

Annual Report: Public Services Section

Goal 1: Recruitment, Membership and Leadership in the Profession

PSS promotes mentorship and leadership opportunities within MLA by forwarding MLA Career Development Grant announcements, webinar opportunities, and sending welcome emails to each new member.

Online Elections were held February 2015. New PSS leaders elected:

Chair-Elect: Katie Prentice

Nomination for the MLA Nominating Committee: Bette Sydelko

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

Goal 2: Life Long Learning

Public Services Section (PSS) sponsored/co-sponsored sessions for MLA Annual Meeting, May 2015 in Austin, TX:

Title: Keep Libraries Weird: Inviting Everyone to the Party

Title: Libraries, Adult Learners, and SOTL, Oh My!

Goal 3: Advocacy

Public Services Section sponsors one travel award for PSS members to use to attend the Annual Meeting.

MLA Allied Representative to ALA RUSA-STARS, Loree Hyde. MLA Allied Representative to ACRL Health Sciences Interest Group, Elisa Cortez.

Goal 4: Knowledge Creation and Communication

The Public Services Section moderates the following listservs:

Public Services Section Listserv http://pss.mlanet.org/mailman/listinfo/pss_pss.mlanet.org 142 members; 42 messages in 2014. Expert Searching Listserv:

http://pss.mlanet.org/mailman/listinfo/expertsearching_pss.mlanet.org 946 members. 336messages in 2014.

Goal 5: Partnership

Lisa Traditti, Chair-Elect, has collaborated with other sections and SIGs to sponsor/co-sponsor upcoming MLA'15 sessions. Cosponsors include: History of the Health Sciences Section, Technical Services Section, Medical Informatics Section, Molecular Biology and Genomics SIG. Educational Media and Technologies Section, Libraries in Curriculum SIG, Medical Library Education Section.

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

Submitted by Elisa Cortez, Chair

Committee Personnel for 2014-2015

Chair: Elisa Cortez

Chair-elect and Program Committee Chair: Lisa Traditi

Past Chair and Nominating Committee Chair: Kelly Thormodson

Section Council Representative: Kelly Thormodson

Secretary/Treasurer: Janna Lawrence

Nominee to MLA Nominating Committee: Montie' Dobbins

Governmental Relations Committee Liaison: open

Bylaws Committee Chair: Montie' Dobbins

Membership Committee Chair: Stephen Barkley

Standards Committee Chair: Pamela Bradigan

Web Site Editor: Trish Duffel

Electronic Mailing List Coordinator: Trish Duffel