

Compiled Annual Reports Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association October 2009

Archivist ☞ Lisa Ennis and Nicole Mitchell

1. Used materials to respond to queries from chapter members.
2. Sent a 2008 Annual Meeting program to MLA Archives as required
3. Finished processing a collection of financial documents
4. Began work on a new finding aid

Goals:

1. Finish 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.

Benchmarking Chapter Liaison ☞ Jan Haley

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 within Southern Chapter, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Accomplished with the exception of VI

Encourage the librarians/libraries of the Southern Chapter members (all members 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. Accomplished

Work with the committee members to educate Southern Chapter members about the advantages of participating in the MLA Benchmarking Network. Accomplished

Work with the committee members to develop publicity for each state, PR, and VI representative to use in encouraging the Southern Chapter librarians to participate in the MLA Benchmarking Network. Accomplished

COMMUNICATIONS:

An article, co-authored by Linda Garr Markwell and Jan Haley was placed in the summer 2009 issue of *Southern Expressions* announcing Jan Haley of Saint Thomas Hospital in Nashville, would now be filling the role as Southern Chapter's MLA Benchmarking Liaison.

The MLA Benchmarking Network's Interactive Report Site went live on June 1, 2009. There were 350 usable participant profiles. 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.

The following email was posted to the mla-bce list August 8 2009 from Michelle Brewer:

[mla-bce] Future of MLA benchmarking

Dear BNEB members and BCLs:

Please forgive my delay in sending this out.

First, I want to thank you all very much for your assistance and testing prior to the launch of the 2007/08 Benchmarking Interactive Reports. Based on the number of MLANET hits, we know participants are using it! We hope the data is useful in these troubled economic times.

Second, I wanted to let you know that we had very few responses from committee applications for people interested in this committee. We were also not able to find a new chair for the committee and have unfortunately not been able to interest the Hospital Libraries Section in assuming leadership for this project.

Third, as MLA is designing the new association management system, Kate Corcoran has indicated to me that MLA will, in a future phase, consider integrating benchmarking data in the new system. This would make the data available in a constant way, with, perhaps, periodic surveys on specific topics (much as AAHSL currently conducts their statistics).

Since there is a lag in committee work until another benchmarking survey comes along, I am recommending that we formally disband the Benchmarking Network Editorial Board as of August 2009. Should there be a necessity for a group to review any MLA decisions on benchmarking, it might be more useful to have a limited-time task force to accomplish the work. I want to thank you for your contributions to BNEB whether serving one year or several years. We have accomplished a great deal and achieved most if not all of our charge.

Benchmarking Chapter Liaisons, we are so appreciative of the time and effort that you and your chapters have offered on behalf of the MLA benchmarking projects! Your chapter may wish to continue the position of BCL, or you may decide to recommend that it be discontinued for the time being. Each chapter probably handles this in a slightly different way, so we leave it to you to decide whether you'd like to continue or whether you'd like to be removed from the BCL list on MLANET. Please just let us know how you want to proceed.

If you have any questions or concerns about this recommendation, or need further information, please copy your question to the full email list for discussion. Many thanks for your help and feedback!

And last but not least, a very special thank you to Kate Corcoran, MLA Staff Liaison to BNEB, for her dedication to the data and our efforts, and for her amazing assistance.

– Michelle Brewer –

On August 31, 2009 Jan Haley posted the following message to SCEXEC@bama.ua.edu
The following email was sent earlier in the month. As the Chapter Benchmarking liaison to MLA I would like to collect your thoughts on what we want to do as a chapter. Do we want to continue with our committee or do we want to discontinue for the time being? Personally, I would still like to see us share info among the chapter. Discussion? The message from Michelle Brewer in Item #3 was included with this email. No responses to the post were received from Board Members.

Bookkeeper ✂ Pam Neumann

SCMLA Fiscal Report (Summary)

October 1, 2008-Septmeber 30, 2009

Opening Balance October 1, 2008 (9/30/08 bank statement):	\$15,622.05
Closing Balance September 30, 2009 (9/30/09 bank statement):	\$17,842.91

Deposits (summary):

Membership	5847.00
SCMLA Scholarship Fund	2145.00
SCMLA 2008 seed money return	2000.00
SCMLA 2008 meeting income	1715.91
Bank fees refund	<u>5.00</u>
Total Deposits:	\$11712.91

Debits (summary):

Awards:	\$3824.63
Academic Librarian of the Year (ALY);	

