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EXPRESSIONS

Beautiful Black Hills Beckon

David Hulkonen

The South Dakota Planning Committee for the 1991 MCMLA Annual Meeting has completed the preliminary program planning for this year's Rapid City meeting. The theme is "Great Faces. Great Places.", and we warmly encourage each of you to set aside September 14-17, 1991, on your calendars right now.

- Saturday, September 14

Continuing education offerings include two full-day programs and two half-day sessions. KayCee Hale will be conducting one full-day program entitled "Professional Performance through Personal Projection". The other 8-hour program, "Total Quality Management", will be presented by Holly Schipp Buchanan. One of the half-day sessions deals with "Legal Research for non-law Librarians" taught by a University of Denver Law School librarian.

CE attendees and others arriving on Saturday will have a free evening to visit some local sights or arrange a trip to Deadwood for low stakes gambling. The conference hotel can arrange transportation.

- Sunday, September 15

The conference officially kicks off at 1:00 P.M. with the keynote address given by KayCee Hale, who graciously combines the talents of an executive, model, librarian and motivational lecturer. She will not only educate us but also expand our horizons with her timely topic "Influencing Institutional Cultures". KayCee has inspired and invigorated untold audiences with her wide-ranging expertise in both public relations and defining a personal image.

The keynote address will be followed by a speaker who is a well-known friend and colleague of many of us in MCMLA, Carolyn Reid, who will be representing MLA at our meeting.

By mid-afternoon we will begin what may be the highlight for many first-time visitors to South Dakota, a trip to Mt. Rushmore, with plenty of time for sightseeing and picture taking followed by a REAL western chuckwagon dinner and entertainment.

- Monday, September 16

Monday provides an assortment of presenters, a computer lab demonstration of software applications including graphics and desktop publishing; and, of course, a rich array of exhibits. This year's conference inaugurates a shorter but more extensive opportunity to meet and learn from our exhibitors. Monday will be the only day of exhibits, but there will be ample opportunity for everyone to view their products and services.

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Robert Hauptman, library science educator and author, will make a presentation on "Ethical Issues in Librarianship" with time for audience reaction. Lynn Fortney, Biomedical Division Marketing Manager for EBSCO, will discuss her "Index Medicus Price Study".

The day will be capped off with a banquet and entertainment by the 4077th T.R.A.S.H., a local group who promises to embarrass only a few and to keep everyone laughing.

• Tuesday, September 17

There's still more, folks! An open format poster session is planned. Volunteer your ideas and get in touch with Val Jones, St. Luke's Midland Regional Hospital, 305 South State Street, Aberdeen, SD 57401. Those who wish to arrange an interest group or round table should contact DeAnn Hilmoie, St. Mary's Hospital, 800 E. Dakota, Pierre, SD 57501. The Awards Luncheon will feature Val Farmer, a clinical psychologist and columnist, who will speak on "Surviving in Rural Communities", a look at the psychological and physical stresses as well as the spirit and vitality of rural America.

Some of the best news awaits those of you resigned to high hotel prices. Conference rates are LOW - LOW - LOW, only \$52 for a single and \$60 for two at the Rushmore Plaza Hotel. Weatherwise you should prepare for days that can still be quite warm with cooler temperatures in the evenings and at higher elevations.

United Airlines is serving as the official airline for the 1991 MCMLA meeting in Rapid City. Savings will range from 5% on discounted fares to 40% on unrestricted coach. More complete information will accompany the pre-registration packet. Our group I.D. number is 510RJ and United can be reached at 800/521-4041.

We in South Dakota extend a warm welcome to you all and hope to see you this September in the beautiful Black Hills. Many of you will automatically receive registration packets as members of MCMLA, but for those of you who don't and wish to, please contact:

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MCMLA Election Results

Here are the pertinent facts from the last MCMLA election: Two hundred and fifty ballots were mailed, 63 non-MLA (short) and 187 MLA (long). One hundred and seventy were returned, 36 non-MLA and 134 MLA. And the winners are:

Vice-Chairman/Chairman-Elect
Pat Hamilton

Recording Secretary
Jane Warren Carver

Candidate to MLA Nominating Committee
Joan M. Stoddart

In other voting news, the results of the special ballot for increasing the annual MCMLA dues from \$7.50 to \$15.00 passed. The vote was 153 in favor and 15 against.

