



PDI Alert

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**Message from the Acting Chair
Amy Knehans**

Spring is finally here! Spring is not only a wonderful season for new beginnings but also a time for transformation. As we look forward to the MLA annual meeting in Arizona it will be a great time for us to grow and move on.

This year has been very difficult for some people very close to us. Our section Chair Yvonne Hull had to step down as Chair and I assumed the position as directed in the PDI Bylaws. Yvonne had been working at Xavier University located in Louisiana for the past 33 years but it was down sized after Hurricane Katrina blew through their community. Yvonne has been a dedicated leader of our section and I would like to thank her for all of her hard work and commitment to the section. I hope she returns to us soon! Yvonne lost her job but is very grateful since she did not suffer any loss of life or property.

Not only is there change in Membership Chair, but also we have a new Chair-Elect/Program Chair, Gerri Wanserski and Jean Siebert for Nominating Committee Candidate. Two great leaders that have been involved and committed in MLA and the PDI section for a long time. Thank you for taking on these positions!

The 2006 MLA Annual Meeting in Phoenix Arizona is just around the corner. I have completed arrangements for our Embase.com Lecture. We are very pleased to have Lewis Mehl-Madrona, MD, PhD Associate Professor of Fam-

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ily Medicine and Psychiatry University of Saskatchewan College of Medicine, as the speaker. Dr. Mehl-Madrona will focus on perspectives on healing, from aboriginal to contemporary biomedical. The Embase.com Lecture will be held May 23rd 2:00 - 3:30 PM. Our section has coordinated with several other sections and SIG's for the annual meeting. We are co-sponsoring a program with the History of the Health Sciences section; Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender Health Sciences Librarians SIG and the Mental Health SIG pertaining to perception and treatment of the mentally ill. The program Between Madness and Mental Health will be May 21st 2:00 – 3:00.

All of the people I have worked with have been wonderful, it truly has been a great learning experience. I can honestly say I appreciate all the hard work that goes into a program.

I hope that many of you will be able to attend the MLA annual conference this year. My first meeting was last year in San Antonio, Texas and I found it to be beneficial personally and professionally. It is really nice to be able to put names to faces and share ideas while having a great time in a beautiful part of the country. I hope that everyone makes a special effort to go to the programs the PDI section is sponsoring (see pages 6 and 7). I would like to see our section transform to an even larger one so this is a great time for us to get out there and recruit new members!

There will be a new members breakfast May 21st 7:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m. The business meeting is scheduled for May 23rd 7-9 AM Yuma Room 29. During this meeting we will be voting on the amended bylaws (see email attachment on the phram-lib list). If you can not make it this year, please send me an email knehans@hawaii.edu noting your concerns, requests, ideas and questions. There is a PDI reception dinner May 21st 4:30 PM at the Hyatt. The Corporate Information Services section is having their business meeting at the same time and we have requested to have a joint reception so that we can get together and share in some food and drink! This is a great time to get acquainted in a relaxing environment over good food! I hope many of you will attend.

Mahalo!

Amy Knehans
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Pharmacy and Drug Information Section (PDI) MLA Midyear Report 2005-2006

Goal 1: Recruitment, Membership, and Leadership in the Profession

The section continues to focus on recruiting and welcoming new members to the section. It is our goal to gain new members and to encourage the development of leadership skills through participation in the sections activities by serving on committees or as officers.

During the annual meeting in San Antonio, TX, Sarah McCord attended the new members meeting to welcome new members. We have several members taking on new leadership roles as well as some stepping down.

During the 2005/06 elections of officer's 16 members voted. Elections were done electronically. There was no candidate for the section Council Rep-Elect but Pauline Hicks volunteered and was elected. The section voted unanimously at the 2005 MLA/PDI business meeting to confirm acceptance of the position.

Hurricane Katrina has had an effect on our sections governance. Due to the disasters of Katrina Yvonne Hull who is located in New Orleans had to step down as Chair after she had lost her job. Amy Knehans, currently Chair-Elect/Program Chair has agreed to serve the unexpired term. The section appreciates all of Yvonne's hard work and dedication to the section and we hope she will be back in action soon.

It has become more of a challenge than in recent years to locate volunteers who are willing to serve as Section Officers.

Goal 2: Life Long Learning

Yvonne Hull worked on section programming for the 2005 annual meeting and it was a great success. In addition to the sections Embase.com Lecture the section sponsored a program with the Medical Informatics section and Molecular Biology and Genomic SIG. PDI also co-sponsored a program with the Public Services section. The Embase.com lecture focused on promoting safe use of herbal medicines.