Hospital Librarian of the Year (HLY); Martha Watkins	
Scholarships; & T. Mark Hodges (TMH)	
Awards:	\$1883.63
First Time Attendee Award:	991.00
Research Awards:	950.00
Bank fees	11.00
Benchmarking Drawing award	270.00
Bookkeeper's honorarium	500.00
Gift for Hospital Librarians Luncheon speaker	50.00
Insurance; Federal filing fee	280.00
Membership supplies	121.16
MLA Chapter Sharing Roundtables Contribution	76.00
Postage for Membership Renewals	168.00
Postage for Membership Directories	646.00
Printing Membership Directories	1193.27
SCMLA Website Hosting	360.00
SCMLA 2008 Chair expenses	41.40
SCMLA 2008 Program Chair expenses	175.59
Transfer of funds from SCMLA checking account to SCMLA Scholarship Fund CD:	<u>1775.00</u>
Total Debits:	9492.05

SCMLA Scholarship Fund CD balance: **\$24,925.27**
 Matures on 3/05/2010
 2.75% APY

SCMLA General CD balance: **\$26,612.31**
 Matures on 12/05/2009
 2.5% APY

2008 Calendar Year Interest from Combined Tax Statements: **\$1716.59**

Bylaws & Geneva Staggs

Bylaws Changed

The motion to adopt changes to Article IV, Section 1.B; Article IV, Section 1.G; Article IV, Section 2.M and Article VI, Section 1 of the SCMLA Bylaws passed with 96.2% of the voters in favor of the publicized changes. Changes are the addition of a year as Program Chair-Elect to the Chair's sequence of positions, the addition of a Governmental Relations Liaison and the change of appointed officers from ex officio to voting members of the Executive Board. These changes were duly publicized, discussed at the annual meeting in Birmingham and voted on 30 days later.

Proposed Change

The Committee drafted a proposal (attached) to change the bylaws that will satisfy the request by MLA to the change Article I, Section 3. Registered Office (The registered office of the Chapter (to satisfy the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code) shall be JB Corporate Services, Inc., One IBM Plaza, Suite 3700, Chicago, IL 60611.) because the agent has changed. The proposed changes were distributed to the membership by listserv on August 31, 2009, will be discussed at the annual business meeting and will be voted on within one month of the end of the annual meeting. Passing a motion to accept this proposal will bring the Chapter's bylaws into line with MLA's model bylaws.

The 2009 SCMLA Bylaws Committee recommends the following change to the Chapter bylaws.

Explanation of proposed Bylaws change:

On October 14, 2008, MLA notified us that the chapter bylaws need to be changed regarding the "registered agents" for all chapters that are incorporated in Illinois (this includes SCMLA). JB Corporate Services, Inc., asked MLA to change agents because MLA's attorney switched law firms, causing MLA to no longer be its client.

Mary Langman, MLA staff member who works with the model bylaws, responded to an inquiry by Sandra Canham (now Bandy) saying, 'you could either change the agent or removed this section from the bylaws. Because this is a detail that is process related, our parliamentarian recommends placing these kinds of details into a procedures manual rather than in the bylaws. This alleviates the need to modify the bylaws when situations and processes change. Also, the model bylaws do not require or suggest that this kind of information be provided in your bylaws. It's not required that you remove this, but a suggestion for your consideration.'

Change:	To:
ARTICLE I. Name, Boundaries, and Registered Office	ARTICLE I. Name and Boundaries
Delete:	
ARTICLE I. Section 3. Registered Office The registered office of the Chapter (to satisfy the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code) shall be JB Corporate Services, Inc., One IBM Plaza, Suite 3700, Chicago, IL 60611.	

Chapter Council ☞ Jane Bridges and Sylvia McAphee

Jane Bridges, Chapter Council Representative, and Sylvia McAphee, Alternate, attended the MLA meeting in Honolulu in May, 2009. As head of the Communications Committee, Jane was responsible for organizing and staffing the Chapter Council booth stationed next to the MLA scholarship booth in the lobby of the exhibit hall. Materials were gathered from all Chapters for display and distribution. After the conference, a collection of each Chapter's materials was mailed to Chapter presidents as examples of what other Chapters are doing.

Jane also provided documentation for the facilitators and recorders at the Roundtables event, and organized the recorders' responses for submission to the MLA website.

Jane also served on the 2009 Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year Award committee. Although our Chapter's project was not chosen, the presenters were encouraged to submit it again next time.

The following announcements were posted to the SoChap-L list:

April 15, 2009: Enhance your MLA 2009 conference experience through Colleague Connection!

