

## **Annual Business Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 21, 2008  
8:00 am – 9:30 am**

### **DoubleTree Hotel**

Call to Order (Chair: Marianne Burke) at 8:00 am

Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting 2007—approved

Chapter Chair Report (Marianne Burke)—she gave an appreciation of the organization and listed the past year's accomplishments—See enclosed chair's report. She reviewed the four priority items for the future:

1. Investigate acquiring software for web conferencing.
2. Do more to support hospital libraries and librarians.
3. Use web 2.0 technology such as a blog to communicate news.
4. Consider new models for the annual conference.

Marianne gave her thanks to the people going off the board: Mark Goldstein, Nancy Harger, Mark Gentry and Carole Foxman.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee (Mark Goldstein)-see report.

MLA Chapter Council Report (Janet Cowen)

Past Chair/Nominating Committee Report (Janene Batten)

Election of officers and representatives

Introduction of candidates: Bette Bissonnette and Lynn Sette, Secretary; Linda Ann Kaczmarczyk and Marilyn H. Steinberg, Treasurer; Susan Warthman, Conference Chair 2010 and Chair Elect; Len Levin, Chapter Council Alternate; Tovah Reis, NAHSL Nomination to MLA Nominating Committee.

(Voting will be by paper ballot. NAHSL members only please.)

Bylaws Committee Report (Mark Gentry)

Presentation of Bylaws changes –all passed. See the enclosed report for the specific changes.

1. Dissolution Clause
  - Discussion
  - (Vote by show of hands)
3. Definition of quorum
  - Discussion
  - Vote by show of hands
2. Required membership in MLA for all members of the Executive Board including State representatives.
  - Discussion
  - (Vote by show of hands)

Report of Ballot Election Results by Secretary (Nancy Harger)—Bette Bissonnette, secretary; Linda Ann Kaczmarczyk, treasurer; Susan Warthman, 2010 Conference Chair; Len Levin, NAHSL Chapter Council Alternate; Tovah Reis, NAHSL Nomination to MLA Nominating Committee

Other Committee and Liaison Reports (Reports have been distributed, Questions only)

NN/LM New England Region Report—Javier Crespo gave a brief report about the Emergency Preparedness workshops—these will be shown by distance learning programs such as adobe connect.

Presentation of NAHSL Achievement Award Other Old Business—Award presented to Len Levin.

#### New Business

1. Task Force on Rethinking the NAHSL Convention—task force headed by Janene Batten to work on the annual conference. Membership: Janet Cowen, Len Levin, Judith Sachs, Marianne Burke, and Tovah Reis. They will work on getting feedback from the membership.
2. John Gallagher brought a motion to the floor from Amy Frey to look at the Acronym/name for NAHSL. Propose to change it to “New England Chapter of MLA” so that it more clearly defines who we are. We are no longer “North Atlantic” but now “New England” more accurately represents who we are. The motion to investigate this carried.

Report of Conference Chair 08/ Chapter - Chair-elect (Andy Dzaugis)—see reports.

Transfer of Gavel

Presentation of NAHSL '09 (Dina McKelvy)

Adjourn

Submitted by Nancy Harger

## Chair's Annual Report

Since the last conference, I have greatly enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the workings of this organization, which puts on a terrific conference each year, supports education and professional development, advocates for medical libraries and librarians, and manages to have a great time doing it all.

Why do we have a regional organization of medical libraries? After all in our six states we have different politics and collaborations, have our own state organizations, and we are separated by surprisingly long distances. But there is something about New England that we share. Maybe it's the beautiful autumn we all enjoy, or the proximity to the North Atlantic that most of us share. More likely it's the pre-dominance of excellent medical, nursing and health sciences schools in the region, the excellence of the teaching and community hospitals in our region, and the excellence and commitment of medical librarians from all parts of the region who have a desire to know one another, and to learn from each other and from the greater national medical library community.

