

Colorado Council of Medical Librarians
General Membership Annual Meeting
Wednesday, April 16, 2008

3rd Floor Reading Room
Health Sciences Library
University of Colorado Denver
Anschutz Medical Campus
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Final Minutes

Education Program – Tour of the new Health Sciences Library
8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

- Lisa Traditi MLS, AHIP, and Head of Education at the Health Sciences Library conducted a tour of the new facility
- The new library
 - Is 113,000 square feet (twice the space of Denison)
 - Is themed after a mountain meadow in bloom (with a heavy influence of columbine in the architecture and color)
 - Includes an event space and art gallery
 - Has 31 enclosed study areas including “isolation booths” for cell phone users
 - Has 2 teaching labs
 - Contains 49 student computers (all with ergonomic, adjustable chairs)
 - Includes several video conferencing rooms
 - Includes several alcoves with white boards (marker and eraser packs check out)
 - Has a Special Collections room that houses 1st edition Darwin and Nightingale, the Amesse collection (leisure reading collection), Arts in Medicine Collection, Strauss Complementary and Indigenous Medicine collection, and the Waring History of Medicine & Health Sciences collection
 - An exercise room and bathroom with shower for the staff
 - Is a narrow, armed building because natural light reaches 90 feet into a building, and they wanted patrons and staff to have natural light
 - Now only receives 24 print journals, only half of which are bound; 20,000 full text online journals
 - Combined all services desks into one; in part to free up reference librarians to go out to where their faculty are on the Anschutz Campus (reference librarians no longer staff the desk at all, but are available through Ask A Librarian – chat, email, and phone – as well as through referral services)

Program – *Teaching Immunology in Rwanda: Is There a Better Way? What to do about Your PowerPoint Show when There's No Electricity Today*

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

- J. John Cohen, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Immunology and Medicine at the University of Colorado Denver was the speaker
- Dr. Cohen advertised Café Scientifique - <http://cafescicolorado.org/>
- In March of 2007 Dr. Cohen traveled to Rwanda to teach immunology in Butare where the Rwandan medical school is; he flew into Kigali, where the airport and major hospital (Centre Hospitaliere Universitaire Kigali) are and then traveled 135 miles to south Kigali
- Rwanda is the size of Vermont and about 9 million in population; mean annual per capita income is USD 260, which is enough to buy food, but not do anything else, like pay for housing or clothes; Rwanda has about 600,000 orphans; because it was a country under the Belgium empire, it is a French-speaking country; however, President Paul Kagame has changed the national language to English
- Genocidaires are people who were involved in the genocide; over 800,000 people have been accused of being genocidaires (which is about the number of individuals that died in the genocide); many of the guilty are sentenced to community service and can be identified by the pink robes they wear
- Dr. Cohen stayed at the Hotel des Mille Collines (“Hotel Rwanda”)
- The hospital does not have nurses except in intensive care; patients are expected to have family that come along and do the nursing; which is actually a system that works fairly well
- Dr. Cohen dealt with several obstacles in teaching in Rwanda that he is interested in gathering ideas and opinions concerning:
 - Attendance/Organization – attendance was informal, and often the professors did not release their students to attend lecture or even know about the class to send their students to
 - Language – the official language is English, but more people know French, but even more people Swahili, and even more people know a local Rwandan language; so Dr. Cohen had great difficulty in communicating with his classes, even though he is somewhat bilingual (English-French) as he was raised in Montreal
 - Electricity & Computer Equipment – the electricity is very iffy; instructors need to be prepared to NOT use computers to teach; there is no wireless
 - Classroom – most of the time no one could find a key to let the class into the classroom
 - Expectations & Levels
 - Efficiency, scale, durability, flexibility – What’s better?

Business Meeting

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

In Attendance:

- Lilian Hoffecker, President-Elect & incoming President
- Addie Fletcher, Treasurer & remaining Treasurer
- Stephanie Wiegand, Secretary & incoming Internet Chair
- Shandra Protzko, Internet Committee Chair and incoming President-Elect
- Sally MacGowan, incoming Secretary
- Jerry Carlson, Parliamentarian
- And approximately 30 members

Call to Order

- A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 10:57 a.m. by Lilian Hoffecker, President-Elect and incoming President.

Introduction of Guests

- Sally MacGowan introduced Shannon O'Grady from CLiC and Emily Epstein, a new member of CCML and Rare Book Cataloger at Health Sciences Library
- Beth Tweed introduced Frank Ames, Director of the library at the Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine.
- Lilian Hoffecker introduced Peg Fletcher from Boulder Community Hospital
- Nancy Simon introduced herself; she is retired from Rose Medical Center
- Nancy Simon introduced B.J. Croall, a former medical librarian and now working at Denver Public Library

Presentation of the 2008 Marla Graber Award

On behalf of CCML, Catherine Reiter presented the Marla Graber Award for Excellence and Achievement to Ruth Gilbert. Catherine described Ruth's numerous achievements and recognized her long-lasting career that has served the medical community. More can be read about Ruth's achievements and service in the most recent edition of Council Quotes. Catherine went on to discuss Ruth's willingness to mentor, teach, and guide others through an abiding commitment to helping others. One of Ruth's greatest passions is single-payer universal healthcare. She is an inspiration to both individuals and the profession.

Presentation of the 2007-2008 Service Award Certificates

Elected officers, committee chairs and all committee members were recognized for contributions to CCML over the 2007-2008 year and thanked for their service. Each officer, committee chair and committee member received a Certificate of Service from Lilian Hoffecker, standing in for Gene Gardner, who is currently out of the country.

