications Committee:

- Lee Clemans-Taylor, Chair 2010
- Michael Fitts (AL) 2010
- Beth Layton (FL) 2010
- Susan Smith (GA) 2010
- Priscilla Stephenson (MS) 2010
- Roz Anderson (SC) 2009
- Charles Segui-Caballero (PR) 2009
- Cynthia Vaughn (TN) 2008

Ex-Officio Members

- Nicole Mitchell and Jason Baker, Co-Editors-Southern Expressions
- Sandy Oelschlegel, Membership Committee Chair
- Justin Robertson, Web Site Administrator
- Lisa Ennis, Assistant Web Site Administrator

Nelle Williams, List Moderator
Sandra Canham, Membership Database Manager

Last year at this time, almost all of the state representative positions on the Communications Committee were empty, so my first priority as the new chair was to begin recruiting for volunteers. Sandra Canham supplied the list showing those interested in working on the Communications Committee, so I had a good group to start contacting. Everyone contacted to fill state positions enthusiastically agreed to serve. Next, I sent out a “Welcome to the Committee” email to all the new, continuing, and ex-officio members, introducing myself and giving them information about committee member responsibilities. I asked them to contact me if they needed assistance or had questions about committee responsibilities. Links to the SCMLA Communications Committee page, including the Policy and Procedure Manual were provided.

After the Holiday season had wound down, I received a list of possible goals from Judy Burnham for the Communications Committee to consider and work on over the next few months. I followed up by sending out an informational email to all members (including ex-officio) listing the goals and asking for their comments and recommendations. I received excellent feedback from several members, which ended up providing me a better idea of how to move forward.

Goals already in process, such as working on guidelines for SOCHAP-L provided a good place to start. Nelle Williams had already been working on guidelines, especially as relates to the question of when to remove non-renewed members from the list. Because of the initiation of online voting for officers through the listserv, retaining non-renewed members on the list had become a more critical issue. In the meantime, before official guidelines could be approved, she has been temporarily removing non-renewed members from the list during the online voting period. To help with the situation, she also sends emails to the non-renewed members reminding them to renew membership by April 30th, or they will be suspended from participation on the SCMLA list. Nelle has requested that the issue of non-renewed members be added as an agenda item at the 2008 SCMLA meeting.

Another charge for the committee to consider concerned an item of discussion that originated at the 2007 Charleston meeting about including non-member news in the “Around the South” section of Southern Expressions. Communications Committee members expressed differing opinions about this question. So, I decided to take a look back at the state news items in all of the available online issues of Southern Expressions. In doing so, I didn’t find many incidences of news about non-members. Nicole Mitchell, Jason Baker, and I discussed this issue in depth and came away thinking that for now, following the current newsletter content policy (...final decision on the content of Southern Expressions shall be left to the discretion of the co-editors...) made the most sense. I suggested that if they received inappropriate submissions, that I along with other committee members would review them and offer recommendations. In addition, with the newsletter published in electronic format, cost for newsletter length is no longer a critical issue. Next year, if the Executive Committee wants this issue re-visited, the Communications Committee is willing to send a survey out to members for their input.

There has been discussion about where to house chapter letterhead/logo in the past. Most committee members responded that it would be nice to have a method of accessing chapter letterhead and logo electronically. Lisa Ennis had already volunteered to be the keeper of the letterhead in her position as Archivist—she asked that members contact her if letterhead is needed. She and Justin Robertson also have said that it is possible to set up a password protected space on the SCML web site to store letterhead and logo if that ends up being what is required. The Committee will pursue this further next year with the Web Site Coordinator and Assistant Web Site Coordinator.

Another hot topic – is the chapter interested in the installation of blogs and wikis with RSS feeds? Everyone on the committee was enthusiastic about exploring the use of wikis/blogs by the chapter. This

is another goal that needs more research into questions about what specific chapter uses would be appropriate for a wiki or a blog, would one technology be preferred over the other, and would they use it, if available. Susan Smith pointed out that a test wiki or blog might be helpful—members could get some experience using a test product to get a better idea of how this technology could be used. If the Executive Committee would like to look further at developing wikis and blogs, the Communications Committee is willing to create a member survey. Additionally, if Justin Robertson and the Assistant Web Site Coordinator decide to explore re-designing the SCMLA web site next year, it would be the perfect time to research integration of wiki and blog software on the web site.

