

North Atlantic Health Science Libraries (NAHSL)
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
WOODSTOCK, VT
OCTOBER 30, 2007

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 by NAHSL Chair, Janene Batten.
- II. Approval of Minutes from Annual Business Meeting (October, 2006).
The Chair called for any corrections, hearing none the MOTION was called to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved as presented.
- III. Reports: A packet of written reports from all NAHSL officers, committee chairs, and representatives was distributed to all meeting attendees. Verbal reports given at the meeting were therefore brief.

Chapter Chair Janene Batten thanked the Executive Board for its work and the membership for the honor of being Chapter Chair. She reviewed achievements of the past year including:

- Achievement of goals over the past year
- Donations to several causes including: The Blue Trunk Fund; MLA Scholarship; MLA Chapter Council
- Professional development fund awarded \$9,500 for members to attend MLA '06 and NAHSL '08
- Investigation and initiation of online payments for membership dues beginning Jan '08
- Plans underway for NAHSL's 50th anniversary in '08

Secretary Nancy Harger made no report.

Treasurer Mark Goldstein reported that the income for the past fiscal year was \$92,166.45 and the expenses totaled \$122,767.33. The bank account is showing a balance of \$92,131.12 with \$55,910.12 in savings account; \$31,049.92 in CD; and \$5,171.08 in the checking count. Beginning December membership will have the option to pay using the PayPal system.

Bylaws Chair Mark Gentry reviewed proposed changes to the Bylaws which had been previously distributed to the membership. Changes were proposed in ARTICLE V. Section 3 Elections and Terms of Office, ARTICLE VI. Section 1 Executive Board, and ARTICLE VII. Section 1. Committees.

The Motion to approve the changes to the Bylaws as presented was called by the Chair. Discussion ensued on one of the proposed changes – ARTICLE VI Section 1 which concerns the addition of State Chapter representatives as full members of the Executive Board. It was argued that State Representatives should be required to be members of MLA. Discussion was cordial. The Chair called the question on the MOTION: “to approve the bylaws as stated”. Secretary counted the votes: 61 yes, 4 opposed, 1 other.

MLA Chapter Council representative Janet Cowan reported that the NAHSL nominated candidate Elaine Martin was elected to the MLA Nominating Committee. She referred to her written report which includes information about the Vital Pathways project of the status of Hospital Librarians, Open forums at MLA, and future MLA meeting locations. Archive Chair Carole Foxman reported that she and a member team are going through all of the boxes of past NAHSL materials to find interesting facts for inclusion in NAHSL 50th anniversary activities..

Benchmarking Liaison Shirley Gronholm noted that the MLA benchmarking survey is live and ready to go. There will be a drawing for an iPod (Amazon gift card) to be awarded to one of the institutions that completes the survey.

Credentialing Liaison Joan Yanicke thanked those who attended the AHIP forum. She announces that full results of the MLA AHIP survey will be available on MLAnet. The Chair thanked Joan for being a great mentor and announced that she has been reappointed to this role for a three year term.

Education Chair Hongjie Wang reported that 88 people attended the CE classes at the Conference.. (It was pointed out that 88 is a precious number in the Chinese culture). Hongjie asked the membership to make suggestions for educational classes to the Education Committee. He has one suggestion so far - knowledge management in hospitals.

Electronic Communications Chair, Ed Donald in his written report, noted plans to make NAHSL educational offerings available electronically. The EC Chair is focusing on updating the web presence with historical content in connection with NAHSL's 50th anniversary.

Finance Chair Mark Goldstein reported on procedures previously that was approved by Executive Committee including that planned budget deficits should not exceed \$15,000 in the current fiscal year excluding possible Conference deficits and that going forward the budget for the coming year will be approved at the December meeting preceding the upcoming fiscal year.

Government Relations Chair Barbara Ingrassia reported a busy year including President's Bush's proposal to cut EPA Library budget by \$2M, MLA actively opposed such a move. Barbara noted that she is stepping down as Government Relations Chair after 8 years.. The Chair on behalf of the organization, thanked Barbara for her service.

