

**Colorado Council of Medical Librarians
Annual Report
2011-2012**

Summary

Submitted by Deb Weaver, President

It has been another busy year for the Colorado Council of Medical Librarians (CCML). Bylaws changes enabled the organization to be more flexible in forming and disbanding committees and task forces. The Education Committee presented several great programs, both during meetings and outside of the meetings. They were also successful in giving professional education funds to some of the council members. The Internet Committee is almost finished tweaking and populating the wonderful new web site. They will continue to look into new and better ways to organize the information. The Library Cooperation Committee was quiet this year, although they will be discussing ways to promote our members' skills to their employers. The Membership Committee members have worked on updating the membership database, making sure all of the information is current and correct. The Nominating Committee came up with a great slate of officers for next year.

As membership levels have dropped, income for the organization has fallen. This has been addressed by careful budget cuts and the formation of a new committee led by Lynne Fox – the Fundraising Committee. It is hoped that a well-trained group of fundraisers will help the organization to continue its work long into the future.

As for the Executive Committee, they too, were busy this year. CCML treasurer, Erin Palazzaolo, did a great job adjusting the budget to reflect both budget cuts and a change in the fiscal year. Secretary Julie Silverman departed for a new job across the country, but our incoming Secretary, Peggy Cruse, graciously stepped in to finish out the year. President-Elect Dana Abbey did a fantastic job of planning interesting, informative membership meetings. The Executive members also tried a new meeting format this year, holding virtual committee meetings via Skype. The results were mixed. Since members could join in from their workplaces, more of them were able to attend, but the connections were not always adequate. The new committee members will continue to explore this option in the future.

It has once again been my pleasure to work with the incredible librarians in our organization. They are full of wonderful ideas, generous with their time and friendship and tireless in their support of our profession and organization.

President-Elect Report

Submitted by Dana Abbey

Four general membership meetings were held this year.

1. September 16, 2011. The meeting was held at the Lory Student Center on the campus of Colorado State University. It was hosted by Merinda McLure. The education speakers were Carson Block, IT Consultant and Nancy Hunter, Metadata Librarian CSU who spoke on "The State of eBooks and eReaders Report." The main speaker was Dr. Michael F. Antolin, PhD, Director of the Shortgrass Steppe Research and Interpretation Center, and Principle Investigator for the Colorado State University Plague Project. He spoke on infectious diseases, especially plague, in prairie dogs. The assembly concluded with the business meeting.
2. November 18, 2011. The meeting was held at the Englewood Public Library. It was hosted by Debra Taylor. The professional development education speakers included Jeff Kuntzman on LITA, Lisa Traditi on AAMC/AAHSL, and Melissa DeSantis on AAMC/AAHSL. The main speaker was Susan Fox, J.D., M.A., who spoke on the medical durable power of attorney. The assembly concluded with the business meeting.

3. February 17, 2012. The meeting was held at National Jewish Health. It was hosted by Shandra Protzko. The education speaker was Dr. Abraham Nussbaum who spoke on medical marijuana use in the state of Colorado. The main speaker was Karen Marie-Stella, owner of Stella Healthcare Advocacy, who presented on the role of the patient advocate in navigating today's healthcare system. The assembly concluded with the business meeting.

4. April 20, 2012. The meeting was held at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Library, and was hosted by Dana Abbey. The main speaker was Aron Snyder, Health Policy Coordinator for the Stapleton Foundation who spoke on the relationship between our health and where and how we live, work, learn, and play. The assembly concluded with the presentation of the Marla Graber Award and the business meeting.

Secretary Report

Submitted by Deb Weaver

Julie Silverman served as Secretary for the first several months, until she left for a new job in another state. The incoming Secretary, Peggy Cruse, was gracious enough to start her term a few months early. We are grateful for her generosity.

Treasurer Report

Submitted by Erin Palazzolo

Currently, the Colorado Council of Medical Librarians (CCML) is a fiscally sound and stable organization, able to meet our financial obligations. We have changed our fiscal year dates, now beginning on July 1st and ending the following June 30th. Because of the change in our fiscal year, the budget this year reflected a 15 month span, including two annual meetings. A year-end report will be posted to the web page in early July and discussed in our next meeting. Erin Palazzolo will continue with the duties of Treasurer for the 2012-2013 year.

Awards Committee Report

Submitted by Lisa Traditi

Members: Lisa Traditi, Chair; Margaret Bandy, Sara Katsh, Elaine Connell

Lisa Traditi has agreed to serve as the 2012-2013 Committee Chair.

The Committee has been renamed the CCML Awards Committee and has taken on the Library Champion Award nomination and award process in addition to the Marla Graber Award. Margaret Bandy will coordinate the Champion Award process. The first call for nominations will go out in July and the Champion Award will be decided in September 2012 to be presented in October during National Medical Librarians Month.

Marla Graber Award:

CCML Member Debbie Weaver was selected to receive the 2012 Marla Graber Award for Excellence and Achievement. The award will be presented at the CCML Annual Meeting on April 20, 2012.

Tasks of the Committee:

1. Meet via email for all Committee business
2. Solicit nominations for Graber Award (January) and Library Champion Award (July) via email list and blog.
3. Review nominations and select awardee.
4. Present recommendations to Executive Committee via email.
5. Contact winners and then announce via CCML list.
6. Submit article for Council Quotes weblog.
7. Graber Award:
 - a. Contact Awardee.

