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INTRODUCTION

The Medical Library Group of Southern California (now Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona) began meeting formally in 1948 to consider organizing a regional group of the Medical Library Association (MLA). By early 1951 the Group was a recognized library group in Southern California and a regional group of MLA. Ms. Ella Crandall, Los Angeles County General Hospital Library Director, was the Group's first chair. Ms. Louise Darling, Director of the UCLA Biomedical Library, was elected as the second chair of MLGSC in 1949. Both early chairs were actively involved on the national level and presented papers at the annual meetings of MLA. Chapter archives reveal that although Ms. Darling was a staunch supporter of local affiliation with MLA, less than one-third of the Southern California Group members were affiliated with MLA. The archives also document that the annual joint conferences with the MLG of San Francisco began in March 1950 with seventeen members from Southern California in attendance. While dues were \$1.00 per year, postcards typed, and sent for \$.01, and the operating budget minimal; the information issues facing librarians were amazingly similar to those facing librarians at the close of the 20th century. More than forty years ago Ella Crandall ¹ wrote about the challenges of providing professional information services in a hospital library where anyone who could read was considered qualified to run a hospital library. At the 1952 MLA annual meeting Louise Darling's paper² addressed the use of notched cards as a time saving device in circulation and reference, foreshadowing the use of computers in libraries!

From its earliest days MLGSCA leaders have challenged the status quo and provided the visions and directions for health information professionals on local and national levels. The MLGSCA list of national notables includes: Rachael Anderson, Alfred Brandon, Bob Braude, Alison Bunting, Lois Ann Colaianni, Louise Darling, Jacqueline Doyle, Sherrilyne Fuller, Nelson Gilman, Michael Homan, Mary Horres, Phyllis Mirsky, David Morse, Daniel Richards, Kay Wellik, Gail Yokote, and Joan Zenan.

Today the MLGSCA group has grown to over 300 members with an operating budget of \$55,000.00. The group has amassed a financial portfolio of over \$250,000.00, which helps provide two program meetings, continuing education opportunities, and one three-day joint regional conference per year. These opportunities keep the members abreast of the emerging technologies and changes in information technology, management, and resources. From its earliest days MLGSCA's vision has remained constant. It strives to be "***The vital net (network, education, technology) for the health information professional.***"

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HISTORY 1950-1998

1950's: What We Knew

- A deep, dark tan is a sign of good health and affluence
- Sun emits two kinds of rays: burn rays and tan rays
- A record four minute mile
- Tonsillectomies were most commonly performed surgery in the U.S. Tonsils were viewed as useless!
- ENIAC was the one of the first computers and weighed 30 tons with 18,000 vacuum tubes.
- “Blue jeans” were a fashion essential for defense work.
- I Love Lucy was a favorite TV show.
- 1957: Russians launch Sputnik satellite: the space race begins.

Medical Library Group of Southern California 1948-1959

The Medical Library Group of Southern California began meeting formally in 1948 to consider organizing a regional group of the Medical Library Association. By early 1951 the Group was a recognized library group in Southern California. The geographic boundaries were from Bakersfield in the north to San Diego.

First officers of the Group were: Chair, **Ella Crandall**, Los Angeles County General Hospital Library Director and Secretary-Treasurer, **Louise Darling**, UCLA Biomedical Librarian. There were 50 members from the greater Los Angeles area, which included librarians from Santa Barbara to Orange County. Meetings were held four times a year in one of the medical libraries affiliated with the group and dues were \$.50 per year to cover cost of announcement mailings. The business agendas of these first formal meetings included chapter formation, interlibrary loans, MLA affiliation, and foreign libraries as recipients for duplicates. In the 1950's business topics and actions included establishment of new officers and committees: vice-chair, treasurer, nominating, constitution, membership; audiovisual materials, library standards, role of medical librarians, and recruitment into the profession.

From the beginning the annual meeting of MLGSC was held jointly with the regional group from Northern California. The first joint meeting was held in March 26-27, 1950 at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco. The theme of the joint meeting was recent advances in psychiatry. There were 17 members from Southern California in attendance.

In 1951 MLGSC conducted its first membership survey. In 1952 the Group approved its first constitution. As a result of the membership survey in 1953/54 the Group passed its first constitutional amendments which set standards and levels of membership. Members were either active (professional librarians actively employed), associate (worked in medical libraries but not “professional librarians”) and affiliate (retired librarians) members. At the first meeting of the year Ms. Louise Darling reported on recruitment on a national scale and recommended chapter action. Under the direction of Alfred Brandon, recruitment of members was coordinated with the local chapter of the Special Library Association. By the end of 1955 the Group grew to 80 members. In 1957 the annual Medical Library Association meeting was held in Los Angeles, CA with Ella Crandall as the convention chairman. The focus of this meeting was also on professional recruitment, certification, curriculum, and internship.

At the decade's end the Group began to focus its efforts on greater collaboration between all types of libraries in terms of interlibrary lending, collection development, and access. An equally important focus was raising standards for librarians in terms of responsibilities and salaries. At the end of the decade professional librarians were not making salaries representative of their education or responsibilities. The archives highlight several members leaving the profession due to poor working conditions and low salaries.

MLGSCA 1949-1959

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY - TREASURER
1949	Ella Crandall	Louise Darling
1950	Louise Darling	Martha Weber
1951	Josephine Herman	Barbara Wright
1952	Vilma Proctor	Romira Jobe
1953	Dorothy Nieman	Joyce Marson
1954	Nancy Hayes	Fumiko Oiya, Dean Dwyer
1955	Gertrude Clark	Grace Weiner, Brasfield
1956	Alfred Brandon	J. White, R. McIntosh
1957	Mollie Stitner	Jean Ale, Frank Bennett
1958	Grace Weiner	Frances Freleaux, R. Lewis
1959	Frances Freleaux	Milred Grandbois, R. Lewis

1960s: The Decade of Rebellion

- Increasing evidence that cigarette smoking is not healthy. 70 million American smoke.
- Fidel Castro takes over Cuba.
- Dr Spock becomes the leading voice in the age of permissiveness, more flexible and non-violent approach to child rearing.
- By 1960 89% of American homes have a television.
- First credit cards were introduced to American consumers.
- Birth control pill use is approved by the FDA in 1960.
- Star Trek premiers in 1966 followed three years later by Sesame Street.
- Vietnam War begins.
- First human heart transplant in 1967
- Thin, Mod, Twiggy, Grey Flannel Suit are the fashion look.

Medical Library Group of Southern California 1960-1969

The 1960s were exciting and challenging years for the librarians in MLGSC. In the early years the concern of the Group was cooperation, interlibrary lending, and professional development. Professional recruitment and retention was a major focus. Under the direction of Bob Braude several career guidance

days were held in cooperation with Special Library Association at the high school level to encourage students to consider and choose information science as a career.

By the mid-sixties the times were quickly changing. Technology was beginning to impact the information profession. Medical libraries entered into the "Age of MEDLARS." In the early 1960's MEDLARS (Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System) was born at the National Library of Medicine. The MEDLARS system was NLM's computer based information storage and retrieval program used to produce *Index Medicus*. With MEDLARS, the Medical Library Assistance Act of 1965, and the 1967 National Library of Medicine's establishment of Regional Medical Library programs, the world of libraries joined the computer age. The face of libraries changed forever. Unknown to the general public, medical libraries were on the cutting edge of the computer based information retrieval, regionalism, networking, and collaboration.

In 1965 UCLA was awarded \$125,000 contract for a pilot study for decentralizing MEDLARS with Louise Darling as the primary investigator. UCLA Biomedical library was chosen as the first in the proposed network of geographically dispersed MEDLARS search centers. In December 1965 a special meeting sponsored by MLGSC led by Ella Crandall, Dr. Vilma Proctor and Clyde Winters discussed the implications of the Medical Library Assistance Act of 1965. In January 1966 Louise Darling outlined some of the problems involved in making a MEDLARS information center and outlined the aim of the program. Each member of her staff (Bob Braude, Robert Lewis, Lois Ann Colaianni, Betsy Beamish) spent several months at National Library of Medicine in preparation for the new west coast MEDLARS search center. The organization of MEDLARS, Medical Subject Headings, indexing and retrieval, and search strategies were topics presented to MLGSC members at this first two day seminar and meeting in 1966!

At the final meeting of the year in 1966 a non-profit scholarship foundation was established to provide scholarships for library students to be trained as medical librarians. Although the MLGSC Scholarship Foundation no longer exists, MLGSCA continues to provide three scholarships annually to library students through graduate information programs in California and Arizona universities.

In January 1967 MLGSC chose a committee, chaired by George Summers, to study plans for setting up a Regional Medical Resource Library, following guidelines established by the National Library of Medicine. After four months of meetings the committee recommended that the geographic area include only the nine counties of southern California. This area was small enough to allow residents of the region to travel to and from the Regional Resource Library in the same day. The committee also recommended that the RML should provide a MEDLARS station, free "Xeroxing", a translation service, a medical film distribution center, a regional depository, maintain and distribute a serial list and a union catalog, organize workshops, conduct research, sponsor internships, and provide immediate searches for emergencies. The committee also recommended that a supervisory committee and Advisory Board be established. Finally, the committee recommended that UCLA be the designated RML. However, in June 1967 after consulting with NLM the proposed size of the region needed to be enlarged. So MLGSC sponsored a regional planning meeting in March 1968 with over 50 librarians from Arizona, California, Nevada, and Hawaii in attendance. As a result of that meeting UCLA prepared the grant proposal and PSRMLS began service in September 1969 for health sciences libraries in Arizona, California, Nevada, and Hawaii.