July 14, 2009: NLM/AAHSL Leadership Fellows Program, 2009-2010 call for applications.

August 17, 2009: Question from Holly Henderson.

I serve on MLA's Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee. One activity of this committee is to track recruitment activities within Chapters. I am requesting submissions from your chapter about recruitment activities occurring from June 2008 to present. A similar survey was conducted in 2008.

Sandy Oelschlegel's answer:

The SCMLA membership committee has worked to recruit student members by offering 2 year free membership to students enrolled in ALA accredited Library schools. We contact the schools and ask them to distribute a flyer, or make an announcement, whatever they feel comfortable doing. So far we have 17 student members since the program began in August of 2008.

We also recruit at the state level for new members. Each state has na SC/MLA committee member representative who is supposed to recruit when they are aware of a new person working in the field of health sciences librarianship. This year we have 16 new members.

In addition, we work on retaining members by contacting those that do not renew in a timely manner. We also had a student and new member reception hosted by MLA president at the SC/MLA meeting in 2008 in Birmingham; this will be done again this year to encourage both of these member categories to join MLA also and reinforce our connection to our national association.

Sept 16, 2009: Invitation from MLA for nominations for MLA awards.

In addition, we posted the following question to Chapter Council from our Chapter:

July 28, 2009: We need to make some SC/MLA guidelines on how to handle web tools and their passwords. Have other Chapters tackled this issue and do you have some documentation to share?

(no responses)

August 10, 2009

Head of Chapter Council reminded us to schedule student activities at our Chapter meetings, and this has been addressed at the 2009 meeting in Memphis by a student/newcomer reception with MLA executive director, Carla Funk and 2009 MLA President, Connie Schardt.

Communications ☞ Lee Clemans-Taylor

Committee Accomplishments:

Committee members reviewed and discussed letterhead designs for the chapter to subsequently be available electronically. A letterhead design was chosen among three possible designs submitted by the committee chair. The chosen letterhead is now available electronically on the new password protected members tools page created by Pat Higginbottom, Justin Robertson and Andrea Wright.

The committee chair set up a wiki (as an experiment) to be used as a space for members to work on committee goals for 2008-2009. All committee members and ex officio members were invited to join and participate at the writer level, with the realization that all members might not be able to contribute to the wiki discussions; therefore all postings to the wiki were also sent to members by email. A link to the communications committee wiki is located on the new password protected members tool page. The chair was pleased with how well the wiki format worked for committee activities, even though there was not enough time to achieve full participation by all members, and thinks there is much potential for future use.

A revised motion was presented to the SCMLA Executive Committee on August 2nd, 2009 to purchase an annual professional SurveyMonkey account to be available for chapter business and for general membership use. It was approved on September 16th, 2009 with the stipulation that the Communications Committee draft SurveyMonkey use guidelines to be approved by the Executive Committee. Once guidelines have been approved, the account will be activated. The Chair is now in the process of working on draft guidelines for review by Communication Committee members with the goal of presenting to the Executive Committee for approval before the Annual Meeting in Memphis.

Pat Higginbottom invited the committee chair to serve on the ad hoc SCMLA committee on member tools and passwords. Pat created a wiki for the ad hoc committee members to use as their work space. After recommendations and comments were discussed, Pat developed a draft guidelines document.

Ongoing updates to the SC/MLA web site have been made by Justin Robertson and Andrea Wright.

Southern Expressions ☞ Jason Baker and Nicole Mitchell

Since the annual meeting in October 2008, we have produced three issues of *Southern Expressions*. As always, we continue to receive submissions but we look forward to innovative column suggestions and additional content. Lisa Ennis contributed a column in the most recent issue on image manipulation software. 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.

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 newsletter for Southern Chapter.

SOCHAP-L ☞ Nelle Williams

Month	Messages
October 2008	27
November 2008	25
December 2008	19
January 2009	14
February 2009	26
March 2009	23
April 2009	18
May 2009	14
June 2009	11
July 2009	17
August 2009	28
September 2009	35
Total	257

Number of Subscribers - 330
 Added Since September 2008 – 127
 Updated Since September 2008 – 67
 Removed Since September 2008 - 91

Conference Committee 2009 ☞ Tom Singarella

Planning has been at a fast pace for the SC/MLA 2009 annual meeting at the Peabody Hotel, downtown Memphis, from October 28 to November 1, 2009.

The local arrangements committee has met ten times thus far.

The SC/MLA 2009 web page provides an overview of the annual meeting: <http://library.utmem.edu/scmla09/>. The web site is updated with information weekly.

