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Message From the Outgoing Chair

It has been a pleasure serving as Chair of the Philadelphia Regional Chapter of MLA for 2006-2007. The past year has been a very busy one and I would like to thank all the Board members and volunteers who made the year a successful one. The quality of programs and publications continue to be excellent and I am confident that Nina Long will continue to guide the chapter in a positive direction.

Over the past year, chapter accomplishments included:

Three issues of the popular *Chronicle* newsletter-Vol. 23, nos. 2 and 3; and Vol. 24 no. 1.

The following CE programs:

- Leadership and Emotional Intelligence presented by Maureen Sullivan on March 8th
- Keeping Patients Safe: Roles for Information Professionals--MLA Educational Webcast on November 16th
- Quality Filtering: Principles of Evidence Based Medicine on October 6th

The following programs:

- Joint Resource Sharing Meeting: Philadelphia Regional Chapter MLA & NN/LM Mid-Atlantic Region on December 8th
- Annual Roundtable Dinner on December 1
- Annual Dinner and Business Meeting on April 27

The chapter bylaws were also updated, for the first time since March 24, 1998.

Summarizing, voting chapter members approved the following:

- Dues increases from \$15 to \$25 per year (47 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions),
- Eliminating student dues for library students. Student dues had been \$7.50 per year. (46 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention)
- Approving a bylaws change to reflect new forms of ballot distribution (46 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention)

The chapter remains strong financially due to the great efforts of Gina Kaiser, our outgoing development coordinator. A current balance can be viewed in the treasurer's report.

The upcoming year promises to offer many more opportunities to get involved and if you are inspired, please contact any of the Board members. §

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From the Chair

MLA Phoenix is a memory from May, June was filled with graduations, and July brought the annual change from one Chapter Board to the next. Our "transitional Board meeting" was held on July 12 at The Wistar Institute. The Chapter owes Dan Kipnis (past Chair) a

sincere *Thank You* for his leadership and direction during a very busy past year. Dan also produced the 2006 edition of the *Policy and Procedure Manual* for the Chapter, which was distributed to the new Board. Outstanding Continuing Education opportunities and Chapter Programs were held for the membership during Dan's tenure with the able leadership of Committee Chairs and members who donated their time, effort, and expertise. In April the Chapter's annual dinner meeting was held at the City Tavern, an historic Philadelphia site. *Thank You* to Brad Long for his hard work in organizing an outstanding event. And a public *Thank You* also to so many others who made 2006 a successful year.

There are several new faces on our Board whose willingness to volunteer is greatly appreciated. Jackie Knuckle (Chestnut Hill Hospital) is Chair-Elect and will be overseeing the Program Committee; Cynthia McClellan (USIP) takes over the Development efforts which support our programs and events; Lynne Joshi (A.I.Dupont) is the new Education and Credentialing Chair; Maura Sostak (Drexel) will take over my spot as Government Relations Chair; and Mary McCann (Pennsylvania Hospital) takes over as Benchmarking Educator. Lenore Hardy has kindly agreed to stay with us as Chair of the By-Laws Committee.

Those we will miss from the 2005-06 Board are Brad Long (Program), Gina Kaiser (Development), Sharon Easterby-Gannett and Ellen Justice (Continuing Education). Thanks so much to each of you for offering your support and help to those who are new and taking over duties. And, of course, thank you to those who are staying on and continue to contribute time and leadership – a full [Board roster](#) appears in this issue of the *Chronicle*.

Gary Kaplan (Jefferson) has volunteered to take on the duties of webmaster and is actively working with Kevin Block (UMDNJ) who is “retiring” from that responsibility. Kevin – APPLAUSE is due to you for your work over the last five years. Board Members at the meeting had lots of ideas for the new site, and an exciting contest for designing a chapter logo will be announced soon. As announced previously, Rachel Resnick (Abramson Center) has taken over as editor of the *Chronicle*, our Chapter newsletter.

As I write this I am struck by the variety of institutions we represent and what a valuable asset that is. It helps to make the chapter truly representative of a wide array of “medical institutions” and brings a variety of experiences and viewpoints to our discussions. One category on which we are short is “Student Member.” If you know of students interested in librarianship please encourage them to join and find out what medical librarianship is all about.....student membership is now FREE! Gary Childs has been updating the PDF and HTML membership lists – he will be happy to send brochures to prospective members. And be sure to update your own membership and contact information.