In 1968 the MLGSC realized the importance of communication and information dissemination among its members. Thus, in 1969 MLSC published and mailed its first newsletter to over 100 members. This first newsletter discussed the RML grant proposal.

Other information concerns of MLGSC members and meetings topics in the 1960s included development of audiovisual resources for medical teaching, affiliation with MLA, revision of ILL codes, MLGSC by-laws, shrinking financial resources, resource access vs. ownership, the purpose of library committees in hospitals, regional cooperation, and continuing education of librarians.

The decade ended on the beginning of growth trend for medical libraries. With NLM grant money available libraries were building collections and new buildings, developing new programs, reaching new users, forming networks and alliances, and learning new skills for the coming technological information age of the 1970s.

MLGSCA 1960-1969

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1960	Janet White	D. Dragonette	P. Smith
1961	Margaret Cressaty	Leroy Otto	P. Smith
1962	Robert Lewis	Leroy Otto	Helen Hawley
1963	Frances Lyon	M. Torres	Helen Hawley
1964	John Connor	Denise Kafrouni	Ruth Monahan
1965	Edwin Hughes	S. Abbott	Ruth Monahan
1966	Denise Kafrouni	Veryl Aumack	M. Cranny
1967	George Summers	A. Rosenberg	M. Cranny
1968	Clyde Winters	Barbara Sherry	Dr. Zimmer
1969	Lois Ann Colaianni	Lois Harris	Dr. Zimmer

1970s: The Me Generation

- Equal Rights Amendment passed in the House
- Hand held calculators become available; by 1973 sales reached 25 million
- Lithium and L-Dopa are approved by FDA
- Doonesbury by Gary Trudeau
- MS magazine premiers
- Saturday Night Live premiers on October 11, 1975
- Fitness becomes fashionable.

Medical Library Group of Southern California 1970-1979

The 1970's saw the development of the hospital library. Many hospital librarians joined the Chapter and became leaders. The newly developed Regional Medical Library Service at UCLA provided opportunities for all librarians and especially hospital librarians to develop consortia, to strengthen interlibrary loan systems, and to participate in teaching programs. From MEDLARS came **MEDLINE**, which was very quickly available at most hospital libraries within the region. In the early seventies librarians used the AIM/TWX system from NLM to search *Abridged Index Medicus* online but shortly

MEDLINE online searching extended to the entire *Index Medicus* collection. With online computer searching a reality there was no turning back. Librarians were now on the cutting edge of information retrieval and information technology. Librarians were excited about the new information retrieval possibilities and were anxious for education and training opportunities. PSRMLS and MLGSC sponsored many opportunities for **MEDLINE** training and updates. Audio-visual collections expanded and became commonplace.

In 1974 the Arizona medical library groups were asked to join MLGSC and became official members of MLGSCA in 1975. Later in 1978 the northern geographic boundaries were reestablished to include all libraries south of Fresno.

In 1976 Congress enacted the Copyright Act of 1976, which was the first major revision of U.S. Copyright since 1909. Concerned with the library implications of this Act, MLGSCA and PSRMLS arranged meetings, workshops and programs during 1977 to educate librarians on the new stipulations and CONTU guidelines.

Between 1976 and 1978 MLGSCA carefully studied the issues related to patient education and consumer health. In 1977 MLGSCA passed a resolution in support of providing patients with information. Also during 1977 an ad hoc committee on Health Education, chaired by Gail Yokote, compiled the first edition of the *Directory of Health Education Resources*. The directory listed 85 agencies, which offered health education material for the public. The directory sold for \$2.50 for MLGSCA members and \$5.00 for non-members.

In the mid-1970's the subsidies provided by NLM via PSRMLS for providing interlibrary loans were discontinued. Thus, the academic health sciences resource libraries began to charge a uniform fee for interlibrary loans. The large hospital libraries were now concerned that they would be inundated with ILL requests and could not continue to provide free interlibrary loans to other hospital libraries. The **Ad Hoc Committee to Study Uniform ILL Charges Among Hospital Libraries**, chaired by Lois Clark, began to study the idea of uniform fee for hospital interlibrary loans. A preliminary plan was developed which included \$1.00 fee for interlibrary loans and a coupon exchange payment system. The Interlibrary Loan Committee became a standing committee in 1979 and continued to produce the *Union List of Serials in the Southern California Hospital Libraries* to facilitate interlibrary lending among hospital libraries. The coupon system was also initiated in 1979 with a coupon exchange manager. No one in 1979 realized the positive financial chapter treasury rewards that would be gained from this coupon system!

In the 1970's the scholarship foundation continued to thrive with several annual Book Auctions and Wine Tasting! In 1978 the year's fundraising event brought in over \$4,000.00. Two scholarships for \$2,000.00 each were awarded to graduate students in library science.

In 1978 MLGSCA treasury was becoming financially healthy. By the end of 1978 the balance was approximately \$4,000. MLGSCA began to investigate applying for tax-exempt status, as the treasury was growing which might attract the federal government. In 1978/79 President Marilyn Schwartz applied for tax exempt status for MLGSCA. After months of negotiations with Internal Revenue Service MLGSCA was granted tax-exempt status. However, terms of qualifying for tax exempt status included disbanding the employment committee and amending the Bylaws to reflect that MLGSCA operated as a non-profit educational association. At the close of 1979 MLGSCA received tax-exempt status from the IRS.

At the decade's end MLGSCA had over 300 members, six officers, seven committee chairs, and three appointed officials: President, Past-President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Continuing Education/Program, Membership, Public Relations, Exchange, Scholarship, Interlibrary Loan

Committee, Employment (discontinued in 1979), Nominating, Archivist, MLLA Nominating Committee candidate, and Representative to PSRMLS.

MLGSCA 1970-1979

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1970	E. Lee Johnston	Lois Harris Szczpan	K. Zimmer
1971	Najwa L. Hanel	Phyllis Mirsky	John E. Thornbury
1972	Phyllis Mirsky	Jill Olechno	Frank Mason
1973	Coni Uzelac	Cynthia Butler	Frank Mason
1974	Erika Hansen	Alison Bunting	Elizabeth Stevens
1975	Harvey Hammond	Lorraine Schulte	Elizabeth O'Connell
1976	Eleanor Goodchild	Sherrilynne Shirley	Linda Delph
1977	Allison Bunting	Sheila Latus	Cynthia Butler
1978	Marilyn Schwartz	Carole Hoff	Joyce Loepprich
1979	Judy Labovitz	Judy Bube	Joyce Loepprich

1980's: The Greed Generation

- Passion for cash; “greed is good”
- Princess Di marries Prince Charles in 1981.
- AIDS is documented in 1981; Live AID rock concert raises 17 million for AIDS research in 1985
- Sony Walkman is a must buy.
- Computers are in wide use for large scale data processing but in early 80s most people did see the need for personal computers.
- Volcanic eruptions: St. Helena
- 1986 Space ship Challenger explodes killing 6 astronauts and first teacher in space.
- 1987 Wall Street drops 500 points.
- National Science Foundation network begins in late 1980s

Medical Library Group of Southern California 1980-89

In the eighties the health care world experienced majored changes that greatly impacted the information environment in which MLGSCA members worked. Along with DRGS, cost containment, and the rising costs of health care came the closing and/or consolidation of many health care groups and facilities. Library staffs were downsized while experiencing tremendous pressures to provide more services. Librarians became more visible in medical settings as they took more active roles in hospital politics and academic affairs. In the eighties the medical librarians were among the first to see the need and importance of microcomputers, telefacsimile, and CDROM technologies. Many academic libraries purchased their first microcomputers in 1985 with hospital libraries not far behind!

Again the leaders of MLGSCA saw the immediate need to offer more educational opportunities for its members. Additionally, there were many activities of the Medical Library Association that impacted Chapter programs and projects in the eighties. These were the establishment of the Chapter Council, reexamination of the certification and credential programs, which led to establishment of the Academy of Health Information Professionals; and the creation of the MLA Strategic Plan.

In 1980 MLGSCA was offering four continuing education classes, one two-day joint program meeting with NCNMLG, and two program meetings per year. In addition the Chapter produced a *Union List of Serials*, four newsletters, two exchange lists and a membership directory per year. Every year thousands of dollars were raised for scholarships but the Chapter's budget was woefully short with very little in reserves from year to year. With the approval of the membership dues were raised from \$12.00 to \$15.00 per year, making MLGSCA one of the more expensive chapters to join. Throughout the eighties MLGSCA continued to employ budget procedures that helped the treasury remain sound. In addition funds collected from the coupon accounts were growing and appropriate investment strategies were investigated. The treasurer job became more complex and time consuming. In mid-eighties an ad hoc finance committee was established to make recommendations for monitoring the organization's fiscal expenditures and investments. This resulted in hiring an accountant to monitor MLGSCA accounts, investments, and tax returns.

In 1980 MLGSCA became a Chapter rather than Group of the Medical Library Association and drafted new By-laws. A new position was added to the Advisory Council: MLA Chapter Council representative. With the addition of this position communication between the Chapter and MLA increased. Chapter members were kept informed of MLA professional goals and objectives. At the joint meetings MLA representatives gave formal presentations to the general membership. In addition three permanent committees emerged in the eighties: interlibrary loan, automation, and joint meeting planning. In 1986 the MLGSCA Louise Darling Award was established to honor librarians who have made significant contributions to the profession.