New Publishing Schedule for the Express

T. Scott Plutchak

Okay. I've been doing this for a couple of years now, and I think I know what kind of a schedule I can actually keep to. (Those of you who are keeping track may notice that this particular issue is ten weeks late and counting...)

The current production schedule runs something like this: Once I have the articles in place, it takes one to two weeks to get everything edited, entered and organized. I send it over to Mary Helms at Washington University and it takes two to four weeks to be put into the desktop publisher, formatted, sent back to me for proofing, and returned for final printing. Then it goes to the bulk mailer and, low-cost mailing being what it is these days, it takes another two to four weeks to be sure everyone has gotten their copies. So, keeping that in mind and trying to be sure that we get information in time for the MCMLA and MLA annual meetings, let's try this.

This issue is Vol.13, #1 and should be "Winter". Well, it was closing in on eighty degrees today in St. Louis, so we'll make it Winter/Spring and from now on issue #1 will be "Spring". The schedule will be as follows:

Issue #1 (Spring): Deadline for submissions March 15, mailing date April 30. This is the issue to shoot for when you want people to read something right before the MLA annual meeting, but remember that by the time people get this, it's probably too late for them to make any significant changes in their plans.

Issue #2 (Summer): Deadline for submissions June 15, mailing date July 30. This is the issue for last minute MCMLA annual meeting stuff.

Issue #3 (Fall): Deadline for submission October 15, mailing date December 15. I'm leaving a longer gap

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between submissions and mailing date on this one. It includes the Annual Meeting supplement which is especially time-consuming to put together.

Issue #4 (Winter): Deadline for submission January 15, mailing date February 30. This is the issue to put things in for people to consider in making their plans for the MLA Annual Meeting. It should appear a few weeks after they've gotten their registration packets.

This makes for a somewhat uneven schedule (one month between the Winter and Spring issues and four months between the Summer and Fall issues), but given the times that the annual meetings occur it seems unavoidable. So I'll give it a shot during the next year and you can all keep score on how close I come.

As long as I'm dithering on here, let me take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to the members of this organization for the way you all support your newsletter. Every year I attend the Newsletter Editors Roundtable at the MLA Annual Meeting. One of the topics each time is how to get people to contribute articles. That has never been a problem here -- my problem is how to get everything in before Bob Pisciotta pulls the financial plug because we're printing too many pages. It makes this job easy and an absolute delight. I am truly honored to be able to be a part of it.

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Hospitals Merge in Kansas City

Cami L. Loucks

Everything is more than up to date in Kansas City!

Following a national trend of hospital mergers, several hospitals and health care facilities in the greater Kansas City metropolitan area have merged as members of Health Midwest. This is the largest health care system in Missouri or Kansas. The merger has provided each of the member hospitals and health care facilities with opportunities for cost sharing and resource sharing. The hospitals and health facilities in Health Midwest are:

Hospitals (ranked by bed size):

Trinity Lutheran Hospital
Research Medical Center
Baptist Medical Center
Research Belton Hospital
Lee's Summit Hospital
Lafayette Regional Health Center
Medical Center of Independence
Cass Medical Center
Allen Country Hospital -- Iola, KS

Other health care facilities:

Research Mental Health Services
Research Psychiatric Center
The Rehabilitation Institute
Trinity Lutheran Manor
HealthPlus
Research Adult Day Center
and several dozen other health facilities and services

The new system has a market share of approximately 23% within the 10 county metropolitan area, and is the fourth largest employer in the Kansas City area.