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of the minutes from the February 20, 2008, General Membership Meeting: Lilian Hoffecker and Addie Fletcher proposed amendments. Motion to approve as amended was made by Lisa Traditi, and seconded by Addie Fletcher. Minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report – Addie Fletcher

- Current balance - \$11,872.00. We had a good year.
- Motion to approve was made by Margaret Bandy, and Linda van Wert seconded. Motion passed.

President-Elect's Report – Lilian Hoffecker

- Lilian had no report, other than the meetings over the last year went so well, but her service as President-Elect is over.

Advocacy Committee Report – Addie Fletcher

- Margaret Bandy has decided to step down from the Advocacy Committee.
- Ellen Graves has decided to join the committee.
- Dana Abbey has been invited to join the visits for Graduate Medical Education accreditation in Colorado and advocate for medical libraries.

Education Committee Report – Nancy Gross

- Nancy is ready to take over the helm of the Education Committee and start planning the continuing education component for the 2008-2009 year.

Internet Committee Report – Shandra Protzko

- Shandra thanked her committee and introduced the new chair, Stephanie Wiegand.
- Shandra also announced that the 2008-2009 calendar is on the website.

Library Cooperation Committee Report – Sara Katsh

- The Inter-Library Loan survey is being conducted using 2007 data; this is the 30th anniversary of the survey.
- Roz Dudden is now officially on the committee.

Marla Graber Award Committee Report – Catherine Reiter

- Catherine thanked her committee for all their work and once again recognized Ruth Gilbert.
- Lisa Traditi will be taking over as chair.

Membership Committee Report – Lynda Lillwitz

- Lynda thanked her committee members.
- Jim Honour attended Colleague Connection and represented CCML.
- Jim Honour will now be taking over as chair of the Membership Committee.

- The Membership Committee is still looking for medical stories where librarians have impacted the work of doctors, educators, health care providers, or others; or impacted the care of patients.
- Lynda recognized Beth Tweed for all her work as database coordinator.
- The Membership Committee is continuing visit with DU students and Emporia students about CCML and medical librarianship.

Nominating Committee Report – Joyce Condon

- Gene Gardiner will be the Nominating Committee Chair for 2008-2009.

Colleague Connection – Addie Fletcher

- Addie reported on Colleague Connection on April 2. Addie was a member of the planning committee. The speaker was somewhat disappointing, but the networking time and dinner were very well received. Keep an eye out for good speakers, as the planning committee for Colleague Connection is interested in your ideas.
- It is CCML's turn to organize the planning committee for Colleague Connection for 2009, and Addie will be glad to hear from any volunteers to act as coordinator. The coordinator calls the body together and delegates duties and overall organizes meetings of the group. Both Addie and Lynne Fox have both served on this committee and regard it as very little work for a great reward; much of the work is actually done by DU students. It is a great way to meet other people from libraries and organizations around Colorado.

MCMLA 2009 – Lynne Fox

- Lynne announced that she has a planning committee in place:
 - Jeff Kuntzman – AV/IT & Webpage Chair
 - Addie Fletcher – Continuing Education Programs Chairs
 - Dana Abbey – Exhibits
 - Debbie Weaver – Programs Chair
 - Lisa Traditi – Publicity and Promotion Chair
 - Beth Tweed – Registration and Hospitality Chair
 - Stephanie Wiegand – Social Events and Catering Chair
 - Sharon Martin – Treasurer
- The first meeting will be in May, 2009 to talk about themes and a logo.
- The conference is September 21-24, 2009, in Breckinridge.

Unfinished Business

- Committee membership
 - The Advocacy Committee still needs a chair.
 - The Internet Committee is still looking for another member (or more) if anyone is interested.

9 Health Fair – Elaine Connell

- Elaine set up a small medical library at the 9 Health Fair this year; medical librarians – many from this body – showed up on a Sunday at 6:00 a.m. and had 20 computers and promoted public and hospital libraries in this area; they handed out 400 pieces of literature to attendees.
- Lynne commended Elaine for the tremendous amount of work she did to make medical librarians and libraries part of the 9 Health Fair.

New Business

- Possible Partnership with Japan
 - Lilian is leaving tomorrow for Japan; she will be meeting with medical librarians while she is there. Lilian will be presenting to members of Tokyo area chapter of the medical librarians association.
 - Lilian is asking that the CCML membership think about creating a possible partnership or formal relationship with Japan's medical librarians association.
 - Lisa Traditi mentioned that MLA has already formed some of these formal international relationships, so MLA could serve as a model.
 - Lynne Fox mentioned the possibility of video or teleconferencing and putting together some formal meetings.
 - Overall, the membership supported the idea.

Announcements

- Barb Wagner had two students come in from DU for "a day on the job". Barb said the experience was great for both parties. "A day on the job" was arranged through the Rocky Mountain SLA chapter.
- Sara Katsh introduced Ronda Gunnett and Melissa Kovac from the AORN library.
- Jerry Carlson announced MCMLA in Cody, Wyoming October 4-8, 2008.

Changing of the Guard

Lilian handed the gavel to herself as the acting President to the incoming President, and introduced Shandra Protzko as the President-Elect, Sally MacGowan as incoming Secretary, and Addie Fletcher as the continuing Treasurer.

Adjournment

- Lilian adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

The annual luncheon followed.

Submitted

Stephanie Wiegand, Secretary