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Message from the Chair

Folks,

This year continues to be without precedent for the world, but also for our Chapter. The Southern Chapter was founded in 1950 and has met annually each year subsequent. As I announced last week, this will be the first year that we will not meet in person. That is the unfortunate news. Rather than dwell on the bad news over which we have little control, I will choose to focus on turning these bad circumstances into something positive—the first ever Southern Chapter Virtual Annual Meeting.

Many chapters do this on a regular basis, but this will be a first for ours. If you love Southern Chapter, but find it difficult to attend because of financial or travel issues, this is a wonderful opportunity to participate without these barriers. And, we hope we will have a record number of attendees.

Program Chair, Trey Lemley, and the Program Committee have been charged with making arrangements for the virtual meeting. Stay tuned for information from the Program Committee with respect to the program, dates, registration, etc. We anticipated this might happen and our calls for papers/posters included a virtual option. Please continue to submit your proposals. The best content of any annual meeting comes from our members. If you have suggestions about programming or other things surrounding the meeting, please reach out to Trey (lemley@southalabama.org)

As a result of the virtual meeting, the Executive Committee approved a series of proposals that will impact subsequent meetings. First, the 2020 meeting, originally scheduled for Montgomery, AL on October 22-24, has been cancelled. The virtual meeting will be held on date(s) this fall and those will be announced in the upcoming days.

I want to give special thanks to Margaret Alexander and Inga Moten, chairs of the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC), who stepped up to host the Montgomery meeting and worked diligently to make plans to welcome the membership to their city. They will continue to participate in planning our virtual meeting.

Second, this year’s cancellation has necessitated some shuffling of future meetings. As a result of the aforementioned proposals approved by the Executive Committee, here is a revised schedule for future SCMLA Annual Meetings:

2021: New Orleans, LA (joint meeting with South Central Chapter), Sept. 16-21, 2021. LAC: Susan Clark (MS)
2023: Charleston, SC (joint meeting with Mid Atlantic Chapter), Dates TBD. LAC: Shannon Jones (SC)
Special thanks go out to Embassy Suites Montgomery for allowing the Chapter to reschedule our Montgomery meeting without penalty in 2022. Also, special thanks to Shannon Jones (MUSC) and Kate Flewelling (MAC Chair) for agreeing to push back the Charleston meeting until 2023.

This has certainly not been the year I imagined I would experience as Chair, but it’s been gratifying to see SCMLA members rise to the occasion to meet the challenges thrust upon us. I will sorely miss the comradery that makes our Annual Meeting so special, but that will only make it more gratifying when we share each other’s company in New Orleans in 2021. But, let us focus ourselves on having an outstanding virtual meeting and view this as an opportunity to bring some of that comradery to the membership who may not normally be able to attend in person.

Sincerely,
Randall Watts
2020 Southern Chapter Chair
Baptist Health South Florida (BHSF) Library

Baptist Health South Florida (BHSF) library temporarily transitioned to remote work in March. In an effort to stay connected with their customers, they added a Skype chat service. By leveraging the existing messenger platform they did not incur any additional expense, there was no need to evaluate vendors, and they avoided a lengthy IT integration process.

To promote the new service line, the library team hosted a “chat-athon”. Employees had to navigate to the electronic library and submit the name of one of our e-resources using the chat service for a chance to win a Kindle. The promotion was well-received, and led to additional use.

While chat services are a common service line in universities and/or public libraries, hospital libraries have often shied away from them because of competing priorities. The “new normal” removed the instant access patrons enjoyed by walking into a library, chat restored it.
Welcome to the Medical Class of 2024 and Bridge Class of 2020

In May, 120 new medical students and 13 Bridge to Clinical Medicine master’s students joined the FSU College of Medicine. FSU Maguire Medical Library director Martin Wood met with other FSU College of Medicine personnel in Zoom to welcome the new students. The library orientation included information about library resources, 24/7 access to the library space, and instructions for accessing course textbooks.

Medical Library Responds Quickly to College Need for COVID Wellness Resources: LibGuides to the Rescue!

This past April, the Maguire Medical Library published a Coping with COVID-19 LibGuide section in response to an expressed College need for wellness resources on coping with the stress of a pandemic.