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Book Reviews

Nancy Peterson

Core Collection in Nursing and the Allied Health Sciences -- Books, Journals, Media edited by Annette Peretz, Aurelia Stephan and Edwin Terry. (Phoenix: Oryx Press, 1990. \$60.00)

Core Collection in Nursing and the Allied Health Sciences is an excellent source book for libraries supporting programs in nursing and the health sciences. Its existence is the result of a collaboration between two audiovisual reference librarians from Bronx Community College and one general reference librarian from Nassau Community College in New York. They have established a nice balance between print and nonprint materials for each topic. Their work represents several core collections for different kinds of users and resource facilities, and it includes a wide variety of quality materials from diverse sources, even computer software producers. Approximately 1,000 books and media programs in the health sciences are listed.

The book is arranged by subjects which are listed in a Table of Contents and supported by a comprehensive Subject Index. The entries under each topic are divided into Print and Nonprint Selections and contain publication/ordering information, concise description of content, and intended audience notations. Sections on "Collection Development" and "Media Sources" assist users in the selection process by offering suggestions for preview and evaluation of materials, while the "Directory of Publishers, Distributors and Producers" facilitates ordering and inquiries. Finally, the Author and Title Indexes at the end give the user additional ease in locating specific materials. *Core Collection in Nursing and the Allied Health Sciences* -- Books, Journals, Media is a worthwhile addition to those libraries supporting allied health and nursing programs.

The Health Benefits of Smoking Cessation, A Report of the Surgeon General, 1990. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control, Publication No. (CDC) 90-8416, 1990. \$20.00)

The Health Benefits of Smoking Cessation is a comprehensive 628 page book that includes excellent research and concise conclusions for anyone interested in this subject. For instance, did you know that by 1987, more than 38 million Americans had quit smoking cigarettes, nearly half of all living adults who ever smoked -- or that the quit ratio has increased from 29.6% in 1965 to 44.8% in 1987 -- or that smokers in 1987 were more than three times as likely to receive advice from a physician to stop smoking than smokers in 1964 -- or that smoking cessation substantially reduces the risk of coronary disease? These and other conclusions are simply stated at the end of each chapter, along with extensive references. There are lists of

tables and figures, plus a glossary and index to help the reader quickly understand and locate terms. The *Health Benefits of Smoking Cessation* is available for loan from all government depository libraries (and from many selective depositories) if you don't want to purchase it.

Short Notice

Carol Iglauder

Would you like to combine a summer vacation abroad with some unusual continuing education? Or would you like to spend up to a year working in a library in another country? If the answer is "yes," then consider the opportunities below.

✓ Oxford-Oklahoma Seminar: May 19-June 1, 1991.

This seminar, designed to introduce American librarians to British perspectives on librarianship and to the extensive resources of the Bodleian Library of the University of Oxford, is in its 14th year. The demands of the program vary, depending on whether a participant chooses to take it for graduate credit, for CEUs, or on a non-credit basis; but all participants will have the opportunity to use the Bodleian to explore individual areas of interest. The methods of study are lecture, discussion, tours, and individual research and assignments (for those participating on a for-credit basis). In addition to immersing themselves in the history and collections of the Bodleian, seminar participants will visit the British Library in London and the Library Association headquarters. And yes, even with this heavy schedule, there will be tours, excursions, and social activities.

Barbara Wilson, of the program office, indicated that medical librarians have occasionally participated in the seminar in the past. The director of the seminar, William Clennell, senior assistant librarian at the Bodleian, will make arrangements for participants to meet with British medical librarians and to visit British health sciences libraries. For further information and registration materials write to Barbara Wilson, Program Administrator, CLS Oxford Seminar, 1700 Asp Avenue, Norman, OK 73037-1001, 405/325-1061.

✓ Librarians' Tour of Scotland: August 1-11, 1991.

