

## **Annual Report: Public Services Section**

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

PSS promotes mentorship and leadership opportunities within MLA by sending welcome emails to each new member.

Online Elections held February 2014 – New leaders elected -  
Chair-Elect: Lisa Traditi

Secretary/Treasurer: Janna Lawrence

MLA Nominating Committee Candidate: Montie' Dobbins

Survey submitted to membership April 11, 2014 re: future directions of the section, results to be presented at our section business meeting in Chicago.

PSS is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, we were established in 1984.

PSS will be participating in the Section Poster session at MLA in Chicago.

PSS will be donating an item for the auction for the Party with a Purpose.

### **Goal 2: Life Long Learning**

Sessions for MLA Annual Meeting in Chicago, May 2014 sponsored, or cosponsored by PSS:

Title: Information Building Blocks: Open Data Initiatives and Trends

Title: Librarian's Role in the Translational Science Research Team

Title: Building Allies: Supporting the Allied Health Professionals

Title: Protecting Patron Privacy in the Era of Surveillance

The MATE Task Force (MLA Academy of Teaching Excellence) asked PSS to participate in a presentation at MLA. We are providing some of the honorarium to Monica Metzler who will be doing a session called "Bad Presentation Bingo".

### **Goal 3: Advocacy**

One travel award has been awarded to a member for travel to the 2014 conference.

PSS is responsible for nominating a MLA Allied Representative to ALA's RUSA-STARS (Reference and User Services Association, Section for Transforming Access and Resource Services) Executive Committee. Incoming MLA Allied Representative to RUSA-STARS Loree Hyde will be attending ALA, summer 2014.

#### **Goal 4: Knowledge Creation and Communication**

Section is working on a history of the section, collection photos from members.

The Public Services Section moderates the Expert Searching Listserv and the PSS Listserv.

PSS: [http://pss.mlanet.org/mailman/listinfo/pss\\_pss.mlanet.org](http://pss.mlanet.org/mailman/listinfo/pss_pss.mlanet.org)

Expert Searching: [http://pss.mlanet.org/mailman/listinfo/expertsearching\\_pss.mlanet.org](http://pss.mlanet.org/mailman/listinfo/expertsearching_pss.mlanet.org)  
2013 = 361 messages (currently there are 847 members)

#### **Goal 5: Partnership**

PSS is partnering with the following Sections and SIGs to bring paper sessions to MLA 2014: Medical Informatics Section, Molecular Biology SIG, Genomics SIG, Corporate Information Services Section, Translational Sciences Collaboration SIG, Libraries in Curriculum SIG, Consumer and Patient Health Information Section, Federal Libraries Section, Department of Veterans Affairs Librarians SIG, Health Disparities SIG, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Health Sciences Librarians SIG

PSS is working with the MATE Task Force to bring Monica Metzger to MLA in Chicago.

#### **Motion**

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

#### **Committee Personnel for 2013-14**

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Barkley, Stephen: Membership Committee Chair

Bradigan, Pamela: Standards Committee Chair

Cortez, Elisa: Chair-elect and Program Committee Chair

Dean, Elaine: Secretary/Treasurer

Dobbins, Montie': Bylaws Committee Chair

Duffel, Trish: Web Site Editor and Electronic Mailing List Coordinator

Hannon, Todd: Nominee to MLA Nominating Committee

Hyde, Loree: Allied Representative to ALA, Reference and User Services Association, Section for Transforming Access and Resource Services executive committee

Judkins, Dolores Zegar: Past Chair, Section Council Rep and Nominating Committee Chair

Thormodson, Kelly: Chair

Governmental Relations Committee Liaison: open

Submitted by Kelly Thormodson, Chair