

ST. LOUIS MEDICAL LIBRARIANS
Board of Directors Meeting
Executive Committee Meeting
May 16, 2006
Minutes

PRESENT: Mary Krieger, Cheryle Cann, Gregg Clark, Ellen Dickman, Georgiana Grant, Reka Kozak, Kim Lipsey, Joan Miller, Russ Monika, Jennifer Plaat and Maria Minowitz

Distributed to the board was the agenda.

President Mary Krieger called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the April 2006 meeting were approved.

Mary called for committee reports.

Communications Committee: Russ Monika had no report.

Continuing Education and Program: Kim Lipsey said the Annual Business Meeting details have been firmed up with Kim Schroeder at Matthews Medical Books. It will be from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Matthews. The same menu as last year will be served. The committee is trying to get a speaker from the Missouri Botanical Gardens to talk about the Chihuly glass exhibit. Otherwise the focus will be on MCMLA.

In MCMLA news, Kim said vendor checks are coming from Swets, Ebsco, MD Consult, and Doody.

Governance: Cheryle Cann reminded everyone that it is the end of the year for SLML, and committee heads and officers should write up a short report on the year's activities. All should refer to the Strategic Plan. Joan Miller as incoming President will evaluate the Strategic Plan and distribute it at the Annual Business Meeting. Russ will be putting the 2005-2006 Strategic Plan on the website.

Nominating: Jackie Hittner sent a report on the President-Elect. The board will need to discuss the problem of finding people to serve.

Ellen Dickman will have the annual financial statement prepared and distribute it at the Annual Business Meeting.

Jennifer Plaat and Mary met to plan the Thursday poster session for MCMLA. There will be a June 9 deadline for submissions. They are hoping for 15 posters. They are also looking at the format for the poster session. There were no tables at the Salt Lake City meeting, which would be nice to have. They will check to see if we can afford to have tables.

Jennifer also reported that the Friday morning papers will have two tracks, hospital and academic/special. If there are not enough papers, then MLA presenters will be invited to participate.

MCMLA is urging St. Louis to have a "green" meeting. We need to decide if we will follow this.

Russ discussed joining MCMLA when signing up for the conference. The question was raised if this would work when collecting the attendee's information. A check could be given to MCMLA at the meeting to cover the new memberships collected. He also said he has not received an update on new MCMLA members to date. Kim was concerned about the additional record-keeping involved and thought it would be tedious. We also don't know what MCMLA would think about it. Mary pointed out that it would be more convenient to be able to join at the same time. Russ will update Peggy at MCMLA about this issue and also get an updated membership list. Ellen said she would be fine with cutting a bulk check to MCMLA for the memberships. Russ estimated that 10-20 people may join MCMLA. Cheryle wondered about having one or two accounts to handle the memberships. Ellen thinks one account will work.

Registration for the meeting goes live on July 1. There will be two months for early bird registrations. Russ was given the green light to put up fees on the webpage. The CE courses are up and look great! Russ color-coded the CEs to separate the full day from half days. He encouraged everyone to take a look at slml.org/mcmla06/register/step1.htm

Ellen reported back to the board on the tax filing status for SLML. She called the Missouri and Federal Revenue Services. Both said it was not necessary to file tax status. She will have a full explanation in the Treasurer's Report.

Jennifer said she had a hard time recruiting people for the Continuing Education and Program Committee. She thought something different needed to be done this year. She is willing to set up some programs, but needs someone to coordinate the committee and head it up.

The issue was broadened to getting members to serve in general. Long-time members have already served. It may be time for an evaluation. One possibility is looking at new technology that would facilitate meeting in different ways. There are lots of things to talk about. The topic will be taken up later.

Mary adjourned the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.