- b. Order paper weight.
 - c. Create certificate.
 - d. Request check from Treasurer.
 - e. Present at Annual Meeting.
8. Champion Award
- a. Contact Awardee
 - b. Order paperweight
 - c. Create certificate
 - d. Request check from Treasurer
 - e. Present Award at the awardee's location in October.
9. Submit committee's annual report to President.

Bylaws Committee Report

Submitted by Shandra Protzko

There was no activity this year and no changes to the bylaws.

Education Committee Report

Submitted by Melissa DeSantis

The Education Committee presented an educational program at the September, November and February general meetings. At the September meeting Carson Block (formally of Poudre River PLD) and Nancy Hunter (CSU) talked about a report they co-authored on eBooks and eReaders. They discussed the report, the collaboration between an academic and public library, and some recommendations that came out of the report. At the November meeting, CCML librarians presented information they gained at a variety of professional meetings they had recently attended including the AAMC meeting in Denver. At the February meeting Abraham Nussbaum, MD gave a broad overview of medical marijuana.

The Education Committee hosted two MLA webcasts. The first was in November and the topic was eScience. The second was in April and was about mobile technologies.

A MLA CE class on Systematic Reviews was offered by the Education Committee on two different dates in March. The class was advertised to non-CCML members too. There was a small fee charged for the course (\$25 for CCML members, \$65 for non-CCML members) to help offset some of the costs of bringing in outside instructors. The class was well attended and highly evaluated by CCML members.

Finally, the Education Committee revamped and started advertising the Professional Development Fund awards. The Committee had budgeted to award a max of three awards at \$300 each. One award went to Karen Wells to help fund her travel to the MCMLA Annual meeting. Another \$300 award went to Addie Fletcher to help her attend the AMIA meeting. Both award recipients wrote items for the CQ blog in order to receive their reimbursement.

Our committee lost Julie Silverman as a member when she accepted a position at the Smithsonian Library and relocated to Washington, DC. A call went out to the CCML membership to ask for committee volunteers. A couple of CCML members responded, and in the end we selected Merinda McLure. Melissa De Santis will continue chairing the committee in 12-13. Additionally both Marie St. Pierre and Merinda McLure will remain on the committee.

Internet Committee Report

Submitted by Jeff Kuntzman

The CCML Internet Committee met several times in 2011-2012 to investigate and discuss the hosting solution used by MCMLA (Wild Apricot.com). The Committee gathered data on possible advantages and disadvantages of using the software, including the additional cost. We communicated with MCMLA officers as well as with Wild Apricot directly. We also considered ramifications of either completely moving the current CCML web site to the hosting solution, or integrating certain aspects of it into our current site

(like online dues payment and event registration). The Committee's findings were presented to CCML Executive Committee, where it was agreed that over the summer of 2012, the Chair of Internet Committee (Jeff Kuntzman) would pursue a 30 day free trial of the software, integrating aspects of Wild Apricot into the current CCML web site, and seek CCML member input at that time.

The current CCML site was launched in early 2011, and the organization has benefitted greatly from the simplicity, navigability and ease of use of the new site. A few minor changes were made in the course of the year, including the new "Other Local Library Organizations" page and a revamp of the Membership section of the site. Committee chairs reviewed relevant CCML site web pages as well as their committee membership and submitted their edits. Miscellaneous navigational and file name changes are either implemented or ongoing in order to simplify CCML website URLs.

In April, 2012 the CCML LISTSERV® membership stands at 130 subscribers.

Library Cooperation Committee Report

Submitted by Sara Katsh

Members of 2011-2012 committee:

Sara Katsh, Chair
Margaret Bandy
Peggy Cruse
Sharon Martin

Peggy Cruse ran a link checker on the old Resource Sharing web page and had the errors corrected.

The committee discussed transitioning the marketing and advocacy functions to Library Cooperation but tabled the decision temporarily. Our intent is to update content and preserve archival content from the former Advocacy Committee, with possible links to the newly-expanded Awards Committee.

As always, the Committee also forwarded NLM DOCLINE news to the CCML discussion list during the year.

Membership Committee Report

Submitted by Debra Taylor

Membership Committee – Debra Taylor ; Melissa Kovac, Paul Bloomquist (Database)

Membership met with Paul Blomquist in February to assist in stuffing envelopes with renewal letters to be mailed to our members. Paul noticed that some of the member's addresses were incorrectly addressed to non-preferred addresses, and Paul retained those envelopes to be reprinted and mailed later.

Membership met with Jeff Kuntzman in March following an Executive meeting. During this time we went over the CCML website and discussed some changes. After further review, and follow-up calls to Emporia University, several suggested changes were sent to Jeff and he updated several Membership pages.

Members who have renewed their Membership total 56 as of April 10th. (2 Student members; 6 Emeritus members; and 45 Regular)

Members I have emailed a renewal form and reminder note: 14. Members without an email address on the Directory: 3. I have spoken with two new members who have expressed an interest in joining the Membership Committee

Goal set – to get used to the Wordpress so I can get back to doing Member Profiles..

Nominating Committee Report

Submitted by Lilian Hoffecker

The Nominating Committee met once in August 2011 to discuss possible candidates. We identified and successfully recruited 2 individuals for the offices of President-Elect and Secretary for the 2012-2013 term. They were both elected at the November 2011 General Membership meeting. The office of Treasurer having a two-year term, did not need to be filled at this time.

The newly elected officers are: President-Elect: Melissa Kovac, Research Librarian, AORN Association of periOperative Registered Nurses

Secretary: **Peggy Cruse**, Information Specialist, Tucker Medical Library, National Jewish Health