I'd like to highlight some of our priorities and activities of the past year:

- Growing our understanding of how we work as an organization. The Board reviewed and revised the NAHSL structure, calendar and procedure manual. A clear NAHSL organizational chart, generic calendar and updated procedure manual are now on the NAHSL website. The length of committee chair appointments has been resolved. It had varied in the manual between one and three years. Now the standard appointment for committee chairs and members is 2 years with the option for a 2 year reappointment. NAHSL members can be assured that if they agree to serve this organization, they can do so energetically knowing that their appointment is not an open-ended commitment.
- Developing leadership in our organization by including more of the members on committees and actively seeking nominations for officers and Committee chairs. This year we will have 2 excellent candidates for each of the offices of treasurer and secretary. I think this speaks well for both the vitality of NAHSL and quality of our members.
- Using Web 2.0 technology (Adobe Connect) to hold 2 special meetings to develop goals and priorities to work on now and in the coming year. This is a first for the NAHSL Board and we found it generally effective, and it saved time and travel costs for members and the Association. We have also made meeting and learning at a distance the priority goals for next year.
- Planning for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration culminating at this conference by the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee led by Len Levin. Len with Carol Foxman, NAHSL Archivist, and Mary Ellen Bowman, Chair of the NAHSL Marketing Committee, developed the look into our past with interesting and rewarding contest questions based on the NAHSL electronic archive. To see the historical materials go to <http://www.nahsl.org/enterhistory.htm>.

- Responding to member concerns. At last year's annual meeting the issue was raised that the By-Laws should extend the requirement of membership in MLA for NAHSL Executive Board members to the liaisons to NAHSL from the state health science library organizations. At this meeting we will vote on an amendment which will do just that.
- At the same meeting, the issue was raised about the complexity of organizing the conference each year and the possibility of simplifying this by holding the conference in the same location each year. In response and also to address other issues such as growing expenses, the Board has formed a Task Force to be chaired by past-chair Janene Batten. The task force will study possible alternative conference planning strategies and make recommendations.
- Marketing Committee conducting an outreach campaign to develop awareness of NAHSL by health science or science librarians in academic public and community college libraries. A new NAHSL brochure was developed and distributed.
- Other activities and accomplishments are highlighted in the reports of the Board members that are distributed in your packet.
- Planning for our future. As mentioned the Board conducting planning exercises in August. We did ask for input from the membership and received some comments. The following areas were ranked as high priority items for the association:

1. Investigate acquiring software for web conferencing (sub goal: Increase number of NAHSL meetings conducted online)
2. Do more to support hospital libraries and librarians
3. Use web 2.0 technology such as a blog to communicate news
4. Consider new models for annual conference

This is not to diminish our continuing goals for supporting professional education, and holding the annual conference but rather it identifies ways to move forward with the times, reflecting the need to be effective, economical, and green at the same time. As past chair I'll be thrilled to work as past –chair with incoming chapter chair Andy Dzaugis to help move these goals forward.

I would also like to highlight NAHSL's continuing collaboration with the National Network of Libraries of Medicine New England Region which so graciously hosts NAHSL Board meetings at its offices, and hosts the NAHSL website, and hosted the web-based meeting had so far.. So a special thanks to Javier Crespo, Penny Goldman, Mark Goldstein, and Martha Pearson on the NNLM office staff.

I would also like to give special thanks to those who will be going off the Board, most of whom have served at least two terms:

Mark Goldstein – Treasurer and Chair of Finance Committee  
Nancy Harger - Secretary

Carole Foxman – Archives Chair  
Mark Gentry – Bylaws and Procedures Chair  
Ed Donnalld – Electronic Communications Chair  
Heather Blunt – Education Chair.  
Jeanene Batten – Past Chair  
Cindy Hutchison – Chapter Council Alternate

Continuing members are Margo Coletti (Government Relations), Penny Goldman (Membership), Mary Ellen Bowen (Marketing), Andy Dzaugis (Conference Chair), Hongjie Wang (Professional Development), Janet Cowan (MLA Chapter Councilor), and Dina McKelvey (09 Conference Chair). Benchmarking Liaison is Shirley Gronholm, and Credentialing Liaison is Joan Yanicke. Our state representatives include Tamera Race (Maine), Claire LaForce (NH-VT), Megan McNichol (Mass), John Gallagher and Mary Ann Slocumb (Rhode Island). Additional members served on several of the committees.