This tour is another of the wide range of continuing education opportunities offered by the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Library and Information Studies. The program will be based at Dalkeith, Scotland (6 miles from Edinburgh); the focus will be on Scottish librarianship and on a number of libraries and collections in the area. Additionally, there will be a strong emphasis on Scottish history, with tours of Melrose Abbey, Stirling Castle, and Sir Walter Scott's home, which houses a large rare book collection. The Edinburgh Book Festival begins the last weekend of the tour and continues for 10 days. Jane Pearlmuter, the tour leader, advised me that this book festival--set in a beautiful park--is well worth staying on

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for: it features talks by famous authors, and covers all disciplines.

Ms. Pearlmutter told me that this tour, too, has had medical librarian participation in the past; and that Robert Craig, executive secretary of the Scottish Library Association and local tour coordinator, can arrange for visits to Scottish medical libraries and meetings with Scottish medical librarians. For information on the tour and CEUs, contact Jane Pearlmutter, School of Library and Information Studies, Continuing Education Services, University of Wisconsin- Madison/Extension, 600 N. Park Street, Madison, WI 53706, 608/262-6398.

■ **Legislative Update**

National Research and Education Network

Alice Edwards

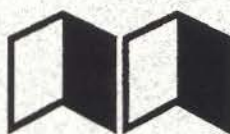
(The following information is from the ALA Washington Newsletter, January 31, 1991)

Legislation to create a National Research and Education Network has been reintroduced by Sen. Albert Gore Jr., (D-TN), the chief sponsor of NREN bills in previous Congresses.

Senator Gore spoke about the NREN at the January 13 President's Program at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Chicago.

The ALA Council passed a Resolution of the National Research and Education Network (CD #40) on January 16 to reaffirm its support of the NREN and recommend elements to be incorporated in NREN legislation. Among these elements are:

- Recognition of education in its broadest sense as a reason for development of the NREN
- Eligibility of all types of libraries to link to the NREN as resource providers and as access points for users
- A voice for involved constituencies, including libraries, in development of network policy and technical standards
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The Kansas Governor's Conference

Jane Griffith

Initiated by the State Library, the planning for the Kansas Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services was done by a steering committee composed of librarians, library trustees and friends, citizens, and public officials. Nine regional meetings were scheduled for September 22, 1990 in order to formulate resolutions and to elect delegates to the conference at the state level. Many dedicated volunteers helped make the plans materialize at the various stages of the enterprise.

Two hundred thirty five delegates and alternates traveled to Topeka to attend the Kansas Governor's Conference, November 8-10, 1990. Among the Wichita area delegates was one medical librarian, Candia Welch, who also served on the steering committee, and two medical students from the University of Kansas School of Medicine.

The 150 resolutions developed at the regional conferences in September were organized into 14 categories for consideration by delegates at the Governor's Conference. The categories were: 1) access to information; 2) information service to special populations; 3) funding for information service; 4) technology for information service; 5) literacy; 6) education for information service; 7) research and planning for information service; 8) promotion of information service; 9) preservation of information; 10) mutual support among libraries; 11) economic development; 12) school libraries in information service; 13) privacy in information service; and 14) revision of copyright law.

After debate, the 150 resolutions were consolidated into sixty to be taken to the White House Conference in July, 1991. Eight delegates plus alternates were elected to represent Kansas at the national level.

The Kansas delegates, their categories, and hometowns are: George Blume (General Public, Phillipsburg), Carol Fox (Library Staff, El Dorado), Jo Taliaferro (Public Official, Topeka), Blanche Parks (Public Official, Topeka), Jane Hatch (Library Staff, Dodge City), Grette Payne (General Public, Emporia), Barbara Wunsch (Trustee and Friend, Kingman and Lawrence), James Mendenhall (Trustee and Friend, Lawrence).

Although the two tangible products of the conference were delegates elected and resolutions adopted, there were less tangible but still worthwhile products. Many resolutions affirmed democratic principles. Dialogues were initiated between librarians, library trustees, friends of libraries, legislators, citizens, and public officials, providing possibilities for future understandings and alliances.

Planners at the state and regional levels have access to a "want" list. Participants, especially at the regional level, experienced the power of "town meetings."