It all began when the FSU College of Medicine’s Wellness Committee sponsored a “Protective Factors for Coping with COVID-19” webinar.

Susan Epstein, who developed the library’s Mental Health and Wellness guide, was contacted three days before the webinar by the Wellness Committee chair to co-develop a list of resources for webinar participants. Susan suggested a supplemental tab on the Mental Health and Wellness guide so that the selected valuable resources would be organized and accessible to the FSU COM community.

In preparation for the webinar, Susan organized the existing list into thematic boxes, requested additional resources from the webinar committee, and added the resources to the Coping with COVID-19 page to be shared with the webinar participants.

After the webinar, Susan further added additional resources suggested by people in the College, and modified box titles accordingly. Coping with COVID-19 will continue to be updated depending on the College’s shifting wellness needs and landscape during COVID-19. Developing this tab provided a unique opportunity to illustrate librarian expertise in analyzing, organizing, and publicizing resources, and to showcase the other content in the Mental Health and Wellness guide to a large audience at their point of need.
Specialized COVID-19 LibGuide and FAQ for Clinical Practice and Biomedical Sciences Research

Medical librarians developed a Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) guide and FAQ for FSU College of Medicine students, residents, and faculty. Linked at the top of the Maguire Medical Library website, the LibGuide includes overview information, clinical insights, links to mobile resources that the medical library provides that feature COVID-19 information, customized literature searches, and a global cases dashboard. This COVID-19 guide provides focused and specialized knowledge to support clinical practice and research in the biomedical and health sciences.
HEAL: Humanism Evolving through Arts and Literature

The Florida State University College of Medicine published its 11th annual volume of *HEAL: Humanism Evolving through Arts and Literature*. Bringing together writing and art from a variety of sources, HEAL is a platform where medical students share their growth and development, where faculty and staff impart their knowledge gained from experience, and where members of the community express how health and healing have impacted their lives.

The FSU Maguire Medical Library has been involved with the publication of HEAL from its very beginning. Working in conjunction with the Florida Academic Library Services, the library provides access to the open access publishing platform, Open Journal Systems, which is hosted on the Florida Online Journals website. Indexing, copyright, and technical support are additional services provided by our library staff.

The Clifford E. Graese Community Health Library, Orlando Health, FL

Due to COVID-19 and the stay at home order within the state of Florida, the Consumer Health Librarian of the Clifford E. Graese Community Health Library of Orlando Health, Jessica Daly, MLS, realized there had to be an innovative way to bring her health literacy education to the communities of Central Florida. During her first phone call in order to cancel an in-person presentation for a local rotary club, Jessica was asked if she would like to present during their Zoom meeting the following week. The virtual presentation during the rotary club’s meeting was a success! Not only were just as many people reached, but the president of the Rotary Club of Orlando wrote an amazing recommendation for which now is being shared as a testimonial and the reason other clubs are scheduling virtual presentations for the coming weeks and months.

The success of the virtual health literacy presentations has continued to lead to even more opportunities for additional club, organization, civic groups and even chamber of commerce virtual presentations within Central Florida and throughout the state. By presenting virtually, distance is no longer an issue nor an expense for the consumer health library when it comes to travel. The most requested topics include: “Becoming Your Own Patient Advocate”, “Dealing with Stress the Healthy Way” and “Sleep and Your Health”. This method of presenting has also led to an increased number of patient and family caregiver weekly research requests to the consumer health librarian, meaning the health literacy of these people is improving! When health literacy is improved, we know the overall health and quality of life of these patients will also improve, which is the over arching goal of the consumer health librarian.
Many groups have shared how they may continue with virtual meetings in the future due to the savings they have accrued while not having to rent a space to meet. One club even shared how they gave the money normally used to rent their meeting space to the local hospital frontline workers providing them with food and recognition. This exemplifies giving back to the community.

For more detailed information on how this process worked, feel free to email Jessica Daly at Jessica.Daly@OrlandoHealth.com.