Those who are coming on to the Board who have been named so far:

James Craig - Archives  
Allison Clapp - Education Co-chair  
Nathan Norris - Education Co-Chair  
Sally Gore - Electronic Communications Co-chair

Our new Secretary, Treasurer, Conference Chair Elect, and nominee to the MLA Nominating Committee and MLA Chapter Council alternate will be elected here at the conference.

I also want to thank those who participated on committees this year with participation on Archives, Finance, Marketing, Government Relations, Bylaws, Professional Development, and Education, all of which had at-large members who are not members of the Board.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your MLA New England Chapter Chair.

Marianne Burke  
NAHSL Chapter Chair 07-08

## **Chapter Council**

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### **MLA – Chicago 2008**

#### **MLA Nominating Committee**

Evelyn Breck Morgan was selected by Chapter Council to be one of the six candidates from Chapter Council for the MLA Nominating Committee. She will appear on the ballot in November.

#### **Open Forums at MLA (Philadelphia 2008)**

Five open forums were held at MLA on topics of interest to MLA members:

- Health Information Literacy Research Project
- Task Force on Social Networking Software
- Vital Pathways Project
- Librarians without Borders
- NIH Public Access Policy

#### **Future MLA Meeting Locations**

- 2009 – Honolulu
- 2010 – Washington DC
- 2011 – Minneapolis
- 2012 – Seattle
- 2013 – Baltimore
- 2014 – Chicago

#### **MLA Executive Director – Carla Funk**

- MAHSLIN continues to rewrite MEDSPEAK brochures using plain language
- Much concern over attendance at Hawaii conference. Chapters encouraged to provide financial incentives to members
- Hay Salary survey will be conducted in September
- MLA recruitment packets sent to librarians in allied health programs
- Retiree SIG has been formed
- Attendance in Chicago estimated at 1400; 2000 including exhibitors

#### **Majors/MLA Chapter Project Jury**

The 2008 winner was the NY/NJ Chapter for their project “Digitization of Chapter Archives and Photos”

#### **MLA Benchmarking Editorial Board**

The 2007 Benchmarking Survey period was October 12, 2007 – January 31, 2008. There were 307 participants. To date, survey results are not yet available.

## **Chapter Roundtables Committee**

283 registrants for 29 topics and 41 tables

## **MLA Task Force on Social Networking**

Task Force developed and taught the online MLA course on Web 2.0 technology. Seven hundred members registered, approximately 350 completed the course. Some hospital librarians had difficulty accessing the course to due institutional firewalls, others found it too much work.

## **Other MLA Information**

### **Bylaws Changes (to be voted on by MLA membership)**

1. Language to allow electronic voting for both Section and Chapter Councils
2. Reorganization of Section Council. Council terms to change from 3 to 2 years. Past Chairs of the sections will be the representatives; current chairs to serve as alternates.

## **Strategic Planning**

Chapter Council Chair, Paula Raimondo, has encouraged Chapters to coordinate the work of the Chapters with the strategic goals of MLA, by aligning our goals and objectives with those of Chapter Council, whenever possible. To that end, the NASHL Executive Board has adopted a revised version of Chapter Council's planning grid.

## **Student/MLA Relations**

Mary Ryan (MLA President) has requested that as part of Chapter annual meetings, chapters schedule time for student members to meet with the MLA president, MLA staff member or MLA board member attending the meeting. Connie Schardt, MLA President-Elect will be at the Lowell meeting, and time has been set aside for this initiative.