Survival of the profession was another driving force in the eighties. Many of the continuing education courses and seminars reflected the need to redefine librarian's roles, increase our skill levels, and develop strategies to collaborate with health provider professional groups. Librarians became proactive and were among the first to set up computer centers at their academic or hospital centers. At the decade end MLGSCA was sponsoring classes on micro-computing, local area networks, medical informatics, CD-ROMs, entrepreneur strategies, enhancing the librarian's image, management for survival, teaching Medline to the health professional, and technical services in the year 2001! The decade ended with rumblings of NSF internet activities.

MLGSCA 1980-1989

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1980	Gail Yokote	Gilian Olechno	Pat Carlson
1981	Sherrill Sorrentino	Barbara Walters	Pat Walters
1982	Cynthia Butler	Lois Clark	Ute Simons
1983	Jacqueline Doyle	Beryl Glitz	Ute Simons
1984	Christa Buswell	Emi Kosaka	Joyce Crump
1985	Elaine Graham	Betsy King	Joyce Crump

MLGSCA 1980-1989

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1986	Susan Russell	Rochelle Clary	Larry Rizzo
1987	Betsy R. King	Collette Ford	Larry Rizzo
1988	Judy Bube	Kathy Verdugo	Kay Wellik
1989	Collette Ford	Carolyn Fishel	Kay Wellik

1990s: The Nervous Generation

- President Bush signs Americans with Disabilities Act
- 1992 World Wide Web system is released
- Princess Diane is killed in a car crash in 1997
- By 1997 there are over 1 million Web servers worldwide; internet reaches the critical mass!!
- Life is a Free market: almost anything goes.
- New diseases: ebola virus
- Baby boomers are middle aged. 30% of all Americans are overweight
- Concerns: crime, random violence, the declining schools, the decaying industrial base, class polarization, environmental disaster, crippling cuts in services such as libraries, schools, and policing
- New wave of spirituality and attempts to restore a sense of purpose and value to life.
- New Webster words: edutainment, morph, mosh, reality check, blow off, chump change
- Internet 2 debuts on 100 research institutions and universities

Medical Library Group of Southern California 1990-1998

In the nineties MLGSCA began to take careful stock in itself as an organization focused on helping its members cope with the quickly changing information environment. Following guidance from MLA, MLGSCA chapter planning became more goal-oriented. Following the yearly MLA priorities and strategic goals, the chapter devised strategies for its annual programs and objectives to take its members into the next millennium.

Programs and seminars topics included information malpractice, computer networks, our roles in 2000, teaching the adult learner, complementary medicine, health resources for the consumer, fee based information services, electronic journals, intranets, internet, WEB site construction and evaluation, medical ethics, integrated library systems, and advanced WWW workshops.

The nineties also brought chapter incorporation in 1995. After an exhausting audit in 1996/97 our financial plan was carefully reviewed. Technology was the key paradigm in the nineties. MLGSCA's automation committee went into orbit: MLGSCAN, an electronic bulletin board (1991) which was quickly replaced by MLGSCA ListServ in 1993 and in 1995 a MLGSCA Web page was created. In 1998 the MLGSCA newsletter also went electronic and is now available on the MLGSCA web site. An Internet room is now considered an essential part of every joint meeting.

Reality bit our Chapter again in 1993 when the UCLA Graduate School of Library and Information Science faced cutbacks and closing by the University of California Board of Regents. All members and

officers of the group participated in formal and personal contacts to educate the educators on the importance of this graduate program. The school did not close but the possibility of our extinction still haunts us! As an organization MLGSCA continues to encourage its members to participate in research and education. The research committee awards three research projects yearly; the awards committee provides up to \$1500.00 annually to help members attend classes, conferences or meetings; and the Louise Darling Award is given to outstanding MLGSCA librarians in recognition of significant contributions to health sciences librarianship.

Understanding our past helps us to prepare for our future. Today our Chapter vision remains clear: **“The vital net (network, education, technology) for the health information professional.”** MLGSCA will continue to stimulate interest in health science libraries and librarianship, sponsor seminars and conferences, encourage interlibrary and multi-library cooperation, and provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and discussion of professional issues as we go quickly sliding into the next millennium.

MLGSCA 1990-1998

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1990	Christine Chapman	Margaret Snape	Kathy Verdugo
1991	Deborah Batey	Amy Butros	Kathy Verdugo
1992	Margie Snape	Pamela Corley	Barbara Slater
1993	Alice Witkowski	Francine Kubrin	Anna Habetler
1994	Rochelle Minchow	Eileen Wakiji	Judy Bube
1995	Barbara Slater	Doreen Keough	Joe Esposito
1996	Marion Sabella	Anne Prussing	Lisa Parker
1997	Anna Habetler	Maggie Freed	Lisa Parker
1998	Carlene Bogle	Debra Klein	Alan Carr
1999	Doreen Keough		

NOTABLE MEMBERS

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MLGSCA NOTABLES

The members of Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona are deeply committed to the profession of information science. Many of our leaders have been influential in the development of hospital and medical libraries, the practice of medical librarianship, and the education, training, and professional development of librarians, educators, physicians, and the like. Many national leaders of the Medical Library Association cut their professional and organizational teeth in MLGSCA. This chapter includes the biographical sketches of a few key leaders both on the local and national level who are or were members of MLGSCA. They are listed in alphabetical order.

MLGSCA Presidents		Louise Darling Awards	MLA Leaders
Ella Crandall	Coni Uzelac	Joyce Loepprich	Rachel Anderson
Louise Darling	Erika Hansen	Betty Connolly	JoAnne Boorkman
Josephine Hermann	Harvey Hammond	Stephen Clancy	Al Brandon
Vilma Proctor	Alison Bunting	Rochelle Minchow	Robert Braude
Dorothy Nieman	Marilyn Schwartz	Kay Wellik	Naomi Broering
Nancy Haynes	Judy Labovitz	Paul Kittle	Allison Bunting
Gertrude Clark	Gail Yokote	Jacqueline Doyle	Lois Ann Colaianni
Alfred Brandon	Sherrill Sorrentino	Christa Buswell	Louise Darling
Mollie Stitner	Cynthia Butler	Irene Lovas	Jacque Doyle
Grace Weiner	Jacqueline Doyle	Meredith Mitchell	Sherrilynne Fuller
Frances Freleaux	Christa Buswell		Nelson Gilman
Janet White	Elaine Graham		Michael Homan
Margaret Cressaty	Susan Russell		Mary Horres
Robert Lewis	Betsy Rodie King		Phyllis Mirsky
Frances Ishii Lyon	Judy Bube		David Morse
John Connor	Collette Ford		Daniel Richards
Edwin Hughes	Christine Chapman		Fred Roper
Denise Kafrouni	Deborah Batey		Kay Wellik
George Summers	Margie Snape		Gail Yokote
Clyde Winters	Alice Karasick		Joan Zenan
Lois Ann Colaianni	Rochelle Minchow		
E. Lee Johnston	Barbara Slater		
Najwa Hanel	Marion Sabella		
Phyllis Mirsky	Anna Habetler		

Rachael Anderson
President 1997-1998 Medical Library Association
Director, Health Sciences Library
University of Arizona



Rachael Anderson is one of the newest distinguished members of the MLGSCA group having joined in 1992. Rachael Anderson earned a Bachelor of Arts from Barnard College and M.S. from Columbia University's School of Library Service. She has directed the libraries of three medical schools. Prior to moving to Arizona, she was at Columbia University where she was the Director of the Health Sciences Library from 1979 to 1991 and served as Acting Vice President and University Librarian in 1982-1983. From 1973 to 1979 Ms. Anderson was the director of the library at Mount Sinai School of Medicine and Medical Center in New York City. At the University of Arizona she is also an Associate Director of the Telemedicine Program.

Rachael Anderson is the current president (1997-1998) of the Medical Library Association. She is a past President of the Association of Academic Health Sciences Library Directors and of the Arizona Health Information Network. Her honors include election as a Fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics and of the Medical Library Association, and she is the only medical librarian who has ever chaired the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine. Grants and contracts she has been awarded include: three from the National Library of Medicine for developing Integrated Academic Information Management Systems (IAIMS) at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center; NLM/NSF funding for Arizona Statewide Network Development; and support from The Flinn Foundation for developing the Arizona Health Information Network. Ms Anderson has authored or edited approximately 30 publications and given more than 40 presentations.

On a personal note Rachael's flashing eyes, an easy smile, and a quick laugh make her loved by all who are lucky enough to know her. She is one of the most creative forces of MLA and can be seen at MLA meetings out dancing everyone!

Alfred N. Brandon
1922-1996



Alfred N. Brandon, originator of the "Selected List of Books and Journals for the Small Medical Library," father of the List of Journals Indexed In Index Medicus, and consultant on building plans for 10 major academic medical libraries began his career in medical librarianship in Southern California. He was recruited by Loma Linda University and moved from the Transportation Library at the University of Michigan in 1953. During his four year stay at Loma Linda Al Brandon joined the Medical Library Group of Southern California and became an active member almost immediately. According to archive records he was the one of first membership chairs from 1953-1954, vice-president in 1955-56, and president in 1956-57. Although his tenure in MLGSCA was far too brief, his recruitment efforts increased the membership by 30%!