I am looking forward to another exciting and very busy year. With the national meeting coming to Philadelphia in May, 2007 there will be opportunities for everyone to get involved, volunteer, and participate in some way. Plans for new programs and CE

offerings are already taking shape. The Board and I are working hard, so I hope many of you will join us throughout the coming year in working to make this a strong and exemplary Chapter of MLA. §

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From the Editor

I hope you are all having a pleasant summer, are staying cool and are catching up on any reading/correspondence/chores/vacations you have been putting off. I hope that not too many of you were inconvenienced by the power outage in mid-July; I was, and let me tell you, I appreciate air conditioning more than I used to! I'm also fairly certain hubby and I would not survive a Katrina-style disaster. We thought we had three working flashlights, but I ended up making my way through our house by the light of a book light--apropos for a librarian, I suppose, but a rather paltry choice given the context of the situation!

This issue presents a wrap-up of Chapter activities. Our outgoing and incoming chairs reflect on our accomplishments of the past year; and a recap of the annual dinner is provided, including the individuals who were recognized with awards. There are plenty of photos from that evening. This issue also presents the Board roster, so that you'll know who's who and what they do.

In addition to the usual columns (Member & Library News, Meet Your Fellow Chapter Members, the Calendar) and Board reports, there's also an article about the history of the Delaware Valley Information Consortium (DEVIC), which not only describes the background of this interlibrary loan consortium, but also the history of interlibrary loan for health sciences libraries in this region. Thanks very much to Marion Chayes and Dianne Rose, who put that together. Additionally, PJ Grier, Director of Library & Information Services at the Delaware Academy of Medicine, is leading a collaborative effort to construct a thesaurus of public health legal terminology. Lastly, for you creative types out there, the Board is looking for a redesign of the Chapter's logo--the winner will receive a \$100 American Express gift card and more!

Thanks also to Nina Long, Joan McKenzie, and all other members who contributed to this issue. If you have an idea for an article for future issues, please contact me. The TechnoHumanist Corner will return in the fall. Have a great summer! §

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Annual Business Meeting and Dinner

Members of the Chapter gathered at the City Tavern in Philadelphia on Thursday evening, April 27th for an outstanding annual dinner meeting. This historic tavern is located in the Old City neighborhood and is a reconstruction of a favored meeting place of Washington, Adams and other colonial figures. Wait staff dressed in colonial costumes served a delicious dinner which began with a cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres with selections reminiscent of 18th century menus. The business meeting was important, with bylaws changes and annual dues increases being voted on—all passed by majority votes. Continuing with the historical theme, F. Michael Angelo, University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian gave a talk titled “Philadelphia Medical Students Behaving Badly,” which was wonderfully illustrated by period images.

A special guest attending was Dennis Brenner, who spearheaded the creation of the Chapter's annual Randy Brenner Consumer Health Award by the Cancer Foundation for Personal Wellness. Dennis' continued interest in and support of the Philadelphia Chapter and medical librarians is really remarkable.

Several vendors attended: James Taylor and Matthew Bader from EXAM Master and Dan Boutchie, Hospital Sales Manager for *New England Journal of Medicine*. As you may know, vendor support for the annual meeting and programs throughout the year is critical to our bottom line and Gina Kaiser, Development Coordinator, has done a wonderful job of growing this area of support over the past several years.

This issue of the *Chronicle* has a full listing of the awards given out at the Annual Dinner. With the rising costs of catered events in center city it is vital that Chapter members support all our events to defray the individual ticket costs of a formal dinner meeting. We hope to see many more of you at our programs for 2006-2007 – it's a great opportunity for networking, education, and renewing friendships with your professional colleagues.§

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Thank You Letter from Sandy Wood

May 4, 2006

Lenore Hardy
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Dear Lenore:


This letter is both a Thank You and an apology to the Chapter. First, I wish to thank the Nominating and Awards Committee for awarding me the Chapter Achievement Award for 2006, and also for recognizing me with a lifetime membership upon my recent retirement. The apology is for not being able to attend the Annual Meeting to receive the award in person.

I am honored that the Chapter would give me its Achievement Award, as I value the friendships and collegial interactions with Chapter members, some for over 30 years. I have spent my whole professional life at Hershey and thus have been a career-long member of the Philadelphia Chapter. While I have been involved in Chapter activities over the years, including editing the *Chronicle*, I've been more active at the national level (hopefully representing Philadelphia well), and with my work in publications. In this latter capacity, as an editor, I believe I've made my greatest contribution to the Chapter, recruiting authors from among Philadelphia MLA members for journal articles. In giving me the Chapter Achievement Award, you have honored not only me, but the many Chapter members who have contributed to the professional literature.

My biggest regret is not being able to attend the Chapter Annual Meeting, and for this I must apologize. I'd actually determined what I was going to wear and planned on picking up my daughter at Penn to attend the meeting. A medical problem resulted in my being hospitalized overnight. While all tests all came out well, I was released too late to attend the meeting.