Exploring the possibility of purchasing a Professional Survey Monkey account for the chapter was discussed at the Charleston meeting; however more product research was needed before making a commitment to purchase. The Communications Committee was asked to take on this responsibility. All committee members expressed an interest in looking into the options for purchase of a survey account for chapter members. Sandra Canham provided me with background information about the use of Survey Monkey as a ballot for the election of officers last year. Roxanne Nelson, Secretary at the time, used a colleague's account to create the email ballot, which worked out well; however the opportunity to use someone else's account may not be available in the future. Susan Smith pointed out that a survey would be a good method of finding out how many potential users of the Professional version of Survey Monkey there are. Having access to a survey account could be a very valuable membership benefit for members, plus the Chapter needs a survey tool for online voting, and other needs, so working on this goal became my primary committee focus over the next couple of months. I purchased a personal Professional Survey Monkey account so that I could try it out and have a better feel for how it works and to find out more about pricing and other details. I looked at information from other MLA chapters using Survey Monkey. I gathered up all of the important information and sent a motion to Judy Burnham to present to the SCMLA Executive Committee. I made the motion, on behalf of the Communications Committee to the Executive Committee in June 2008. The motion read: ***On behalf of the Communications Committee, I make a motion that the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association purchase an annual Professional subscription to Survey Monkey for use by Southern Chapter members with management of the account to rest with the Secretary/Treasurer. Before renewing for a second year, a usage review and evaluation of value to members must be completed.***

To write the motion, I used the suggestions and comments that the Communications Committee members had given to me earlier. That is why I worded the motion to include an account for all members. The motion was seconded and made it to the Executive Committee for discussion. During the discussion, a variety of differing opinions were expressed about how and why it should be used and who should have access. At that time, I didn't offer an amendment to revise the motion that would limit usage, in an effort to reflect the spirit of the input that I had received earlier from the Communications Committee members. The motion went on for the vote and resulted in five members voting in favor and six against. Even though the motion did not pass, important issues were raised that will require a re-visit by the Communications Committee before revising the motion. In the meantime, I created an anonymous survey that went out to the Executive Committee at the end of August, 2008. The results and comments from the survey will contribute valuable information to the discussions at the annual meeting about the possibility of purchasing a survey account for the chapter.

Judy Burnham asked that Nicole Mitchell and Jason Baker re-arrange the publishing schedule of Southern Expressions in order to have the pre-annual meeting issue out at least two weeks before the meeting in Birmingham. The issue came out on October 2 and contained much useful information for members planning to attend the annual meeting, including a page devoted to the list of possible amendments to the SCMLA bylaws up for voting. Nicole and Jason also changed the submission deadline for the winter 2008 issue from December 1 to December 15th.

Another concern expressed by members last year was to make sure that important links to MLA pages were included on the SCMLA web site. After checking, I noted that several links to MLA pages seemed to already be in place. Under Resources there are links to the MLA Code of Ethics, MLANET, and the MLA Publishing page. On the Links page, there is a link to the MLA 2008 Annual Meeting. In addition, Justin Robertson and Lisa Ennis updated links to Mark Funk's President's page and most recently to Mary Ryan's page. And last but not least, the link to the SCMLA 2008 Making the Magic Flow web site has been available since the meeting planning began!

I have enjoyed my first year as Chair of the Communications Committee and look forward to my second year of continuing work on goals in progress and taking on some new challenges!

SOCHAP-L, The Electronic Discussion List of the Southern Chapter/ Medical Library Association

SOCHAP-L Statistics:

Month	Messages
October 2007	32
November 2007	25
December 2007	15
January 2008	16
February 2008	19
March 2008	27
April 2008	20
May 2008	30
June 2008	26
July 2008	11
August 2008	10
September 2008	28
Total	259

Number of Subscribers - 323

Added Since September 2007 – 71

Updated Since September 2007 – 51

Removed Since September 2007 - 87

Southern Expressions

Since the annual meeting in November 2007, Nicole and I have produced four issues of *Southern Expressions*. As always we continue to receive submissions but look forward to innovative column suggestions and additional content. Michael Fitts continued his occasional column, Library Issues in one issue this past year. Over the past year we worked with Lee Clemans-Taylor, Communications

Committee chair, to adjust the publication schedule and submission deadlines so we can publish the Fall issue two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. Questions regarding publishing information about non-members in the "Around the South" section have been effectively dropped for the time being as there was no significant discussion regarding the issue.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to support *Southern Expressions* and for submitting great articles, news, and columns. We look forward to working with everyone to make *Southern Expressions* a great chapter newsletter.