## **Chapter Council Alternate**

Cindy Hutchison resigned her position as CC Alternate, effective May 2008. Cindy also served as the CC Secretary. An election will be held at NAHSL 2008 to choose a new Alternate.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Cowen, MSLS, AHIP  
Chapter Council Representative

## **ARCHIVES**

NAHSL archival materials (print, photos, and memorabilia) continue to be collected, organized, and stored according to the Archives Guidelines. The NAHSL E-Archives were updated throughout the year. The History of NAHSL was updated for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Timeline and Photographs were revised and enlarged. A Document section was added and was the basis of the NAHSL 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History “Question-of-the-Month” Contest. The 1958 – 2004 Archives are stored in the Harvard University Depository in Southborough, MA; the years 2005-2007 are currently at Treadwell Library, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA. The recent years will be moved to the Integrated Sciences and Engineering Library at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA in October 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Foxman,  
Archives Chair



## Benchmarking Liaison

The deadline to complete the 2007 Benchmarking Survey was extended to January 31, 2008, allowing approximately 6 – 10 additional libraries in New England to complete the survey. This resulted in NAHSL having the most completed surveys with a total of 41 libraries. The following chart lists the final totals from all the chapters and Canada.

NAHSL	<b>41</b>
NY/NJ	40
Midcontinental	35
Southern	30
NCNMLG	26
MLGSCA	25
Midwest	24
South Central	19
PNW	15
UNYOC	14
CHLA/ABSC -- Canada	12
Mid-Atlantic	11
Philadelphia	8
Pittsburgh	6
Other International	1
Hawaii-Pacific	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>307</b>

The totals by state:

CT 12  
MA 17  
ME 5  
NH 3  
RI 2  
VT 2

The winner of the Amazon gift card for the purchase of an iPod was drawn by the NAHSL Chair, Marianne Burke at the Board meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Joan Yanicke was the winner.

MLA is still anticipating the 2007 survey results will be available this fall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley Gronholm  
NAHSL Benchmarking Liaison

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## **Bylaws Committee**

### **POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL UPDATES**

We continued the process of updating the NAHSL Policy and Procedure Manual from the previous year. The Bylaws chair and Bylaws committee member Deborah Clark created a matrix which allowed us to compare features including length of appointment, major responsibilities and subcommittee structure. Along with the NAHSL Chair and Secretary, we used the matrix to look for inconsistencies in our formal structure and general practice. Addressing obvious inconsistencies and lack of specificity with length of committee chair appointments, the board resolved that wherever possible, committee chairs should be appointed for a two-year term with the option of a single two-year reappointment. We felt that regularizing the terms of office would promote the appropriate amount of continuity within the organization while helping to bring NAHSL members who had not previously served onto the Executive Board. Consistency also helps the NAHSL chair and chair-elect to better plan for committee chair appointments.

### **PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES**

The Board passed three Bylaws changes which will be presented to the NAHSL membership for a vote at the business meeting. We are proposing the addition of one new article and modification of two existing sections:

#### **ARTICLE VIII. Dissolution**

We are adding an article that pertains to the dissolution of NAHSL. This type of clause is standard in organizational bylaws. The text of this proposed new article was taken almost entirely from the Medical Library Association's "Model Bylaws for Chapters". Motion was passed by the Executive Board at its June 19, 2008 meeting.

#### **Article IV Meetings, Section 2. Quorum**

The MLA Bylaws Chair, in reviewing our other proposed changes, noted that our clause defining what constitutes a "quorum" neither conforms with the Model Bylaws nor Roberts Rules or Order (which our Bylaws say we follow). They "strongly suggested" that we modify this clause to conform with the guidelines. Motion was passed by the Executive Board at its September 12, 2008 meeting.

#### **Article III, Section 2, Rights and Privileges**

A Bylaws change passed by the membership at last years' NAHSL business meeting changed the status of State Representatives so that they now have full voting rights on the Board. It was pointed out by several NAHSL members at the time of the vote that the language of the another article (the one in question here) did not require State Representatives to be members of MLA, a requirement for every other elected or appointed member of the Executive Board. Motion was passed by the Executive Board at its September 12, 2008 meeting.

The membership was informed of the proposed changes on the NAHSL Website and through the NAHSL listserv prior to this meeting. The membership will have an opportunity to vote on these Bylaws changes during the annual business meeting. Copies of the changes are included in the conference packet.

Submitted by Mark Gentry, NAHSL Bylaws Chair

## Electronic Communications

Having been recently introduced to Dr. Who, the mysterious time traveler, I've been enjoying the BBC show on DVD and the ability they provide to compress the previous three seasons into a series of eye blurring weekends. Watching the adventures about time, playing out in accelerated time has been an interesting experience.