I want to thank Betty Warner, who I understand played a major role in the presentation, along with Lillian Brazin, Esther Dell, and Mark Allen Taylor, who each added their unique commentaries. I only wish someone had taped or filmed the event. I'd also like to thank the Chapter for the beautiful desk clock from Tiffany's. It is lovely and, along with the framed certificate, will be prominently displayed in my home office.

Thank you so much! And – I can still be reached at msw1@psu.edu.



M. Sandra Wood

cc: Dan Kipnis, Chapter President

Award Winners Announced at the MLA-Phil Annual Business Meeting and Dinner

The following individuals were recognized for their contributions or merit:

Rebecca Morgan was given the *Bea Davis Education Award*. This award is offered by the Chapter every other year to an individual pursuing a career in health science librarianship.

Micki McIntyre was given the *Randy Brenner Consumer Health Award*. This award is given annually to an individual or group in recognition for outstanding contributions to consumer health information services and patient education.

Sandra Wood was given the *Chapter Achievement Award*. This award is given to an individual who has made significant contributions to the Chapter and to the field. This is the Chapter's highest award and is reserved for outstanding individuals. §

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Photos from the 2006 MLA-Phil Annual Business Meeting and Dinner



Esther Dell, Melanie Cedrone, Suzanne Shultz



Sue Couch, Diane Wolf



Gina Kaiser, Wendy Wax



Julia Lewis, Kathy Picardo



Rebecca Landau, Beth Lewis, Joan McKenzie



Gary Childs, Kevin Block, Mark Allan Taylor, Stephanie Ferretti and others at a busy registration table



A table fit for a colonial feast



Lenore Hardy, Julia Lewis, Stephanie Ferretti, Etheldra Templeton



Karen Albert, Rebecca Landau



Kevin Block



Brad Long



Jackie Knuckle, Mark Allan Taylor (foreground) and tablemates watch the proceedings



Dan Kipnis, Anne Seymour



Andrea Kenyon, Etheldra Templeton



Lenore Hardy, Rebecca Morgan



Micki McIntyre



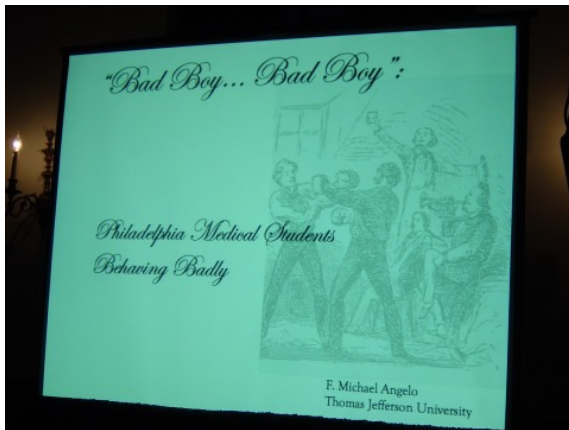
Dan Kipnis, Betty Warner



Lillian Brazin



Stephanie Ferretti



F. Michael Angelo

Thanks to Joan McKenzie for the photos! §

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Delaware Valley Information Consortium: A History

The Delaware Valley Information Consortium (DEVIC) was founded on October 25, 1979, by Chris Balonis of Doylestown Hospital, Betty Lou Diemer of Surburban General Hospital, Dee Disardina of Rolling Hill Hospital, Patty Insetta of Abington Memorial Hospital, and Ray Roedell of Norristown State Hospital. These members canvassed other local librarians with the idea of a consortium to promote the sharing of journal resources among the community hospitals of the Greater Philadelphia Region, with Bucks and Montgomery County institutions among the first contacted.

Interlibrary loan requests at that time were sent to the College of Physicians under the Mid-Eastern Regional Medical Library Service program started by the National Library of Medicine. The regional medical library program was a national program started in 1965 under the Johnson administration. Each region was assigned to a designated library to fill loans and the College of Physicians was our designated library in this region. At first, all requests sent to the College of Physicians were filled free of charge. Then the regional programs became such a success that NLM decided to charge for the service. The first charges for the ILL were nominal, but by 1983 the cost had risen to \$6.00 per loan. In response, local librarians decided to form consortia so as not to spend extra funds for interlibrary loans.

The first DEVIC meeting was held on February 13, 1980. The above named librarians guided DEVIC through its first year. Membership was free, all had to submit annual journal lists to the other members, and all submitted quarterly statistics so that use and effectiveness of the resource sharing could be monitored. Bylaws were proposed in 1980. In October 1981 the four women named above were elected to one-year terms as coordinators and were re-elected in September 1982 with Marion Chayes as the alternate. In 1985 an additional coordinator was added and two-year, alternating terms were

instituted: three coordinators were elected for two-year terms, and in the intervening year the two other coordinators were elected for two-year terms. This provided a sense of continuity in the leadership.