Conference Committee, 2008.....Scott Plutchak

Final report to be filed after 2008 meeting

Conference Committee, 2009.....Tom Singarella

Planning continues for the SC/MLA 2009 annual meeting that will be held at the Peabody Hotel, downtown Memphis, from October 28 to November 1, 2009.



A contract with the Peabody Hotel has been signed; hotel room rates will be \$185 per night/single/double. A copy of the hotel contract is available upon request if needed by the Board.

The 2009 schedule anticipates the following:

- Wednesday, October 28, CE Registration/Early Bird Reception
- Thursday, October 29, CE/Opening Reception/Exhibits Opening
- Friday, October 30, Program
- Saturday, October 31, Program/Banquet
- Sunday, November 1, Conference ends noon/Board meeting morning

The local arrangements committee has met five times thus far and is presently composed of the following individuals with these responsibilities:

SC/MLA 2009 LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

- David Armbruster (communications/ publications/media)
- Brenda F. Green (CE/door prizes)
- Matt Grayson (av/tech support/meeting web page)
- Gwen Jackson (poster sessions)
- Glenda Mendina (hospitality/social)
- Jan Orick (hospitality/social)
- Deborah Powell (exhibits)
- Richard Nollan (co-chair, program committee/archives/notebook)
- Tom Singarella (chair)
- Robert St. Clair (logo/graphics/video)
- Jennifer Watson (exhibits/sponsorships/vendors/security)
- Maggie White (registration)
- Mary Williams (exhibits)
- Lin Wu (treasurer/budget)

The theme of the meeting will be “Jammin’ with the Information Flow” and the conference logo is attached.

A promotional DVD has been produced and will be shown at the annual SC/MLA business meeting in Birmingham to invite SC/MLA to Memphis in 2009; door prizes will be given. A bookmark with the meeting dates and other promotional information about the hotel and Memphis will be distributed and/or displayed.

A web page URL for the SC/MLA 2009 has been developed at <<http://library.utmem.edu/scmla09/>> The web site will be further developed throughout the year as information becomes available.

A site visit at the Peabody Hotel is being planned for late November for the program, treasurer, exhibits, and CE committees.

The SC/MLA 2009 Local Arrangements Committee will continue to meet and work as necessary to mount a successful annual meeting in Memphis.

History of Southern Chapter Committee Laura Kane

Committee Members

Laura Kane, Chair (SC) – 2008
Carla Clark (FL) – 2008
Nakia Joye Carter (TN) – 2009
Mary Virginia Taylor (TN) – 2008
Nicole Mitchell (AL) – 2009
Jason B. Baker (AL) – 2009
Sylvia McAphee (AL) – 2009
Lindsay Blake (GA) – 2009
Mary Fielder (GA) – 2009
Helvi McCall Price (MS) – 2008
Carmen Santos-Corrada (PR) – 2008

Accomplishments

Membership

- Laura Kane agreed to continue as Chair , 07-08
- Slots made vacant at the end of the 2007 term were filled

Oral History Project

- Oral History interviews conducted earlier in the year were transcribed, summarized, and loaded to the Oral History web page. These were:
 1. Nilca Parilla
 2. Lyn Dennison
- Oral History interviews were conducted at the SC/MLA annual meeting in Charleston, S.C. November 14-15, 2007. The following retirees were interviewed:
 1. Sarah Gable
 2. Karen Thompson
 3. Nancy Clemmons
 4. Mary Fran Prottzman
 5. Faith Anne Meakin

6. Ken Robichaux
 7. Anne Robichaux
- Committee members transcribed each interview, and one-page summaries were written.
 - All interview materials (mini-DVs, electronic transcripts, and electronic summaries) were sent to the SC/MLA Archives.
 - Interviews conducted at an earlier date were also summarized. These were:
 1. Jess Martin
 2. Desmond Koster
 - An oral history interview was completed of Ada Seltzer. However, she indicated that the interview was not to be publicly released until the deaths of certain Southern Chapter members. The interview was sent for storage in the SC/MLA archives.
 - A new web page for the Oral History Project was designed by Lindsay Blake. Html coding was completed by her husband, and the page was loaded with the help of the SC/MLA Webmaster. The new web page (http://scmla.org/oral_history.php) features:
 1. Oral History transcripts
 2. One-page summaries
 3. Notes from interviews
 4. Photographs of each interviewee
 5. Quotations pulled from each interview
 6. Links to the MLA Oral History project
 - In the near future, sound and/or video clips will be added to the web page

Other

- The committee's Oral History Project was nominated by the Chapter Chair for MLA's Chapter Project of the Year Award. The Chair of this Committee assisted Judy Burnham in the preparation of the documentation.
- The committee is in the process of submitting a poster abstract on the Oral History project for MLA 2009.

