Upstate New York and Ontario Chapter

Since the last Annual Report, UNYOC held its annual meeting in Poughkeepsie, New York, with the theme “Explorations on the Hudson: Technology, Trends, and Health Care Reform” October 12-14, 2011. There were 78 people in attendance including 54 members, 18 exhibitors, and 6 speakers. UNYOC continues to have challenges with membership. The Chapter is looking ahead to our 2012 annual meeting which will be held in Ontario. It is hoped that we can build stronger partnerships with our Canadian members. As always, UNYOC continues to work toward meeting the needs of our membership.

Recruitment, Membership, and Leadership in the Profession

In 2011, UNYOC had a total of 97 members, including all classes of membership. Our current renewal period has not officially ended, but it appears that we may be on track to maintain the 2011 membership level or increase it slightly. The UNYOC Executive committee continues to strongly support initiatives aimed at building our membership. While this continues to be a challenge for us, we continue to reach out to potential new members.

UNYOC also is committed to providing leadership opportunities to those in the chapter who express an interest. Our membership materials as well as our post-annual meeting survey include an opportunity for members to indicate their interest in serving as leaders. Everyone who responds positively is contacted to discuss their interest and to provide appropriate mentorship. Our annual meeting provides an opportunity for seasoned leadership to interact with those thinking about becoming involved in chapter leadership.

UNYOC also remains committed to recognizing leadership in the profession. At our 2011 annual meeting, we formally recognized the life and work of Lucretia McClure, one of the founders of our Chapter, and honored her with a Living Human Treasure award. A copy of the official proclamation is attached.

Life Long Learning

UNYOC continues to strongly support continuing education. Our annual meeting provides the opportunity for members to attend CE courses. At the 2011 annual meeting, the continuing educational offering was bioinformatics, taught by Diane Rein, PhD. The Chapter also provides two professional development awards annually that allow student members and members the opportunity to pursue additional educational experiences. UNYOC also continues to support the educational activities of the regional library councils.

Advocacy

The New York State budgetary support for libraries continues to be uncertain. UNYOC’s Government Relations chair works hard to keep the membership informed of current actions and to mobilize members to contact their representatives in support of library funding.
Knowledge Creation and Communication

UNYOC now has a fully functional web page built on the Wordpress platform that provides information about the chapter and its activities. It serves as both a blog and an information portal. Not only that, it looks really great and provides a nice online presence for UNYOC. In addition, UNYOC has a Facebook page. The UNYOC-L list continues to be used.

Partnerships

As previous reports noted, our potential collaboration with NYLINK ended due to that organization’s demise. UNYOC continues to look for partnerships and is currently working with our Canadian counterparts to plan and organize the 2012 annual meeting which will be held in Cornwall, Ontario in October.

Motion

This report is informational and requires no action.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chapter Chair

UNYOC Executive Committee

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Proclamation

Whereas, Lucretia McClure is a founding member of the Upstate New York and Ontario Chapter of the Medical Library Association, aka as our beloved UNYOC; and

Whereas, Lucretia McClure has been a president or chair of many major library-related organizations in the United States including the Medical Library Association (MLA), the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries, and our beloved UNYOC; and

Whereas, Lucretia McClure has been recognized by her peers by a continuous series of accolades: delivering the Janet Doe lecture in 1985, receiving the Marcia C. Noyes Award in 1996, and becoming a Fellow of both MLA (1993), but early on a Fellow (1990) of our beloved UNYOC; and

Whereas, Lucretia McClure continues to serve her profession, speaking annually to new members and first time attendees at MLA, but always staying in touch with every member of UNYOC, and here with us in person in Poughkeepsie, New York; and

Whereas, Lucretia McClure is acknowledged for her commitment, leadership, and contributions to UNYOC, because she embodies the highest professional standards and greatest cultural values; and

Therefore, be it resolved that, UNYOC designate Lucretia McClure as our “Living Human Treasure”.

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October 13, 2011  Chris Tosh, Chair