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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Colleen Streeter, MLIS, MPH, AHIP

Our Fall Program was an MLA webinar titled "Predatory Publishing 101: What Every Medical Librarian Should Know." The session was informative and hands-on, showing participants what to look for and tools they can use to help determine if a publication is predatory.

Predatory publishing is an ever-evolving problem in the health sciences. It exploits researchers for profit and undermines the integrity of scholarly work. These publishers charge high fees, provide little or no peer review, and often make false claims about impact or indexing. As a result, low-quality or misleading research can be published, wasting time and money, damaging researchers' reputations, and eroding trust in scientific and scholarly information.

Predatory publishers continue to change their tactics to stay ahead of researchers, especially as awareness of their practices has increased. As health sciences librarians we have to continue to learn about these new practices and new tools so we can help our patrons identify and avoid these companies. I encourage everyone who was not able to attend the webinar to register for it the next time it runs.

On page 4, I've included tools and other resources provided by the webinar presenters to help determine if a publisher is predatory or legitimate. Thanks for (careful) reading!

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### NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

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# MDMLG EXECUTIVE BOARD AND COMMITTEE ROSTER 2025-2026

Members of the MDMLG Executive Board and MDMLG Committees are listed below. Each Executive Board member began their role on August 1.

All Executive Board member roles receive voting privileges. Treasurer, Membership Service Officer, Secretary, and Outreach Officer are elected positions to two-year terms. President-Elect and Nominating Committee members are elected to one-year terms.

Committees are by both appointment and on a volunteer basis. To nominate an active MDMLG member to an elected position, please contact members of the Nominating Committee.

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Emily Minott  
Wayne State University School of Information Sciences

More information on the MDMLG Executive Board can be found [online](#).

# MDMLG COMMITTEE ROSTER 2025-2026

## Nominating Committee

Stephanie Swanberg, Co-Chair  
Tamara Sawyer, Co-Chair  
Cynthia Simpson

The nominating committee is responsible for securing nominees for MDMLG elected officer and committee positions and, if necessary, coordinating the election.

### Elected Positions:

Every year: President-Elect - 3 year term (President-Elect, President, Past President)

Every year: Nominating Committee members

*Odd Election Years (2027, 2029, etc.): Secretary - 2 year term*

*Odd Election Years (2027, 2029, etc.): Outreach Officer - 2 year term*

*Even Election Years (2026, 2028, etc.): Treasurer - 2 year term*

*Even Election Years (2026, 2028, etc.): Membership Services - 2 year term*

## Newsletter Committee

Steven Moore, Chair

The newsletter committee publishes four issues of *MDMLG News* annually as a way to share information with MDMLG membership and those interested in MDMLG activities. Newsletter content includes news, announcements, upcoming events, job openings, training opportunities, member spotlights, interviews, feature articles, and more!

## Program & Professional Development Committee

David Stewart, Chair  
Bethany Figg  
Alyssa Huffman  
Amanda Kelly  
Rachel Melton

The Program and Professional Development Committee serves membership by planning continuing education courses and other programs and presentations throughout the year. Programs are intended to meet the training needs of MDMLG membership, both professional and paraprofessional.

## MHSLA Representative

## **MHSLA Alternate Representative**

Nancy Bulgarelli  
Stephanie Stebens

The Michigan Health Sciences Library Association (MHSLA) Representative acts as a liaison between MDMLG and MHSLA by attending all meetings of both executive boards and reporting on the activities and events of each organization. The MDMLG Representative is a voting member of the MHSLA Board.

## SAVE THE DATE! FEB. 12 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Please join us for our Winter General Business Meeting on Thursday, February 12th at 1pm, followed by a short program at 2pm.

We hope to see you there! Don't worry, it's virtual. 

Please use [this link](#) to access the meeting.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

Common characteristics of a predatory journal:

- The title often mimics more reputable journals with a similar title
- The scope is often unusually broad
- The journal can be difficult to find via Google
- The email of the editor may not be professional (John@gmail.com)
- The journal is not up front about publishing fees
- It has a misleading metric (such as IndexCopernicus)
- It features an unusually fast turnaround time

Tools to help determine if a publisher is predatory or legitimate:

**Allowlist:** Inclusion on these lists is a positive sign.

[Directory of Open Access Journals](#)

[Committee on Publication Ethics](#)

[Predatory Publishing ISSN Check](#)

**Denylist:**

[The List](#)

[Beall's List of Potential Predatory Journals and Publishers](#)

Jeffrey Beall, then a librarian at the University of Colorado, was instrumental in identifying and describing predatory publishing (a term he coined in 2009). Beall took down his list in 2017, but an anonymous person has set up an archived version, and updated it with additional journals and publishers as of 2024-2025.

