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Note from the Editors



Welcome back to MIDLINE!

This is a special double-feature due to the changeover of editorial staff.

This issue contains a debrief of the 2022 annual conference, as well as elections, CE offerings, NNLM announcements, HSLI information, and individual member accomplishments.

If interested in becoming a new editor/co-editor of MIDLINE, please contact Elizabeth Huggins at ehuggins@luc.edu.

Elizabeth Huggins, MIDLINE interim editor

President's Message

Greetings, Midwest Chapter! I'm honored to serve as the President of the Midwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association this year along with our dedicated [Executive Board](#) and our many committee volunteers. Should you wish to contact me directly with any questions or ideas for our association, please feel free to email me at sjbrown@umn.edu. Thank you to all who made our 2022 Annual Conference in Bloomington a success! As our first in-person conference since the pandemic began, it was a more intimate affair than originally envisioned but was rich with thought-provoking presentations, discussions, and connections. The conference left me feeling energized and full of ideas to bring back to my position at the University of Minnesota. Special thanks to the conference co-chairs, Jason Lilly and Lisa Habegger, and to the many committee members that were able to reimagine the conference (several times!) to make it a success. Planning has begun for our 2023 Annual Conference, which will be held virtually. Thank you to Carol Shannon, our Interim Annual Conference Chair, for getting this process started. Getting involved in the Annual Conference is a great way to help shape the activities of the Chapter and get to know your colleagues across the midwest! During my presidential year, I would like to continue to make progress on the goals set forth in our [Strategic Plan](#) and work with our Immediate Past President Carol Shannon on ensuring that our Chapter procedure manual and documentation are complete and up-to-date. Another goal for my term is to survey our membership on how they would like to engage with the Chapter moving forward. Most of our work lives and personal lives have been greatly impacted by the pandemic, and there are likely new pain points and new opportunities that could inform Chapter activities. My aim is to work with the Executive Board and our dedicated committee chairs to develop a survey that will help us gather actionable information from you about changes in your professional lives and ways the Chapter may be able to meet

emerging needs. If you are interested in working on this project with me or have ideas, please don't hesitate to reach out!

All the best,

Sarah Jane Brown Midwest Chapter/MLA President, 2023

Meet Your Board!



Carol Shannon, Immediate Past President

I am an informationist at the Taubman Health Sciences Library at the University of Michigan, where I work with a number of clinical and academic departments. As Immediate Past President of the Midwest Chapter, I am responsible for chairing the Chapter's Nominations and Elections Committee and reviewing and updating the Chapter's Procedures wiki. I am also the chair of the Annual Conferences Committee, which provides an ongoing structure to plan and carry out the Chapter's annual conferences.

Submitted by Carol Shannon

Karen Hanus, Treasurer

I'm the Director of the Advocate Aurora Library in Milwaukee, WI/Chicago, IL. Prior to joining Advocate Aurora Health in 2020, I was at the Medical College of Wisconsin Libraries in Milwaukee, WI for many years in multiple positions. I'm currently treasurer of the Midwest Chapter/MLA. I previously held other Midwest Chapter/MLA positions including President and Alternate Chapter Council Representative and I co-chaired the 2019 annual conference and chaired the 2001 annual conference.



Submitted by Karen Hanus

Fundraising 2020 Report & 2023 Plans

At our first in-person Silent Auction in 3 years, we raised \$720.35 and we received \$106 in donations. The cash vs. credit payment was pretty evenly split, but we accepted a few more credit card payments. We appreciate Karen Hanus working with us to make this a reality and we thank all those who participated in the Silent Auction.

For 2023, we are exploring ways to offer year-round on demand products. Also – we are toying with ways to offer a Silent Auction. We are also sad to say goodbye to Erin Reardon, who is leaving our Chapter in February. Erin has contributed so much and especially had great ideas, when it comes to

creating Owl Swag. We would like to welcome Samantha (Sam) Loester, who is quickly becoming our virtual sales guru. We look forward to seeing you at future online and in-person gatherings.