The concept of time has been one that made its mark on the Electronic Communications Committee this past year. Immediately following the annual meeting, I looked forward by looking back. In preparation for this year's milestone in our history, I traveled to the NAHSL Archives, housed at the Harvard Depository, along with other members of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee. We selected documents that would paint a picture and tell the story of the formative years in our organization. Many reports, letters, and other historical items were scanned and uploaded to the website. A new visual interface was designed so that visitors could look at this new content along with other images and pages. These documents were then used as source material for the *Question of the Month* contest that was held this past year. I hope that those who looked at the documents enjoyed the peek into the past and for those that have not yet made the trip, I would recommend it for rainy afternoon.

Time also began to run out on my second and final two-year term as Chair of the Electronic Communications Committee. Sally Gore, a Librarian in the Education and Research Services Department of the Lamar Soutter Library, UMass Medical School joined the committee and enthusiastically took over the responsibilities for posting content to our website. Sally brings a wealth of technical and online experience to our organization and I am grateful for her contributions. Sally will now become the Chair of the Electronic Communications Committee, bringing her own vision and style to NAHSL. If you would like to join the committee, contact Sally. There are always opportunities looking to be realized.

The Committee has also been spending some time looking to our future. Models of communication have transcended the static website. Interactive technologies such as wikis, blogs, RSS and the social aspects they bring are being evaluated for how they may play a role in NAHSL communications. Other MLA Chapters are being contacted about their own implementations of new technology and how they might bring improvement to our communications. Recommendations for new initiatives will be reported to the Executive Board in the coming year.

The last 48 months have marched by in a blur, but I've enjoyed the opportunities provided and the time spent with the website, listserv and you. The trip has been "Fantastic!"

Submitted:

Ed Donald, Chair, Electronic Communications

# **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

## **MEETING MINUTES FOR 2/29/08**

### **Attendees:**

Fran Becker *(Present)*  
Marianne Burke *(Present)*  
Andy Dzaugis *(Present)*  
Mark Goldstein *(Treasurer-Present)*  
Linda Ann Kaczmarczyk *(Present)*  
Mary Ann Slocumb *(Present)*

Jo-Anne Aspri *(Excused)*

The meeting took place on the UMASS Shrewsbury campus on Friday, February 29, 2008. It began at 10:05 am and adjourned at 2:20 pm. During the meeting, the Committee: reviewed developments; analyzed a series of End of Year (EOY) and Year to Date (YTD) financial reports; discussed several important topics; and produced a list of action items.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mark Goldstein, Treasurer*

### **I. REVIEWED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**

- Filed for 2008: incorporation renewal with Connecticut Secretary of State.
- For FY2008: MLA reinstated option to purchase Professional Liability insurance.
- For FY2007: filed 1099's with honoraria recipients and the IRS.

### **II. ANALYZED FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- EOY 2007 Account Balances
- EOY 2007 Income / Expense by Category
- YTD Account Balances
- YTD Income / Expense by Category
- YTD Budget-to-Actuals

### III. MOTIONS

- #1: Following adjustments to the FY2008 budget, the Finance Committee recommends that the Executive Board limit annual deficit spending to \$15,000 as part of their budget plan.
- #2: As a guideline, the Finance Committee recommends that the Treasury balance not go below \$50,000, for the following reasons:
- a.) Travel expense has increased, due to an upward adjustment in the Federal mileage reimbursement rate and rises in fuel costs;
  - b.) Bank interest rates continue to adjust lower amidst a worsening US economy;
  - c.) Continued deficit spending lowers bank balances and compounds lower income;
  - d.) Sizeable charitable donations have been made by NAHSL over the last several years;
  - e.) Current membership remains stable; however, in the absence of a sizeable increase in either the membership or membership dues, future reductions in subsidies for continuing education or scholarships should be anticipated.
  - f.) Current Executive Board meetings are not run economically.
  - g.) A combination of reduced expense and increased income will be required in the future.

