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Dear Philadelphia and NY-NJ MLA Chapter members,

Exciting news! The Medical Library Association Board of Directors has approved merging our two chapters into the Liberty Chapter. The merger of the Regional Chapters of NY-NJ and Philadelphia will become official on April 1, 2021.

The proposal was approved by each chapter's membership in December 2020. As geographic neighbors with a shared purpose and mission, we are moving forward with this merger at long last. As our network expands and we join forces, the partnership will benefit all of us. Look forward to the first Liberty Chapter Annual Meeting in Fall 2021 (planning is already underway by a committee with representatives from both former Chapters).

We have been planning and working towards uniting for quite some time, especially the merger committee members, who have worked hard on the plans for a few years now. Thank you to those dedicated members, especially Micki McIntyre and Robb Mackes for leading the charge. Also thank you to the board members and committee members now working behind the scenes to make the merger go smoothly.

Welcome to the new Liberty Chapter, where we hope you will feel empowered by our large network and find a place for professional growth. Stay tuned for more information in the weeks to come, and for opportunities to get involved.

Thank you,

Amanda Adams and Sarah Jewell  
Co-Chairs of the Liberty Chapter