

March 13, 2009

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By phone: John Gallagher, Megan McNichol,

Meeting called to order at 10am by Andy Dzaugis

Introductions of board members

Dec 12 minutes - accepted as written

### **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

Chair: No report. Andy will project copies of reports so people do not have to make copies. Maybe we can save a tree.

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: 2009 budget never approved in December, 2008. Short discussion followed. Paypal takes \$.67 of each \$30.00 charge. May want to consider adding surcharge when using Paypal. Projected 2009 budget was \$11,345.00 in red which falls within the goal to reduce the treasury's balance. Budget passed unanimously.

Past-Chair/Nominating This year the Nominating Committee will nominate the Chair for 2011 conference in Connecticut and the NAHSL representative to the MLA Nominating Committee. John Gallagher and Ellen Brasso have agreed to be on committee.

Chair Elect –Conf 09 Conference plans are going full steam ahead. The program is complete and information is on the conference website <http://www.nahsl.org/2009/index.html>. Rooms are being held at the hotel under 'NAHSL' and are available.

Dina presented the 2009 projected conference budget. There is some concern sponsorship and possibly registrations may decrease because of the economy thus making it necessary to increase the registration as high as \$225.00. Dina will survey the membership to see who may attend.

Dina also asked about non-NAHSL members exhibiting at the poster session without registering for the conference. A discussion followed regarding charging a nominal fee to exhibit but there was no decision. She will discuss the issue with the Committee.

The preliminary 2009 Conference Budget was approved unanimously.

Chapter Council Report given by Len Levin. Chapter councils are hosting roundtables this year at MLA Convention. Pittsburgh chapter has decided to disband because of size and is looking to join another chapter.

By-Laws – Procedures Linda Grayson has joined the committee. Marilyn wants to reformat the Procedure Manual to streamline it and make it easier to look at and use. Committee will look at it and report at future meeting. It was agreed that making anything easier to use would be a good thing.

## **New Business**

Name Change Task Force Jim outlined necessary steps needed to change name. At the 2009 meeting will recommend a name change to “New England Chapter of the Medical Library Association” then forward necessary forms to IRS, CT Dept Revenue. Turnaround time would be 4-5 weeks once the process is initiated. Filing fees are minimal – around \$100.00 or less. Linda K expressed concern that there is not enough time and the name change should take effect in 2011 to allow more time for new checks, tax filing, new logo, etc. Board would have to recommend a By Law procedure to change name then it has to go to MLA for approval then membership at annual meeting. By the next Exec. Board meeting, the Committee will have 3-4 names identified which will be included in a Survey Monkey posting to the membership. When the survey is complete, the Task Force will bring a motion to Board to approve name change and then will recommend a name change to the membership. Marilyn will investigate how/when the By-Laws have to be changed.

Conference Task Force Marianne presented results of the survey and conversations with conference planner. Committee will meet April 23 and will present recommendations/scenarios to next Exec Boardd meeting.

Conference 2010 Dates for 2010 and location are Oct 23-36 at Marriott Newport, \$179 per night w/free parking. MaryAnn detailed plans for 2010 meeting.

## **Committee Reports**

Education Alison distributed a list of courses for conference and other programs scheduled for this year.

Electronic Communications Sally is setting up a blog for NAHSL with a link on the website which will involve revamping NAHSL homepage. Discussion followed on who can post, who will oversee/approve comments, whether we need ability to comment, etc. Decision: All committee and board members should be able to post. Someone should be a ‘news gatherer’ to post news around the region.

Finance: Accounts now with People National Bank in CT. Checking acct must have a minimum of \$5000 balance which allows us 300 transactions per month. We bought 2% 6 month CD for \$50,000. w/ \$19,000 available cash.

Government Relations See attached report. Margo asked again for people to contact their congressmen to support HR801. Margo discussed the efforts of the RAC to reinstate medical library standards.

Marketing see attached report

Membership 110 members with # of memberships in process – close to last year's #. There are 11 new members.

Professional Development We have received only 2 applications for MLA award. Hongjie expects lot of requests for NAHSL funding. There is no funding currently set for non-NAHSL/MLA conferences. Margo questioned whether funding should be available for non-NAHSL conferences and said it could be very valuable to the profession to have a medical librarian attend outside conferences. Discussion followed on whether to allow this. Board thinks it should be done but gets bogged down in how to do it. The PD committee must decide the mechanics of how to do it and will have opinion at next Aboard Meeting.