Marketing Chair Len Levin noted that the Committee is busy working on the 50th anniversary celebrations for next year. Mary Ellen Bowen is taking over as Chair of the Committee. The Chair thanked Len for his service.

Membership Chair Penny Glassman reported that the NASHL membership is presently at 222 members.

Professional Development Chair Dina McKelvey in her written report noted that NAHSL grants to members to attend MLA annual meeting totaled \$5230; grants to attend the NAHSL Conference totaled \$3690. Special funds awards proposed in NAHSL Goals was not awarded this year and better award procedures will be developed in the coming year.

Conference '07 Chair Marianne Burke noted that there were 214 registrants for the Woodstock conference. The Conference Planning Committee had raised \$30,000 in sponsorship. She thanked the CPC for their work and asked those present to stand and be

recognized. Evaluations of the Conference will be sent out by Survey Monkey. She will report on expenses of the conference at a later date.

NN/LM-NER Representative Penny Glassman spoke on behalf of Javier Crespo. Penny reported that Donna Berryman's position education position is in the process of being replaced. The NN/LM-NER will be hosting an emergency preparedness workshop on November 16 in Shrewsbury, MA. MLA credits and the program are free with online registration. She asked for comments on the newsletter and thanked RAC members and Hospital Library Subcommittee who put together resources to advocate for hospital librarians. These can be accessed on the website. The NN/LM Outreach Subcommittee just reviewed outreach project proposals. The Chair thanked the NNLM-NER for providing space and facilities for meetings of the NAHSL Executive Board and other NAHSL Committees.

IV. Old Business. There was none.

V. New Business

Past-Chair Janet Crager presented the Report of the Nominating Committee. The Committee proposed a slate of candidates for 2 NAHSL offices to be voted on by the membership.

For Conference Chair-Elect for, the candidate was Dina McKelvy. The Chair asked for additional nominations from the floor. There were none. The Chair called for a vote on the election of Dina McKelvey as NAHSL '09 Conference Planning Chair. By show of hands the membership unanimously approved her election.

For NAHSL Nominee to the MLA Nominating Committee, the Nominating Committee Candidate was Evelyn Breck Morgan. The Chair asked for additional nominations from the floor. There were none. The Chair called for a vote on the election of Evelyn Breck Morgan as NAHSL's Nominee to the MLA Nominating Committee. By show of hands the membership unanimously approved her election.

The Past-Chair is responsible for soliciting nominations for the NAHSL Achievement Award given annually, and choosing the recipient with the approval of the Executive Board. Ms. Crager announced the winner as Claire LaForce, librarian at Rutland, VT Regional Medical Center. Ms. LaForce received the 2007 Achievement Award for her work on the NN/LM outreach grant for GRASP and her work on the NNLM-NER Regional Advisory Committee Subcommittee on Hospital Libraries which successfully prevented the closure of a hospital library in Vermont through advocacy.

The Chair asked if there was additional business from the floor. The suggestion was made to have future Conferences in Woodstock because the location was enjoyable and to take the burden off of the smaller states. This was discussed but not taken to a vote.

VI. Transfer of Gavel— VI Janene Batten, outgoing Chair, officially handed over the Chair responsibility to incoming Chair Marianne Burke

VII. NAHSL '08 Invitation. Representing the NASHL '08 Planning Committee, Andy Dzaugis and Len Levin invited the membership to NAHSL '08 which will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Lowell, MA in October, 19-21, 2008. A drawing was held for special invitational prize and Alison Clapp won the basket. In celebration of the 50th anniversary, two certificates were awarded today to register for the conference for the price of \$5.20. Winners were NAHSL Members Elizabeth Fitzpaine and Anne Fladger.

VIII. Chair called for a Motion to adjourn. The motion was called and seconded. It was approved and the Annual Meeting adjourned at 8:55.

Submitted by Nancy Harger