



## Knoxville Area Health Science Library Consortium

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KAHSLC Business Meeting  
Wednesday September 5, 2007  
Amputee Coalition of America

**ATTENDING:**

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| <b>Martha Earl</b>     | Preston Medical Library, UT           |
| <b>Peter Fernandez</b> | South College                         |
| <b>Rebecca Marcum</b>  | Blount Memorial                       |
| <b>Anna McKay</b>      | Children's Hospital                   |
| <b>Ruicha Mishra</b>   | ORAU                                  |
| <b>Molly Moore</b>     | National Limb Loss Information Center |
| <b>Lynn Nielson</b>    | Lincoln Memorial University (guest)   |
| <b>Willa Reister</b>   | Knox Public Library                   |
| <b>Cynthia Vaughn</b>  | Preston Medical Library, UT           |
| <b>Lisa Travis</b>     | Lincoln Memorial University           |

Presiding: Cynthia Vaughn, President  
Recording: Molly Moore, Secretary/ Treasurer

Call for official business meeting to start at 11:55 am.

- Cynthia and Molly led introductions and introduced themselves. Cynthia Vaughn is the new President of KAHSLC and Molly Moore continues to be the Secretary and Treasurer. Lana Dixon, who could not attend this meeting, is the new Vice President.
  - Re Mishra is a new Health Education Specialist at ORAU/ORISE.
  - Lisa Travis introduced her guest, Lynn Nielson, who is the Assistant Professor of Physiology/Director of Research, at DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine History, LMU. Lynn specializes in health literacy, and was particularly interested in our article discussion.
- Approval of minutes from previous meeting:
  - Motion made to approve minutes by Martha Earl and was seconded by Anna McKay.

- Treasurer's Report:
  - There was no activity for this period. The balance remains \$597.06.
  
- Announcements:
  - Future KAHSLC Meetings:
    - **Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at UT Hodges:** "PubMed for Experts" will be a NN/LM course taught by Toni Yancey. Attending this class will give participants 3 CE from MLA. Exact time and more details to follow.
    - **Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at UT Preston:** Sandy Oelschlegel will talk about the state-wide disaster preparedness effort.
    - **Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>:** Location and program to be announced. (Willa suggested Lawson McGhee as a potential host.)
  - More dates:
    - TheSLA fall meeting will be on Monday and Tuesday, September 24-25 in Nashville (St. Thomas). This will be a day and a half workshop on state-wide disaster planning.
  
- Brief Discussion:
  - Rebecca questioned the group about whether anyone has renewed their Consumer Health Credentials from MLA. No one at the meeting had gone through this process. Rebecca is going to report back about what she finds out.
  
  - Willa provided the group with the article, "Solving Our Nation's Health Information Illiteracy: A Simple Plan" by Rick Wallace, AHIP, and Nakia Carter, James H. Quillen College of Medicine Library, East Tennessee State University–Johnson City, TN; edited by Beverly Murphy, AHIP. MLA News June/July 2007.

Business meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

### Article Discussion:

MLA CE article:

"MedlinePlus and the Challenge of Low Health Literacy: Findings from the Colonias Project"  
<http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/articlerender.fcgi?artid=1773027>.

We began talking about this article and how we could apply this scenario to East Tennessee. Since the scenario in the research dealt with a rural, low income area with limited access to health centers, let alone information centers, it was agreed that the closest possible scenario in East Tennessee would be rural Appalachia. A similar program has been done with Parish Nurses in Oak Ridge.

The group discussion migrated to whether KAHSLC would be interested in heading up an outreach program of some sort. Members are encouraged to think about the prospect of working collaboratively on a project and what the project might be.

Further discussion/ ideas:

- Support rural librarians with "How to Apply for Grants" workshop.
- Create consumer information DVDs that could be played on a loop in hospitals on local access channels.

- Funding can be obtained without applying to certain grants. Once an idea is formed, contact NN/LM or NLM representatives to see if the idea sounds like something they would fund. Note: If applying to NN/LM their grant cycle starts in May- we would need to have a plan in place before then. NLM has 3 cycles for grants.
- Each county in Tennessee has at least one library (91 rural libraries total) - these libraries would be a good place to start.
- Could ask Rick Wallace to speak about where the “holes” are in Tennessee for health information, so that KAHS LC’s project could fill a definite need.

Discussion tabled until the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please e-mail Cynthia Vaughn at [CVaughn@mc.utmck.edu](mailto:CVaughn@mc.utmck.edu) with your ideas regarding a collaborative project.