

## **MAHSLIN Annual Business Meeting**

Massachusetts Medical Society

Waltham, MA

Thursday, June 27, 2013

### **Welcome**

Jane Ichord, MAHSLIN President, opened the business meeting and welcomed everyone to the event.

Sally Gore led a moment of silence to honor the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing and its aftermath.

### **Minutes**

The minutes from the 2012 Annual Business meeting were reviewed and accepted.

### **Treasurer's Report—*Dan McCloskey***

Dan McCloskey noted that the Treasurer's report will be posted on the MAHSLIN website.

Financially, MAHSLIN is stable. No grants were awarded last year.

This year, the MAHSLIN Board began developing an actual budget, which will make things easier in the future.

Len Levin, speaking on behalf of the MLA Boston Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee wanted to have the minutes reflect that their group wished to thank MAHSLIN for supporting the Boston Public Library tours during the 2013 MLA Conference.

Elaine Alligood announced that there were MAHSLIN mugs for sale in the lobby—profits to benefit the Jay Daly grant fund.

**Committee Reports**—All Committee Reports were available on the web.

Elaine Alligood also announced that the position of Membership Chair is open.

### **NNLM/NER Update—*Michelle Eberle, Meredith Solomon and Stephanie Friree***

There have been some significant staff changes at the NNLM/NER. Mary Piorun took over when Javier Crespo left to attend Graduate School in Boston. Stephanie Friree is the new Outreach Coordinator and Meredith Solomon is the new Education and Outreach Coordinator.

There is still some funding left for the next competitive cycle.

Feedback is requested regarding new directions for the RML—a survey will be sent out soon. They hope to provide a number of ongoing Professional Development opportunities. In the fall, they will make available an NLM Disaster Training Program.

The five Communities of Interest are getting off the ground, and Elaine Alligood's Diagnostic Error webinar will be available for people to view for CE credit.

Meredith Solomon announced that starting this fall, hospital librarian chats and webinars will be offered as a way of connecting the hospital librarians in the region.

Also, PubMed search and support webinars are being explored as well. These would be informal. If any experienced searchers had tips that they could pass along to a searcher who was having difficulty, it would be a way that librarians could help each other improve their skills.

### **NAHSL Update—*Sally Gore***

Sally Gore, NAHSL President encouraged participation in NAHSL, and said that it provides many excellent professional development opportunities.

This year, NAHSL began using the LibGuides platform to create and manage its website, and made that platform available to each state group. MAHSLIN's Website Coordinator Pam Hastings did an outstanding job with it creating a new website for MAHSLIN.

Sally said that as NAHSL President, she focused on communication, and sharing it—what we all do and how we do it. She encouraged the MAHSLIN membership to begin sharing information, also to create new content, rather than just reusing content.

Rich Kaplan of MCPHS will succeed Sally as President.

The NAHSL Annual Meeting will be held October 27-29<sup>th</sup> in Falmouth, MA., and the Conference Title is “Surfing the Waves”.

### **Presentation of Nominations-- *Elaine Alligood and Jane Ichord***

There was one nomination, for the office of President-Elect, and that was for Donna Beales. Donna was elected by unanimous decision.

She will begin working on organizing next year's conference.

### **Massachusetts Health Council Update—*Susan Servais***

Susan Servais, Massachusetts Health Council representative spoke to the group about the work of the Council, which focuses on disease prevention and wellness. Their role is keeping their members informed about key issues in health, and she stressed that librarians could play a key role in this. Their web address is:

<http://www.mahealthcouncil.org/>

The Massachusetts Health Insurance Connector Authority is putting together brochures right now on the Affordable Healthcare Act and various insurance plans in the state that are soon to be available.

Cara Marcus asked if any relevant information could be passed along to the entire MAHSLIN membership, which it can.

**Passing of the Gavel—*Jane Ichord and Cara Marcus***

The gavel was passed to the new MAHSLIN President, Cara Marcus. Cara thanked outgoing President Jane Ichord for her service, and presented her with flowers.

Cara took a minute to thank the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, MAHSLIN Board members past and present, Chris Vaillancourt for his audio-visual assistance and expertise, the Massachusetts Medical Society and Sodexo and all of the MAHSLIN membership.

**Adjournment**

Cara adjourned the meeting and began the Conference program.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Grikis  
MAHSLIN Secretary