Following the conference, the delegates and alternates organized to educate themselves in preparation for their Washington stint. Part of the process will involve meeting with citizens in open forum situations at least four times prior to the White House Conference.

If you wish to contact the delegates, write to: Jane Hatch, Chairperson, Kansas White House Conference Delegates, Dodge City Public Library, 1001 Second Avenue, Dodge City, KS 67801-4484.

► When You're In San Francisco

Colleague Connection

Leilani St. Anna

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Are you going to MLA in San Francisco? Increase your enjoyment by making a COLLEAGUE CONNECTION. The Colleague Connection pairs a new member or first-time attendee with an experienced MLAer. Last year's program in Detroit was rated a great success by participants!

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Image Empowerment: Strategies for the Health Sciences Librarian

Pat Ciejka

Your image -- does it make a difference? You'd better believe that it does! KayCee Hale will tell you WHY. She will also tell you HOW to enhance your image by providing you with techniques that will make you more effective as a library professional. WHEN and WHERE will she do this? She will be the speaker at the 1:30pm session at the MLA Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 5, 1991. WHO will be there? Everyone who would like to learn the skills to communicate effectively, to build self-esteem, to be EMPOWERED, is welcome to attend. Ms. Hale will discuss guidelines to accentuate the verbal, vocal, and visual components of a professional image.

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Kaycee Hale is Executive Director of the Resource & Research Center of the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising. She is also Executive Director of FIDM Museum & Library Foundation and is an international lecturer who has made presentations at UCLA, University of Maryland, California State Polytechnic University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Tuskegee Institute, and University of Missouri-Columbia.

Sponsors for the program are the Status and Economic Interests of Health Sciences Library Personnel Committee, the Federal Libraries Section, the Hospital Libraries Section, the Mental Health Libraries Section, and the Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section.

Membership & Dues Forum in SF

Rosanne Labree

The MLA Membership Committee wishes to hear your views regarding a dues structure which will meet the needs of MLA members and provide the Association with a viable financial base.

During the next few months, the committee will be providing members with three opportunities to express their views. Your suggestions will be used by the committee to prepare a recommendation on a dues structure for the MLA Board of directors.

At the annual meeting, on Sunday, June 2 from 8:00 to 9:00 pm, the Membership Committee will host an open forum for members to share their views on the MLA dues structure and discuss the questions listed below. Also in

attendance will be the MLA Board of Directors, key MLA Headquarters staff and Chapter and Section Council Representatives and Alternates. Please plan to attend and make your thoughts known.

Members unable to attend the open forum may send comments on the MLA dues structure to Gail Yokote. In particular, the committee is interested in your answers to the following questions:

1) Should there be different categories of membership (current categories are: regular (individual), student associate, sustaining, emeritus (retired), life, institutional, and corporate)?

If yes, which categories do you recommend?

2) For each member category proposed, should each member pay the same amount in dues? If no, how should the dues be determined? Please comment on the following two options:

a) Each member receives the same benefits, services and products, but pays different amounts based on special characteristics (e.g., salary, library budget, number of serial subscriptions).

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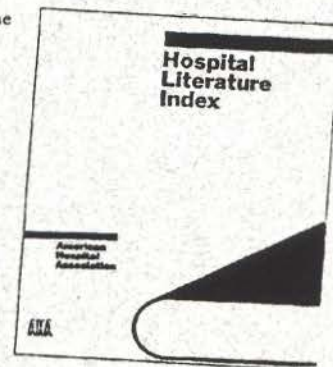
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To be included in the initial draft, comments must be received by July 12. Please send your comments to:

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UCLA Biomedical Library
Center for the Health Sciences
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► Streamlined Guidelines for Chapter Compliance

Anne Linton

Chapters of MLA in compliance with the MLA bylaws for continued recognition of chapters share in the following benefits: voting representation on Chapter Council; linkages with vital MLA committees such as the Membership and Governmental Relations Committees; access to MLA services such as mailing lists and news releases; and increased visibility in MLA through MLA Directory listings, the MLA News Chapter column, the chapter factsheet enclosed with MLA dues renewal, and chapter displays at the MLA Annual Meeting. The Chapter Council serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors of MLA, acting to promote interchange between chapters and to offer chapters the opportunity to participate more directly in the governance of MLA through representation of chapters' interests at the Board level. The compliance process ensures that the needs of MLA members are met at every level -- local, regional, and national.

