

MAHSLIN 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

ANNUAL REPORTS

MAHSLIN Publicity/ Newsletter Committee

Annual Report 2009

Cara Helfner, Library Director, Faulkner Hospital and Sally Gore, Lamar Soutter Library, UMass Medical School, assumed co-editorship of the MAHSLIN Network News starting with the Fall 2008 issue. Three issues have been published since their tenure began. The Newsletter is published quarterly with news items solicited from the general membership, as well as the larger medical library community. The newsletter includes a message from the MAHSLIN president, educational opportunities throughout Massachusetts and information about MAHSLIN resources, services and events. MAHSLIN Network News is made available from the MAHSLIN website in both html and printable pdf format.

MAHSLIN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

2008-2009

Florence Mercer, Chair

Denise Corless

Jim Craig

Debbie Almquist

Programs this year included:

SURVIVAL TIPS & STORIES: EXPANDING THE LIBRARY'S SERVICES IN TIME OF DISASTER

MLA Webcast

November 12, 2008 (1:30-5:00)

Wrap-around panel discussion with Javier Crespo, Associate Director

Of NNLM-NER, and Gregor Trinkaus-Randall, Preservation

Specialist, Mass. Board of Library Commissioners

Children's Hospital Boston, Conference Room 3, 1 Autumn St.

3.5 MLA CE contact hours

12 attended, 10 viewed the Webcast during on-demand period

PUBMED EXPERT SEARCHING CLASS followed by LINKOUT UPDATE

Instructors: Lauri Kolakoski, Outreach & Education Coordinator,

NNLM/NER, Mark Goldstein, Network Coordinator, NNLM/NER

Thursday, January 15, 2009 (1:00-4:00)

Children's Hospital Boston, Gamble Room

2 MLA CE contact hours

34 registrants, 29 attendees

NURSING INDEXES AND POINT OF CARE PRODUCTS

Presenters: Mary Swenson, Elsevier Health Services, Lou Pilla, Mosby's Nursing Consult, Ellen Westling, EBSCO, Carrie Carr, EBSCO, Mark Barragry, Julie Quain, Brian McCarthy, and Evan Erlichman of OVID, Kevin Iarossi, Wolters Kluwer

Tuesday, January 27, 2009 (9:30am-1:00pm)
Children's Hospital Boston, Enders Auditorium
51 attendees
(Co-sponsored with NAHSL)

Annual Resource Sharing Report – 2008-09

Jeanie Vander Pyl

Resource Sharing Chair

MAHSLIN

MAHSLIN's StatRef group purchase entered its third successful year. We added two new libraries to the group and made title changes to our collection by consensus of the group. We were able to add 7 new titles and dropped 4 which had low usage. The renewal process of this valuable and cost-effective resource is currently in progress. Although we know we will lose a few hospitals due to library closings, we're hoping others might join who can't maintain all their current print resources due to reduced budgets. The MAHSLIN StatRef program is a very cost-effective way to maintain a current collection to the top resources in medicine and nursing.

The membership was queried during the summer about adding AORN Perioperative Standards to the STATRef resources. Unfortunately, interest was not sufficient to add this resource.

An online survey of members was also conducted during the summer and fall. The Board has begun to review the results to determine what resources our members are using or would like to have. Knowing what our libraries are currently purchasing on their own enables us to work with vendors to offer discounts to our group. The survey also asked for people who would like to serve on the Resource Sharing Committee. Those who volunteered will be contacted in the near future as we look to setting up additional products.

Consortium pricing to LibGuides was also offered to MAHSLIN members who were looking for an easier way to set-up and maintain dynamic webpages.

We will continue to investigate ways in which shared resources could benefit our members. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

BY-LAWS Committee Report 2009

Kathy McCarthy

By-Laws Chairperson

The business of the By-Laws Committee was extremely uncomplicated this year. There are no changes to bring to the 2008 Annual Meeting.

2009 MAHSLIN Membership Report

Brandy King, Membership Chair

As of March 24, 2009 we have 90 paid members, including 12 partner members (4 of whom are new to MAHSLIN) and 8 other new members.

New Members:

- A'Llyn Ettien, BU Alumni Medical Library
- Claire Rork, New England College of Optometry
- Eileen Moyer, Tufts University Hirsh Health Sciences Library
- George Peckham-Rooney, Center on Media and Child Health at Children's Hospital
- Margot Malachowski, Baystate Medical Center
- Seth Earley, Earley and Associates
- Susanne Castellucci, Philips Healthcare
- Matthew Ward, BMJ Group
- Evan Erlichman, Wolters Kluwer Health Medical Research
- William Brady, STAT!Ref
- Caroline Carregal, Massachusetts Medical Society
- Carol Mita Countway Library, Harvard Medical School

We may see more membership dues in before the annual meeting. After the meeting, I will send a separate reminder email only to those who have not renewed.

I have implemented a new system for the online membership directory. At the end of each month, a list of all new or renewed members is sent to the webmaster, who updates the directory with changes in information. At that time, the webmaster also notes the last year their dues were paid. When a member's last dues were paid more than 2 years ago, they are sent a reminder about renewal and the benefits of MAHSLIN membership, and if they do not renew, they are removed from the online directory.

There are several benefits of this system:

- Members can see whether they need to renew their membership by looking at the "dues last paid" year.
- Organizers of meetings can see whether their registrants have paid the current year's MAHSLIN dues.

- The online directory stays up to date with members' current contact information and with a list members currently involved.
- The Membership Chair does not need to send out emails to each member indicating that their dues were received (though if there is question, members can certainly inquire).

At the most recent board meeting, I proposed that we consider offering an online payment option for dues. Board members agree agreed that I should move ahead with this plan, and allow for online payment for MAHSLIN events as well. I will work with the webmaster to accomplish this before January 2010.

ARCHIVES Committee Report
Melinda Marchand, Chair

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The Archives continue to be maintained and updated with current board information. A long range goal is the identification of interesting items for digitization and inclusion on the MAHSLIN website. If any members are interested in participating in this project, please contact me.

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