Honors and Awards Committee Lin Wu

Committee Members

Clista Clanton (AL)
 Nadine Dexter (FL)
 Roxanne Nelson (GA)
 Helvi McCall (MS)
 Roz Anderson (SC)
 Lin Wu (TN, Chair)
 Pedro A. del Valle López (Puerto Rico)

The Committee is responsible for judging and evaluating the following awards. Due to competitive applications for the First Time Attendee Scholarship and nominations for Academic Librarian of the Year, Committee Chair Lin Wu created Criteria Sheets for the awards to facilitate evaluation.

Honorary Membership. This year the Committee received two nominations and after careful evaluation, none met the criteria. Linda Garr Markwell of Emory University Health Sciences Library was awarded SC/MLA Honorary Membership because she was made MLA Fellow at MLA 08.

- Academic Librarian of the Year Award. Four nominations were received this year. The award will be announced at the Business Meeting.
- First Time Attendee Scholarship (Annual Meeting Scholarship). There were four contenders for this scholarship. Upon careful consideration and evaluation, the award was granted to Teresa Pacheco, Health Sciences Librarian at Northeast Georgia Health System, Inc.
- The Martha C. Watkins Memorial Scholarship. Two applicants were granted the award to attend the annual meeting: Janet Bishoff of J. Manning Hudson Health Sciences Library at Baptist Health System and Tara Douglas-Williams of the Fay E. Evatt Medical Library at Atlanta Medical Center.

Retirees

The following members should be acknowledged as having retired in the past year:

- Ada Seltzer, Rowland Medical Library, University of Mississippi Medical Center
- Kathy Coughlin, St Petersburg College
- Elaine Brekke, Interlibrary Loan and Serials Librarian, the Preston Medical Library at University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine
- Sondra Pfeiffer, Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Barbara Carlson, the Medical University of South Carolina Library

Deceased Members

The following members should be acknowledged as having deceased in the past year:

- Erdeal A Moore, Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences University of Alabama at Birmingham, AL
- Susan Selig, University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center Library at Memphis, TN

New to the Committee Work

Committee Chair Lin Wu created a wiki site for the Committee at (<http://sites.google.com/site/scmlahacommitteewiki/Home>) accessible by invitation only.

Via Google wiki site, Committee Chair didn't need to mail or email documents and supporting materials for awards and scholarship to Committee members. Committee members could access and download those documents whenever they wanted. Committee documents (i.e., Committee Reports, Committee Manual, Criteria Sheets, and SC/MLA meeting minutes) were also made accessible on the wiki site. The wiki site provided another communication channel among Committee members. They made comments to and discussed issues related to Committee work. The Committee timeline was open to all members so that they could see the progress of the Committee work and what charges each member should take as a Committee member.

Next Step

Committee chair Lin Wu is currently working on updating the manual for the Committee and will have it ready for the next Committee chair by the end of the year.

Hospital Libraries Committee Brenda Curry-Wimberly

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Beth Addis	SC	2009
Susan McCullough	FL	2008
Marilyn Teolis	TN	2009
CJ Bryant	AL	2008
Janet Bishoff	MS	2010

To promote hospital librarianship, news was reported and printed in Southern Expressions.

Programming and speakers have been arranged for the annual meeting in Birmingham. MJ Tooley is the invited speaker for the Hospital Librarian Luncheon/Symposium. The topic for the symposium is "Investment Strategies for Hospital Librarians." The program will be held on Wednesday, October 29th. MJ will also provide an update on MLA's Vital Pathway Project. Special thanks to all who assisted with this year's symposium.

Nominations for the 2008 Hospital Librarian of the Year Award were solicited on the listserv and in Southern Expressions. The committee reviewed the applications and Dr. Elsa M. Lopez, was selected as the 2008 Hospital Librarian of the Year. Elsa will be presented with a plaque and \$250.00 at the Birmingham business meeting.