Chapters maintain compliance by meeting the following criteria: 1) maintaining a membership of MLA voting members equal to one-half of the Association's voting members within a chapter's boundaries; 2) electing chapter officers who are regular members or fellows of MLA; and 3) selecting Chairmen of chapter committees who are regular members, representatives of institutional members, or fellows of MLA.

In response to chapter requests, the Chapter Council and the MLA Board have recently streamlined the compliance process. Compliance is determined by a biannual survey, conducted in even-numbered years, by the Chapter Formation and Compliance Committee (CFCC) of the MLA Chapter Council. At that time, each chapter is asked to complete both the Biannual Declaration of Chapter Compliance and Compliance Questionnaire. It is the charge of the CFCC to assist chapters in attaining and maintaining recognition as chapters.

All fourteen chapters were surveyed in 1990. Every chapter but one was found to be in compliance. This

chapter had one officer and one committee chair who were not regular members or fellows of MLA. This situation has been corrected, in accordance with the procedures outlined below.

On the rare occasion when a chapter falls out of compliance, the CFCC will work closely with that chapter to correct the situation. Most chapters have been in compliance over the last few years.

Any chapter which is out of compliance during a survey year will be asked to complete the Biannual Declaration of Chapter Compliance for both the year preceding and following the survey. Action will be taken only after a chapter has been found to be out of compliance for three consecutive years. At that time, Chapter Council may recommend to the MLA Board that the chapter be placed on probation for three years, effective the next Association year. Chapters on probationary status may still send a non-voting representative to Chapter Council meetings and retain most formal links with MLA.

Chapter Council will work with any chapters on probationary status to develop and implement strategies for returning to compliance. If at any time during the probationary period the chapter returns to compliance, Chapter Council will recommend to the Board that recognition of the chapter be restored in the next Association year.

In the unlikely event that a chapter fails to return to compliance by the end of the probationary period, Chapter Council will recommend to the MLA Board that recognition of the Chapter be withdrawn beginning in the next Association year. The chapter will then lose all formal links with MLA. This process would take a minimum of six years. Throughout this period, efforts to help the chapter return to compliance would be ongoing. Chapters which lose recognition may regain chapter status by following the guidelines for establishment of new Chapters.

It will be quite unusual for a chapter to be placed on probation. Probation results in the following conditions: 1) the chapter's probationary status will be announced in the MLA News and shown in the MLA Directory; 2) the chapter will not name a potential candidate for the MLA Nominating Committee; 3) the chapter will lose voting rights in Chapter Council; and 4) the chapter's Representative and Alternate to Chapter Council will not be eligible to serve as Council Chairman or Vice-Chairman or to chair Council committees. As noted above, the chapter will retain all other formal links with MLA and will continue to send a non-voting representative to Chapter Council meetings.

Finally, if one or more chapters continue to face non-compliance issues, the definition of compliance will

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be reviewed and revised as needed. MLA strives to remain alert to potential changes in the makeup of its members and the impact such changes could have on chapters.

► MLA CE Committee Update

Ada M. Seltzer

At its mid-winter meeting in February, the CE Committee discussed the chapter focus group suggestions concerning CE compiled by Chapter Council. Most of the expressed concerns seem to be related to a lack of knowledge about the complexities of the CE program. Other needed action concerned improved communications about committee membership criteria, the three-year course revision cycle, better course descriptions which included target audience information, and progress towards implementation of alternative delivery methods. Due to the low registration for some courses in the areas of essential knowledge for the Academy, chapters and local sponsoring organizations may have to consider subsidizing these basic courses for members to address the concerns identified about these course offerings. Regarding reciprocal CE approval, the committee and headquarters are currently pursuing reciprocal agreements with other national library organizations for continuing education courses so that MLA members have a greater opportunity to enroll in courses relevant to their immediate needs and acquire MLA CE credits as well.

