

MAHSLIN Annual Business Meeting  
Friday, April 25, 2008  
Massachusetts Medical Society, Waltham MA

President Bette Bissonnette opened the meeting after lunch. She highlighted MAHSLIN's accomplishment in editing MLA's MedSpeak brochures and thanked Alison Clapp for her vision in identifying the opportunity and directing the project. MAHSLIN members volunteered to edit the existing brochures so they are written in plain language at an easy-to-read level. Pointing to the sample brochures in each packet which display the MAHSLIN logo, Bette commented that all MAHSLIN members should be proud of this achievement. Alison Clapp, who coordinated the efforts, mentioned that there are a two more brochures to be done and asked for volunteers to help finish this project.

Copies of reports from the Board members and all the Committees were included in members' packets.

Julia Whelan, **Secretary**, presented the Minutes from the 2007 Business meeting. The members voted to approve.

The **Treasurer's** report showed a balance of \$42,032.66

### **Committee Reports**

The **Archives** have been weeded and are now in acid free boxes.

**Education** Outgoing members, Nathan Norris and Alison Clapp, thanked the members for their support. They are planning six education programs for the NAHSL meeting in their new position as NAHSL Education Committee members. Florence Mercer is the new Chair and the new committee members include: Denise Corless, Jim Craig, Janet Spiller.

**Membership:** Brandy King reported that there are now nine vendors who are members in the Partner category. There are eight new members this year. Brandy will send out a list of Annual Meeting attendees via email.

**Publicity:** Megan McNichol requested additional articles for the spring newsletter. Members are encouraged to submit pieces to her.

**Resource Sharing:** Jeannie Van der Pyl is looking for commitments from members who want to join the Stat-Ref subscription for the next year. She will adjust the titles based on the preferences of those who join. Interested members should email her. A sheet with details was available on the refreshments table. Jeannie is working to extend the program by adding more titles and other vendors.

**NNLM NER Report:** Javier Crespo described the NLM's new program on Emergency Preparedness. Planning for this nationwide effort is almost complete and then the RML

will be asking members to participate in forums throughout the state as well as organization and implementation efforts.

Lauri Fennell the RML's new Education and Outreach coordinator is now available to conduct educational training at member libraries. The RML will be assessing their current programs in preparation for an upcoming visit from NLM. Javier thanked MAHSLIN members for their participation in the regional advisory committee (RAC) subgroups.

The RML is surveying the History of Medicine collections in the area and the information gathered will be forwarded to NLM for their national online directory of collections.

The RML newsletter, the *NER'eastah* is going to migrate from an online and print publication into a blog starting with the next issue. Comments on this change are welcome.

**NAHSL:** NAHSL chair Marianne Burke, encouraged MAHSLIN members to attend NAHSL's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting in Lowell in October 2008. She thanked members who have been involved in planning this conference. She noted that there are some positions on the NAHSL Executive Board that are open and encouraged people to run for these offices.

Marianne summarized NAHSL's goals which are: recruitment to the profession; leadership development; life long learning; advocacy including benchmarking, legislative advocacy; creating communities of knowledge; and networking with partners such as MAHSLIN, the RML and NELINET.

**Election of new Officers:** Rhoda Moskowitz presented the nominations of Terri Niland for President Elect, and Olga Lyczmanenko as Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor, so the Secretary, Julie Whelan, cast a vote to elect the candidates.

President Bette Bissonette then passed the gavel to incoming President Christine Fleuriel. Bette thanked Christine for the outstanding program at the meeting and Christine in turn thanked her Program Planning Committee members. Christine made some brief remarks. The meeting concluded with the presentation of the Hall of Fame award to Sandra Clevesy and the Paul Vaiginas Professional Development awards to Anne Fladger and Jeanie Van der Pyle.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Whelan  
Secretary