

Medical Library Association Annual Meeting
Public Services Section Business Meeting
Monday, May 19, 2014
Buckingham Room, Hyatt Regency Chicago

- I. Welcome and introductions – Kelly Thormodson
 - a. Called to order 4:39 p.m.
- II. Approval of 2013 minutes – Janna Lawrence for Elaine Dean (sent out in advance)
 - a. Moved by Terry Jankowski, seconded by Lisa Traditi, approved unanimously.
- III. Reports
 - a. Annual report – Kelly Thormodson (sent out in advance)
 - i. PSS is celebrating our 30th anniversary this year. MLA forwarded a resolution, which is attached.
 - ii. PSS sponsored or co-sponsored 4 paper sections and also co-sponsored MATE's Bad Presentation Bingo, tomorrow at 3:30 during Open Forum sessions
 - iii. One travel stipend was awarded to Lisa Traditi (\$500).
 - iv. The Expert Searching listserv now has 847 members, with 361 messages in 2013.
 - b. Secretary-treasurer – Janna Lawrence for Elaine Dean (sent out in advance)
 - i. The treasury is in fine shape.
 - c. Membership Committee – Stephen Barkley
 - i. About 10 new members joined this year. They got welcome letters, and will be put on listserv. (Stephen will contact listserv manager Trish Duffel.)
 - d. Election Results – Dolores Judkins
 - i. Lisa Traditi was elected Chair-Elect, Janna Lawrence Secretary-Treasurer, Montie' Dobbins Nominee to the MLA Nominating Committee
 - e. ALA/RUSA STARS – Elisa Cortez/Loree Hyde
 - i. Elisa is turning this position over to Loree Hyde. Elisa submitted a report to MLA and reports good conversations with RUSA, with the possibility of reaching out to health sciences programs at community colleges. ACRL does have a Health Sciences Interest Group. A nursing version of the ACRL literacy standards were in *ACRL News* and in the report. Literacy standards will be created other health sciences fields, with physician assistants being the next group planned.
 - f. Government Relations – currently open (no report)
 - g. Standards Committee – Pamela Bradigan (no report)
 - h. MLA CE Committee – Elisa Cortez/Lisa Traditi
 - i. Elisa attended the meeting for section CE reps at this meeting. Courses for 2016 are now being considered, with symposia also being possible. Anyone with ideas for CE courses at MLA 2016 should send them to Lisa.
 - i. Web Committee – Trish Duffel
 - i. Trish reported a spike this weekend for expert searching list, based on the class Terry taught on Saturday
 - ii. The PSS website averages 4900 hits each month, with 24,000 one month, mostly coming from Canada and China. Due to a massive amount of spam, comments have been disabled, but can be reinstated to individual pages as needed.
 - iii. MLA has increased our space. What should we add to the website?

- j. Bylaws Committee – Montie’ Dobbins
 - i. Our bylaws are in order.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. The Section Shuffle was replaced this year with a poster session. The PSS poster was created by Dolores Judkins and Elisa Cortez and was staffed on Sunday, May 18 by Kelly Thormodson and Stephen Barkley. They reported that there was not much traffic; however, the poster was up for several days, so it was seen during unstaffed times, too.
 - b. Results of survey of membership – Dolores Judkins
 - i. No new members responded. Possible that PSS listserv hasn’t been updated in a while. Trish will look at this; Dolores will resend the survey if needed.
 - 1. Most responders were in reference/instruction
 - 2. Method of communication preferred – email was omitted, but was a popular “other.” Most popular was the newsletter.
 - 3. How PSS helps – networking and expert searching
 - 4. How to make more PSS valuable – teaching/learning repository
 - 5. Does the name describe the section? Only 11% said no; they wanted something with “reference” in it.
 - 6. Discussion of why newsletter was popular – lack of use of email. “Newsletter” type stuff/content could go on website, with reminders to members.
 - 7. Discussion of name of PSS and confusion with EMTS. Suggestions included partnering with EMTS on programming and beefing up the instruction side on the website and in programming. Other ideas included having something about PSS in *MLA News* and including the section posters at the new members breakfast.
 - 8. Listserv discussion item: how do we let people know what we do? Should we change our name? To what? Do we need a branding catch phrase? Emphasize programming in instruction?
 - c. Environmental Scan – Section Council task force gave report to Section Council – Kelly Thormodson
 - i. Skipped
- V. New Business
 - a. The \$500 travel stipend was awarded to Lisa Traditi for this year’s attendance
 - b. PSS donated to the Party with a Purpose auction – 2 night hotel stay in Manhattan, donated by Kelly’s friend, who is the general manager of the Residence Inn by Marriott Midtown East. It will be auctioned off in the live auction Tuesday night at 8:10 pm.
 - c. Program ideas for 2015
 - i. First brainstorming meeting for section ideas was on Saturday. Lisa will go to another meeting Wednesday. Ideas will be finalized this summer. Ideas included: emphasizing our teaching role, embedded librarianship, going outside the library to our users, Open Access, social media and libraries, advocacy, decreasing budgets, the Scholarship of teaching and learning, changes in ILL, support of distance learning, especially ILL and document delivery implications, instructional design.
 - d. Other

- i. There is a Systematic Review SIG in development. They would like to work with us on the Expert Searching listserv, possibly co-moderating, since there are many questions on the listserv about systematic reviews.
 - ii. There was discussion as to whether we should offer a special emeritus membership level. The decision was to keep all PSS memberships at \$10/year.
 - iii. There was a question about donating to the Ysabel Bertolucci Annual Meeting Grant. Lisa Traditi moved that we donate \$200; the motion was seconded by Loree Hyde and approved by all.
- VI. Drawing for free membership in honor of our 30th Anniversary
 - a. Winner was Janna Lawrence
- VII. Hand off of leadership to new Chair – Elisa Cortez
- VIII. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Janna Lawrence
PSS Secretary/Treasurer