The first method of alternative delivery for CE courses (journal club) was finalized in February and approved for pilot testing with several chapters: South Central, Southern, and Hawaii. The journal club is designed as another option for members to participate in MLA CE activities, but it may not be suitable for everyone. Initially, the journal club will not be used to meet the needs in the ten areas of essential knowledge.

A convener will handle all the paper work for the group of about three to ten individuals and will decide on the list of article to be discussed at the six one and one-half hour sessions held within a six-month period. The list of readings is submitted with the registration form to headquarters. Headquarters is responsible for mailing all certificates. There is a registration fee of \$30.00 which is waived for the convener. Participants completing a journal club program receive four CE credit hours. The pilot groups will be required to evaluate and report to the committee with recommendations for further refinements prior to final approval. Plans include publication of these reading lists as a means of sharing with other clubs.

Several other delivery methods are being investigated with further discussion scheduled for the committee meeting in San Francisco. Electronic bulletin boards may be a viable method for course presentations for members with limited

travel opportunities. Self-study courses such as interactive programs already developed may be made available to the membership if cost arrangements are acceptable. The advantages of self-study methods include lower costs, independent scheduling, self-paced learning and a reduction in time away from the job.

For additional information, contact Gale Dutcher, CE Committee Chair, NLM, Specialized Information Services, 301/496-3147.

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Leadership List

Nina Hull

The following individuals have been nominated to the Hospital Libraries Section Leadership List. It is an honor to be nominated to the list since it involves a fellow librarian, a peer, taking time to complete an application recommending someone for their outstanding leadership abilities, or for their active participation in professional activities, or for their consistently high levels of work performance, or for special projects completed, or for an exemplary professional career.

Nominees are still being accepted through May 31, 1991. To locate an application form, check the February 1991 issue of National Network. Again, congratulations to these Midcontinental Chapter members for their outstanding achievements.

Margaret Bandy - St. Joseph Hospital, Denver
Sandra Parker - Swedish Medical Center, Denver
Rosaline Dudden - National Jewish Center for Immunology & Respiratory Medicine, Denver

Certificate of Service for Retirees

Karen Tubolino

The Hospital Libraries Section has approved a "Certificate of Service" for retirees. The purpose of the Certificate is to acknowledge and congratulate HLS members upon their retirement for their years of service in the field of hospital librarianship. In order to be eligible for a Certificate, the recipient must: 1) have reached an acknowledged retirement age or tenure; 2) have been an HLS member for at least five years preceding retirement; 3) be verified/approved by the Membership Committee for certificate eligibility.

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Certificates of Service may be requested by retiring librarians themselves, or for retiring librarians by their colleagues. The Certificate, suitable for framing, will be issued as soon as each request is approved. Names of recipients will be announced at the HLS annual meeting.

If you would like to request a Certificate of Service for yourself or a colleague, write to:

Karen Tubolino
Good Samaritan Hospital
Medical Library
1000 Montauk Hwy
West Islip, NY 11795
516/661-3000 x2135

Please include the recipient's name, year of retirement, age at retirement, length of service in the field, length of HLS membership, and any other pertinent information.



May 31 - June 6, 1991: MLA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

September 14-17, 1991: MCMLA Annual Meeting, Rapid City, SD. Contact: Pat Hamilton, Health Sciences Library, Rapid City Regional Hospital, 353 Fairmont Blvd., Rapid City, SD 57709-6000 (605/341-7101)

May 15-21, 1992: MLA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

September 29 - October 3, 1992: MCMLA Annual Meeting (jointly with Midwest Chapter), St. Louis, MO. Contact: Sandra Brenner, Medical Center Library, St. John's Mercy Medical Center, 621 S. New Ballas Road, St. Louis, MO 63141.

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