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A Message from the President

Donna Beales, MAHSLIN President



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The first meeting of the newly formed **MAHSLIN** *Advocacy/Strategic Planning* taskforce was held on Nov. 20th.

Advocacy efforts are new to **MAHSLIN**, and our “roadmap” is rudimentary, however with the excellent contributions from the taskforce team, we were able to identify a few key to-dos that we think will be fruitful to our efforts on behalf of **MAHSLIN**:

- To identify advocacy resources, including those specific to our locale, for the purpose of beginning to developing a “tool” for our members, most likely as a link from the **MAHSLIN** website, although this has not yet been determined.
- To build a list of key stakeholders we might partner with as we move forward on advocacy efforts.
- To identify local individuals who may be amenable to acting as medical library ‘champions’ in our state.

- To begin to explore the specifics of the library closure dynamic that has occurred in our state.

An important part of medical library advocacy in Massachusetts will be to publicize to those outside of the library profession all of the critical things we do every day. To that end, we are pleased to welcome Nora Barnett, MLS to the appointment of Publicity Chair of **MAHSLIN**, a role that has lain dormant for many years, but one which is becoming increasingly important in raising awareness of our important contributions to the medical sciences.

Here's how you can help. Please contact me or any of the taskforce members if you have any thoughts about how we could further medical library advocacy here in Mass. No idea is too small or too "out there!" The taskforce team would be happy to have your opinions. Taskforce members are Ellen Brassil, Sydney Fingold, Stephanie Friree, Rebecca Morin, Anna Popp, Meredith Solomon, and myself.

Member Spotlight – Sandra Dunphy



I am delighted to be a new member of MAHSLIN. My name is Sandy Dunphy, and I am a Research and Instruction Librarian and Health Sciences Subject Specialist at Snell Library, Northeastern University. I have worked at Northeastern for many years, and I provide specialized research assistance and instruction to graduate and undergraduate students in Bouve College of Health Sciences, specifically those enrolled in Nursing; Physician Assistant; Physical Therapy; Communication Sciences and Disorders, and other Health Sciences programs. I grew up in southeastern Massachusetts, and from childhood I looked forward to my weekly visits to the public library. Later, at Marietta College, where I graduated with a B.A. in English, I thoroughly enjoyed the research process, and I knew I wanted to share that love of learning with others. Therefore, becoming a librarian was a natural career choice for me. I obtained my MLIS from Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science while working part time at Northeastern. I enjoyed my work so much, I knew I'd made the right choice.

In my free time I enjoy camping, hiking, swimming, traveling and beading. I am the proud mother of an active, technologically savvy teenage son. I look forward to attending future programs and events.

TechnoTool Corner



Did you know that you can identify images in Google by dragging an image file into the Google Images search box?

First, pull up Google and click on images:



As an example, here's an image of a now well-known virus:

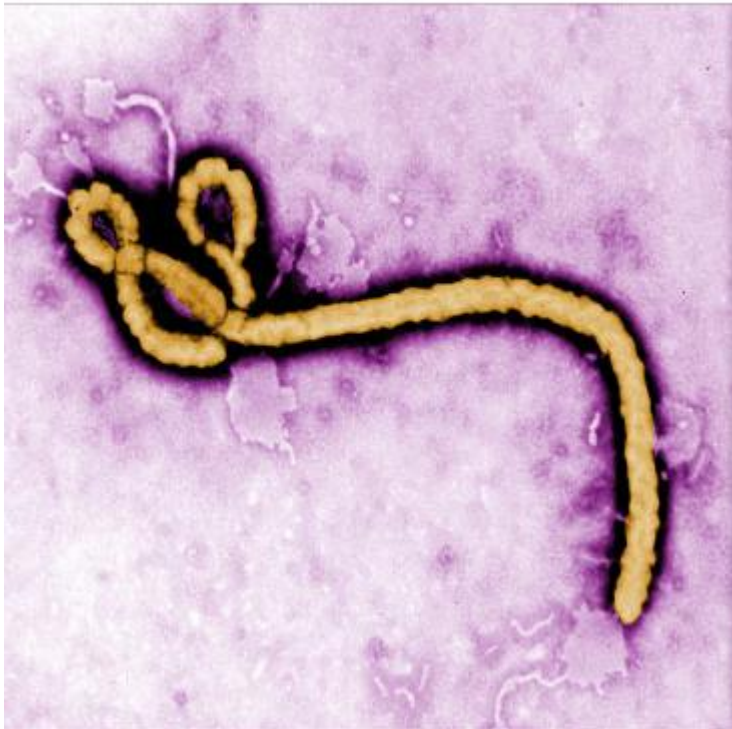


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Then click on the camera icon and choose “upload an image”:



Search by image ×

Search Google with an image instead of text. Try dragging an image here.

Paste image URL

Upload an image ?

Browse...

No file selected.

Google Images has correctly identified the virus:

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367 × 367

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Best guess for this image: **ebola virus**

If you are interested in more Google search tips, Meaghan Muir and Nathan Norris are putting together a course on Google, presenting tips, tricks and advanced searching. Stay tuned for additional tips and more details about the course!

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Retirement

Deborah Almquist started her career at St. Elizabeth's Hospital after completing her studies for a Masters in Library Science from Simmons College in Boston. In 1986 she accepted the Medical Librarian position at Lynn Hospital, continuing on in this role after its merger with NSMC Union Hospital. In 2006 she became director of both the Union and Salem medical libraries which became the North Shore Medical Center. She is also a longtime member of national, regional and local professional hospital librarian groups and a senior member of the Medical Library Association's Academy of Health Information Professionals.

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Recent Appointment

I was appointed to a 3 year term, beginning in October, 2014, to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioner's State Advisory Council on Libraries (SACL) representing special libraries. SACL is a statewide advisory committee of sixteen members, who broadly represent the library entities in the state. SACL members represent academic, institutional, public, school and special libraries; libraries serving those with disabilities; and library users.

Each year Massachusetts receives approximately \$3 million in federal funds under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. In Massachusetts, we distribute nearly \$1 million of this amount as direct grants to libraries of all types or to the organizations that serve libraries. Information on the Direct Grants to Libraries Program is on the MBLC website: <http://mblc.state.ma.us/grants/lsta/index.php>

As a member of this committee, I will be reviewing and evaluating direct grant proposals submitted by libraries throughout the state and advising the Board on the LSTA Direct Grants Program.

I have served as Secretary of Northeast Consortia for Health Sciences Information (2005-07), Chair of MAHSLIN (2007-08), Secretary of NAHSL (2008-09) and Chair of BBLC (2006-07). I have also served on the MLA Hospital Professional Development Grant Jury (2008) and the NAHSL Professional Development Committee (2008-09).

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Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital Library Services collaborated with the Boston Public Library Digital Commonwealth Team to post images from the BWFH Archives on the [Digital Commonwealth](#) and [Internet Archive](#). The collection includes over 300 digitized and abstracted images from the history of Faulkner Hospital from the 1800s through 1960s.



MAHSLIN Policy and Procedure Manual Recently Updated

The [MAHSLIN Policy and Procedure Manual](#) has undergone a comprehensive revision since its last major update in 2008. Revision 1.5 includes:

- The official mailing address of MAHSLIN is now that of the MAHSLIN treasurer.
- Requests for nominations for MAHSLIN awards will take place between December 1 and January 15 annually.
- All cancellations for annual meeting registration must be submitted in writing (including via email) to the Membership Chair or the Program Chair.
- Annual Meeting presenters must sign a form stating that they will receive an honorarium (if their organization permits them to do so) and have their presentation posted on the MAHSLIN website.

Partner fees must be received prior to the Annual Meeting in order for Partners to attend and exhibit at the meeting.

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