The consortium's first major project was to create a shared journal list to facilitate reciprocal document delivery. In these early days, the "dark ages of PCs," word processing was the most common application of the office computer, and the first edition of the DEVIC shared journal list was created by Dee and her hospital volunteers by laboriously assembling the printed journal lists of all members, creating a separate file card for each journal title and inscribing on that card the library's 3 letter code along with the beginnings of holding data. Then they photocopied the cards six to a page into a huge printed document, which was reproduced and distributed to all members. This project took months to complete, but was the basis for DEVIC's ultimate success. Prior to using this method of holdings distribution, members had to search through the separate journal lists from each institution, trying to find a library that held the title, plus consider the ranking that was assigned to each library. Borrowers were required to approach the libraries with smaller journals collections—and thus, lower rankings—first for the more common titles and only use the larger, higher-ranking institutions for titles that were not commonly held.

Docline was still eight years away, and the task of requesting an interlibrary loan using the paper system of DEVIC was labor-intensive. First you had to find the libraries with the journal title you needed, then apply the ranking system, then type the request on an ALA interlibrary loan form, then mail it to the first lending library, then wait. Even with all of these steps, loans came quickly through the mail to supply our patrons with information. If you had an active hospital staff, most of your time was spent at the typewriter. Librarians who only know of our current system of DOCLINE have no idea how long or how much effort it took to get an interlibrary loan.

The reconfiguration of the RML in 1982 from 11 regions to 8 placed together, for the first time, libraries from Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey. Shortly thereafter DEVIC members learned of the UCMP (Union Catalog of Medical Periodicals based at the Medical Library Center of New York) when librarians from UCMP came to Abington Hospital and presented the idea for a master union list that would include DEVIC and other consortia from New York and New Jersey. The first union list was a hard copy of DEVIC's holdings; other libraries' holdings were on microfiche that was housed at Abington Hospital, so DEVIC libraries would call Abington for locations for out-of-state UCMP libraries. Eventually, all libraries would receive their own copies of the microfiche. In 1985 all DEVIC members were encouraged to become DOCLINE participants, and later this request was added to the DEVIC bylaws as a requirement for membership. In 1988 DEVIC joined with the Basic Health Science Library Consortium (BHSL), thereby increasing the number of libraries that could be contacted for "free and reciprocal" document delivery.

The membership fluctuated over the years, with a peak of 47 members around 1995. The current membership stands at 31 libraries—a statement of the times with the closures of

many of the member libraries. Meetings are held twice a year at various member locations. Eventually dues of \$25/year were assessed, then \$50. By mid-1995 a members-only discussion list, DEVIC-L, was created and hosted by HSLC to facilitate communications among the membership. In 2005 the governing board was restructured from a set of “coordinators” to an administrative board, to more closely match the MLA Philadelphia Regional Chapter’s executive board functions. The current administrative board consists of Rachel Resnick, Chair (Madlyn and Leonard Abramson Center for Jewish Life); Jon Drucker, Chair-Elect (Delaware Academy of Medicine); Rita Haydar, Secretary (St. Mary Medical Center), and Ellen Sanford, Treasurer (Paoli Memorial Hospital). Additional members are appointed to manage the discussion list, keep our DEVIC and BHSL statistics and for other functions.

The bylaws of DEVIC have evolved over the years to reflect changes in the healthcare industry. In the late 1980’s and early 1990’s when hospitals were forming partnerships, some of the libraries in DEVIC were caught in the middle of these joint ventures. Hospital administrators no longer saw the need for a professional librarian; they thought that running a library with a staff secretary was all you needed to provide library services. DEVIC changed the requirements of membership to preserve the role of the professional librarian. The bylaws indicate that in order to be a member of DEVIC, a library is defined as an information center with a professional responsible for management of library services who has a Master’s Degree in Library and/or Information Science; and that the library must be professionally staffed a minimum of twenty hours per week. Some administrators had second thoughts about doing away with the professional library, as doing so meant dismissal from DEVIC and a loss of valuable resource sharing.

DEVIC has always performed together as a group and has taken on many projects to move the consortium forward to meet the information needs of the 21st century. We formed an alliance with the public libraries in the ’80’s to qualify for an LSCA Title III grant from Pennsylvania to place fax machines in each library so we could supply our patrons with RUSH faxes for patient care. Besides taking advantage of this and other cooperative purchasing opportunities, we often invite vendors to our meetings to present new products to our members, and we offer a stipend to any librarian who would like to attend an educational meeting and then give a report to our members at our next gathering. We all help each other to succeed in showcasing our information gathering skills to our staff in the many different types of hospitals and other institutions. Interlibrary loan and resource sharing remain an integral part of health sciences library operations and may be even more important as we go forward in time. Without these librarians giving their time to help one another we could not do as much as we do. §

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Meet Your Fellow Chapter Members

Member Profile #1: Ellen Justice



Present Professional Position: Since 2000 I have been a medical librarian based at the Christiana Hospital Library. The hospital is part of the Christiana Care Health System in Newark, DE. I provide expert search and reference services, instructional programming, and actively provide clinical librarian services to residents in the Departments of Medicine and Emergency Medicine.