### IV. OTHER TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

#### **Conference Planning Software:**

- Discussed the pros & cons of introducing event software to handle annual meetings. Reviewed Committee's Task Force report from previous year. Consensus that Acteva works well, but is expensive. Also, the learning curve can be steep, and there are nasty consequences if attendees are not registered properly. Several suggestions were offered:
  - *Suggestion* – NAHSL could acquire their own license to use the software, but who from the pool of NAHSL volunteers would be trained?
  - *Suggestion* – NAHSL could develop own resources, using MS-Access or Excel.
  - *Suggestion* – pursue contacting MLA, to see if individual chapters could “borrow” MLA's conference planning software for annual meetings.
  - *Suggestion* – contact Donna Wyckstrand to look into the feasibility of having NAHSL do its own conference planning. Also, individual state groups may want to follow a similar route should the expense be reasonable –or- the state group may want to the expense into the overall cost for the conference.

## **Government Relations Committee**

The GRC for 2007-2009 has the following membership:

Margo Coletti, AMLS, AHIP (Chair)  
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center  
Boston, MA

Boyle, Patricia  
Melrose-Wakefield Hospital  
Melrose, MA

Sheila Hayes, M.S., A.H.I.P.  
Portsmouth Regional Hospital  
Portsmouth, NH

Elizabeth Killoran  
Milford Regional Medical Center  
Milford, MA

O'Malley, Donna  
University Of Vermont  
Burlington, VT

The group met in person on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 in Portsmouth, NH, to get to know each other, brainstorm on issues and ideas we could pursue, and set an agenda. All future meetings this year will be held by phone or web.

The group has identified a number of functions, programs, officials, etc. which we could pursue in the next few years:

- NIH and NLM funding
- NIH open access mandate
- Copyright issues
- Disaster recovery and the government's role
- FDA oversight and evidence-based research
- Positions we could take as an organization on issues such as the above
- Helping NAHSL members to establish a dialog with their state/national elected officials
- Identifying positions of national candidates on health/library issues

For the rest of 2008, our goal is to create a section on the NAHSL website, devoted to government relations. On this site, we want to post:

- Contact info on the committee members
- Contact info for national (later, state) government offices such as NIH, FDA, US Congress, White House, etc.
- Summaries of current relevant legislation and legislative alerts
- Sample letters for communicating with lawmakers and other government officials
- Candidate's positions on issues that are relevant to medical libraries:
  - Health care
  - Open access
  - Digital rights

The committee welcomes feedback from the Executive Board and the NAHSL membership.

## **MARKETING COMMITTEE**

The marketing committee worked this past year to enlist new members for NAHSL. It was decided to send letters and brochures to all academic libraries with health sciences programs and the larger public libraries throughout New England. The letter we sent is attached along with the updated brochure. The committee also posted the invitation to join NAHSL on two listserv's, the Connecticut libraries listserv and the New England libraries listserv.

The committee had one meeting at the beginning of the year and then conducted most of the business through email and by phone. The marketing committee members are:

Mary Ellen Bowen, Chair

Marilyn Pitman

Anne Marie Kaminsky

Lucretia McClure

As the chair of the Marketing Committee, Mary Ellen attended the Executive Board meetings and worked on the goals and objectives for this year and the coming year.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Ellen Bowen

## Membership

NAHSL membership increased in 2008! We continue to encourage New England medical librarians and library school students to join the organization.

In 2005 NAHSL introduced a student membership category, which is currently free to students of library, information, and medical informatics programs. There are currently six NAHSL student members.

2008, 2007, 2006, and 2005 membership as of Mid-September:

<b>State</b>	<b>2008 Members</b>	<b>2007 Members</b>	<b>2006 Members</b>	<b>2005 Members</b>
Connecticut	49	46	47	55
Massachusetts	96	94	93	96
Maine	23	21	21	21
New Hampshire	18	22	17	16
Rhode Island	20	18	16	18
Vermont	17	17	17	14
Louisiana*	1	0	0	0
New Jersey*	0	1	0	0
New York*	2	1	0	0
Pennsylvania*	2	2	3	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>222</b>

\*Not part of geographic Region

NAHSL continued to send more frequent email reminders between January and March to people who had not yet renewed their membership. (Members need to renew by March 31<sup>th</sup> to qualify for scholarships and the reduced member rates at the NAHSL conference.) The chapter also distributed our new membership brochure at the MLA Chapter Council booth to promote NAHSL membership during the MLA conference.