There continues to be considerable activity focused on mounting a successful annual meeting at the Peabody Hotel. Members of the local arrangements committee have made multiple visits to the Peabody, and meetings with hotel staff continue.

Due the economy, the Peabody hotel contract was renegotiated last spring to limit SC/MLA liability. We reduced our hotel sleeping room block by 10%. I discussed the situation with SC/MLA chair, Pat Higginbottom, last spring, and the possibility that the national economic situation could have a negative fiscal impact due to our contractual obligation with the Peabody Hotel if we didn't make our room block. We deemed it appropriate to amend the hotel contract in order to exercise prudent fiscal planning and limit liability costs to SC/MLA. We are glad that we did so, because even after reducing the sleeping room block by 10%, we may still have difficulty meeting hotel room pickup numbers. As of September 28, 2009:

	10/27 Tu	10/28 We	10/29 Th	10/30 Fr	10/31 Sa	11/01 Su
Block	0	45	100	100	81	0
Pickup	2	40	76	75	57	1

Many people are hard at work contributing toward planning and mounting an excellent annual meeting. The economy has been challenging, but numbers indicate we will have a healthy number of people attending the meeting in Memphis. We have limited our liability exposure by renegotiating the Peabody Hotel contract for both sleeping room block and F&B. The final conference budget is still in flux as we determine numbers for specific events, expenses, and income, and balancing it will be a challenge. In any event, we will have a memorable annual meeting with a very strong program, over 21 vendor exhibits, excellent CE, a myriad of educational activities, and some fun entertainment events.

Conference Committee 2010 ☞ Pat Clark

The Executive Committee approved Pat Clark's proposal to host the 60th Annual Meeting of the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association from November 12-16, 2010 at the Renaissance Vinoy Resort and Golf Club in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Credentialing Liaison ☞ Cynthia Henderson

Under MLA Goal 1--Recruitment, Membership, and Leadership in the Profession Southern Chapter has 149 AHIP members which means 45% of Southern Chapter members are Academic Health Information Professionals or AHIPs. This is a gain of 16 members from the 133 we had last year. We have:

- 12 Provisional
- 14 Members
- 39 Senior Members
- 78 Distinguished Members
- 6 Emeritus Members

Governmental Relations Liaison ☞ Leslie Duncan

Leslie Duncan took over position of Government Relations Liaison from Brigit Livingston as of August 2009 and will fulfill the role through November 2009.

Weekly emails are sent to the SOCHAP-L@bama.ua.edu that highlight interesting news, blogs etc. related to federal issues and libraries.

History of the Southern Chapter ☞ Lindsay Blake

1. Oral History Projects:
 - a. 3 remaining oral histories are being translated and will be added to the website by the end of the year.
 - i. Faith Meakin and Anne and Ken Robicheaux
 - b. Plans for recording more oral histories are being made for the 2009 annual meeting in Memphis.
2. Pictorial review of annual meetings and executive members:
 - a. Photographs from annual meeting were solicited from Southern Chapter members. These photos were organized by meeting and placed in Picasa web albums. Photos of executive board members and past chairs were also solicited and those received were placed in another album.
 - b. <http://picasaweb.google.com/SouthernChapterHistory>
 - c. The photo page is linked on the SCMLA website under History/SC Historical Docs/Photos from Southern Chapter Annual Meetings.

Honors and Awards Committee ☞ Roz Anderson

The following members were awarded Honorary Membership either by virtue of acknowledgement of significant contributions to Southern Chapter MLA upon their retirement or by virtue of their being both Southern Chapter MLA members and MLA Fellows or both.

- Jean Shipman
- M.J.Tooley

There were three contenders for First Time Attendee Scholarship this year. Upon due consideration, the award was granted to Alisha Miles, Simon Schwob Medical Library, Columbus Regional Healthcare System.

There were no nominations for The Academic Librarian of the Year Award. The Academic Librarian of the Year 2008, Laura Cousineau, has over 15 years experience, so she did not meet the criteria to be nominated for the MLA Estelle Brodman Award.

There was one applicant for the Martha Watkins Scholarship. The award was granted to Geneva Bush Staggs, Health Information Resource Center, University of South Alabama Medical Center Hospital.

