

**MAHSLIN Committee Reports**  
**2004-2005**  
**April 28, 2005**

**Archives Committee**

The primary activities this year have involved maintenance of the archives and responding to questions raised by the MAHSLIN Board and members. The decision was made to purchase archival boxes from NAHSL. Some of the future possibilities for the collection include evaluation and weeding, determining a permanent archives storage solution, and mounting selected archival materials on the web-site. Melinda Saffer-Marchand will assume responsibility for the archives in May 2005. Although items for the archives are always welcome, please check with the Archives Committee Chair before sending donations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Fitzpayne, Archives Chair

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**Education Committee**

MAHSLIN Education Committee sponsored-programs include:

**Web Design and PhotoShop**

Brendan Wahlberg, Webmaster, Webster Veterinary Library  
Wednesday, June 16, 2004

**Mass. Medical Society Technology Day & MLA Satellite Teleconference:  
The Art and Practice of Electronic Journal, Book, and Database Licenses: Practical  
Tips for Healthcare Organizations**

Mass. Medical Society  
Wednesday, September 22, 2004

**PubMed Update**

Donna Berryman, N/NLM  
Thursday, October 21, 2004  
Children's Hospital Boston

**MLA webcast: Tips for Negotiating Electronic Licenses**

Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Boston  
Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Thanks go to Chris Fleuriel for hosting the webcast.

MLA kept this program up on their website for 30 days after the program so any MAHSLIN members interested in "attending" after the event had that option.

**MLA Satellite Teleconference: Partnering for Public Health: Information, Librarians, and the Public Health Workforce**

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

Harvard Medical School/Countway Library of Medicine

Thanks to Lucretia McClure and Anna Getselman for hosting both the teleconference and the wrap-around sessions.

**Creating Effective and Attractive Flyers/Newsletters for Your Library**

Jane Wandel, Corrigan/Kantz Consulting

Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Gamble Room, Children's Hospital Boston.

**Other Committee Activities:**

- With thanks to contributions from some of the membership, the Expert Searcher Web page was put up on the MAHSLIN website. This resource is a "work-in-progress", and if you have searching expertise in a particular area which you would like to share, please let one of the members of the Committee know.
- Collaborated with the Publicity and Web committees to update our calendar of educational opportunities and update our MAHSLIN Web page in general.
- Outreach to local Medical School libraries to support additional programming.
- Recruited two additional member to the committee – Janet Dadoly from UMass and Jonathan Hartman from Mass. College of Pharmacy.

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**Membership**

As of April 15, 2005, we had 133 members registered for MAHSLIN. Our numbers are up from 112 last year at this time. We've seen lots of membership changes, luckily more joining than leaving.

We welcome the following new members:

Goldstein, Mark	NN/LM New England Region
Gore, Sally A.	UMASS Medical Center
Hartley, Jennifer	Holyoke Consumer Health Library, Inc
Herman, Cheryl F.	St. Anne's Hospital
Lanouette, Jennifer	Charlton Memorial Hospital
Lederer, Anne Marie	New England Baptist Hospital
Like, Betsy	Tufts Univ. School of Veterinary Medicine
Mahnken, Susan S.	Mass College of Pharmacy & Allied Health Sciences

Serotkin, Nancy  
Ward, Sandy N.  
White, Phil

Emerson Hospital  
Holyoke Consumer Health Library, Inc.  
OVID Technologies, Inc.

I just received some thoughtful suggestions on recruiting efforts and will pass them along to our new Membership Chair, Cindy Hutchison.

Our recruiting efforts this year included:

1. Distributing MAHSLIN Brochures at some regional library meetings, such as meetings of Special Library Association R.I. Chapter, etc.
2. Michelle Eberle, NN/LM Consumer Health Information Coordinator, also helped to hand out the brochures to the classes of her Regional Outreach Programs. This should cover all the spectrum of libraries in New England region.
3. Ann Fladger and Nathan Norris plan to visit David Ginn's Medical Librarianship class at Simmons Library School to give a presentation on MAHSLIN. They will extend an invitation to the students for our Annual Meeting.
4. I would also like to point out the many useful and interesting courses offered by our Education Committee this year. This, undoubtedly, helped to bring in some new members. I thank Alison Clapp and Nathan Norris for a job well done.

The online membership directory is working out. Thanks to our Webmaster, Joe Harzbecker, the information was updated as soon as we received the requests.

Observations:

1. Over these couple of years, a group of young and ambitious members have joined our association. MAHSLIN's future looks bright as the senior librarians join forces with this new energy.
2. Many members registered as "willing to serve" this year. It's great to see so many enthusiastic members interested in contributing to keep the organization viable. This is yet another reason to be optimistic about MAHSLIN's future.