**Tampa General Hospital Library, Tampa, FL**

**Virtual Hours in the age of COVID-19**

Tampa General Hospital Medical Librarians began working remotely due to COVID-19 concerns earlier this year. While our patrons can still reach us through email and internal request forms we were hoping to find new ways to engage with hospital employees to fill their information needs. Beginning on May 26, 2020 the TGH Medical Library launched virtual office hours to provide new options for hospital employees to reach medical librarians. These virtual hours are hosted through Microsoft Teams which is a newly implemented application for the hospital. Virtual Office Hours are offered Monday through Thursday. Hospital employees received a login link at the start of the program and can sign in to the virtual office hours at any time during the designated times. While we do see fewer visitors during our virtual hours than in person hours we have seen some activity at the virtual hours that have led to additional search requests and opportunities to promote our resources to employees who have not used the medical library services in the past.
Meet the Newest Member of our Library Family

Our User Services Librarian Natasha Williams gave birth to a boy, Ezran Williams, on May 7, 2020. This is the first baby for Natasha and her husband Matthew.

Welcome, baby Ezran!

Proud Grandma Nadia Fortune, our Sr. Library Technical Assistant, was able to see her first grandson and eldest daughter after the birth. The rest of the library team is patiently waiting for the opportunity to safely see Ezran in person. Our warmest congratulations to the new parents and grandmother!

Staying Connected in the Time of COVID-19

This spring we, like so many other library teams, found ourselves working remotely and suddenly unable to provide any programs for our users. Our library has always been a center for workplace wellness for faculty and staff at the College of Medicine, and it was important to us to not only stay connected with our users, but to continue to provide them an outlet for wellness. In March we created two programs, “Wellness Wednesdays” and the “HSL Podcast Club”, to promote wellness during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Wellness Wednesdays

Every Wednesday faculty and staff receive a Wellness Wednesdays email highlighting wellness resources they can enjoy from home. Some of our Wellness Wednesdays included: learning a new language with Mango, watching baby animals, virtual National Park tours, meditation apps, coloring apps, and much more! We hope to keep providing Wellness Wednesdays at least until our faculty and staff begin returning to work on campus.

Our “Wellness Wednesdays” email share wellness resources with COM faculty and staff.
HSL Podcast Club

Missing the opportunity to see our library users during our weekly Popcorn Day events, the library’s Public Services team decided to create a new event in its place. The HSL Podcast Club is open to staff and faculty. We meet Thursdays via Zoom for an hour to discuss a new podcast each week. Carly Lambert, our Sr. Library Technical Assistant and resident true-crime fan, serves as moderator and has chosen a fantastic selection of podcasts from a variety of genres. The meetings are informal and fun, and give participants an opportunity to not only engage with the library team, but with one another. Some of the podcasts we have enjoyed include Armchair Expert, Sawbones, Dr. Death, The Shrink Next Door, and This American Life.

University of Florida Health Science Center Libraries- Gainesville, FL

The libraries in both Gainesville and Jacksonville closed their doors in late March, although both offered document delivery and interlibrary services. Per the provost’s request the Gainesville library has opened its 2nd floor study space for unstaffed but security-monitored, swipe-access study for health science students. In July, our library and the main library will begin to offer scheduled pick-ups for items from our print collections.

Other changes:

Online classes
https://ufl.libcal.com/calendar/HSCLWorkshops/?cid=11693&t=d&d=0000-00-00&cal=11693&inc=0

In addition to moving library workshops formerly taught face-to-face to Zoom (Best Practices in Data Management; Mendeley and introductions to EndNote, Nursing/Allied Health Lit and Systematic Reviews), we added the following to satisfy the desire for lab and graduate student supervisors for classes that would enable them to keep their employees “working” full-time:

- Data Organization with Spreadsheets and R
- Introduction to Tableau
- Kicking the Tires of Citation Management Software - Exploring Which Tool to Use
- Learn this One Weird Trick to Share and Publish Research Work [That Isn’t a Paper]
- Narrative Literature Reviews: Types and Tricks
- Navigating NIH Reporter
- Research & Publication Ethics
- SciWheel
- Searching for COVID-19 Information

The UF Health Science Center Libraries collaborated with 5 librarians from the main library system to create a LibGuide on COVID. It was featured on the rotating marquee on our homepage for its first month and garnered approximately 9,000 hits from around the world—especially the Visualizations page and from our Twitter posting—in its first 3 months. Recently, NISO’s Director of Content wrote a brief article about COVID LibGuides and gave ours a thumbs up for organizing around distinct groups of users: https://www.niso.org/niso-io/2020/06/exploring-covid-19-libguides-eleven-links

Library faculty have continued to publish their research.