Past Professional Experience: Previously I was a Circuit Riding Medical Librarian for the Delaware Academy of Medicine in Wilmington, DE, and an Electronic Services Librarian at the Cumberland County Public Library in Fayetteville, NC.

What do you find most interesting about your work? What I find most interesting is that my expertise in searching the medical literature and books often plays a key part in a clinician's investigations to help a patient. It is good to know that I can save the clinician time and provide information that can assist in evidence-based patient care decisions.

What qualities or traits do you find most helpful in your work? Curiosity, determination, thoroughness, genuine interest in helping people find information, ability to listen and communicate well, and an interest in the subject matter.

What do you enjoy doing "for fun"? Practicing yoga, performing and writing poetry, traveling, reading an engaging book, exploring nature, and spending time with my dog, family, and friends.

Is there anything about you that others might be surprised to know? I am currently teaching a yoga class as part of the employee wellness program at the Christiana Care Health System. I am enrolled in a 200-hour teacher certification at the Himalayan Institute in Honesdale, PA.

Why would you encourage members to become actively involved in the Philadelphia Regional Chapter? The workshops that the Chapter offers are good opportunities for professional development. Other Chapter events provide an excellent venue to meet other librarians to share ideas with. Working or leading a committee is a great way to develop leadership qualities and to actively contribute to the success of the Chapter.

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Member Profile #2: Anita Chiodo



Present Professional Position: I am currently the Access Services Librarian at Hahnemann Library, Drexel University Health Sciences Libraries, and a part-time Evening Reference Librarian at W.W. Hagerty Library, Drexel University.

Past Professional Experience: I've had a couple of career changes over the years. I'm still not sure what I want to be when I grow up, but I'm getting better at finding enjoyable and satisfying work. Prior to working at Drexel University, I was a Project and Account Manager for Heritage Microfilm/NewspaperARCHIVE.com in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Eeek! A vendor! I was hired to work on a project digitizing rare, brittle books for libraries nationwide, as well as a few digital archiving projects for several East Coast newspapers. I've also worked as an On-site Account Manager of Hardware and Software Sales for CompuCom Systems, Inc. Some of you may be familiar with my then client, the publisher, Pearson PLC (and its subsidiaries). Prior to my stint in computers, I worked as a Researcher and Editor for the stock film footage library of Getty Images, Inc. in New York City.

What do you find most interesting about your work? I enjoy managing people—a new role for me. I also enjoy the diversity in my work, working directly with our patrons, and solving problems.

What qualities or traits do you find most helpful in your work? Patience, open-mindedness, having a keen sense of efficient process flow, good organizational skills, good attention to detail, and strong interpersonal and management skills.

What do you enjoy doing "for fun"? Playing the Highland Bagpipes, photography, reading, gardening, going to movies, and spending time with family and friends.

Is there anything about you that others might be surprised to know? I play the Highland Bagpipes! Really. I've been playing for about thirteen years now. My pipe band, Cameron Highlanders (Lafayette Hills, PA), travels for competition, special events, and parades. It's been a fantastic social outlet, especially for a person like me who has moved around so much.

Why would you encourage members to become actively involved in the Philadelphia Regional Chapter? I think it is extremely important to network with other professionals, not just for job opportunities, but for inspiration and knowledge-sharing. One never

knows where the next good idea is going to spring from. Mine often comes through serendipitous meetings with other library professionals at conferences and continuing education classes. Librarians are an amazingly knowledgeable and helpful group of professionals. I'm very happy to be a member of our profession. §

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Design The Chapter's New Logo!

Here's an opportunity to put your creative side to work! As part of the upcoming redesign of the Chapter website, the Chapter is sponsoring a contest to design a new Chapter logo. You can see the current, and very old, logo here: <http://www.mlaphil.org>. The winner will receive a \$100 American Express gift card, attribution on the website, and the gratitude of the Board and Communications Committee. The deadline for submissions is Monday, September 11. Submissions should be sent to me, at the email address below. Here are the details:

- The logo should include "MLA" and/or "Medical Library Association" and "Philadelphia Regional Chapter."
- Entries should be submitted in digital format, in both color and black & white; no sketches will be accepted.
- It is preferable that the current Chapter colors--green and beige--be used, although different shades of these two colors are okay.
- The logo can be in the form of a "tag line," graphic image, or some combination.
- The logo should be easily resizable for use in a multitude of locations.
- The entries must be new, original works, not previously used in a public forum.
- No animation will be accepted.
- The logo should not be so detailed that it takes a long time to load.
- The winning submission becomes the property of the Philadelphia Regional Chapter, MLA.
- You may submit as many entries as you wish, and team entries are fine.
- The contest is open to Chapter members, health sciences libraries staff and staff at their institutions, all library school students, and families of Chapter members.
- The winner will be determined by the Board of the Philadelphia Regional Chapter, MLA. §

