

St. Louis Medical Librarians Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon

Friday, June 24, 2004

Matthews Medical Books

St. Louis Medical Librarians gathered on June 24 for a buffet luncheon provided by Matthews Medical Books. The luncheon and Annual Business Meeting were held at Matthews' headquarters building in Maryland Heights.

President Kim Lipsey called the meeting to order after the luncheon. She said she enjoyed her year as president and thanked everyone for the accomplishments that were achieved. Kim said she would look forward to more from incoming President Jackie Hittner, and turned the gavel over to her.

President Hittner welcomed everyone and introduced Christina Sullivan, Recognition and Awards Chair. Christina presented certificates to committee chairmen and members for their work during the past year. Those who were recognized included:

Membership: Chair Georgiana Grant and Liz Delfert

Nominating: Chair John Chesmelewski, Jennifer Plaat, and Ed Walter

Communications: Chair Russ Monika, John Chesmelewski, Liz Delfert, and Ruth Lewis

Governance: Chair Cheryle Cann, John Chesmelewski, Barbara Halbrook, and Mary Krieger

Recognition and Awards: Chair Christina Sullivan and Clara McLeod

Archives: Chair Betsy Mueth

Continuing Education and Programs: Chair Carol Murray, Nancy Bennett, Erin Ferguson, Carol Iglauer, and Lili Wang.

MCMLA 2006 was the next agenda item, and it was officially kicked off by President Hittner. St. Louis Medical Librarians will be hosting the meeting in two years. She told those in attendance that it will be a lot of hard work. We need to get some excitement and momentum so others in SLML will also get excited. Members saw the promotional video Explore St. Louis.

The website for MCMLA 2006 has been created and will have a link from the SLML.org site. Russ Monika said registrations will be available on-line through the site. Jackie said as much as possible regarding the meeting will be available on the website.

October 11-15, 2006 is the date that has been selected. Jackie said the dates were chosen so as not to interfere with Washington University's Parents weekend. Cheryle Cann, Jackie and Kim Lipsey are the core committee that selected the dates and location.

Calls will be made to solicit help for the meeting planning. Jackie is also looking for current MCMLA members to go to the meeting this year in Kansas City to attend the wrap up meeting and report back on their observations. We also need someone to be a member of the MCCMLA Continuing Education Committee.

Discussion was then opened to the general membership. Someone asked if non-members can help. It was also suggested that vendors help out with prizes. Catchy meeting titles were suggested: Gateway to the Beyond, Gateway to Rediscovery, Go Beyond, Where You Belong, Gateway to Discovery, and Gateway to the Future. Gateway to re-DISCOVERY was the group favorite. It was suggested that the gateway title could be carried over to section titles.

President Hittner told the meeting that the 2004-2005 Strategic Plan is available on SLML.org. She said major things happened this past year. The first was the vote in favor of approving the By-Laws changes. The By-Laws are up-to-date now. The Governance Committee will begin working to make corresponding changes to the Procedures Manual. Also, the SLML archive collection was moved from Missouri Baptist to Washington University. The change in location will help in the writing of the history of St. Louis Medical Librarians.

Some introductions were made. The incoming board for SLML is President-Elect Mary Kreiger, Treasurer Ellen Dickman, Secretary Maria Minowitz, and Members-at-Large Liz Delfert and Ellen Eliceiri. Barb Jones, a representative from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, was also introduced.

President Hittner adjourned the meeting.