In late 1957 Mr. Brandon moved eastward to the University of Kentucky, where he faced the challenge of building the medical center library, developing its collection, defining and creating services, and recruiting staff. During his stay in Kentucky Mr. Brandon spent every Sunday at the library working on a subject list of journals indexed in *Index Medicus* to use when asked for a list of journals in a particular subject! His subject list was the forerunner of the National Library of Medicine's list. Al Brandon moved eastward again to Baltimore, Maryland to become the director of the Welch Medical Library at Johns Hopkins University from 1963-1969. During his time at Hopkins Al Brandon found the time to prepare the first "Selected List of Books and

Journals for the Small Medical Library". He also assumed the editorship of the *Bulletin of the Medical Library Association* and then the MLA presidency. In 1969 he moved again to become the director of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine Library as chairman and professor of the Department of Library Science. In 1973 Mr. Brandon assumed his last full-time position as librarian of the New York Academy of Medicine and director of the New York and New Jersey Regional Medical Library Program.

Retiring from the New York Academy of Medicine in 1978, Mr. Brandon maintained an active consulting practice until in his death in 1996. Significant MLA honors included the 1969 Janet Doe Lectureship and the 1977 Marcia C. Noyes award, MLA's highest award. For those lucky enough to know and work with Al Brandon will remember his skills as a mentor. He never failed to provide the opportunity to learn, to encourage full participation in discussions, to allow a challenge to an idea or thought, or to consider a suggestion. (excerpted from Kasner, L.M. Alfred N. Brandon, 1922-1996. *Bull Med Libr Assoc* 1997 Jan; 85(1): 77-78.)

Robert M. Braude
Director, Cornell University Medical College Library
New York, New York



Bob Braude began his professional career in the Louise Darling Biomedical Library after graduating from the School of Library Service, UCLA in 1964. As a member of MLGSCA Bob was chair of the career committee. With a little help from the chapter's archives files Bob remembers planning and attending a few career day fairs and staffing a booth promoting health sciences librarianship. That experience that got him interested in education for health sciences librarianship.

His participation in the Medical Library Association began with his appointment as the first Chair of the new Committee on Medical Library Technicians in 1969 and has continued unbroken since that time. Bob served as Secretary and member of the Board of Directors of MLA, 1972-75, has held numerous committee assignments, including 1990 National Program Committee Chair, was elected a Fellow of MLA in

1995, Janet Doe Lecturer, 1996, and received the Ida and George Eliot Prize in 1997. He is also a Distinguished Member of the Association of Health Information Professionals.

Bob has always been interested in health sciences library education and is a Visiting Associate Professor, Graduate School of Information and Library Science, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York where he teaches Medical Librarianship. Bob has also served as an instructor both in the U.S. and abroad for workshops on planning for information technology and he has served as a consultant also in the U.S. and Europe on strategic planning for information resources delivery and information technology. He has served as a consultant to the National Library of Medicine in developing their long range planning in the areas of medical informatics and outreach. He has served on the NLM Special Review Committee on Phase III IAIMS Grants, the Special Review Group, IAIMS-HPCC Demonstration Grants and the Ad Hoc Source Selection Advisory Group for Biomedical Applications of High Performance Computing and Communications. He also served on the Study Group on Information Sciences for the Association of Academic Health Centers. Bob is active in several other national information organizations including the American Medical Informatics Association and the Association of Academic Health Sciences Library Directors. He is a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, is listed in Who's Who in America and has published over twenty-five articles or book chapters and made numerous presentations at national meetings. Bob is married to Sharon and has three children, loves gourmet food, skiing, and can always be seen on the dance floor at MLA meetings.

Naomi C. Broering
Director, HAM-TMC Library
Houston, Texas



Naomi Cordero Broering earned a MLS degree in Library and Information Science from UCLA, an MA and BA (with honors) from California State University at Long Beach. She received a (1966-67) fellowship from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for postgraduate work at UCLA where she was also a doctoral candidate in the History program and was also an evening law student. She began her career as acquisitions and reference librarian at University of Southern California, then as Chief Librarian at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. After a short time she moved to Washington, D.C. and became the Assistant Librarian at the Walter Reed Hospital and Head of Readers Services at the Veterans Administration. After a brief stint at the Veterans Administration Naomi she rapidly advanced to the Director of the Biomedical Information Resources Center and Medical Center Library at Georgetown University Medical Center in 1985.

Naomi Broering is currently the Executive Director at the Houston Academy of Medicine – Texas Medical Center Library. She is also serving as Director of the Regional Medical Library. She was the Principal Investigator of the Georgetown University IAIMS Project to integrate information systems supported by the NLM and is known for developing the miniMEDLINE, the Library Information System and the Knowledge Network at Georgetown. Her primary information focus is the use of information technology to improve library services and currently is involved in use of the WWW and networked consumer health information.

Ms. Broering is a distinguished member of the MLA Academy of Health Information Professionals, and immediate past President of the Medical Library Association. She is a Fellow of the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) and also the Medical Library Association (MLA). She was editor to the Bulletin of the MLA for five years. She received the Special Library Association 1987 Professional Award for her work on IAIMS and the MLA 1986 Frank Bradway Rogers Information Advancement Award for her contributions to the application of technology in the delivery of health care information for developing the Library Information System and the miniMEDLINE SYSTEM used by over 40 libraries. She has written extensively on information management in the health sciences (over 100 articles 2 books). She serves on the NLM's Biomedical Library Review Committee, she reviews grants for the Department of Education's Library Program, and participates in the Institute of Medicine study panels.

Allison Bunting
Biomedical Librarian, Louise Darling UCLA Biomedical Library
Director, Pacific Southwest Regional Medical Library
Associate University Librarian for Sciences
Deputy University Librarian



Allison Bunting was born and raised, professionally that is in the Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library (Biomed). She received her MLS from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in 1970, and a B.A. in French from the University of California, Irvine. She started her career at BIOMED as a reference/ILL librarian, and subsequently held a variety of positions including Head of Interlibrary Loans; Head of Consulting and Training, PSRMLS; and Associate Biomedical Librarian for Public Services. She was appointed Biomedical Librarian in 1984; in 1991 her title changed to Associate University Librarian for Sciences as a result of additional administrative responsibilities in the UCLA Library system.

Alison Bunting served as President of MLGSCA (1977-78) and on a number of MLGSCA committees including Membership, Placement, and Career Guidance. She was program chair of the 1977 Joint Meeting of the Medical Library Groups. An active MLA member, Ms. Bunting has served on the MLA Board of Directors (1982-85), on the AAHSLD/MLA Joint Task Force to Develop Guidelines for Academic Health Sciences Libraries (1983-87), and on several National Program Committees. In 1988 she received MLA's President's Award for her publication: *The Nation's Health Information Network: History of the Regional Medical Library Program, 1965-1985*. She was selected to give the MLA Janet Doe lecture in 1993. She is currently serving as editor-in-chief of MLA's *Current Practice in Health Sciences Librarianship*.

Ms. Bunting consults and teaches on a worldwide basis. She is an adjunct lecturer at the UCLA Graduate School of Library and Information Science, has served on three National Library of Medicine planning panels, and as chair of NLM's Biomedical Library Review Committee.

Christa Buswell
Retired, Director of Library Services
Veterans Administration Medical Center-Los Angeles, CA.



Christa Buswell, retired Director of Library Services at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Los Angeles, began her library career as a library assistant at the Free Public Library in Salt Lake City, Utah in 1956. During her library career Christa worked as a library assistant, librarian, and director at the University of Southern California (1957-1959), VA Brentwood (1957-1965), VA San Diego (1965-1976), and VA Wadsworth Medical Center (1976-1996). Christa, who earned her MLS degree from UCLA in 1969, was active in many professional organizations during her career: American Library Association, Medical Library Association, Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona, Society of Public Health Education, Advisory Council- UCLA Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Consumer Health Information

Cooperative, California Library Services Board, and Metro-Med Cooperative Library System. In MLGSCA Christa chaired many committees, served as its President in 1984-1985 and received the Louise Darling MLGSCA Achievement Award in 1994.

Christa would like to be remembered by her colleagues as a reluctant joiner of organizations. She fancies herself a bit of a “renegade” and passionately committed to the profession of library and information science. When she joined an organization she always gave it her “best shot”. When, in the eighties, the profession showed definite signs of malaise – e.g. closing of graduate library programs, massive lay offs, etc. –she felt compelled to initiate and plan the “A Profession at the Crossroads” symposium. At this symposium librarians from MLGSCA, NCNMLG, and Special Library Associations met with national library leaders to give a diagnosis and prognosis on the library profession. Christa is enjoying her retirement with 18th century literary characters, 21st non-readers, and her friends. She reminds us all to remember it’s okay to be different.

Stephen L. Clancy
Science Library-University of California, Irvine



Steve Clancy graduated from UCLA with a Master's of Library Science in 1980. He has worked at the University of California Library as a Health Sciences Librarian from 1981 to the present. Steve has been active in MLGSCA since 1980, and has been a member of the Automation, Governmental Relations and Newsletter committees. He was Newsletter editor from 1994-1995. He is currently the manager of the MLGSCA post office box.

Steve received the Louise Darling MLGSCA Achievement Award in 1990 for his work on the MLGSCAN (MLGSCA Network) bulletin board system for the Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona which operated from 1989-1992. In addition to this, he has set-up or operated other bulletin board systems including the successful and unique Wellspring RBBS (1985-1994) which was an outreach project for the UCI Biomedical Library. He has taught several seminars on telecommunications, the Internet and the World Wide Web for librarians, teachers, healthcare professionals, and others.

Steve is a heavy user of the Internet and World Wide Web for both personal and professional purposes. He maintains a series of highly eclectic public web pages at "<http://sun3.lib.uci.edu/~sclancy/index1.htm>" and the Med-Ed Medical Software Archive at "<http://sun3.lib.uci.edu/~sclancy/med-ed/>". He is also involved in several other ongoing Web-based projects and tutorials.