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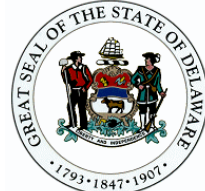
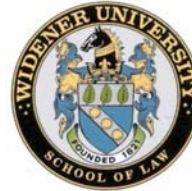
New Registration Process for Philadelphia Chapter Programs

The Program Committee is introducing the use of e-mail registrations for the upcoming program year. We will mail program announcements as usual; however, members should send their replies via email to the registrar. Our goal is to streamline the registration process, making it easier to manage. We look forward to hearing your feedback. §

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Public Health Legal Information Project



*A Partnership of the National Library of Medicine, Delaware Academy of Medicine,
Widener University School of Law & the State of Delaware*

If you were looking for clearly organized and annotated public health legal information, where would you look?

Right now there is not a clear answer to that question. Commercial databases largely ignore the topic because it offers little profit: primary users of such information are in the public sector – federal, state, and local government officials; public health practitioners; legislators and policy makers; academics and other researchers; non-specialist attorneys; and of course citizens.

The Public Health Legal Information Project (PHLIP) aims to address this information shortfall via a unique collaboration among federal, state, and private entities. The National Library of Medicine has partnered with the Delaware Academy of Medicine, Widener University School of Law, and the State of Delaware to organize and annotate Delaware public health law in a freely available, public domain online database.

Professor John Culhane of the Health Law Institute at Widener University School of Law is leading a team of students who are researching Delaware public health law and producing annotations and references aimed at non-legal audiences.

PJ Grier, Director of Library & Information Services at the Delaware Academy of Medicine, is leading a collaborative effort to construct a thesaurus of public health legal terminology to aid classification of information and enhance searchability.

The State of Delaware was a logical choice for this pilot project because of its extremely forward thinking approach to information technology, especially as it pertains to citizens.

The first evaluation version of PHLIP is nearly ready and we seek interested persons to review the system and offers comments. §

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Member & Library News

Virginia Lingle, Interim Director, George T. Harrell Library, Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine-Hershey, has been awarded the 2006 Distinguished Member Award by the Special Libraries Association, Biomedical and Life Sciences Division, in recognition of exceptional service to the division and to the library profession. The presentation, made at the recent SLA Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD, acknowledges her outstanding leadership and many contributions throughout a career that has spanned almost thirty years.

Florence Rosenthal, Coordinator, Luria Medical Library, Albert Einstein Healthcare Network, has received an honorary award from the Maimonides Society in recognition of her thirty-six years of service to the Network. The black tie event was held at the Philmont Country Club.

Lillian Brazin, Director of Library Services, Luria Medical Library, Albert Einstein Healthcare Network, has authored a second book, *Internet Guide to Medical Diets and Nutrition*, published by Haworth Press in 2006.

Ellen Justice, Medical Librarian, Christiana Hospital Library, Christiana Care Health System, Newark, DE, received both the Continuing Education Award and Medical Informatics Section/MLA Career Development Grant at MLA '06 in Phoenix.

The **Biomedical Library, University of Pennsylvania**, was honored with a first place award at the Medical Library Association's Swap and Shop contest. Its award was in the category of academic libraries, one-time event, and was for its use of "4-11: Medical Information Day" as a springboard for marketing its library.

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Middle Atlantic Region, has announced the following winners of its Express Technology Awards for the purchase, installation, and/or upgrading of information technologies that improve information services to health professionals and health care consumers: **Mary McCann**, Manager, Library Services, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, and **Swaran Chopra**, Director, Jacob Beresin Memorial Medical Library, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Nina Long, Director of Library Services and Archivist Curator of the Wistar Museum Collections, Wistar Institute, Philadelphia; and **Joan McKenzie**, Coordinator for Technical Services, College of Physicians of Philadelphia, attended the National Archives and Record Administration, Mid-Atlantic Region, annual e-Records Forum on June 14 at the Chemical Heritage Foundation, Philadelphia. The topic was "Managing Digital Assets."

