

Connecticut Association of Health Science Librarians

Annual Report

2010-2011

Meetings

CAHSL held six meetings this year combined with programming and two special events, the Holiday Luncheon and the June Luncheon. I would like to commend the Program Committee (Mary Ellen Bowen, Jessica Kilham, Brenda Wong and Anne-Marie Kaminsky) for the diverse and interesting programs held this year. It was an effective plan to form a programming committee to assist with the program.

Thursday, September 23 – **Open Forum**

Wednesday, November 10 – **Fall MLA Webcast**

Thursday, December 9 – **Holiday Luncheon – Inn at Middletown**

Tuesday, February 22 - **Secrets of EBM: Tips & Tricks for Searching, Finding, & Evaluating the Literature**

Thursday, March 17 - **Librarians and Nurses: Relationships That Work**

Thursday, April 7 - **Stem Cell Research**

Thursday, May 5 - **Alzheimer's & Dementia**

Thursday, June 2 – June Luncheon – Hawthorne Inn – **Spring MLA Webcast on DVD**

Continuing Education

November 10, 2010 - MLA Webcast: ABCs of E-Books: Strategies for the Medical Library

June 2, 2011 - MLA Webcast on DVD: Shifting Skills to Navigate the Changing Horizon: Finding Our Way in New Biomedical Research and Health Care Environments

Open Forum

The results of the open forum brought issues to the surface. Most important perhaps is the number of meetings and the relevance of the programming. Some members find it difficult to leave work and find the programming must be relevant to their needs. Membership numbers and participation need to be addressed. Some other important aspects were mentorship and advocacy.

Accomplishments for CAHSL during 2010-2011

- Held an open forum to discuss and explore the purpose of CAHSL, what is the value, how do we see CAHSL as an organization in the future and what would we miss if the organization no longer existed? The results of this survey will provide a focus for us as we plan for the future.
- Designed a new CAHSL logo that will be available for members to use for organization business.
- NAHSL/CAHSL members actively participated in the NAHSL Conference planning committees, to plan the annual NAHSL meeting in October.
- In process of examining ways to design a new CAHSL website.
- Exploring new options for paying membership dues.

Treasurer - Kandace Yuen

The table below documents final year-end income and expenditures for the 2010-2011 year, with a decrease of \$1372.31 from a year ago. The major expense of this year is to sponsor the NAHSL 2011 CE break. We have good income for the membership this year.

Please note the payment and the expenses of the June luncheon are not included in these figures yet.

August 30, 2010 - June 1, 2011

Beginning balance \$4,945.31

Ending balance \$3,573.00

	Beginning Balance		4,945.31
INCOME			
Membership		1620.00	
Deposit of luncheon checks		570.00	
	TOTAL		2,190.00
EXPENSES			
Breakfasts and Lunches		533.66	
NAHSL Basket 2010		135.06	
Holiday luncheon Deposit		500.00	
Holiday decoration and invitation		116.10	
Holiday Luncheon		344.61	
NAHSL 2011 CE break		1,582.88	
Speakers		150.00	
Deposit for June 2011 luncheon		200.00	
	TOTAL		3,562.31
	Ending Balance		3,573.00

Standing Committee Reports

Membership Committee, Pat Wales, Chair

CAHSL membership has grown! With some encouragement and persistence, there are now 56 members, representing most of the hospitals and the two medical universities in Connecticut. The goal to get members to renew earlier was very successful. Let's keep up the good work!

Programming Committee - Mary Ellen Bowen - Chair

This year we had a programming committee with 5 members. Mary Ellen Bowen as Chair met with the committee twice to determine the 7 programs that would be offered at CAHSL meetings. The committee members were: Lori Bradshaw from St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury, Jessica Kilham from UCONN Health Center in Farmington, Anne Marie Kaminsky from Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London, and Brenda Wong from Johnson Memorial in Stafford Springs. As the chair of this committee I want to say that the members of the committee deserve all the credit for the wonderful programs we had this year. Each member arranged a great program and Brenda took responsibility for two programs. I cannot thank them enough.

Since this committee is also the CE committee we also offered 1 CE course. The CE opportunity was the MLA webcast ABCs of E-Books: Strategies for the Medical Library. The webcast was well attended.