Archives Jim needs 3 conference packets for archives

Credentialing no report

Benchmarking see report

NNLM-NER Hopes to see more online courses. Penny will move to Lamar Soutter Library as Acting Head of Technology Resources and wind down work with NER as technology support. Disaster class will be offered again in fall. Michelle Eberle will be part of panel of MLA's new webcast.

### **State Reports**

ARIHSL: see report.

CAHSL: see report

HSL NH/VT : see report

HSLIC: see report

MAHSLIN: see report

No announcements.

Meeting adjourned 2:35pm

**Treasurer's Report**  
**NAHSL Executive Board Meeting**  
**For March 13, 2009**

Many thanks must go to Mark Goldstein for making my transition to NAHSL Treasurer go smoothly. His careful attention to detail, organizational skills, knowledge and patience are very much appreciated.

Accounts were opened at People's United Bank in Connecticut. Please see the attached sheets for Account Balances, Year to Date Report and Budget. The 2009 Budget has yet to be approved since the December meeting was cut short.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Ann Kaczmarczyk, Treasurer

3/12/09

# Account Balances - As of 3/12/2009

As of 3/12/2009

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Account	3/12/2009 Balance
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
NAHSL-CD (Linda)	50,000.00
NAHSL-Checking (Linda)	15,899.92
NAHSL-Savings (Linda)	19,063.29
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts</b>	<b>84,963.21</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>84,963.21</b>

# Income/Expense by Category:4

1/1/2009 through 3/12/2009

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Category Description	1/1/2009- 3/12/2009	OVERALL TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>		
ANNUAL MEETING INCOME (2008)	4,400.00	4,400.00
INTEREST INCOME- BANK	63.29	63.29
MEMBERSHIP 2009	2,880.10	2,880.10
Scholarship 2009 -	5.00	5.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>7,348.39</b>	<b>7,348.39</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSE (2009)	1,136.48	1,136.48
ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSE (2010)	150.65	150.65
CONTINUING EDUCATION EXPENSE	1,284.44	1,284.44
EXECUTIVE BOARD EXPENSE	50.00	50.00
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSE	11.52	11.52
OFFICE EXPENSE	72.13	72.13
TREASURY EXPENSE	290.72	290.72
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,995.94</b>	<b>2,995.94</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>4,352.45</b>	<b>4,352.45</b>

**NAHSL Conference Planning Committee 2009 Report**  
**What's Cooking: A Taste of the Future**  
Samoset Resort, Rockport, Maine,  
October 25 – 27, 2009  
**NAHSL Executive Board**  
**March 2009**

Conference Planning Committee: The committee has held one remote meeting and is having another in March. We anticipate being able to keep within our travel budget thanks to these remote meetings.

Hotel: The room rates are guaranteed at \$139/night (\$149 for Saturday night). The CPC is planning to meet at the Samoset for our April meeting. Conference rooms are being held under the NAHSL name.

Program: The program is complete, with 2 keynotes on Monday (Stu Weibel and Judith Blake) focusing on emerging information trends. We have a great variety of breakout sessions, including a choice of sessions on Tuesday. Tuesday keynote to be confirmed.

Hospitality: Location and caterer are confirmed for the reception. Entertainment is booked and under contract.

AV/Technology: We will be using MassAV at the Samoset for our AV needs. At the conference, we would like to have a powerpoint slideshow before the key note speakers thanking sponsors and showing scholarship table items (Monday), local information, etc. We continue to use pbwiki for our collaborative documents.

Exhibits: We will charge the same \$475 rate to exhibitors as 2008. We'll also pursue local vendors of books or other library-related products. We are offering vendors an opportunity (at an additional fee) to reserve a room during Monday early morning or late afternoon for product demonstrations.

Sponsorship: We are planning to think outside the box for sponsors, and approach other local or library-related companies such as LibraryThing or Hannaford.

Scholarship: We plan to have photographs of items submitted for the scholarship table on the website.

Publicity: Notice was sent to MLA News. We are sending monthly teasers to the listserv. An upcoming teaser will address ways to save money when coming to NAHSL.

Registration: Question arose about how to encourage higher attendance, especially in this economic climate. The committee brainstormed some ideas to anticipate the attendance numbers (do a survey soon) and also to run a promotion, such as "Bring a NAHSL Newbie". Attendance numbers from 2008 show 150 attendees. **We would like to be optimistic and aim for 169 attendees, with a base rate of \$215 for an early bird member registration.** Contributing factors include location, interest in our program, the expense, and MLA in Hawaii.