When not working the Web, Steve enjoys Science Fiction, old movies, raising carnivorous plants and tree crabs, and unicycling. He also sometimes tries to play the saxophone. Steve has been married for 19 years and has two children.

Lois Ann Colaianni
Associate Director for Library Operations
National Library of Medicine



Lois Ann Colaianni was born in Utica, New York. Her early interest in the life sciences led her to pursue her B.A. in biology with a minor in chemistry at the University of Rochester. After graduation Lois Ann moved to Cincinnati, where she attended the University of Cincinnati, taking courses in psychology. The westward migration continued and Lois Ann found herself in the Los Angeles area, and mother of three children, looking for a career to match her education and her interests. Lucky for both MLGSCA and MLA Lois Ann was to find that career in medical librarianship.

Lois Ann enrolled in the School of Library Service at UCLA in 1963. As a student Lois distinguished herself with her analytical and logical way of approaching and solving problems. Her science background led predictably to the course of medical librarianship taught by Louise Darling, and the rest is history!

Lois Ann obtained her M.L.S. degree in 1964 and applied for a medical library internship at the UCLA Biomedical Library. She was selected for the program and began an association with the Biomedical Library where she remained until 1972. Lois Ann was offered a position in the MEDLARS unit and the opportunity to participate in an exciting new program developed by the National Library of Medicine. In June 1965 she packed her young family, and headed for NLM and a five-month training course as a MEDLARS searcher. At NLM Lois Ann involved herself in indexing, MESH, and search training. During the five month training Lois Ann found the time to develop the subject and geographical listings of journals indexed in Index Medicus. Lois Ann returned to UCLA in

December 1965 and worked there for three years as a MEDLARS searcher and then for four years as head of the Medical Information Communications Services, Regional Medical Programs, Area IV. For this new RMP program she developed a consulting service, an exchange program, and a union list of serials for hospital libraries in the Southern California area.

In 1972 Lois Ann became the director of the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Library. From 1972 to 1981 Lois Ann received several grants both federal and private to build the Cedars-Sinai Health Sciences Information Center into a state of the art information center with a patient television channel.

In 1981 Lois Ann left California again to head east to the National Library of Medicine. Today Lois Ann is the Associate Director responsible for Library Operations at the National Library of Medicine.

From the beginning of her professional career Lois Ann was involved in medical librarianship on both the regional and national levels. In MLGSCA Lois Ann served on various committees and as vice-president and president. In MLA she started as a member of the Committee on Bibliographic Projects and Problems, Continuing Education Committee, the MLA Board of Directors, and from 1979-1980 the President of MLA. She also found the time to teach many continuing education classes, author several publications, and speak at many national and international meetings.

Louise Darling **UCLA Biomedical Librarian Emerita**



Louise M. Darling received her A.B. in Botany (1933) from UCLA, an M.A. in Botany (1935), and a Certificate in Librarianship (1936) at UC Berkeley. After serving in the U.S. Army Library Service, she was selected in 1947 to be the founding librarian of the new UCLA Biomedical Library; she served as Biomedical Librarian until her retirement in 1978. In 1987 the library she founded was renamed the Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library in recognition of her leadership and contributions to its growth and development.

Louise Darling's MLGSCA activities included serving as Secretary-Treasurer (1949-50) and President (1950-51). She was a member of the Regional Planning Committee (1966-68) which advised the National Library of Medicine on the appropriate geographic boundaries for the regions of the newly funded Regional Medical Library (RML) network. She wrote "the grant proposal", which led to the establishment of the Pacific Southwest Regional Medical Library Service (PSRMLS), then Region XI in the RML network, and served as PSRMLS Director from 1969-78. In recognition of Miss Darling's contributions to librarianship the MLGSCA Achievement Award was renamed in her honor in 1985.

In the national arena, Louise Darling served as President of the Medical Library Association (1963-64) and chaired innumerable MLA committees. Over the year she garnered many MLA awards including the Frank Bradway Rogers Information Advancement Award, the Ida and George Elliot Prize, the President's Award, and MLA's highest honor, the Marsha C. Noyes Award. She was selected to give the Janet Doe Lecture to the Medical Library Association in 1973 and became an MLA Fellow in 1978.

Louise Darling inspired and helped to shape the careers of countless health sciences librarians. She did this through personal mentoring and formal training. She taught the health sciences librarianship courses at UCLA for twenty years (1958-78) and directed the NLM-funded UCLA Graduate Training Program in Medical Librarianship (1964-70). She knew full well the value of well-trained professionals, for as she once noted "the character of the staff as an entity is intangibly, but nonetheless indelibly reflected in the service the library gives."

J. Michael Homan
Director of Libraries
Mayo Foundation
Rochester, MN 55905



It's hard to believe that over 25 years have passed since I left my hometown in northeastern Oregon to drive to my first real job at the UCLA Louise Darling Biomedical Library in Los Angeles in 1971. I had never been to L.A. and when I drove into the San Fernando valley I thought I had arrived, only to find out that I had to cross the Santa Monica Mountains to get to UCLA. Everything seemed so vast, even though I had spent 2 years in Chicago. Chicago was much more compact. Westwood Village was so crowded with people and cars for a kid from rural Oregon, that I fled south and west of Santa Monica Boulevard to spend my first evening. I soon adjusted to the pace of L.A. and UCLA, but could never quite adjust to Christmas decorations next to palm trees. It just doesn't seem proper somehow.

As a professional librarian, the first organization that I ever joined was MLGSCA and I've been a member ever since. The fine programming and wonderful, wise and supportive colleagues helped me "grow up" as a librarian. I served the Chapter in various capacities and was elected president-elect and served as program chair for the Joint Meeting held on the Queen Mary in Long Beach. It was a good meeting as I recall with greetings from the Mayor of Long Beach. I've tried to frequently return for the Joint Meetings. Unfortunately, I never served as president since I had accepted a job at The Upjohn Company in Kalamazoo, Michigan in 1979. I left Upjohn in 1988 (with regrets since it was a fine place to work) to rejoin the University of California, this time at the Irvine campus as the University Library's first (and, as it turned out, only!) Assistant University Librarian for the Sciences with the responsibility of building Irvine's consolidated Science Library, which was completed in 1994. That same year Mayo Clinic and Mayo Foundation enticed me back to the Midwest as the Director of Libraries for the Foundation.

Early impressions and experiences were lasting ones for me. I learned how much work it was to craft a continuing education course while I worked evenings and weekends at the Santa Monica Public Library on "Online Search Optimization" which had been commissioned by MLA and the National Library of Medicine's Standing Committee for Online Retrieval Education. I learned how dedicated and committed the Region's health sciences librarians were through the online training I did at UCLA's Regional Medical Library. I think I learned more from the trainees than they ever did from me, but I think we all had a fun time! I learned what commitment to excellence was through Louise Darling and her dedicated staff at the UCLA Biomedical Library. During indexing training at NLM a friend invited to attend a student performance or Strauss' opera "Ariadne aux Naxos" and we returned the next evening for another performance. I was hooked. Other interests include symphony concerts and piano recitals and travel. Current professional interests include serving as Editor of the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association.

Mary Horres
Director, Biomedical Library
University of California, San Diego



Mary joined MLGSCA in January 1983 when she relocated to California to be Director of the Biomedical Library at the University of California, San Diego. Prior to that time, she had been active in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Group for ten years and served as its President in 1977/78. Throughout her 29 years as a medical librarian, Mary has been an enthusiastic supporter of medical libraries and an active participant in the work of the Medical Library Association. At the national level, she has served on the Board of Directors and over 20 committees, eight of which she chaired. Her former professional positions include Associate Director and, earlier, Head of Circulation Services at the UNC-CH Health Sciences Library and Librarian for the Duke University School of Nursing. In addition to directing the Biomedical Library, Mary has served as Associate University Librarian for the Sciences at UCSD since 1986.

Mary resides with her husband and their son in Del Mar, California, where they enjoy cruising in their sailboat Southern Cross. Mary also enjoys gourmet cooking and reading.

Paul W. Kittle
Director, Medical Center Library & Information Center
Loma Linda University Medical Center



Paul Kittle is currently the Director of Loma Linda University Medical Center's Medical Center Library & Information Center. He joined MLGSCA in 1983. In MLGSCA Paul has served on the automation, newsletter, continuing education, program, and professional issues committees. He also chaired the nominating and automation committees for MLGSCA. In 1992 he received the Louise Darling MLGSCA Achievement Award ("In Honor of Significant Contributions to Health Sciences Librarianship").

Paul has also been actively involved in the Medical Library Association since 1981 in both the hospital and cancer libraries sections. Paul has been recognized by the MLA Hospital Libraries Section for his leadership skills and technological innovations. Paul is also a member of CAUSE- The Association for Managing and

Using Information Resources in Higher Education, I-MED-Informatics for Educational Development, and AHIP-Academy of Health Information Professionals.

Joyce Loepprich
UC Irvine Biomedical Library
Retired



Joyce Loepprich received her R.N. degree from Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio in 1948 and her B.A. in History in 1968, M.S.L.S. in 1969. Joyce was able to change careers from nursing to medical librarianship with a National Library of Medicine grant. She spent 19 years as the serials librarian at UC Irvine Biomedical Library before retiring in 1988. Joyce was the first recipient of the Louise Darling MLGSCA Achievement Award in 1986.

