

Mid-Year Report 2013: 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.

New Chair sent introduction email to all members asking for input about what the members were wanting from the section.

Stephen Barkley and Trish Duffel are the new Membership committee chair and Web Site editor respectively.

Chair, Kelly Thormodson, serves on the Section Council's Section Value Added Services Task Force.

Goal 2: Life Long Learning

Elisa Cortez, Chair-Elect, has collaborated with other sections and SIGs to sponsor/co-sponsor the following sessions for MLA 2014 in Chicago.

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

Goal 3: Advocacy

One travel award was awarded to Kimberly Pullen to assist her in attending the 2013 Annual Meeting.

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

Expert Searching: 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

Motion

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

Committee Personnel for 2013-14

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

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