From the Archives...

Part 3 Chapter Highlights – The Nineties (From the Minutes)

**September 21, 1990** – The joint meeting with the Pacific Northwest Chapter was held in Seattle, WA. “Coming of Age in the 21st Century” Meeting discussion focused on the financial status of the Chapter. Membership in attendance unanimously supported a dues increase to $15. A dues mail ballot would follow the Annual Meeting for a vote on the increase. The new Chapter banner, produced by the Membership Committee, was officially dedicated. Kathleen McCloskey, Chair.

**September 16, 1991** – The meeting was held in Rapid City, SD. “Great Faces, Great Places” The Chapter Procedure Manual, renamed the MCMLA Leadership Manual, will be revised. Conference Planning Manual will be rewritten. Local Committees were encouraged to consider joint meetings. The Bernice M. Hetzner Award was approved for a $150 prize to be used for travel to the annual meeting. Few members had opposed the dues increase and a cancelled mid-year meeting contributed to an improved financial standing in 1991. It was discussed that future Planning Committees will contract with the Chapter for a 50/50 profit/loss split. It was decided to forego pursuing tax exempt status at present. Saundra Parker, Chair.

**October 2, 1992** – The joint meeting with the Midwest Chapter was held in St. Louis, MO. “Discovery ’92” The Research Ideas Team was designated a standing committee with $250 seed money. The Editorial Committee was also designated a standing committee and will publish the membership directory and the chapter’s official newsletter, the MCMLA Express. The treasury has a healthy balance of $8,000. $5,000 will be placed in an interest drawing savings account. The chapter is in compliance with 50% of the membership also being members of MLA. MCMLA has 218 members, 26 of whom are new members. Kerry Skidmore, Chair.

**October 1, 1993** – The meeting was held in Omaha, NE. “Celebrate Success” The Executive Committee recommended that a Conference Planner position be created to facilitate planning and save time for committee chairs. It was also recommended that MCMLA incorporate in the state of Illinois with MLA as the permanent agent. A healthy balance of $15,000 was reported in the treasury. MCMLA currently has 220 members. It was reported that MLA wanted feedback from the chapter on the new electronic information network called MLANET. Members were encouraged to contribute to the newsletter by e-mail or floppy disk in ASCII format. Research mentors will assist in the strategic planning of the chapter. Pat Hamilton, Chair.
October 4, 1994 – The meeting was held in Colorado Springs, CO. “Challenges ‘94”
The chapter voted unanimously to incorporate. Submission of a $150 fee will complete
the incorporation in the state of Illinois. Communication will be enhanced through the
use of the Chapter Listserv. Vision and mission statements were drafted for Strategic
Planning, a survey conducted and priorities identified. The Bylaws underwent the first
complete revision since 1989. The Research Committee will work on the analysis and
distribution of the results of the questionnaire mailing. MCMLA has 222 paid members.
Saundra Brenner, Chair.

September 28, 1995 – The meeting was held in Kansas City, MO. “Crossroads ‘95”
(Items from the Agenda; 1995 Minutes are missing) MCMLA-L Listserv, Membership
Directory, MLA’s support of Incorporation and Tax Exempt Status, Liability Insurance.
Marjorie Wannarka completed the chapter history through the mid-70s (from the copy).
There is a copy of the Vision Statement and Strategic Plan (first completed in 1995) in
the Archives. DeAnn Hilmore, Chair.

September 28, 1996 – The meeting was held in Snowbird, UT. “Utah – The Peak
Experience” The first MCMLA gavel was presented. MCMLA was incorporated this
year through MLA and has an FEIN. The chapter will apply for tax exempt status. There
are 140 people on the listserv, MCMLA-L. The directory was distributed over the
listserv and a copy will be mounted on the website. MCMLA is in better financial status
with $11,836 in the checking account and $5,422 in the money market fund. MCMLA
has a total membership of 215. Ken Oyer, Chair.

September 27, 1997 – The meeting was held in Clayton, MO. “Team ‘97” The
Publications Committee will publish the MCMLA Express twice a year and be
responsible for maintaining the information on the future MCMLA website. The
Centennial Committee will coordinate chapter activities in conjunction with the MLA
Centennial. The Conference Planner will inform each Planning Committee that $1,000
seed money is available. The MCMLA treasury has increased by $3,700. The increase
occurred because the Express is published only twice a year and a printed directory was
not created. The MCMLA Listserv is healthy and 165 members have signed on. The
Archivist will be the automatic recipient of all official publications of MCMLA.
Committee Chairs were encouraged to submit reports directly. The archival issue will be
addressed again when the Website becomes active. The possibility of forming a chapter-
wide arrangements committee instead of local was discussed. The Membership
Committee reported that 31 new members have joined MCMLA. Diane Johnson, Chair.
September 25, 1998 – The meeting was held in Omaha, NE. “Designing the Future from Past Successes” MCMLA was well represented at the MLA Centennial celebration in Philadelphia. The website is an excellent communication tool for the chapter. The Strategic Plan was extensively reviewed. The chapter has a bank balance of $23,000 with two reserve funds (CDs). The chapter has two years of operating funds if there are any financial problems. “Event” insurance was also acquired. MCMLA has tax exempt status and is incorporated. The first issue of the Express is now up on the Website. The Publications committee will work with other committees to provide new links for professional development, member recognition, communication, advocacy, networking and research. The chapter has approximately 215 members. Susan Craft, Chair.

October 8, 1999 – The meeting was held in Jackson Hole, WY. “Where the Pavement Ends and the West Begins” The chapter made a $500 contribution to the Lucretia McClure Award. The Bylaws Committee will need to make revisions to get in compliance with MLA. The Chapter has $29,000 in assets. The Executive Secretary will investigate ways to deal with the chapter’s surplus cash. A motion passed to approve an appointed auditor position to oversee chapter finances. The MCMLA Express needs about $1,000 for printing costs. 20% of the membership (about 42 members) serves on the various chapter committees. A new membership brochure is waiting for Logo approval by the membership. The website was expanded to include information for incoming committee chairs. Research Committee conducted focus groups of members to discuss research and medical librarianship. Research ideas that were generated were mailed to library schools in the region to spark interest. Peggy Mullaly-Quijas, Chair.

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