

Annual Report for MCMLA Research Committee 2009-2010

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Objectives

To raise awareness of research opportunities and activities within the Chapter.

To sponsor development of interdisciplinary research contacts or networking to assist Chapter members in conducting research.

To manage the papers and posters for the Annual Meeting

Goals and Actions

#1 Committee will hold monthly meetings – Second Wednesday of every month at 9 AM Central Time, 8 AM Mountain Time via conference call technology. ACTION: Monthly meetings were held

#2 Committee will issue a Call for Papers for the Annual Meeting and will manage the collection, selection, and organization process. ACTION: Call for Papers/Posters was issued and abstracts collected, evaluated, accepted and assigned for the Annual Meeting.

#3 Committee will judge research papers and research posters that are accepted for the Annual Conference and will award \$100 each for the best paper and best poster. ACTION: Judging committees have been assigned and judging criteria determined. Award winners to be announced at the Annual Conference.

#4 Committee will survey the MCMLA membership to determine ways the committee can support research within the Midcontinental region. ACTION: A survey was created and sent out in the spring of 2010. Results of the survey are being presented in a poster at the Annual Meeting.

#5 Committee will establish a collaborative space in which we can work on committee projects such as the research support survey. ACTION: Committee used Google Groups and email for communication and collaborative projects during the year.

#6 Committee will review and update the Research Committee website. The update will attempt to include information garnered from the response to the survey. ACTION: Pending establishment of and experience with the new website software.

#7 Committee will investigate which technology medium might be best suited to establish a Midcontinental region-wide collaboration page where those with a research interest might find others with whom to collaborate. Possible choices might include the ListServ, a Discussion Board, MCMLA web page, etc. ACTION: Best resource still to be determined.

#8 Committee will send a monthly email to the ListServ to pique the interest and suggest ideas for research to region members. This method can also be used to encourage participation in Research Papers or Posters for the annual conference. ACTION: This goal was amended to be a Research column in each MCMLA Express to serve the stated purposes.

Budget: Requests for this year included \$200 for awards for Best Research Paper and Best Research Poster at the Annual Meeting (\$100 each) and \$50 for administrative and miscellaneous expenses. ACTION: The Research Awards will be distributed at or after the Annual Meeting. ACTION: The Administrative fee was partially used for SkypeOut for the first distance committee meeting. The remainder will be used for necessary items for the certificates, awards, and for the "Most Original Idea" award which will be given this year.