Library Faculty publications


Statement of Solidarity

In response to the death of George Floyd, the HSCL released a statement on systemic racism and injustice as well as a LibGuide with Anti-Racism resources. The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Team led the creation of this statement as well as developed the LibGuide.

The full statement is available here: https://library.health.ufl.edu/2020/06/03/racism-injustice/

The LibGuide is available here: https://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/HSCLDiversity/antiracismresources
Calder Goes Remote: Library Services during COVID-19

Calder Medical Library transitioned to remote operations in mid-March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staffed by a security guard, library space and computers remain available for medical students and clinical personnel who staff the two hospitals on campus. Library personnel continue to provide most services while working remotely and access to all of the Library’s online resources remains available.

Remote Services

Although all Library personnel have been able to work on projects and other assignments while working from home, several departments continued or expanded their engagement with library patrons. Access Services began monitoring and triaging the Chat Service in order to answer the types of questions normally asked at the Circulation counter before forwarding other chat questions to the reference librarians. Since the Chat service now had a more prominent role in communicating with patrons, Calder’s Webmaster moved the Ask A Librarian Chat feature to the center of the Library’s homepage for easier access, and posted the Quick Guide to Calder Library Remote Services above it.

Calder Library’s remote Interlibrary Loan service continues to provide its usual efficient service. From March 16 through June 18 the cross-trained team in Technical Services filled 3,871 article requests from home.

Interlibrary Loan Team: Amalia de la Vega, Acquisitions/ILL, Manuel Pasos, Interlibrary Loan and Velda Thompkins, Serials/ILL

COVID-19 Coronavirus Resource Guide

Calder librarians created a comprehensive guide for finding relevant resources on the COVID-19 pandemic. The guide includes University of Miami-specific, local, state, national and international links to pandemic information, along with library licensed resources on infectious diseases and pulmonary and critical care.

Link to COVID-19 Resource Guide: https://spmed.library.miami.edu/subjects/Infectious
Announcements

At the end of every spring and fall semester, the Augusta University Libraries’ Virtual Finals Frenzy Committee is usually busy providing free food, coffee, and stress reducing activities to students preparing for exams. With both libraries closed due to COVID 19, we created alternative online programming by hosting a “Virtual Finals Frenzy”. To stay engaged with our students, the Virtual Finals Frenzy Committee regularly posted on the libraries’ social media, providing content analogous to our in-person events. To complement and expand upon our social media content, we created an online library guide (LibGuide), which collected resources to help our students get through the most challenging finals of their lives with lower stress levels and, hopefully, some smiles.

Our usual (in-person) programming at both libraries offers regular coffee and snacks, as well as a couple of days of full meals in the form of Nacho Night and Pizza Day allowing students to focus on studying in our space. Unable to feed and connect with students ourselves, we hoped to inspire students with a staff cooking challenge. Library faculty and staff made recipes from the libraries’ collection of e-cookbooks, sharing a photo of the finished product. Our talented librarian-chefs made a wide array of dishes for all tastes. Highlights included beer bread, fresh salsa, jerk chicken, tomato pie, and peanut butter muffins.

To replicate our relaxation and de-stress physical spaces, we created a virtual Zen Zone in our LibGuide, to give students resources and strategies for reducing stress and taking a break during finals. This semester, we expanded the Zen Zone to include links to self-care strategies, mindfulness and meditation exercises, and ASMR (autonomous sensory meridian response) videos.

Our most popular in-person program has always been a visit from local therapy dogs, who lower everyone’s stress levels by being their furry selves. To give everyone a bit of pet-destress, we used our own pets, sharing photos of our pets on library social media. All told, the libraries faculty and staff are hosting 23 cats, 21 dogs, four birds, a hamster, and a gaggle of chickens. Even those of us without pets got in on the fun, with a cameo from one librarian’s plush toys.