I am pleased to report that there are 21 new NAHSL members so far this year. The new members include a combination of library school students, vendors, and people who are either new to the area or new to medical librarianship. The chapter's scholarship opportunities—for attending the MLA and NAHSL conferences—could have enticed some of these new members. Also, the NAHSL Conference Registration Chair did a great job of verifying membership status of attendees.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Penny Glassman  
NAHSL Membership Chair  
October 6, 2008  
Technology Coordinator  
NN/LM NER  
Univ. of Massachusetts Medical School



## **Professional Development Committee**

### **1. Awards for NAHSL 2008**

The PD Committee received 14 applications coming from five states, and 9 of them were granted awards for a total of \$1800 out of \$4500 that was budgeted for NAHSL 2008. Three people did not receive the awards mainly for not meeting the deadline; one was removed after receiving the award since her registration was eventually covered by her institution.

### **2. Awards for MLA 2008**

All nine applicants were granted awards for a total of \$3755 out of \$4500 that was budgeted for MLA 2008 (Total approved budget for 2008 is \$9,000). No applicants asked for an amount larger than the maximum of \$450 that was allowed under current criteria.

For both NAHSL and MLA, we spent \$6,135 out of \$9,000 and returned the rest to NAHSL. Information on past award winners is available on <http://www.nahsl.org/pdwinners.htm>.

The PD committee is in the process of reviewing the current award criteria (<http://www.nahsl.org/profdevfund.htm>) and contemplating possible changes where necessary.

Your comments, suggestions and recommendations will be highly appreciated.

Respectively,

Hongjie Wang, Chair  
Professional Development Committee

## **NAHSL 2009 Conference Committee**

### **NAHSL 2009: What's Cooking?**

**October 25-27, 2009**

**Samoset Resort**

**Rockport, Maine**

The NAHSL 2009 Planning Committee is cooking up a great conference for you in beautiful midcoast Maine! We will be serving up a tasty blend of all your conference favorites:

- Future-focused keynote speakers, such as Stuart Weibel, research scientist from OCLC;
- Breakout sessions to get everyone talking, including programs on Consumer Health, and Maine Humanities Council's *Literature & Medicine* series;
- Welcome reception at the Owls Head Transportation Museum;
- Monday night cocktail party and banquet with your friends and colleagues;
- Stunning location and facilities with opportunities to visit the shops and museums in Rockland;
- Lots of fun learning together!

Watch the NAHSL 2009 website and blog for more information.

See you in Maine!

Dina McKelvy  
NAHSL 2009 Conference Chair

## Nominating Committee

Nominations for the slate:

NASHL Secretary  
October '08 – September '11

Bette Bissonnette  
Manager, Health Sciences Library  
Saints Medical Center, Lowell, MA

Lynn Sette  
Reference Librarian, Cushing/Whitney Medical Library Yale  
University, New Haven, CT

NAHSL Treasurer  
January '09 – December '11

Linda Ann Kaczmarczyk  
Clinical Librarian  
Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT

Marilyn H. Steinberg  
Science Librarian, MA College of Pharmacy and Health  
Sciences, Health Sciences Library, Boston, MA

NASHL Conference Chair 2010 and  
NAHSL Chair Elect

Susan Warthman  
Public Service Librarian  
Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, RI

NAHSL Chapter Council Alternate  
October '08 – May '10

Len Levin  
Manager, Educational Programming,  
Lamar Soutter Library  
U of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA

NAHSL Nomination to MLA  
Nominating Committee  
(2010 MLA Nominating Committee)

Tovah Reis  
Medical School Librarian  
Brown University Library, Providence, RI

Respectfully submitted,  
Janene Batten  
Anne Fladger  
Anne Conner