Submitted by the 2023 Midwest Chapter MLA Fundraising Committee

Annual Conference 2022 Report

This year, after two years of virtual meetings, both held in conjunction with the Midcontinental Chapter, Midwest returned to the in-person format. We traveled to Bloomington, IN, where we enjoyed a smaller than usual but excellent conference. Although a lot of planning had been done in 2020 (when this conference was originally planned), some things needed to be changed or confirmed and we had some new members of the organizing committee. The Bloomington conference venue agreed to move our dates forward one more time, with no financial penalty. The hotel was also able to accommodate us. The hotel was a short walk from the conference center, and a bit closer to the center of town, which made it easy to explore. The Indiana University campus was farther away (and the Eskenazi Museum of Art was VERY far away if you followed Google Maps, as I did on my first excursion), but well worth the effort. We were conveniently close to the restaurant area for dine-arounds, and I was happy to return to a Tibetan restaurant that I had visited when it first opened many years ago. As always, the success of the conference was due to the many people who volunteered to organize it. We had a great group of vendors, who provided information, prizes, and the ever-popular swag, plus much of the money that helps to support the Chapter. The co-chairs of the organizing committee, Jason Lilly and Lisa Habegger, and committee members worked throughout the spring, summer, and fall, requesting participation (papers, posters, and lightning rounds), discovering and solving problems with technology, asking for donations to the Silent Auction, and so much more. The conference included two paper and lightning round sessions, two CEs, a technology petting zoo, plus social events so that we could mingle with fellow attendees and exhibitors. The keynote was given by Bethany McGowan, Associate Professor in the Libraries and School of Information Studies at Purdue University, who spoke about her work on the variety of influences on health information-seeking behavior. It was great to have a librarian as a keynote speaker - we don't do that often enough. Lisa, Jason, and I so appreciate the Midwest Chapter/Indiana Health Sciences Librarians Association members who stepped up to both plan and carry out all of the moving parts that make up the conference. It was a lot of work for a small group of people. Covid did impact our conference in more ways than one. We had, as we expected, a smaller number of attendees. The co-chairs investigated options for putting on a safe conference and followed guidance from MLA's annual conference in May. And a day before her presentations, one of our speakers, Katelyn King, tested positive for Covid. Luckily, Jason was able to arrange to have her sessions on LGBTQ+ issues using Zoom on Saturday and Sunday. Attendance was 59, not including vendors. We made a profit of \$2532, somewhat less than we made with the 2021 virtual conference.



For the next two years, our conferences will be online only (a hybrid conference is too expensive for a group of our size). Here are the dates:

- [11 - 13 October 2023](#)

- 9 - 11 October 2024

There will be CEs on the first day, with the rest of the program on Thursday and Friday. Remember, for virtual conferences, it's important to think of them as time away from your jobs, so that you don't get pulled in too many directions at once. We hope to see you virtually in October!

Submitted by Carol Shannon, Chair, Annual Conferences Committee

Midwest Chapter MLA 2023 Conference

The 2023 Conference website is available! It can be found at <https://mcmla45.wildapricot.org/About23>. Registration and details are forthcoming, but the committees are accepting paper presentations, lighting talks, and posters until July 17, 2023. Presentations given at MLA are welcome. Submit today!

Midwest Chapter MLA Awards/Scholarships

Application deadline: August 18, 2023

The Chapter is now accepting applications for its [2023 awards and meeting grants](#). This year, we will be awarding the following:

- Annual Meeting Grant: This award supports the attendance of librarians and library staff at the Chapter's Annual Meeting.
- First-Time Attendee Annual Meeting Grant: This award supports first-time attendance at the Chapter's Annual Meeting.
- Student Annual Meeting Grant: This award supports the attendance of a LIS student at the Chapter's Annual Meeting.
- Distinguished Librarian of the Year Award: This award recognized Chapter members at any career level who have provided outstanding service to Midwest Chapter MLA. **The recipient of this award receives a plaque and a cash prize of \$500.**
- Jean Williams Sayre Innovation Award: This award recognizes individuals, groups, libraries, or organizations for their creative approaches to the delivery and management of health information. **The recipient of this award receives a plaque and a cash prize of \$500.**

Each award has its own eligibility criteria and application process, which can be found here: <https://mcmla45.wildapricot.org/awards>. The deadline for applications is Friday, August 18, 2023.

Thank you for your continued support of the Midwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association, and we look forward to receiving your applications! **Please let me know if you have any questions.**

Amber Burtis

Chair, Awards & Scholarships Committee, Midwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association

MIDLINE Submissions

MIDLINE comes out quarterly and is published on the 15th of February, May, August, and November. Submissions are due by the 1st of these months.

Contributions from all chapter members are welcomed and encouraged. We accept submissions including but not limited to:

- Conference updates
- Continuing education opportunities
- Publications and presentations by chapter members
- New member spotlights
- And more!

Statements and positions expressed in this newsletter do not necessarily represent the official positions of the chapter, the chapter executive board, or the editors.

There will be a new editor (or co-editors!) publishing the next issue of MIDLINE. Look for the Call for Submissions email closer to the next issue date to submit your content.

Thanks!

Elizabeth Huggins, Interim MIDLINE Editor