Two grants from NLM enabled her to keep in the forefront of developments in the field; one to implement the UCLA ORION computerized system in 1973-1974 and the other to develop the Nursing Information Consortium of Orange County (NICOC) in 1981-1983 to educate and expand the dispersion of medical information. She gave presentations on the grant developments at MLGSCA and MLA conferences, and published reports in the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association. She also researched and published a study of "Errata in Biomedical Literature in 1972-1973."

Taking many MLGSCA and MLA CE courses, as well as teaching and serving on numerous committees enable Joyce to remain a vital part of the dynamic medical library field. She has many fond memories of working with many dedicated colleagues, and is extremely pleased to see the continuing trend of making medical information more widely available.

Joyce is now retired and living in the Palm Springs area with her husband. She has retained her interest in alternative or complementary medicine as a result of many years of contending with multiple sclerosis. This past year she and her husband completed intravenous chelation treatments and experience improvements in their health.

Irene Lovas
Consultant
Long Beach, California



Since late 1980, Irene Lovas has participated in both MLGSCA and MLA activities. Having been involved in resource sharing projects in New York, she soon joined and then chaired the MLGSCA Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Committee when a tier system was implemented to encourage more equitable borrowing among the health sciences libraries participating in the MLGSCA Union List of Serials. In 1986, Irene joined the staff at the Pacific Southwest Regional Medical Library (PSRML). Resource sharing, interlibrary loan activities, and networking were part of her responsibilities as PSRML Network Coordinator. Therefore, she continued her involvement with the ILL Committee and MLGSCA ad hoc task forces to evaluate the MLGSCA coupon system, to investigate the interlibrary loan of monographs, and the use of MLGSCA coupons by non-members. Irene coordinated the task force that submitted recommendations to the National Library of Medicine for the development of the Loansome Doc component of Grateful Med. Irene also authored an article for the BMLA on the Loansome Doc experience in the region. Some other local activities include tri-chairing the 1994 Joint Meeting of MLGSCA/NCNMLG held in Palm Springs, CA. She has been involved in MLA's Hospital Libraries Section and chaired a task force on hospital library statistics for five years.

One of her favorite adventures, however, has been going to various parts of Micronesia to promote resource sharing and networking among all types of libraries. Most recently, along with Arlene Cohen and Joanne T. Crotts, Irene co-authored a chapter, "Developing Library and Information Services in Micronesia: Cooperation Across Vast Distances" which will be part of a monograph, "Libraries-Global Reach, Local Touch" published by ALA in June 1998. One of her greatest honors was receiving the **Louise Darling MLGSCA Achievement Award in 1995** in recognition of her work in resource sharing and promoting cooperation among librarians and libraries.

Rochelle Minchow
Director, Medical Center Library
University of California, Irvine



Rochelle Minchow's professional library career began in 1973 in Denver. After several years in Denver, England, and Texas Rochelle moved west and joined MLGSCA in 1979. She became an active member almost immediately. Committee Chairs held: Exchange, Legislative, Professional Issues and Program Committee for the Joint MLGSCA and NCNMLG Meeting (1989). Co-Chair for the CE/Program Committee for 1989-90 and 1992/93,1993/94. Committee Membership: Automation, Nominating, and Public Relations. Secretary--1986/87. She was the co-developer of the MLGSCA electronic Bulletin Board System (MLGSCAN) with Steve Clancy for which the Louise Darling MLGSCA Achievement Award was granted in 1990. President-Elect 1993-4, President 1994-95.

Her participation in the MLA began in 1973. Committee Participation: Governmental Relations, GRC Liaison to Public Services Section, Medical School Libraries Section Membership Committee, Nominating and Program Committees for the Public Services Section, and the Continuing Education Subcommittee on Instructor Approval, Evaluation and Support. Rochelle is presently serving on the NPC for 1999 and Jury for Fellows and Honorary Members.

Significant contributions/experiences: Development of curriculum integration of information management into the UCI Medical School Curriculum since 1991 with great support of senior medical education administration at UCI. More important than ever that medical students gain life-long learning skills in keeping abreast of new medical/scientific advances. With the speed with which medicine advances, formal medical education cannot provide all that students need to know to practice careers in medicine. Rochelle takes special pride in providing these skills to medical students, residents as well as keeping faculty up to speed.

Her great personal pleasures include traveling to far away places, eating gourmet food, enjoying great wine, going to the LA theater and movies all with wonderful friends and loving husband Don. Rochelle can also be found reading and running as often as possible. Her goal is to live each day to fullest and make a difference wherever possible.

Phyllis Mirsky
Deputy University Librarian
University of California-San Diego



Phyllis Mirsky is currently the Deputy University Librarian at the University of California, San Diego. Ms. Mirsky has been a member of the library staff at UCSD since 1981. Her previous employers include the National Library of Medicine and the UCLA Biomedical Library.

Ms. Mirsky received a masters degree in librarianship at the University of Michigan and a BS. degree in Social Welfare from the Ohio State University.

Phyllis is an active member of the Medical Library Association and has held several leadership positions including service as its president in 1985. Ms. Mirsky is the author of several articles in the field of medical librarianship and has served as a teacher and consultant in this area.

DAVID MORSE
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR COLLECTION RESOURCES
NORRIS MEDICAL LIBRARY
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



David Morse was born with a date stamp in his mouth. The son of two librarians; his father was Elliott Morse, a past president of MLA and for many years Librarian of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. His mother was Librarian at the Curtis Publishing Company. His brother is President of Merriam-Webster, Inc. After graduating from the Columbia University School of Library Service in 1976, he got his first job working the evening reference shift at the library of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy & Science, where he soon moved on the position of Head of Technical Services with responsibilities for collection development. During those years he gained the experience with drug reference sources that led to his acceptance as an instructor for the MLA CE course on pharmaceutical information sources, which he taught from 1982 to 1994.

After his move to the USC Norris Medical Library as Head of Technical Services (and later Associate Director for Collection Resources) in 1979, he began to take an active interest in library automation and designed one of the first microcomputer-based systems for acquisitions functions. The system was sold to more than 50 other libraries, including sites in Europe and China. Taking early advantage of the Internet, he introduced an electronic newsletter, the Biomedical Library Acquisitions Bulletin (BLAB), which covers a wide range of issues relating to biomedical library collection development and acquisitions, and today has a worldwide subscriber base of nearly 400 libraries and individuals.

For the Medical Library Association he has served as Chair of three different sections (the Pharmacy Section, the Collection Development Section, and most recently the Technical Services Section) and as member of the Nominating Committee. He was the editor for Acquisitions volume (v.5) of the MLA-sponsored Current Practice in Health Sciences Libraries series, and in 1995 was honored with MLA's Louise Darling Medal for distinguished achievement in collection development in the health sciences. He is a member of the 1997-98 Nominating Committee for the Association. For MLGSCA, he served throughout the 1980's in a variety of capacities, including service on the MLA Chapter Council from 1985 through 1991.

He has been a frequent speaker at professional gatherings, where his unpredictable sense of humor has helped (he hopes) to keep people awake.

Daniel T. Richards
1945-1995



Dan Richards was one of our chapter's most colorful, playful, respected, and loved members. Although Dan was raised in Holton, Maine; one of seven children; he adapted quite easily to the southern Californian lifestyle, the jet set New York life, the suburban life of Washingtonian home owner, and finally back to his provincial beginnings in New England with ease and great wit. Dan Richards received his B.S. in biology and English in 1967 from the University of Maine and his M.S. in library science from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Dan began his professional career as a reference librarian at Brown University. After a year as an NLM Associate, Dan was hired by Louise Darling to be a cataloger at the UCLA Biomedical Library in 1971. Within a year Dan became head of acquisitions and then the UCLA Biomed collection development librarian. At UCLA Dan instituted

a review process for serial collections, automated acquisitions process, and provided insight and leadership for the Pacific Southwest region's Cooperative Serials Acquisitions Program (OCSAP).

In 1981 Dan returned to NYC as the assistant health sciences librarian for resources and reference services at the Health Sciences Library of Columbia University. During his tenure at Columbia Dan's idea of a two day MLA post-conference on collection development in the health sciences was born, planned, and executed. This first national meeting attracted more than 100 participants! In 1988 Dan was on the move again. This time he was accepted the job as the collection development officer of the National Library of Medicine. Coming full circle Dan returned to New England in 1991 to become the director of the Biomedical Libraries at Dartmouth College, in Hanover, New Hampshire. In just four year Dan achieved major accomplishments in the areas of collection assessment, library service enhancement, facilities planning, and curriculum development.

The Medical Library Association was an integral part of Dan's professional life. He conceived and worked to establish the Louise Darling Medal for Distinguished Achievement in Collection Development in the Health Sciences. He co-founded the Collection Development Section, initiated and led the planning for two collection development symposia, and taught and developed MLA's continuing education course of collection assessment. He also co-compiled the MLA DocKit on collection development policies, co-authored a book on collection development, chaired the National Program Committee for the 1991 MLA meeting, and served on the MLA Board of Directors until his untimely death in 1995.

