



Past President Project

SBAR: Alternative CE Offerings

Situation: Difficulty finding a speaker to present a CE at the Spring 2018 meeting of the Ohio Health Sciences Library Association (OHSLA).

Background: Offering workshops that are approved by the Medical Library Association (MLA) provides a big draw for participation OHSLA's annual Spring and Fall meetings. After an exhaustive search, Noreen Mulcahy, OHSLA President, discovered that travel budgets were cut from many of the regional offices of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. These were sources OHSLA used in the past, leaving it with no options for a workshop presenter.

Assessment: Due to the lack of available speakers, Noreen researched other alternatives for offering CEs. The Executive Committee of OHSLA was supportive of Noreen's efforts to find another solution.

Recommendation: Noreen identified an affordable and viable solution. By hosting an MLA Discussion Group on the topic of Mentoring the Next Generation of Librarians, participants were able to earn 4 MLA CE contact hours by participating. Steps to organize a Discussion Group are attached.

Steps for Organizing Discussion Group

- Identify a topic for discussion
 - Tips:
 - Be sure that the topic warrants a high-level discussion
 - Materials chosen for reading directly relate to the topic
 - Sources are from professional journals, book chapters and multi-chaptered books
- Identify "Convenor" (individual in charge of submitting application and leading discussion)
- Compile reading list
- Submit application, including reading list (MLA will process application, and on approval, notify Convenor)
- Convenor holds group discussion session(s)
- Participants claim credit following discussion group using enrollment code provided by Convenor. (Log into MEDLIB-ED to claim credit)

For further information on the MLA Discussion Group Program, please visit

<http://www.mlanet.org/p/cm/ld/fid=381>