[Cabell's Journalalytics](#) (subscription-based)

**Another useful resource:** [Think. Check. Submit.](#)

This site offers a thorough overview of the issue, with downloadable checklists in multiple languages to guide users through the process of evaluating a journal.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming events and activities relevant to MDMLG members.

**February 12:** MDMLG Winter General Business Meeting, 1pm, [virtual](#)

**March 4:** MHLA Board Meeting, 1pm, [virtual](#)

**March 21:** Detroit Literacy Coalition Fundraiser, 10am-2pm, register/donate [here](#)

**May 19-22:** MLA Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI

## JOB POSTINGS

Visit the Job Bank at [MDMLG.org](#)

**AI/Emerging Technologies Librarian**, University of Toledo

A tenure-track position offering a unique chance to lead the integration of artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies into library services, instruction, and research support.

For more information about the position and to apply, click [here](#).

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE 2026-2027 MDMLG EXECUTIVE BOARD

The MDMLG Nominating Committee is actively seeking nominations for the 2026-2027 Executive Board positions and Nominating Committee. MDMLG member-leaders work together toward a common vision and every member's voice is important in guiding the organization. We are still in need of nominees for the following three positions:

1. **President-Elect (3-year term)**
2. **Outreach Officer (special 1-year term due to recent vacancy)**
3. **Nominating Committee (1-year term; three open positions)**

Below, you will find descriptions of each position's responsibilities and time commitment. Don't forget to check out our [promotional slideshow](#) with information about each position and reflections from prior years! Additionally, the current member in that position is listed with their email address, should you want to reach out to get more information on what the position entails from the current holder.

The **President-Elect**, at the request of the President or during the President's absence or inability to act, shall perform the duties and exercise the functions of the President and when so acting shall have the powers of the President. The President-Elect shall act as Chair or Co-Chair of the Program and Professional Development Committee. They shall also have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Board, prescribed by the Bylaws or MDMLG's parliamentary authority.

Current: Amanda Kelly, [amanda.kelly3@ascension.org](mailto:amanda.kelly3@ascension.org)

The **Outreach Officer** shall be responsible for promotion of the organization within the community and coordination of all internal communication and all other duties as outlined in the procedural document. Due to a recent vacancy in the position, Steven Moore will serve a 1-year term, so we are recruiting for a special 1-year term.

Current: Steven Moore, [sмоore31@hfhs.org](mailto:sмоore31@hfhs.org)

The **Nominating Committee**, (3-4 meetings a year. Chair attends all executive board meetings and provides brief reports) will nominate candidates for election to the Executive Board. In even-numbered years of the replacement cycle, candidates must be provided to replace the President-Elect, the Treasurer, and the Membership Services Officer. In odd-numbered years of 9 the replacement cycle, candidates must be provided to replace the President-Elect, the Secretary, and the Outreach Officer.

We encourage you to nominate yourself or a colleague, whose leadership and expertise will help to advance the profession through the work of the cooperative. It is a wonderful way to get more involved in MDMLG, work with fantastic colleagues, it looks good on your CV, and you can earn points towards your AHIP certification or renewal. You may self-nominate or nominate a colleague through **16 February 2026**.

To nominate yourself or a colleague, please contact the current Nominating Committee members: Tamara Sawyer, [tamara.sawyer@cmich.edu](mailto:tamara.sawyer@cmich.edu) and Stephanie Swanberg, [sswanberg@msp.edu](mailto:sswanberg@msp.edu)

Thank you in advance for your nomination!

Tamara & Stephanie

## MDMLG MARGARET DANOWSKI STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER

We are pleased to announce that **Emily Minott**, a Wayne State University School of Information Sciences student, has won the 2025-2026 Margaret Danowski Student Scholarship Award! Emily will also serve in the role of Student Representative and help to promote MDMLG to library students.

Emily has a background in education, literacy, and research, and has worked with Teach for America as a first-grade teacher. In her application, Emily stated that she initially applied to the MLIS program at Wayne State University with the intention of focusing on public youth librarianship. After observing medical librarians at work, she is now motivated to pursue medical librarianship.

Congratulations, Emily!

Check out previous award winners at <http://www.mdmlg.org/award-history.htm>.

