From the Archives....

(Part I Chapter Highlights – From the Minutes –OR- Minute Musings)

April 22, 1968 – Representatives from CO, KS, MO, NE, SD, and UT met at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO and agreed to organize as the Central States Regional Medical Library Group (CSRMLG). Nina Matheson, Chair.

July 1969 – Fourteen institutions signed a formal agreement and submitted a grant application to the NLM for the establishment of an RML. There are now eleven regions. This would be the last and defined by existing areas.

December 5, 1969 – Meeting held at St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO. Dr. Rogers proposed the Group “cease to exist as a body of libraries and become an organization of librarians”. Modifications of By-laws were made to meet the NLM requirements for organizing a Regional Medical Library. Omaha, NE will be the new RML headquarters and host the next meeting. Dr. Frank B. Rogers, Chair.

January 1970 - Midcontinental Regional Medical Library Program (RML) announces start of services to 500 Libraries in the region.

November 23, 1970 – The second edition of the Union list of serials was distributed.

December 12, 1970 – Meeting held at St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO. The CSRMLG disbanded and reorganized as Midcontinental Regional Medical Library Group (MCRMLG). MCRMLG passes motion to seek Medical Library Association Chapter status. Each person present gave a dollar in dues to cover expenses in the coming year. Bernice Hetzner, Chair.

October 5, 1971 – The meeting was held in conjunction with the dedication of the new Eccles Library of the Medical Sciences in Salt Lake City, UT. A schedule was announced for future annual meetings for the next four years. There was discussion of medical libraries being forced to cancel subscriptions for economic reasons. Robert Braude suggested implementation of a canceled title list. Estelle Brodman, Chair.

October 5, 1972 – Meeting held at the University of Missouri, Columbia, MO. Secretary-Treasurer reported a balance on hand of $55.00 with expenses of $12.50 for postage. Washington University Medical School Library absorbed all other expenses. Robert Braude suggested inviting not only members of the MCRMLG but other medical librarians in the region as well. Dean Schmidt, Chair.

October 6, 1973 – The meeting was held in the Writers’ Manor Hotel, Denver, CO. Robert Braude suggested a study to determine a possible dues structure and methods of financing future meetings. Doris Borlef asked for future program suggestions for the next meeting. Priscilla Mayden, Chair.
October 5, 1974 – The meeting was hosted in St. Louis, MO. There were 141 dues and registration questionnaires returned by the membership. 22 opposed any dues. 39 voted for $5.00 dues and 57 votes for $5.00 registrations. A By-laws Committee was appointed to look at the By-laws for a potential change. Ann Marie Corry, Chair.

October 18, 1975 – The meeting was held in Kansas City, MO. By-laws Committee made a section-by-section presentation of proposed changes in the By-laws. A report on the Study of MLA Group Structure was given by the Ad Hoc Committee. There was a recommendation for a special committee to study the re-direction of the MCRML Group for next year. Marjorie Wannarka, Chair

February 1976 – First membership dues of $5 per year was initiated.

October 9, 1976 – The meeting was held in Omaha, NE. Revisions to the By-laws accepted as read. Membership cards were discussed. It was suggested that a group profile survey be sent out with the dues statement notices. Bill Leavens, Chair.

April 1977 – RML ILL fees of $1.50 per item increased to $2 in one year.

August 13, 1977 – The meeting was held in Vermillion, SD. The Profile survey results have been compiled. 725 surveys were distributed. 174 surveys were returned at a 24% response rate. The Group was asked to consider a joint meeting between MCRMLG and the Midwest Regional Medical Library Group to be held in St. Louis in 1980. Dr. Estelle Brodman’s presence was acknowledged as well as the contribution she has made to the MCRML Group during the past 10 years. Trenton Boyd, Chair.

September 22, 1978 – The meeting was held in Snowbird, UT. New Union List Committee (to study feasibility and time frame for production and distribution of the Midcontinental Union List of Serials) report was given by Wayne Peay, Committee Chair. There was discussion of a MCRMLG/RML Liaison Committee Charge. Emma Jean Mckinnen, Chair.

February 1979 – First issue of the MCRMLG Express newsletter was published. Mariann Gardiner, Editor.

October 27, 1979 – The meeting was held at the Holiday Inn Plaza in Wichita, KS. Karen Butter, Chair.

October 4, 1980 – The meeting was held in St. Louis, MO, A Joint Meeting with the Midwest Regional Medical Library Group. Vote for a name change from Midcontinental Regional Medical Library Group to Midcontinental Chapter of the Medical Library Association (MCMLA). Sandra Arneson, Chair.