Staff Changes:

After 18 years as Director of the Health Sciences Libraries (HSL), University of Pennsylvania, **Valerie Pena** has taken on a newly-created position at the Penn Library as Director of Staff Development and Human Resources. Pena has a long history of service to the Penn Library, having held a variety of positions, beginning with a temporary assignment as Head of the Penn Veterinary Libraries in 1973. This was followed by a permanent appointment as Head of the reference department in the Biomedical Library, and then another as Assistant Biomedical Librarian. Prior to assuming the directorship of the HSL, she was Assistant Director of Libraries at Penn's Van Pelt-Dietrich Library, and was responsible for personnel and labor relations as well as oversight of six departmental libraries. Pena's expertise in personnel issues, labor contract negotiations, and staff relations will be of tremendous value in her new position. **Anne Seymour**, Associate Director for Information Services, is serving as Interim Director of the Health Sciences Libraries.

Michael Schott has been appointed Library Director at Easton Hospital, Easton, PA. Schott was Director of the Danbury Hospital Library, Danbury, CT, for 12 years. He was most recently director of the West Virginia Health Sciences Library, Charleston, WV. A frequent contributor to the *Journal of Hospital Librarianship* and *Library Journal*, his first book, *Medical Library Downsizing*, was published by Haworth Press last year.

Sherri Place has joined the staff at the Talbot Research Library, Fox Chase Cancer Center, as librarian. Her most recent positions were at Penn State Abington Library and the Paul J. Gutman Library, Philadelphia University. At Fox Chase, Place will perform database searching, teach, participate in collection development, and staff the reference desk.

Cindy Pitchon has been promoted to the position of Assistant Director for HSLC/Access PA. She has been at HSLC for ten years, and the new title reflects her increased responsibilities for managing the training and marketing-related areas of HSLC's operations. She will continue to manage the Access PA database and interlibrary loan

services, as well as provide expanded leadership in HSLC's online training programs that are currently under development.

Sheila Thomas has joined the full-time staff of the Delaware Academy of Medicine as a public services librarian. She will oversee the development of the Academy's Gail P. Gill Consumer Health Library at its new location on the campus of Christiana Hospital, Stanton, DE. A consumer health librarian, Thomas will participate in a state-wide consumer health information network.

Vivian McCallum is a new consumer health librarian at the Delaware Academy of Medicine, serving Sussex County, DE. McCallum's previous positions were at the University of Pittsburgh; the AMC Cancer Research Center, Denver, CO; the Tzu Chi Institute, Vancouver, BC; the Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange; and, most recently, the Canadian Health Network, a web-based health information portal. §

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Development Report

2005-2006 was another excellent year in terms of vendor support for our chapter. We received total contributions in the amount of \$5,150 from 14 vendors, including three new organizations. This year we instituted a tiered system of giving, which worked well and which we plan to continue. The donors are listed below, by tier.

Platinum (\$750 or above)

Thomson Scientific

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American Association for Cancer Research

Elsevier Science

HSLC

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New England Journal of Medicine

Rittenhouse Book Distributors

STAT!Ref

Swets Information Services

TDNet

Bronze (Up to \$299)

EBSCO Information Services

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It is with such support that we are able to provide outstanding programs and continuing education opportunities for our members, and we should all thank these vendors for their ongoing partnership with our Chapter.

On another note, I am pleased to announce that Cynthia McClellan has assumed the responsibilities of Development Coordinator as of the July 2006 Transitional Board Meeting. §

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Calendar

October is National Medical Librarians Month!

PALINET Workshops

Location: PALINET

3000 Market St., Suite 200

Philadelphia, PA 19104

Registration & Information: (215) 382-7031 or fax (215) 382-0022 or

<http://www.palinet.org/>

Also see website for other Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey locations and many online learning opportunities.

Workshops at the Philadelphia site:

- Sept. 13 Local holdings maintenance basics (formerly Union List Basics)
- Sept. 26 Planning digital projects
- Sept. 29 Grant writing for digitization & preservation projects
- Oct. 6 OCLC cataloging basics for new users of Connexion Client
- Oct. 16 WorldCat resource sharing basics (formerly ILL Basics)
- Oct. 17 Web page development basics using Dreamweaver
- Oct. 19 Strategies for successful instruction in the e-classroom
- Nov. 2 Strategic planning for libraries
- Nov. 6 Marketing as if your library depended on it
- Nov. 16 Practical library assessment: applying the ACRL standards for libraries in higher education
- Nov. 30 Advanced serials cataloging (SCCTP) Part 1
- Dec. 1 SCCTP Part 2
- Dec. 12 Preserving digital material

August 29-30

Best Practices Forum: Competitive Technical Intelligence, CTI

Sponsor: Society of Competitive Intelligence Professionals

Location: NYC Marriott Marquis Hotel, 1535 Broadway, NY, NY
212-398-1900

Information & Registration:

<https://s08.123signup.com/servlet/SignUp?P=1857191153067700&PG=1857182300&Info=>

September [no date set]

Electronic Journals Management

Sponsor: Philadelphia/MLA

Information forthcoming: <http://www.mlaphil.org/professional.html>

September 11

PubMed Training

Sponsor: NN/LM

Location: NLM, Bethesda, MD

Registration: <http://nnlm.gov/ntcc/request.html>

September 12

UMLS Basics

Sponsor: NN/LM

Location: NLM, Bethesda, MD

Registration: <http://nnlm.gov/ntcc/request.html>

September 18-19

Websearch University

Sponsor: Information Today, Inc.