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

- Pat Cole, Florida Hospital, Orlando, FL
- Janice Debose, Singing River Hospital, Pasagala, MS
- Mary Fielder, Three Rivers AHEC, Columbus, GA
- Pauline Ellis Hicks, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL
- Virginia (Segrest) Hughson, Rowland Medical Library, Jackson, MS
- Karl H "Woody" Woodworth, Grady Branch Health Sciences Center Library/ Emory University

Nancy Van De Water, Special Projects Librarian at Mercer University School of Medicine, passed away on June 12, 2009. She was active in the chapter in the 1980-90's and served on the Annual Meeting Committee in 1997.

Due to the success of last year's wiki, the Committee Chair created a wiki site for the Committee to use to share information (<http://sochaphonorsandawards.pbworks.com/>). It is accessible by invitation only.

Committee chair Roz Anderson 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

Programming and speakers have been arranged for the annual meeting in Memphis. Jan Orick, Karen Roth and Jason Gold are the invited speakers for the Hospital Librarian Symposium. The topic for the symposium is "E-Licensure Negotiating: Tips and Tricks." The program will feature and describe ways to negotiate with vendors. Special thanks to everyone for their assistance with this year's symposium.

Nominations for the 2009 Hospital Librarian of the Year Award were solicited on the listserv and in Southern Expressions. The committee reviewed the applications and Marilyn Teolis, Baptist Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee was selected as the 2009 Southern Chapter Hospital Librarian of the Year. Marilyn will be presented with a plaque and \$250.00 at the Memphis business meeting.

The committee will be seeking new members to replace member whose terms will expire. Those states are Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama. Marilyn Teolis will be the 2010 chair.

Membership Committee ☞ Sandy Oelschlegel

Throughout the year, all new and student members were contacted by both the Membership chair and the State's committee representative to welcome them to the Chapter.

In April, Database Coordinator Sandra Bandy provided a spreadsheet to the Committee Chair of members who had not yet renewed their membership for 2009. This list was divided by state and sent on to each state representative. Contacts were then made by those representatives to remind those on the list to renew their membership. Additional reminder was made about the membership year encompassing the calendar year of January-December, with members being considered delinquent by April 30th. Those that did not renew were eventually removed from the SOCHAP-L list.

In August, the committee members were asked to contact ALA accredited Library Schools in their states to inform students of the free two year membership, a program which is in its second year.

In September, the Membership Chair discussed the possibility of continuing the new tradition of hosting a special student and new member reception during the annual meeting. Discussions were held with MLA and they agreed to pay for \$200.00 toward the event. The Membership Chair then made a motion to the SCMLA Executive Committee to sponsor the remaining \$200.00 for the reception. The motion was voted on and passed. The reception will be Friday October 30th from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Brinkley Room.

The Committee Chair wrote a Membership Committee Procedures Manual to assist the incoming chair of the membership committee; this was shared with the entire committee for comment. Comments were incorporated and the manual submitted to Patricia Higginbottom, SCMLA Chair.

Website update:

The Membership Committee Information page has been revised.

1. Annual reports have been added as PDF's for 2006 and 2007
2. A Membership Committee Procedures Manual has been added
3. The 2009 Current Members list is available and is updated monthly after April 30th.

Membership Database Coordinator Sandra Bandy

Final Membership number for January 1, 2008- December 31, 2009 was 342 Members

Membership: January 1, 2009– September 30, 2009

Membership 259 Paid Renewals
 20 Paid New/Returning Members
 30 Honorary Members
 19 Student Members
 328 Total Members (as compared to 329 at this last year at this time, down only 1 member.)

Status of State Membership

Non-Renewed—active librarians that haven't renewed for 2009

Non-Accountable—active librarians that didn't renew in 2008 or 2009

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

Alabama 2009

38 Renewals
 0 New Members
 3 Student Members
 1 Honorary Member
 5 Non-Renewed
 4 Non-Accountable
 0 Accountable

South Carolina 2009

23 Renewals
 1 New Members
 2 Student Members
 6 Honorary Members
 1 Non-Renewed
 3 Non-Accountable
 2 Accountable

Florida 2009

60 Renewals
 7 New Members
 1 Student Members
 7 Honorary Members
 10 Non-Renewed
 9 Non-Accountable
 3 Accountable

Tennessee 2009

43 Renewals
 8 New Members
 10 Student Members
 4 Honorary Member
 5 Non-Renewed
 3 Non-Accountable
 2 Accountable

Georgia 2009

54 Renewals
 1 New Members
 1 Student Members
 4 Honorary Members
 11 Non-Renewed
 13 Non-Accountable
 2 Accountable

Puerto Rico 2009

8 Renewals
 1 New Members
 1 Student Members
 0 Honorary Members
 1 Non-Renewed
 1 Non-Accountable
 0 Accountable

Mississippi 2009

17 Renewals
 0 New Members
 0 Student Members
 2 Honorary Members
 2 Non-Renewed
 1 Non-Accountable
 1 Accountable

Other 2009

16 Renewals
 2 New Members
 1 Student Members
 6 Honorary Members
 1 Non-Renewed
 3 Non-Accountable
 0 Accountable

Nominating Committee ☞ Judy Burnham

The following slate of officers was presented to the Executive Committee:

Chair-Elect/Program Chair - Ruth Riley
 Program Chair Elect – Laura Kane
 Secretary/Treasurer – Nakia Carter
 Nominee to the MLA Nominating Committee – Nancy Clemmons

Ballots were sent to Southern Chapter membership August 21, using an online ballot format. Paper ballots were sent to those without electronic access. A deadline of September 30, 2009 was given.

Professional Development Committee ☞ Jason Baker and Martha Earl

Per its charge The Professional Development Committee of the SC/MLA identified relevant continuing education classes for the Annual Meeting of the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association. The committee members conducted business via email and wiki space.

Four classes will be taught on Thursday, October 29. Topics include EBM, Technology Trends, and Administration and Professionalism. Three of the classes are 4 hour CEs and the fifth is a 6 hour class.

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 towards the technology trends class. The NNLM training award combined with the current enrollment suggest that the CEs will break even. The final figures 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.

Program Committee ☞ Richard Nollan and Danny O’Neal

<http://library.utmem.edu/scmla09/#schedule>

When I began as Program Co-Chair the economy was humming along and there was not a dark cloud anywhere on the horizon. In October 2008 the bottom fell out of the economy and all of us including our institutions were put in the position of finding ways to turn lemons into lemonade. I determined that the sub-theme of the conference should be to offer solutions that would help librarians and their libraries become more indispensable. This theme is reflected below in the speakers and panels of this conference. A complete overview of the conference is available online.

Papers (<http://library.uthsc.edu/scmla09/program/papers/>) and Posters (<http://library.uthsc.edu/scmla09/program/posters/>)

Sandy and Suresh both selected people for their committees to review and select the papers and posters for the conference. There will be 20 contributed papers and 32 posters presented during two days of sessions each on 10/30 and 10/31.

Roundtables

Jane Bridges coordinated the Roundtables, which will include 26 participants at 6 themed tables.

Speakers (<http://library.utmem.edu/scmla09/program/abstracts/>)

I asked the first two general session speakers to place an emphasis in their presentations on providing medical librarians with tools that they can use to promote themselves and their library, especially in difficult economic times. They are:

- Scott Strayer, M.D., M.P.H.
I'm All Shook Up ... How to Stay Ahead of the Constantly Changing Medical Information Business
October 30, 2009
- Daniel Masys, M.D.
Future Trends and Opportunities in Health Care for Libraries
October 31, 2009

The third speaker is Willie Bearden, an acclaimed local author and filmmaker.

- Willie Bearden
Health Care in Memphis as Reflected in Its Past
November 1, 2009

Panels (<http://library.uthsc.edu/scmla09/program/>)

There will be two panels that also reflect the theme of navigating hard economic times. The first is a reprise by the Vanderbilt group's presentation in Hawaii of their "Seamlessly Working the "I" into an Academic Medical Center Workflow: the Eskin Biomedical Library Experience" 11-12:30. This will run concurrently with the contributed papers on 10/31. The second panel, "Surviving Hard Times," will be moderated by Scott Pluchak and consist of five panelists representing the perspectives of medical libraries from academic to single person hospital. This panel will be on October 31, 3-4:15.

Vendors, Sponsors, Advertisers (<http://library.utmem.edu/scmla09/vendors/>)

Jennifer Watson stepped down as chair of the Exhibits committee and I took her place. Her organization of the committee met the tremendous challenge in finding support for the conference during these hard economic times. A total of 24 vendors will exhibit at the Peabody Hotel during the conference. In addition there are five sponsors of various conference events, and four advertisers that will be listed in the program.

Research Committee ☞ Lisa Travis

1. The committee will be awarding a Research Grant at the third Plenary Session on Sunday, November 1.
2. Please come to the Research Committee meeting Friday, October 30, 2009, in Brinkley if you are interested in becoming a research mentor or mentee.
3. The chair withdrew posters for consideration for research awards after soliciting opinions from the committee.
4. The chair needs to update the procedures manual to reflect that research awards will be granted during the third Plenary Session.