Again, I would like to thank my associate Jennifer Lanouette for her assistance updating the membership directory. I am closing my tenure as Membership Committee Chair; I am thankful for the opportunity to learn and to know many more members through the registration and renewal process. I treasured the experience.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Hsu, Membership Chair

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## **Nominating Committee**

The slate for 2005-2006 is:

VP/ President Elect	Margo Coletti.
Treasurer	Pat Vigorito.
Nominating Committee	Donna Berryman Chris Fleuriel Rhoda Moskowitz

Chris Nims  
Chair, Nominating Committee

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## **Publicity Committee**

### **Public relations/newsletter**

This year, the MAHSLIN Network News was given a new look. The banner features the approved MAHSLIN logo created by past Publicity Co-chair, Donna Beales. With the help of Penny Glassman, a PDF file was created for the new editions of the newsletter for easy printing. The Education Committee, led by Alison Clapp and Nathan Norris, has contributed a regular column to the newsletter this year. Plans for the next year of the newsletter include streamlining the design to correspond with the new MAHSLIN web page.

I am always seeking ideas for Massachusetts medical libraries in the news and best practices. If you would like your library or staff to be featured in the newsletter, please contact me at [michelle.eberle@umassmed.edu](mailto:michelle.eberle@umassmed.edu) or 508-856-2435.

Publicity Co-Chair  
Michelle Eberle

### **Website**

This has been a productive year for the Publicity Committee, specifically the web component that I coordinate.

Over the past year the Publicity Committee discussed and planned a new web design.

The goal of the redesign was to retain the best features of the current site, while adopting a more contemporary look with multi-functionality. We also improved specific sections

of the site such as the Events Calendar, the Newsletter. The Membership directory has recently been updated. The MAHSLIN Procedures Manual was also included in the Bylaws section.

We received some feedback from members, and convened a 'Redesign Group' in January. The group included the Publicity Committee, Penny Glassman, and Amy Priftakis. We reviewed sites from organizations similar to MAHSLIN. One advantage to waiting for a redesign is the ability to see the latest styles and functions. Many of you may recall that MAHSLIN was one of the first state library organizations in the region to create its own website.

I am pleased to announce a redesigned site that will continue to serve the organization's mission. A sample page, with URL, is included on the reverse side of this sheet. I wish to thank my Publicity Committee co-chair Michelle Eberle, as well as Penny Glassman, and Amy Priftakis who created the new site.

Amy will assume responsibility of coordinating the site at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. I am confident with this development, so please join me in wishing Amy all the best in this endeavor.

Thank you MAHSLIN for the opportunity to serve as your Web Coordinator.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph Harzbecker, MS(LS), MA, AHIP  
MAHSLIN Web Coordinator

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### **Resource Sharing**

Over the years there has been some interest expressed in MAHSLIN pursuing group purchasing options for our members. At last spring's RLM Resource sharing day, we heard how other states have gone about setting up state-wide resource sharing. The Board felt that perhaps it was time to once again assess the interest of our members. Last fall, I initiated a survey of the entire membership to see if this interest still existed and how many of our members would like to participate in group purchasing.

The survey was twofold. One section asked what specific electronic resources people currently had, and the second part asked what resources they would like to add. The first part would allow us to see if there might be a way to collectively negotiate better pricing with a vendor. The second part would give us an indication of which resources our members needed but didn't currently have.

Thirty-seven (37) libraries responded to the survey. The top four electronic resources that members currently have are: UpToDate, CINAHL, Cochrane, and StatRef. The 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the survey listed StatRef, Doody's, Cochrane, and UpToDate as resources libraries would like to have. We found out that UpToDate is not interested in negotiating on a statewide level. StatRef is willing to set up a group purchase, and has implemented

this on a statewide level with the state of Michigan. One obstacle to a group purchase of StatRef is that individual billing is not available, and a system would have to be implemented to invoice and collect payments for the group. The SEMCO consortium is currently implementing a group purchase with StatRef. The MAHSLIN Board has decided to see how this works with a smaller group and look at the possibility of extending this on a statewide level in the future. I have also been in contact with a representative from Wiley InterScience about a group purchase to the Cochrane database, and will continue our conversation.

Group purchasing is further complicated by fact that some libraries already have subscriptions to these resources with various expiration dates, and other libraries have been able to set up group discounts through their healthcare systems. However, since we now know that there are still some of our members who cannot afford to purchase access to resources they would like to have, we will continue to explore the possibility of group purchasing for MAHSLIN members.

If you would like to serve on the Resource Sharing Committee, please contact  
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jvanderpyl@capecodhealth.org

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanie Vander Pyl  
Resource Sharing Chair