This years planning is well on it's way for the 2006 annual meeting in Phoe-

nix AZ. Amy Knehans has been working on the Embase.com Lecture. The speaker will focus on perspectives on healing, from aboriginal to contemporary biomedical. Our section has coordinated with several other sections and SIG's for the annual meeting. We are co-sponsoring a program with the History of the Health Sciences section; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health Sciences Librarians SIG and the Mental Health SIG pertaining to perception and treatment of the mentally ill. Abstracts and papers have already been reviewed for the 2006 MLA Annual Meeting.

Sarah McCord PDI's Nominating Committee Chair will be presenting a poster at MLA '06 with co-author Vicki F. Croft called, "The Health Sciences Library as Partner in Case-Based Learning Exercises". The poster is about their work with the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Goal 3: Advocacy

The liaison to the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Library and Electronic Resources Section (AACP-LER) continues to provide communication with the PDI.

Goal 4: Creating and Communicating Our Knowledge

The PDI Web page continues to be a helpful resource for members. The section appreciates Sharon Giovenale's continued work as web developer. The PDI Alert continues to provide information about the section. More participation from the group and members is necessary; we are working to address this difficulty. The issue will be discussed at the next business meeting.

Over the pharm-lib list serv members were encouraged to submit papers and or poster presentations for the next MLA meeting. Members have also been invited to contribute to the division's newsletter and web site.

Goal 5: Building a Network of Partners

Gerri Wanserski has been an excellent liaison for our section and the AACP Libraries/Educational Resources section since 2003. We are very grateful to her service. The two groups continue to share information and ideas. The members enjoy networking at both annual meetings.

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This report is informational and requires no action by the Board of Directors.

Amy Knehans, *Chair*
February 10, 2006

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**MLA 2006 Conference
PDI Events**

Between Madness and Mental Health

*Presented in conjunction with
History of the Health Sciences Section,
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health Sciences Librarians SIG, Mental Health SIG*

Sunday May 21, 2005
TBA (please refer to the Conference Program)
2:00 —3:00 pm

PDI Reception Dinner

Jointly with Corporate Information Services

Sunday May 21, 2006
Hyatt, Ellis East
4:30—6:00 pm

Pharmacy and Drug Information Section Business Meeting

Tuesday May 23, 2006
Convention Center, Yuma Room 29
7:00-9:00 am

EMBASE.com Lecture

Narratives in Medicine: Exploring the boundaries between indigenous healing and contemporary biomedicine

This presentation will address different perspectives on healing, from aboriginal to contemporary biomedical. We will consider the different ideas about the person, about mind and body, and about healing as well as how these different medical systems can be integrated. We will explore through story and the use of the narrative process, how healing can occur within the lives of specific individuals and how transformation (including spiritual) relate to healing and cure. We will consider how information about these practices can lead to improved health care and lessen the gap in health disparities among different populations. We will consider how health care providers can learn about traditional, aboriginal and indigenous practices in ways that are sensitive, non-intrusive, and respectful.

Lewis Mehl-Madrona, MD, PhD
Assoc. Prof. of Family Medicine and Psychiatry
University of Saskatchewan College of Medicine

Tuesday May 23, 2005
Convention Center, Yuma Room 25
2:00 – 3:30 pm

MLA's Leadership and Management Section: Recent History Reveals Growth and Dynamism

The Leadership and Management Section (LMS), formerly the Medical School Libraries Group, is now one of the largest and most active of the MLA's 23 sections. Since its renaming in 2000 and its refocusing on the challenges unique to leadership and management, its membership has flourished. The fact that there were 369 members in the section by 2005 suggests that this new direction has a broad appeal.

LMS offers a multitude of resources to its members. Foremost among these is its fine newsletter, *The Leading Edge*, that provides its readers with book reviews, short articles, case studies, and section news. The section's listserv allows its subscribers to share information and network in a more casual forum. LMS also actively sponsors and contributes to grants designed to promote leadership and management. Educational programs offered at MLA annual meetings have always been strength of the section. LMS conviviality and social activities, another strength of the section, allow members numerous opportunities for further networking.

The LMS is similarly rich in its projects and initiatives. Noteworthy in this area is its ambitious effort to advance the careers of middle managers. The Task Force on Professional Development for Current and Aspiring Middle Managers (PDCAMM) recently surveyed over 900 medical librarians, including 400 middle managers, in order to identify how to best prepare this group for positions in upper management.

The LMS has evolved into a mature, active, even dynamic section with a well defined focus that appeals to many MLA members. **If you are interested in improving your management abilities and in advancing your career prospects** then you will find that membership in the LMS will help you to realize your professional aspirations.

More information about the LMS is available on its Web page at:

<http://www.lms.mlanet.org/>

An application form is available at:

http://www.lms.mlanet.org/join_us_form.html

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