The committee will be seeking new members to replace member whose terms have expired. Those states are Alabama, Puerto Rico and Florida.

It has been a privilege to serve the Chapter and the Hospital Librarians as Chair. I look forward to serving next year!

**Membership Committee Sandy Oelschlegel,
Sandra Canham, Database Coordinator**

Committee Members

Sandy Oelschlegel, Chair	2009
AL—Sondra Jean Pfeiffer	2009
FL—Nadine Dexter	2009
GA—Kristin A. Howard	2009
MS—David Juergens	2009
PR—Margarita M Gonzalez Perez	2008
SC—Felicia Yeh,	2008
TN—Sandy Oelschlegel	2009

Ex Officio:

Membership Database	Sandra Canham
MLA Benchmarking Committee	Linda Garr Markwell
MLA Chapter Council	Danny O'Neal, Jane Bridges
MLA Credentialing	Cynthia Henderson
MLA Governmental Relations	Briget Livingston
Nominating Committee	Priscilla Stephenson
Professional Development Committee	Jason Baker & Leslie Duncan

Recruitment & Retention

All new members were contacted by both the Membership chair and the State's committee representative to welcome them to the Chapter.

In March, Committee Chair, Sandy Oelschlegel provided each state representative a spreadsheet of members who had not yet renewed their membership for 2008. Contacts were made to remind those to

renew their membership that covers the calendar year of January-December and that they are considered delinquent by April 30th.

In late May, Membership Chair Sandy Oelschlegel, received approval from the Executive Board to have a “Student Membership”. Student membership is free for two years. Members will receive access to all benefits and services that are given to the full members, except for the annual membership directory. Students will receive an option to purchase a directory for seven dollars. State representatives sent out a membership flier to each State’s accredited library schools to promote this new free membership.

In addition to promoting the new free student membership, the State representatives also promoted the annual meeting to students, including the first “MLA President’s Reception” for library school students. MLA is sponsoring refreshments for this event. This was done by sending out a flyer to the schools.

2008 Membership Status as of September 24, 2008

Non-Renewed—active librarians that haven’t renewed for 2008

Non-Accountable—active librarians that didn’t renew in 2007

Accountable—moved out of the region; career change; retired; no longer at current position and no forwarded information available)

Alabama

36 Renewals
2 New Members
0 Student Members
2 Non-Renewed
4 Non-Accountable
5 Accountable

South Carolina

25 Renewals
0 New Members
1 Student Members
5 Non-Renewed
2 Non-Accountable
2 Accountable

Florida

59 Renewals
9 New Members
1 Student Members
11 Non-Renewed
2 Non-Accountable
8 Accountable
1 Honorary Member

Tennessee

45 Renewals
4 New Members
6 Student Members
3 Non-Renewed
4 Non-Accountable
4 Accountable
1 Honorary Member

Georgia

58 Renewals
8 New Members
0 Student Members
5 Non-Renewed
10 Non-Accountable
8 Accountable
2 Honorary Members

Puerto Rico

9 Renewals
0 New Members
0 Student Members
1 Non-Renewed
1 Non-Accountable
1 Accountable

Mississippi

17 Renewals
3 New Members
0 Student Members
3 Non-Renewed

Other

13 Renewals
2 New Members
1 Student Members
2 Non-Renewed

1 Non-Accountable
1 Accountable

2 Non-Accountable
1 Accountable
5 Honorary Members

Web Site Update

The Membership Information page has been revised. A writeable PDF membership form is available for new members and current members. A membership information brochure has been added to the web page. The brochure features the Chapters' purpose, benefits for joining Southern Chapter, and membership services. Lastly, a direct link to the Committee page helps prospective and current members connect with the Membership Chair, Database Manager, or any state representative. A new Student Membership form was also added to the web site.

The 2008 Current Members list is available at <http://www.scmla.org/members2008.htm>. This list is updated monthly after April 30th. New content to this list includes, identifying the new and student members.

Membership Database Manager Report

Membership: January 1, 2008– September 24, 2008

Membership	262	Paid Renewals
	28	Paid New/Returning Members
	30	Honorary Members
	9	Student Members
	329	Total
Non-renewed	11	Accountable (e.g. retired, moved, career change)
	55	Unaccountable (no response, joined for meeting discount, etc.)

30 people were removed from the membership database as they were identified as librarians who had retired, moved out of the region, or were no longer a librarian with no current forwarded address.