Location: Washington Marriott, 1221 22nd St., Washington, DC 20037

Information: <http://www.websearchu.com/>

Registration: http://www.websearchu.com/WSU2006_Registration.pdf

September 20

Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM): Information Resources for Choices in Healing

Sponsor: Health Sciences Library Association of NJ [HSLANJ]

Location: New Jersey Hospital Association Conference Center
760 Alexander Road Princeton, NJ 08543

Information: Erica Moncrief 609-394-4125 or Emoncrief@chsnj.org
<http://www.njha.com/conferencecntr/html/mc.directions.aspx>

October 6

ACLCP Fall 2006 Meeting

Sponsor: Associated College Libraries of Central Pennsylvania

Location: Holiday Inn, Grantville, PA

Information: Sara Pike 717-691-6006

October 11-13

UNYOC @ the Falls: Harness the Power! [2006 Annual Conference]

Sponsor: Upstate NY & Ontario Chapter/MLA

Location: Niagara Falls, NY

Information & Registration: <http://www.unyoc.org/>

October 12-16

Together: New Horizons, New Opportunities [2006 MAC/MLA Annual Meeting]

Sponsor: Mid-Atlantic Chapter/MLA & Southern Chapter/MLA

Location: Westin Buckhead Hotel, 3391 Peachtree Rd., NE, Atlanta, GA 30326

404-365-0065

Information: <http://www.hsl.ecu.edu/2006/index.html>

Registration: <http://www.hsl.ecu.edu/2006/registration.html>

October 15-17

NAHSL/NY-NJ/MLA Joint Conference

Sponsor: North Atlantic Chapter/MLA & NY-NJ Chapter/MLA

Location: Hartford Hilton, 315 Trumbull St., Hartford, CT 06103

860-728-5151

Information: <http://www.nahsl.org/2006/program.htm>

Registration: <http://www.nahsl.org/2006/registration.htm>

October 23-25

Internet Librarian 2006

Sponsor: Information Today, Inc.

Location: Monterey Conference Center

Portola Plaza Hotel & Monterey Marriott, Monterey, CA

831-646-3770

Registration: <http://www.infotoday.com/il2006/registration.shtml>

November 1-3

Pubmed Toxnet Training

Sponsor: Philadelphia/MLA

Location: Thomas Jefferson University, Learning Resource Center, Edison Building

Information forthcoming: <http://www.mlaphil.org/professional.html>

November 3-8

Information Realities; Shaping the Digital Future for All [ASIS & T 2006 Annual Meeting]

Sponsor: American Society for Information Sciences & Technology

Location: Hilton Austin, 500 E. 4th St., Austin, TX 78701

512-482-8000

Information: <http://www.asis.org/Conferences/AM06/program.html>

Registration: <http://www.asis.org/Conferences/AM06/register.html>

November 8

Moving at the Speed of Byte: Emerging Technologies for Information Management

Sponsor: MLA Webcast

Registration: Opens September 2006

Information: http://mlanet.org/education/distance_ed/technologies/index.html

November 11-15

Biomedical & Health Informatics [AMIA 2006 Annual Symposium]

Sponsor: American Medical Informatics Association

Location: Hilton Washington & Towers, 1919 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC
202-483-3000

Information: <http://www.amia.org/meetings/f06/>

Registration: <http://www.amia.org/meetings/f06/rates.asp>

November 12-15

PaLA Annual Conference

Sponsor: Pennsylvania Library Association

Information forthcoming: <http://www.palibraries.org/>

Ongoing Workshops

DIALOG Workshops

Location: 1735 Market St., Phila., PA 19103

Registration & Information: (800) 334-2564.

For upcoming classes, go to: http://training.dialog.com/sem_info/calendar/penn.html

Health Sciences Libraries Consortium [HSLC]

Location: 3600 Market St., Suite 550, Philadelphia, PA

Information: (215) 222-1532 or http://www.hslc.org/classes_intro.html

Registration: <http://www.hslc.org/register.html>

Training at National Library of Medicine: <http://nnlm.gov/mar/online/schedule.html>

Special Libraries Association online courses: <http://www.sla.org/calendar/> §

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Treasurer's Report

The Philadelphia Regional Chapter/MLA Citizen Bank account, as of July 11, 2006, has a balance of \$16,710.85, with all transactions recorded in a Quicken database.

Funds invested in the PA Treasury currently total \$5,109.19. §

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