

Governmental Relations Committee Report

Time period covered: September 24, 2009 – April 24, 2010

Committee Membership:

Mary E. Youngkin, Chair (2010), Barb Jones (2012), Kelly Klinke (2011), Will Olmstadt (2011), Darell Schmick (2012), Darrel Willoughby (2012)

Annual Meeting:

Darrel Willoughby and Mary Youngkin met briefly at MCMLA in Breckenridge.

Objectives for the year:

- Continue to send alerts and notices to the MCMLA ListServ
 - Complete the MCMLA Committee Review
 - Correct “contact” links on the website and add links to MLA GRC and Advocacy pages
 - Survey the MCMLA membership as to whether or not the committee “charge” should be expanded from:
 - 1) Coordinate Lobbying efforts between MLA’s Governmental Relations Committee and Chapter members.
 - 2) Inform Chapter members about legislative concerns and encourage Chapter members to respond.
- to include:
- 3) Inform Chapter members about scholarly communication and publishing issues
 - 4) Encourage Chapter members to share descriptions of their local involvement in legislative, lobbying, and scholarly communication activities.

Rationale:

- a. Scholarly Communication issues are often tied in with public policy, such as the NIH Public Access Policy and FRPAA, (Federal Research Public Access Act)
- b. There is no MCMLA committee or task force that deals with scholarly communication and publishing.

Expenses: None

Activities / Problems:

2 requests for comment were forwarded to the membership: Health People 2020 draft objectives, and White House Office of Science and Technology Policy request for comment on public access. The contact information on the website was corrected.

I am not sure I’m really getting all of the announcements from the MLA GRC. While I did write to Mary Langman last fall to give her my contact information, the alerts I’m receiving are coming from someone in the Public Services Section. I need to contact her again.

I will not be attending MLA, so will be contacting the committee prior to MLA to see if anyone can attend the GRC meeting and report back.

The timing of the executive committee meetings has not been conducive to my participation. Should I ask someone else to take over the chair?