### Award Criteria:

- Students must be officially enrolled in the Wayne State University School of Information Sciences or the University of Michigan's School of Information
- Must be in good academic standing
- Must demonstrate enthusiasm for a career in the health sciences discipline of librarianship
- Must submit a complete application form, including a paragraph describing their career goals and how they relate to health sciences librarianship
- Applications are accepted electronically only

For more information, visit [MDMLG.org](http://MDMLG.org).

## GRANT AWARDED TO HENRY FORD MACOMB LIBRARY

Congratulations to MDMLG member **Melanie Bednarski** and the Henry Ford Macomb Library for winning A Spreading Joy grant! In December, Henry Ford Health awarded Melanie \$1000 to add puzzles to the library. "The money will fund more jigsaw puzzles and different types of mind games and puzzles for many years," Mel says. "Patrons use the puzzles to relax and keep themselves busy between meetings away from a computer screen." Mel plans to purchase calendar and crossword puzzles next.



## RESOURCE ROUNDUP

### A RECAP OF RECENT REVISIONS TO RX RESOURCES

**NLM Classification 2026 Winter Edition Now Available:** Notable additions to MeSH [this year](#) include neurodevelopment, nursing home residents, and reiki.

Have an update? Share it with the Newsletter Committee for inclusion in the next newsletter.

## MIRL SYMPOSIUM 2025 SLIDES AND RECORDINGS NOW AVAILABLE

Presentation slides and recordings from the Medical Institutional Repositories in Libraries (MIRL) 2025 Symposium are now available for viewing on the [MIRL website](#) as well as its YouTube channel, [@MIRLSymposium](#).

This year's keynote presentation featured a panel of library leaders from Harvard, NYU, and MaineHealth discussing topics relevant to medical IRs.

Anyone interested in participating in MIRL is encouraged to [email Steven Moore](#).



## MDMLG MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – RENEW TODAY!

The MDMLG membership drive for the 2025-2026 year began in August. If you haven't, yet, please consider renewing your current membership or joining by completing the [online form](#).

Types of MDMLG membership: Regular (\$35), Students (Free!), Institutions (\$50), and Emeritus (\$15)

Membership provides great benefits, including but not limited to:

- Joining a network of health information professionals who have the same interests and concerns
- Free or discounted continuing educational opportunities for professional development
- Opportunity to serve on the MDMLG executive board and committees
- Access to Members-only portion of the MDMLG website
- Providing a sense of belonging to a community of health information professionals
- Your membership will make the organization stronger and expand the professional network of health sciences/medical librarians in the Metropolitan Detroit area and beyond.

## DETROIT LITERACY COALITION FUNDRAISER RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 21

The Detroit Literacy Coalition fundraiser scheduled for January 24, 2026 was postponed due to extreme cold, and has now been rescheduled for March 21, 2026 at the same time and location. The event, which will seek to raise funds to renovate the DLC space used for literacy tutoring, will feature a basketball clinic for children ages 7-17. Donations and registrations can be made at [zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/gregory-kelsers-basketball-camp](#).

Detroit Pistons announcer Gregory Kelser will run the basketball clinic from 10am-2pm, and lunch and beverages from local vendors will be provided for participants. MDMLG representatives will be on-site to promote health literacy and MDMLG will be featured as a sponsor on event signage.

Anyone interested in becoming involved with the event is welcome to email Steven Moore.

## MDMLG PUBLICATIONS 2025

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## HISTORY OF MDMLG

The Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group (MDMLG) can trace its roots to the Biological Sciences Group established by the Michigan Chapter of the Special Libraries Association in 1946. It existed primarily as a social group until the mid-1950s when the members began to experiment with various projects. During the 1960s, several plans came into fruition including the production of a serial locator tool, the creation of a union catalog of monographs, and the establishment of an active interlibrary loan network. The group began the process of formal organization and chose its current name in 1970.

For more on MDMLG , its history, and current activity, visit [mdmlg.org](http://mdmlg.org).

## NEXT ISSUE

Please contact members of the MDMLG Newsletter Committee with any questions or content submissions for our Spring 2026 issue.

## FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM!

Please follow and interact with [@detroitmedicallibrarygroup!](https://www.instagram.com/detroitmedicallibrarygroup)

If anyone has any content, upcoming webinars, photos, or anything else they are willing to share, please contact our Social Media Officer, Michelle Rau.

If possible, please include a little background information. All feedback and suggestions are welcome.

## NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

- **Steven Moore**, Librarian, Sladen Library, Henry Ford Health