We hope we can support students in person in fall, but until then, we plan to maintain the LibGuide, to give students (and maybe faculty and staff) the tools to persevere with some grace and a little joy. Check out our guide here: https://guides.augusta.edu/VirtualFinalsFrenzy.
Awards

Gail Kouame, MLIS, Associate Professor and Assistant Director for Research & Education Services was awarded the 2020 Outstanding Faculty Award for the University Libraries. Gail joined Greenblatt Library in 2016 and holds a Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Washington and completed the Leadership Institute of Academic Librarians program from the Harvard Graduate School. Gail successfully leads a team of faculty instructors in designing evidence-based information retrieval and evaluation to meet the curriculum needs of the health sciences professional students. She has coached new faculty members to develop teaching skills and collaborated with clinical faculty to create innovative education programs. She is currently involved in developing a pandemic medicine course for the Medical College of Georgia.

NNLM Research Data Management Project Award

Jennifer Davis, MA, MLIS and Lachelle C. Smith, M.Ed, MSLIS were awarded the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) Research Data Management Project Award. The purpose of the Southeastern/Atlantic Regional Library’s Research Data Management Project Award is to provide support for projects that strengthen and promote the library’s involvement in biomedical discovery and data-powered health. Davis and Smith will create a data literacy escape room that will teach health sciences graduate students in multiple disciplines how to manage data ethically. The game will serve as one component in a series of data literacy modules, which will fill a gap in the current graduate school curriculum by addressing data management in a systematic way. The game will also be designed to meet learning objectives in an innovative way to engage students beyond the classroom setting, based on established research. Students will learn best practices for managing data during the various stages of the data life cycle.

Congratulations Jennifer and Lachelle!

ORCID US Community Award Winners, 2019-2020

Jennifer Davis, Scholarship and Data Librarian won the “Most Active” award for the “ORCID US Community”. This inaugural award recognizes the significant contribution of Jennifer’s active participation and sharing of information through the ORCID Community list-serv.

The ORCID US Community, led by LYRASIS in partnership with the Big Ten Academic Alliance, the Greater Western Library Alliance (GWLA), the NorthEast Research Libraries (NERL), and the Health Research Alliance, provides a national community of practice for ORCID adoption and integration, maximizing the benefits of ORCID for premium consortium member organizations through dedicated support and a range of resources.
MISSISSIPPI

Rowland Medical Library, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS

By Dean James

Elizabeth Hinton, Reference and Instruction Librarian, recently won the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Supporter award from the University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Nursing. This award is given by the students and "recognizes a DNP faculty/staff support person who makes significant contributions to DNP students’ learning, growth, and success. One who consistently encourages, advises, and/or mentors DNP students, models professional behaviors, and promotes evidence-based practice changes led by the DNP."

The Rowland Medical Library remains closed until August or until such time UMMC administration decides to reopen.

SOUTH CAROLINA

School of Medicine Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Beginning June 1st, UofSC School of Medicine faculty, students, and staff have a new tool for discovering articles, books, print journals, online journals and more in one search. As part of a statewide initiative, UofSC Libraries is adopting the Alma shared library services platform and accompanying Primo discovery solution. The migration is a joint project of the Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries (PASCAL), supported by lottery funds. A single, shared system presents substantial cost-saving and unmatched opportunities for collaboration among PASCAL institutions.

Steven Wilson, Web Architect & Outreach Librarian, Roz McConnaughy, Assistant Director for Education & Outreach, Laura Kane, Assistant Director for Information Services, and Victor Jenkinson, Systems Librarian, completed an Express Library Project Award from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Southeastern Atlantic Region (NNLM/SEA). Through the purchase of video and lighting equipment and a dedicated computer station equipped with editing software, a small video production studio was set up allowing for the Center for Disability Resources (CDR) Library to produce high-quality videos on topics of interest for parents of children with developmental disabilities and for professionals working with those families. The principal goal of this small video production studio project was to encourage interdepartmental partnerships by creating a video production studio at the CDR Library and establishing video recording and editing services for the CDR. Secondarily, we wanted to promote and improve access to the CDR Library and information services by creating YouTube videos about the CDR Library and the available health information resources, all of which are now available to the public via our new YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuFqFqhYkW0rp4BclcBcXMJA/featured. The CDR Library plans to continue adding new videos on a regular basis. So far, the project has received positive feedback.
New Employee