Dan was respected for his professional accomplishments and loved for his human qualities. He will be remembered for his infectious enthusiasm, his strong conviction, his wicked wit, his great kindness and generosity, and his ability to make any gathering enjoyable and grand! (Excerpted from Bull Med Libr Assoc 1996 Apr; 84(2): 283-286)

Barbara M. Slater
Biomedical Library
Reference and Interlibrary Loan Librarian
University of California, San Diego



Barbara Slater received her M.L.S. from the University of Washington, Seattle in 1982. Her first professional library position was at the Houston Academy of Medicine/Texas Medical Center Library as a reference librarian. From there she moved to Providence, Rhode Island in 1985 and worked at the Women and Infant's Hospital. But the west called her home and in October 1986 Barbara returned to warmer climate—University of California-San Diego; where she has worked since 1986. Barbara is an outstanding leader in MLGSCA. Her major contributions as MLGSCA President, Interlibrary Loan Committee Chair, Treasurer and Newsletter editor are too long to list. Thanks to Barbara's communication, accounting, and negotiation skills; MLGSCA underwent its first IRS audit with positive results. Also an active member of MLA Barbara served on the membership committee and was the secretary/treasurer of the Public Services Section. She is a distinguished member of AHIP.

Barbara states that her professional life has been influenced by several talented and generous supervisors who have encouraged and served as mentors. These librarians include Gail Yokote, Chris Chapman, Beverly Renford, and Mary Horres. She states that she is indebted to their leadership and their guidance.

Her personal and professional philosophy is to make priorities and focus on what is important. She strives to manage her time, energy, and resources in light of her priorities and recognize that renewal (mental, spiritual, and physical) is essential to success. If Barbara is not at work she will probably be found outside biking, hiking, kayaking, rock climbing or trying some new adventure. She is also very active in her Church where she serves on the Long Range Planning Committee.

Gail Yokote
Associate Biomedical Librarian
Associate Director of the Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library



As MLGSCA President, MLA Board member, and MLA Membership Committee Chair, I was impressed with the wealth of highly skilled and talented individuals who believed in enhancing our profession and were willing to devote time and energy to do so. It was an incredible learning experience to work with such dynamic and knowledgeable persons. I acquired a deep appreciation for effective teamwork, collaboration, and humor during times of rapid change and uncertainty.

One of Gail's personal goals is to vacation in all the major national parks in the United States

Education:

MLS, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana
BA, Biological Sciences, University of California, Davis.

MLA/MLGSCA Activities:

Medical Library Association
Board of Directors, 1987 – 1990; Secretary, 1989 - 1990
1995 National Program Committee; Associate Chair, 1992 - 1995
1987 National Program Committee, 1985 - 1987
Nominating Committee, 1985, 1993
Ad Hoc Committee on Membership, 1983 - 1984
Membership Committee, 1990 - 1993, 1978 – 1981; Co-chair, 1990 – 1993; Chair, 1980 - 1981

Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona

Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on the MLGSCA ILL System, 1987
Continuing Education/Program Committee, 1985 – 1986, 1977-1979; Chair, 1978-1979
President, 1980 – 1981; President-Elect, 1979 - 1980
Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Health Education, 1976 - 1977
Program Committee, 1975 - 1976
Public Relations Committee, 1974 - 1975

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

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Medical Library Group of Southern California & Arizona

Welcome to our new site! Our URL is: <http://www.mlgscamlanet.org/>

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Other Related Organizations:

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- [American Library Association \(ALA\)](#)
- [American Society for Information Science \(ASIS\)](#)
 - [Los Angeles Chapter \(LACASIS\)](#)
- [Arizona Library Association](#)
- [Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries \(AAHSL\)](#)
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- [MEI B-L Discussion List Archives](#)
- [National Library of Medicine \(NLM\)](#)
- [Southern California Online Users Group \(SCOUG\)](#)
- [Special Libraries Association \(SLA\)](#)
 - [Arizona Chapter](#)
 - [San Diego Chapter](#)
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Special Feature:

- [Evidence Based Health Care in Action](#)

The Medical Library Association's Centennial Distance Learning Program presents a year of learning opportunities, including:

 - [EBHC Discussion Listserv](#)
 - [Journal Clubs](#)
 - [Internet Resources](#) guide to the best on the Web
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Meetings and Events:

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- [MLA 1999: May 14-20, Chicago, IL](#)
- [Calendar of Professional Meetings, July '98/June '99](#)
from UC Berkeley Library Web

Past Meetings and Events:

Note: these Web sites are provided for historical interest. Links and e-mail addresses may be outdated.

- [NCNMLG/MLGSCA Joint Meeting 1999.](#)
San Jose, CA, Feb. 5-7, 1999
- [MLGSCA/NCNMLG Joint Meeting 1998](#)
Tucson, AZ, Feb. 12-14, 1998.
- [MLGSCA/NCNMLG 1996 Joint Meeting.](#)
Pasadena, CA, Feb. 6-9, 1996.
- [MLA 1998: May 23-27, 1998. Philadelphia, PA](#)
- [MLA 1997: May 24-27, 1997. Seattle, WA](#)
- [MLA 1996: June 1-5, 1996. Kansas City, MO](#)
- [Evidence-Based Healthcare in Action](#)
Tteleconference, September 16, 1998.
- [MLGSCA Spring Program: Is there an Intranet in Your Future?](#)
Loma Linda, May 6, 1998.
- [MLGSCA Spring CE: Drug and Pharmaceutical Information Resources](#)
Irvine, March 24, 1998.

Future Meetings:

- [MLA 2000: May 5-11, 2000. Vancouver, British Columbia \(Canada\)](#)
- [8th International Congress on Medical Librarianship \(ICML\)](#)
July 2-5, 2000. London, England
- [MLA 2001: May 25-31, 2001. Orlando, Florida](#)
- [MLA 2002: May 17-23, 2002. Dallas, Texas](#)
- [MLA 2003: San Diego, California](#)

Selected Medical and Health Resources:

- [BioSites](#)
 - [Cliniweb](#)
 - [Martindale's Health Science Guide](#)
 - [Medical Matrix](#)
 - [MEDLINEPlus](#) from the National Library of Medicine
 - [MedWeb](#)
 - [The Virtual Hospital](#)
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Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona (MLGSCA)

A Chapter of the Medical Library Association

Vision

MLGSCA: the Vital Net for health information professionals
Networking
Education
Technology

Members

Over 400 health science librarians and information professionals

Who can join?

Anyone interested in health science libraries.
A membership form is available [here](#).

Organizational Goals

To promote continuing education for health sciences librarians
To facilitate cooperation among medical and allied health science libraries
To assist in developing library resources
To maintain regional affiliation with the Medical Library Association

Personal Benefits

Professional growth through continuing education
Provision for interlibrary borrowing and lending for MLGSCA members through publication of a Union List of Serials and an ILL coupon exchange system
Opportunity for interaction and exchange of ideas among health science librarians
Availability of electronic discussion forum, the [MLGSCA listserv](#)
Quarterly MLGSCA Newsletter
Annual MLGSCA Membership Directory

Meetings

Three times annually for the general membership, one of which is in conjunction with the Northern California and Nevada Medical Library Group (NCNMLG)
On-going continuing education programs sponsored annually

Publications for Purchase

Union List of Serials in Southern California and Arizona Health Sciences Libraries
Serials exchange list three times per year. (Contact [Exchange Committee Chair](#) for further information)

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MLGSCA Awards and Grants

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THE LOUISE DARLING MLGSCA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Purpose of Award

The purpose of the Louise Darling MLGSCA Achievement Award is to honor significant contributions to health sciences librarianship, as well as to the Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona.

Criteria for Award

1. Candidate's contribution is significant towards the advancement of health sciences librarianship through the endeavors of the Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona.
2. Candidate's contributions include, but are not limited to: service, publications, presentations, and projects.
3. Candidate must hold membership in MLGSCA at the time of election and be a member for a minimum of two years.

Award Guidelines

Nominations shall be made by the MLGSCA membership. Requests for nominations are solicited through the Newsletter and the Awards Committee with a deadline of January 15th. Persons nominating candidates shall provide the Committee with a letter of nomination and an [Application for Nomination form](#). (The form is also printed in the MLGSCA Directory.) Awards Committee members are not eligible for the award during their committee service. The Awards Committee reviews nominations and recommends candidates to the Advisory Council for final approval. Candidates will be excluded from discussions.

The Louise Darling MLGSCA Achievement Award is given annually. The number of candidates per year is at the discretion of the Awards Committee. If no suitable candidates are nominated, the award is not given. Discussions during the selection process of both the Awards Committee and the Advisory Council are not a matter of public record.

The award is usually presented by the President during the Spring Meeting and is announced in the Newsletter following the presentation. The recipient will receive \$200.00 and a commemorative item which states:

THE LOUISE DARLING MLGSCA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

PRESENTED TO:

NAME:

DATE:

PLACE:

IN HONOR OF SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO
HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARIANSHIP

Recipients of the Louise Darling Award

1986 -- Joyce Loepprich

1987 -- Betty F. Connolly

1990 -- Stephen L. Clancy and Rochelle L. Minchow

1991 -- Kay E. Wellik

1992 -- Paul W. Kittle

1993 -- Jacqueline D. Doyle

1994 -- Christa Buswell

1995 -- Irene Lovas

1996 -- Meredith Mitchell

1997 -- Barbara Slater

MLGSCA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Purpose:

To support professional development activities including attendance at classes, conferences and meetings;

To provide MLGSCA members with the opportunity to increase their competence in the theoretical, administrative and/or technical aspects of librarianship.

Eligibility:

The applicant must:

1. Be a regular member of MLGSCA;
2. Hold a graduate degree in library/information science;
3. Be a practicing medical librarian with at least two years of professional experience.

Consideration will be given to outstanding candidates who do not meet all of the eligibility criteria.

Specifics:

Awards range from \$100 - \$500.

More than one award may be granted in a year.

Awards Committee screens applications and recommends candidate(s) to the Advisory Council of MLGSCA which has authority to grant the award(s).