Membership Directories were sent in early September to members. An addendum will be sent in mid-December through the Chapter's listserv.

In early September, Program Chair Pat Higginbottom received a mailing list of current members and 2007 non-renewed members to send out annual meeting reminder notices.

The members of the Membership Committee for 2007-2008 were as follows:

Professional Development Committee Leslie Duncan and Jason Baker

Committee Members:

Name	State	Term Ends
Leslie Duncan, Co-chair	TN	2008
Jason Baker, Co-chair	AL	2010
Linda Butson	FL	2008
Latosha Craig	SC	2010

Irma Quinones	PR	2008
Roland Welnaker, Sr	GA	2010
Candance Vance	MS	2010

The Professional Development Committee of the SC/MLA was charged with identifying relevant continuing education classes for the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association. The committee members participated in both conference calls and emails.

The committee developed a slate of 6 potential classes that will be taught on Monday October 27, 2008. Class titles include: Ethical Concerns for Health Sciences Librarians, Introduction to Evidence based Practice in a Magnetic World, Gaining Leadership Skills without Formally Supervising People, Easy to Read Health and Wellness Materials for Consumers, Geeks Bearing Gifts: New Technology Trends, and Technology Planning for Health Sciences Librarians. The most popular class so far is the Technology Planning class with 10 registrants, and the rest averaging 5 registrants.

The morning classes will start at 8:00 a.m., and the afternoon will begin at 1:00 p.m. to allow members to take both a morning and an afternoon class. Half day classes will meet at Ross Bridge Resort. The full-day classes will meet 8:00-5:00 on the University of Alabama campus. As of October 1, 2008 the total number of registrants is 35. We anticipate a few more registrations onsite.

In addition, the committee submitted the Training Award Application for the NN/LM Southeastern Atlantic Region and was awarded \$600.00 to subsidize the cost of one of CE classes. These monies will be applied to the class entitled Technology Planning for Health Sciences Librarians.

Our estimated cost for all six classes is \$5,000.00 This includes air travel, lodging, honorarium, registration and an estimate for taxi and per diem as well as AV and food for all classes. We believe the classes will make budget. Final figure will be submitted at the end of the meeting.

We continue to review and recommend changes to the committee procedures manual. That we will present to the executive board for approval before planning begins for next year.

Jason Baker of the University of Alabama at Birmingham and Martha Earle of the University of Tennessee Preston Medical Library in Knoxville will co-chair the Professional Development Committee for 2008/09.

Listed below are the incoming members (2008/09) for the Professional Development Committee:

- Jason Baker - AL co-chair (2008-2010)
- Martha Earle - TN – co-chair (2009-2011)
- Roland Welmaker, Sr., PhD – GA (2008-2010)
- Candace Vance – MS (2008-2010)
- Latosha Craig – SC (2008-2010)
- Marina Salcedo – FL (2008-2011)
- Margarita Gonzalez Perez – PR (2008-20011)

Program Committee, 2008 Pat Higginbottom

Committee Members:

- Pat Higginbottom, Chair
- Jason Baker
- Judy Burnham (SC Chair)
- Lisa Ennis
- Nicole Mitchell
- Nelle Williams (ALHeLA Chair)
- Danny O'Neal
- Barbara Shearer
- Laura Cousineau
- Leslie Duncan
- Cynthia Vaughn



Theme: Making the Magic Flow

Conference website: <http://www.lhl.uab.edu/scmla2008/>

Plenary Sessions:

David Levy

Speaker Objectives

- Explain the problem you are trying to solve (is it a problem of information, people, technology, culture?)
- Explain the concepts of thoughtful reflection and contemplative scholarship
- Suggest strategies for health sciences librarians, what is our role

Peter Morville

Speaker Objectives

- Explain the problem you are trying to solve (is it a problem of information, people, technology, culture?)
- Explain the concept of ambient findability
- Suggest strategies for health sciences librarians, what is our role

Rachel Singer Gordon

Speaker Objectives

- Explain the problems that cause people to get stuck (is it a problem of information, people, technology, culture?)
- Explain how this is unique for health sciences librarians (if it is in any way)
- Suggest strategies for dealing with the problem

Presented Papers: 28 papers will be presented in 7 sessions; 10 will be considered for the research award

Posters: 19 posters will be presented in one session; 9 will be considered for the research award

Research CommitteePeter Shipman