Alexandria Quesenberry, MSIS, joins Preston Medical Library as Research & Learning Services Librarian. She will be liaison to the Departments of Anesthesiology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Surgery, and Urology and is looking forward to expanding the systematic review services and getting more involved with community outreach. Her prior experience includes the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis and Chamberlain University in Charlotte, NC. Alexandria’s involvement in SC/MLA began in 2014 and she is currently serving on the Membership Committee. She earned her MSIS from the University of Tennessee. Her research interests include information literacy, scholarly activity, and library instruction.

University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, TN

UTHSC Library Goes Digital

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, UTHSC Health Sciences Library went digital by providing online office hours, expanded workshops, and expanded resources.

Research & Learning Services (RLS) Librarian Kay Strahan reworked the library’s orientation workshop to “Accessing Your Virtual Library,” to meet the demands of students that may be using it more. RLS Librarian Tamara Nelson stayed on top of the changes in PubMed despite being stuck at home by beginning a workshop titled “Introducing the New PubMed.” These efforts were so popular that our library saw record numbers of workshop attendees. RLS Librarian Leah Cordova also created and managed a COVID-19 resource guide throughout the quarantine.
Reopening

The UTHSC Library reopened to students at a limited capacity on June 2nd. Before reopening to students, the library was decked out in signage and chairs were removed to help ensure social distancing.

In addition, faculty and staff could be found with beautifully branded facemasks.

Called to Serve

Several UTHSC Librarians were called to serve in some form or fashion during our quarter at home. These included RLS Librarian Alexandria Quesenberry who served on a panel titled “COVID19: Strategies for Spiritual Caregivers, Dealing with Coronavirus, and Other Infectious Disease.” RLS Librarian Hilary Jasmin was elected to be the Library’s faculty senator for the 2020 through 2023 term. RLS Librarian Lin Wu was called to serve as the chair of the McClure Excellence in Education Award jury. Tamara Nelson was a speaker at the AAMLA (African American Medical Library Alliance) sponsored webinar: Strategies for Recruiting and Retaining Librarians of Color and was also selected to serve as the chair of both the MLA information Services Domain Hub and the MLA Education: Leadership & Management Curriculum Committee. Kay Strahan was elected to serve as the Chair of the MLA New Member’s Caucus.

Certifiably Amazing

Three UTHSC Librarians completed professional development during the height of the pandemic. Alexandria Quesenberry renewed and received her certification on Consumer Health Information Specialization (CHIS) from the MLA. Leah Cordova completed the Critical Appraisal Institute for Librarians. Tamara Nelson received her Academy of Health Information Professionals certification as a distinguished member.

Conference Proceedings

Call for Papers & Posters

The SC/MLA Programming Committee invites you to submit proposals for contributed papers and posters for the 2020 SC/MLA 70th Annual Meeting in October 2020.

Crossroads: Libraries and Southern Culture

Our profession, our professional lives, and even our personal lives as Southerners have come to a crossroads. What are the challenges we face in our libraries, in health information, research, and leadership? What steps have we taken to meet those challenges? What paths have we chosen, and with whom have we chosen to partner as we go forward? How do our Southern roots and culture inform and shape our past, current, and future paths? Explore these themes in our presentations, posters, and paper sessions.

Please submit a blinded abstract through this form following the structured abstract format by MLA's Research Section. There is a 300-word maximum. The blinded abstract, which will be used in a blind review process, must not include any specific information that would identify authors or institutions. The deadline for paper and poster abstract submissions is September 1, 2020.

You may wish to consider the following when submitting abstract proposals:

- Share experiences in which you have brought together disparate people, programming, or services to improve the quality of research, clinical practice, education, or outreach.
- Share how recent watershed moments have brought you to a crossroad, how you evaluated the path forward, and how things may look different in the future.