Applications:

1. Print out the [application form](#) and complete it.
(A paper copy of the form is printed in the MLGSCA Directory)
2. Forms are also available from the chair of the Awards Committee, or from the Secretary of MLGSCA.
3. Deadlines: September 15th; January 15th.

Standards for Judging:

Criteria may include the applicant's academic achievement, library experience, career objectives, or service to the

profession.

MLGSCA RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION

General information:

MLGSCA recognizes the need for research that focuses on topics and issues in health sciences librarianship. Of particular interest to MLGSCA are research projects that are practical in nature so that results can easily be put to use in other libraries. In addition to original research proposals, demonstration or replicated research proposals are considered acceptable. Group proposals are also encouraged. \$1500 has been set aside for the awards program for the July-June fiscal year with \$500 being the maximum amount per award.

In addition to the requirements listed below, all successful recipients of an award must share the results of the research project with the membership. Such sharing may take the form of an article in the MLGSCA Newsletter, a presentation at an MLGSCA program or joint meeting, or a poster session at an MLGSCA program or joint meeting.

Awards may be used for purposes such as the following:

equipment	consulting services
software	literature searching
computer time	travel related to research
photocopying	postage
telephone/fax costs	

Salary, benefits and tuition/course fees are not supported under this awards program.

Eligibility:

All applicants must hold current membership in MLGSCA. Student members of MLGSCA will be required to identify a practicing medical librarian or a library school faculty member as a sponsor for their research project. Sponsors do not have to be members of MLGSCA. In exceptional cases, consideration may be given to outstanding research proposals submitted by individuals who do not meet these eligibility requirements.

Requirements:

1. All applicants must submit a completed research proposal to the Chair of the MLGSCA Research Committee. The first call for proposals will go out in the July MLGSCA Newsletter with a due date of September 15th. If needed, a second call for proposals will go out in the January issue with a due date of March 15.
2. A current curriculum vita must be included with the application.
3. If the proposal is a group project, a principal investigator must be identified in the application. The person identified is responsible for the research project and reporting.
4. If a student member of MLGSCA, a sponsor must be identified in the application (see eligibility section).
5. If the research results are published, recognition of Chapter support must be given.
6. Research results must be shared with the membership within one year of completion of the project.

Proposal Guidelines:

Grant proposals should be brief, but complete. The following must be included:

Part 1: Project design

- a. title of the project
- b. name(s) of participants in the project including identification of principal investigator. Students should list their sponsor in this section.
- c. rationale and assessment of needs including an explanation of the value of the research. This may include a summary of recent literature. (suggested length 1-2 pages).
- d. methodology - describe the general strategies to be employed in implementing this project. If this is a group project, it is important to identify the roles individuals will have in the project. If replicating another research project, indicate which project and if there is any variation in your proposal. Analyze the specific tasks necessary for carrying out this project and prepare a timetable for the completion of the project (suggested length: 2-3 pages).
- e. budget - provide a detailed budget for all expenses related to the research proposal. Indicate which expenses for which you are seeking to cover with the MLGSCA grant.
- f. sharing with members - indicate plans for sharing results of the research project with members of MLGSCA

Part 2: Curriculum vita that includes:

1. applicant's name
2. current working title
3. institution name and address
4. telephone and fax number (if available)
5. education
6. recent (5-10 years) work experience

Judging:

Each research proposal will be reviewed by members of MLGSCA Research Committee and a review ballot will be completed by committee members. Official notification will be sent to recipients and non-recipients after the Advisory Board meets and reviews the final list submitted by the Research Committee. Normally, this would be 30-45 days after the due date of the grant application. Depending on the quality of the applications, the Research Committee may recommend that no grants be presented in a given year.

For more information contact: Alice Kawakami

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MLGSCA Committees

Listed below are committee charges and chairs for 1997-98. Charges are to be regarded as general guidelines; specified tasks are detailed in the MLGSCA Manual of Policies and Procedures for Officers, Committees, and Representatives. The President and Advisory Council annually examine committee charges in the light of recommendations from previous committee chairs, the Advisory Council members, and individual members.

Awards Committee

The Awards Committee is responsible for developing standards and guidelines for the following awards: 1) MLA Scholarship Donation; 2) Louise Darling Award; 3) Graduate Library School Donation; 4) MLGSCA Professional Development Award(s). The Committee is to develop procedures and guidelines for the establishment and maintenance of an ongoing "Scholarship Fund" from which monies are used to fund awards.

Chair: Anne Prussing

Continuing Education/Program Committee

The Continuing Education/Program Committee consists of the President-Elect, who serves as Chair of the Program Committee for purposes of program planning; the Continuing Education Chair, who is appointed by the President for purposes of coordinating Continuing Education courses; and other committee members as appointed by the two chairs. The Committee is responsible for planning all MLGSCA programs and continuing education courses presented other than at the Joint Meeting. It also coordinates educational courses with MLA, PSRML, and other library organizations for MLGSCA members.

Chairs: Carlene Bogle (Program); Doreen Keough

Electronic Information Resources Committee

The Automation Committee coordinates MLGSCA automation efforts: 1) maintaining and developing the MLGSCA Web Site, 2) the MLGSCA listserv, and 3) electronic information sharing.

Chair: Shohreh Saljooghi-Hojat

Exchange Committee

The duty of the Exchange Committee is to facilitate the timely exchange of duplicate material lists among subscribing individuals.

Chair: Laurie Piccolotti

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has responsibility for the control and general supervision of the financial affairs of the MLGSCA. It provides consultation and coordination to the President and Treasurer and Treasurer-Elect in recommending and developing the annual MLGSCA budget presented to the Advisory Council each year; reviews, and makes recommendations to the Advisory Council regarding income-producing activities and investments of the Group; reviews, and makes recommendations to the Advisory Council regarding financial reports of the group including the annual external audit. Maintains and revises the MLGSCA Financial Manual as needed.

Chair: Alan Carr

Governmental Relations/Bylaws Committee

The Committee monitors and informs MLGSCA members of existing and pending legislation, the implementation of public laws and the actions of governmental agencies on issues vital to the interest of health science libraries. It educates members about influencing the political process and encourages members to respond to governmental officials when action is needed. It also cooperates with other legislative committees of MLA chapters, the MLA Governmental Relations Committee and other associations and organizations which support similar goals. Bylaw changes and/or proposals as recommended by the Advisory Council or members are prepared by the Committee and the Bylaws are continually reviewed for appropriate changes that can be recommended to the Advisory Council and members.

Chair: Mary Riordan

Interlibrary Loan Committee

The Interlibrary Loan Committee's purpose is to facilitate and improve the loaning of books, photocopies of journal articles, and documents delivery in general, among libraries. The Coupon Exchange Program functions to allow libraries to pay for copies of articles without cumbersome billing procedures among libraries. The Union List assists libraries by publishing a consolidated list of journal holdings for libraries wishing to participate in efficient loaning of journals and journal articles.

Chair: Liz Gnerre

Joint Meeting Planning Committee

The Joint Meeting Planning Committee is responsible for arranging the Joint Meeting of MLGSCA and NCNMLG every other year. The Chair of the Committee is selected by the President two years in advance. The Committee selects the time and location of the meeting, plans the entire program, arranges for CE courses and invites a variety of library-related companies to exhibit at the meeting.

Co-Chairs: Anna Habetler, Deborah Batey

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee collects and maintains all information relating to membership in MLGSCA. The committee is responsible for: 1) maintaining the Membership Management System, the organization's database of membership records; 2) revising, publishing, and distributing the annual directory; 3) printing mailing labels, name tags (not Joint Meeting badges), and membership reports; 4) contacting prospective members; 5) sending and receiving renewal and new membership forms; 6) promoting and welcoming new members; and 7) accepting nominations for honorary and special membership and recommending qualified candidates.

Chair: Elisa Cortez

Newsletter Committee

The Newsletter Committee shall prepare and distribute a quarterly newsletter for the Group.

Chairs: Karen Vogel, Terri Ottosen

Nominating Committee

There shall be a Nominating Committee of five members. The Committee members shall be elected by plurality vote of the Group members present and voting at the Group's last (usually Spring) business meeting. The Committee shall elect a Chair by majority vote of its members.

Chair: Irene Lovas

Professional Issues Committee

The Professional Issues Committee provides a forum for the discussion and resolution of professional issues of concern to the membership. The major purposes of the Committee are as follows: to further the professional growth and development of MLGSCA members; to conduct an ongoing assessment of the membership's professional concerns; to identify current and future needs of the members and of the profession and its clientele; and to recommend programs and educational opportunities as well as other measures which would encourage action by MLGSCA and individual members to resolve those needs.

Chair: Craig Haynes

Public Relations Committee

The Public Relations Committee is charged with publicizing the Group and its activities and increasing the visibility of health sciences librarians. It is also involved in obtaining outside sources of funding for the Group, primarily through fees for advertising in MLGSCA publications.

Chair: Judy Consales

Research Committee

The Research Committee is charged with administering the annual Research Awards Program. The Committee issues calls for research proposals, reviews proposals that are submitted for consideration, and recommends winning proposals. The Committee encourages members to engage in research activities and alerts members to continuing education opportunities that will help to develop research skills. The Committee also works to strengthen ties with the MLA Library Research Section and other related groups.

Chair: Linda Murphy

Other Committees

Other committees may be appointed during the year by the President as the Group or Advisory Council shall deem necessary. Announcements of these committees shall be made through the Newsletter.

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MLGSCA Advisory Council 1998/99

Elected Officers • Committee Chairs • Others

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