Keeping the Pacific Island Connection Strong

THE HAWAII-PACIFIC CHAPTER:
• Promotes the educational, scientific and professional growth of its members
• Fosters cooperation and communication among its members in the Pacific Basin
• Provides opportunities for active participation of members who are unable to attend MLA’s Annual Meeting due to travel distance

MEMBERSHIP
• Individual and student memberships are open to anyone with an interest in health sciences or medical librarianship.
• Institutional membership is offered to academic institutions, hospitals/health systems, non-profits and businesses.
• Members gain invaluable leadership experience by serving as Chapter Officers, Chapter Council, and Committee Chairs

HISTORY
In 1969, a group of medical librarians petitioned MLA to become the Hawaii Regional Medical Group, Inc, which was later renamed the Medical Library Group of Hawaii (MLGH).

A tradition began in 1992 when the Chapter invited MLA’s past president to speak at its annual meetings. An MLA past president has attended each year since.

In 1995, the Chapter incorporated and became the Hawaii-Pacific Chapter of the Medical Library Association (HPC-MLA). The Chapter expanded its regional coverage to include island states and nations throughout the Pacific Ocean.

HPC-MLA welcomed MLA members to Honolulu for the Association’s annual meetings in 1979 and 2009.

Since its inception, the Chapter has and continues to focus on reducing distance barriers between members dispersed throughout Hawaii and the Pacific.