Both papers and posters will be evaluated on originality, innovation, organization, and clarity of presentation, as well as relevance to the meeting’s theme.

Authors will be notified of acceptance or rejection by September 15, 2020. If accepted, you will be asked to submit an unblinded abstract for the meeting program. Additional information regarding logistics will be sent with acceptance notification. Those presenting must be registered for the meeting.

For questions, please contact:

- Papers: Margaret Ansell, meansell@ufl.edu
- Posters: Emily Brennan, brennane@musc.edu
Executive Board Election Results

This summer we looked at a full slate of talented Southern Chapter Members to fill five positions on our Executive Board. The elections were all close, not a surprise with the wonderful talent we had on the ballot. Please join me in congratulating the newest members of the executive board and thanking all our volunteers on the ballot. The Treasurer, Secretary, and Program Chair-Elect will take office at the SC/MLA 2020 annual business meeting in October. The MLA Chapter Council Alternate and MLA Nominee to the Nominating Committee will begin their terms in Spring 2021. Thank you to all who participated in the voting.

Southern Chapter Nominating Committee
- Lindsay Blake - Chair
- Leah Cordova
- Yumi Yaguchi
- Angela Novak

Treasurer - David Peterson, MSLIS, MA, AHIP

David Petersen is currently the Research and Learning Services Librarian at the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine/University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville, TN. David has been a member of the SC/MLA since 2010, has previously served as Chair of the History Committee, and currently serves as a member of the Research Committee. He is chair elect of the Medical Library Education Caucus of MLA, serves as a member of the MLA Credentialing Committee, and is past president of the Knoxville Area Health Sciences Library Consortium.

Secretary - Elizabeth Laera, MLIS, AHIP

Elizabeth Laera is the solo librarian at Princeton Baptist Medical Center, part of Brookwood Baptist Health, in Birmingham, AL. She is currently the chair-elect/program chair of MLA’s Hospital Library Caucus, and past chair of MLA’s Education Steering Committee. She previously served as chair of the Hospital Libraries Committee for Southern Chapter and was a member of SC/MLA’s nominating and programming committees. Ms. Laera is a two-time winner of the MLA Presidential Award and a prior recipient of Southern Chapter’s Martha Watkins Memorial Scholarship and Jocelyn Rankin Memorial Scholarship. She has served as president of the Alabama Health Libraries Association and on a variety of committees, task forces, and juries at the national, chapter, and state level.

Chapter Council Alternate - Maggie Ansell, MLIS, AHIP

Margaret Ansell is currently the Nursing and Consumer Health Liaison Librarian at the University of Florida Health Science Center Libraries, providing instruction and research collaboration and support to students, staff, and faculty with an interest in nursing, consumer health, patient education, or health communication topics. She is actively involved in the Medical Library Association as current Chair for the Governmental Relations Committee, a member of the Joint Legislative Task Force, and as the CAPHIS representative for the Education Domain Hub. She is a provisional member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals and has attained the Consumer Health Information Specialization Level II credentials.
Nominee to MLA Nominating Committee – Gail Kouame, MLIS

Gail Kouame is the Assistant Director for Research and Education Services at the Greenblatt Library at Augusta University. In this role, she manages the embedded librarian program for the Health Sciences and works closely with the Medical College of Georgia. Gail has been actively involved in the Medical Library Association, having served as the Chair of the Continuing Education Committee, the inaugural Chair of the Leadership and Management Curriculum Committee, and as a member of the National Program Committee for the 2015 Annual Meeting. She is also currently the Chair of the Membership Committee for the Southern Chapter.

Program Chair Elect – Emily Brennan, MLIS

Emily Brennan is a Research Informationist in the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Library. She is the liaison to the College of Medicine, as well as hospital nurses, residents and fellows. Emily co-directs the Pediatrics Residency Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) curriculum and is actively involved in teaching EBP to students, residents and clinicians. Emily is active in national and regional professional organizations. She is outgoing chair of the MLA Instruction and Instructional Design Curriculum Committee, and incoming chair of the MLA Pediatrics Caucus. Emily has served on the SC/MLA Program Committee from 2018 through the present.
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