



# The Development of the Systematic Reviews Special Interest Group of MLA

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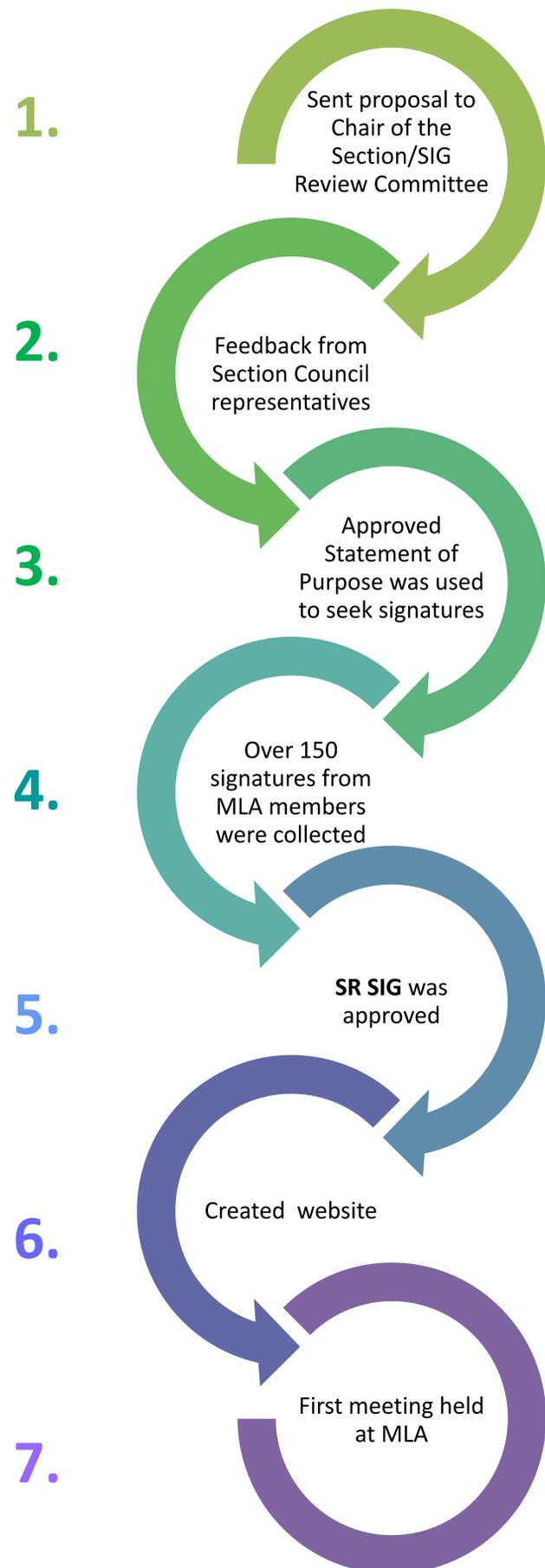
## Assertions of SRSIG

- Systematic reviews are recognized as an important method in healthcare research <sup>1,2,3</sup>
- There has been a sharp increase in utilization of the systematic review method by researchers and clinicians <sup>4,5</sup>
- Librarians have been vital in conducting and improving the methods of systematic reviews<sup>6,7</sup>
- Institute of Medicine of the National Academies standards require that a librarian be part of the process/team <sup>8</sup>
- Systematic review methods are complex and take years to fully learn
- The standards, methods, and products are still evolving.

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## 7 Steps to creating a SIG<sup>9</sup>



## SR SIG Goals

### Short term goals

- Develop and maintain a website of resources on systematic reviews
- Provide forum to share experience and knowledge on systematic review services and research
- Facilitate professional development opportunities and continuing education on systematic reviews
- Provide forum for mentoring librarians as they learn the SR process

### Long term goals

- Provide a platform for peer review of search strategies for systematic reviews
- Develop and promote standards for systematic review methods, especially search strategies
- Develop a credentialing program for librarians working on systematic reviews
- Develop a list of librarians with expertise in systematic review methods

## Communication

**Website:** <http://srsig.mlanet.org>

### Listserv:

SR SIG appreciates using the Expert Searching listserv hosted by MLA Public Services Section:  
[http://pss.mlanet.org/mailman/listinfo/expertsearching\\_pss.mlanet.org](http://pss.mlanet.org/mailman/listinfo/expertsearching_pss.mlanet.org)