September 23, 2011 Open Forum - discussion about the future direction of CAHSL

November 10, 2011 MLA Webcast: ABCs of E-Books: Strategies for the Medical Library

December 9, 2011 *Holiday Luncheon* A CAHSL Carol – past, present and future of CAHSL with a display of items from the archives

February 22, 2011 Secrets of EBM: Tips & Tricks for Searching, Finding, & Evaluating the Literature – presented by Kate Cheromcha, MLIS, Windham Community Memorial Hospital

March 17, 2011 *Nursing Panel*: Librarians and Nurses: Relationships That Work - with Valori Banfi,, Lisa Carter, Nancy Goodwin, and Linda Spadaccini

April 7, 2011 Stem Cell Research presented by Dr. Joseph Laning

May 5, 2011 Alzheimer's & Dementia presented by Heather Dobbert, MSW

Nominating Committee – Todd Lane

President: Lori Bradshaw

Vice President/President-Elect: Jessica Kilham

Treasurer: Kandace Yuen

Secretary: Lisa Adriani

Past President: Lynn Sette

Archives: ~~Still Open~~ *Pat Wales*

Bylaws: Anne Marie Romano

New Technologies: Kate Cheromcha

Program/CE: Donna Belcinski

Shared Services: On Hold

NAHSL Rep: Donna Belcinski

Membership: ~~Pat Wales~~ *Nancy Gill*

Shared Services - Kate Cheromcha

Discount opportunity available to CAHSL members:

E-Book Collection - 10% discount to CAHSL members who wish to get the LWW Doody's Essential or LWW Doody's Core collections.

Contact: Elizabeth Hern Regional Sales Manager - CT, NJ, Upstate NY
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Response to "Interest in" requests –

Mosio's Text-a-Librarian – insufficient response for group purchase discount.

Visual DX – several members responded as interested. Currently collecting requested information from members. Will forward to rep at end of June. Not too late to be included:

Visual Dx Helpful Links:

View our 4 minute demo! <http://www.logicalimages.com/visualDx4MinDemo.htm>

These are our three main focus areas above...

- We focus on Public Health and Emergency Preparedness...so many hospitals are able to also utilize ASPR grant funding to license VisualDx.
- Secondly we focus on Hospitals and diagnostic accuracy...diagnostic errors and rush to judgment on diagnosis is growing...we strive to provide a reference resource to assist with accuracy in diagnosis and visual pattern recognition in disease. You can't just memorize the classic presentation, you must be able to recognize variants of disease.
- Last but not least we focus on medical education for all clinical staff...there are a number of nurses and mid levels that also benefit from VisualDx for Med Ed...but we do license into a number of schools of medicine and hospitals with large residency programs.

For discussion: Future direction and goal of Shared Services Committee

Connecticut hospitals have been in the news recently, as more announce decisions to merge, enter into partnerships, or otherwise form healthcare systems. (According to Windham Hospital's CEO, until recently Connecticut has lagged behind most of the country in creating these healthcare systems - but no more. We are now quickly catching up.) Add to this the rapid implementation of electronic medical and health records - along with changes in Medicare, budget pressure, etc. - and it is clear that the entire picture of healthcare will be changing drastically over the next few years.

As far as Shared Services are concerned, I believe it means creating a completely new definition. Within healthcare systems, decisions are being made about licensing additional information resources for clinical decision-making for system-wide use and the decision makers may well be Chief Information Officers, VPs of Medical Informatics or similar executives – not librarians. We should think about the actual value-added services that we provide - ones that can't be replicated by databases or technology alone - and then think about how to share those among ourselves. It's the librarian - not the library - that must be seen as indispensable.

For starters, we might think about our print journal collections and sharing our renewal and cancellation decisions with each other before completing our orders. Knowing that I can cancel a seldom-used journal because another library will be able to provide the occasional article (without violating copyright law) - and vice-versa - would be a valuable shared service that we can provide to our patrons (and would also demonstrate fiscal responsibility).

Goals for 2011-2012

- Review *Open Forum Summary of Results* and plan how best to incorporate recommendations.
- Continue to build on and develop the 5-year strategic plan which includes 4 Goals: Advocacy, Professional Growth and Development, Cooperation, Networking and Communication and Organization.
- Expand ways to promote CAHSL and encourage CAHSL members to become actively involved in CAHSL activities.