Website: The website has been updated and improved with content such as program and local information. We track the monthly email teasers (“Morsels”) on the blog. We are also developing a Delicious page for the conference.

Finances: We are maintaining a spreadsheet to track expenses and prepare the budget.

Evaluation: We plan to use Survey Monkey again for our survey, and include a form in the registration packet for taking notes, explaining that the evaluations will be coming by email.

***I am so very, very proud of all the work our committee is doing! We are innovative, organized and sensitive to the needs and expectations of our attendees. And we have a lot of fun too! -Dina***



NAHSL EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bylaws Committee Report

March 13, 2009

Lynda Grayson of Southington, CT, has joined the Committee.

Lynda Grayson and Marilyn Pitman met Wednesday, March 4, to review Committee documents.

Marilyn Pitman emailed Committee members regarding the current Policy and Procedure Manual: could it use some reformatting and possibly be made more concise and easy to use? This will be taken up at the Executive Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Pitman

Chair, Bylaws Committee

Committee Members:

Deborah Clark

Mark Gentry

Lynda Grayson

## **Motion from the Floor – NAHSL Name Change**

### **NAHSL Business Meeting**

**October 21, 2008**

#### **Motion:**

To investigate changing NAHSL's name from *North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries* to the *New England Regional Chapter of the Medical Library Association*, or similar.

#### **Background:**

Originally the organization was called the New England Regional Group of the Medical Library Association. At the 1975 meeting members approved changing the name to the North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries to represent the inclusion of the Canadian maritime-provinces. In 1993 the chapter boundaries were redrawn to include only the New England states.

#### **Rationale:**

- "NAHSL" is not in sync with the naming convention used for the majority of the other MLA Chapters, e.g. Southern Chapter, Mid-Atlantic Chapter, New York-New Jersey Chapter, etc. (See: <http://www.mlanet.org/chapters/chapters.html>)
- "New England" more accurately reflects the geographic region NAHSL now represents than "North Atlantic".
- The acronym "NAHSL" is a source of humor and even some derision.

Proposed by John Gallagher (Connecticut Representative to the NAHSL Executive Board) on behalf of Amy Frey, Manager of the Health Sciences Library at the Hospital for Special Care, New Britain, Connecticut.

## **NAHSL Annual Conference Task Force**

### **Interim Report to NAHSL Executive**

**March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

#### **Completed tasks:**

##### **1. Discussion with Donna Wickstrand (NAHSL's Conference planner)**

###### **Contract with a hotel chain. Doable in New England?**

- *Not really – in fact, she doesn't know how this can happen as with most "chains", the individual properties are independently owned and there is no way to book "globally" across sites – at least this is how it is in New England.*

###### **Cost effectiveness of conference in one location annually?**

- *Multi-year agreements are attractive to hotels*
- *Esp. in downtown area, especially if they can get a Sunday arrival and weekend business*
- *two-year agreement is considered multi-year. Cautions against deals over two years as contracts usually correlate to current economic times. Also says that now is THE BEST time to consider a multi-year contract*
- *multi-year agreement does not necessarily have to be two consecutive years.*

###### **Other comments from Donna**

- *Newport, Providence, and Boston are usually the highest priced locations in New England. And with places like Boston, not only are hotel rooms more costly, the prices for ancillaries such as food, A/V, etc. are usually much higher as well. E.g. Newport 2010 hotel rooms around 170-\$180 a night mark*

###### **Time of year**

- *Fall (especially mid-September through mid-October) is the busiest time and will often be the costliest*
- *Summer is busiest for resorts (Maine, Cape)*
- *July & August is good for cities*
- *November and early December is usually considered "off season" and can be subject to good deals*
- *last week of August (right before Labor Day) can be an "opportunity time" although for the same reasons why we might not want to hold a meeting then – back to school, back from vacation issues, etc*
- *January, February and March are the best off season times (except for ski resort areas), especially in cities like Hartford, Portland, etc. (although Boston always falls into a different category as it is always "in season"). All summer in a city can also be considered opportunity time.*

## 2. Who's attended in last 5 years?

	ME	NH	VT	MA	CT	RI	NY	NJ	TOTAL
2004 (ME)	25	12	10	53	35	4		1	140
2005 (RI)	9	8	4	66	45	21			160
2006 (CT) Joint with NY/NJ	10	13	7	51	57	14	29	8	192
2007 (VT)	25	12	10	53	35	4			139
2008 (MA)	10	12	7	76	39	7			151

## 3. Annual Meeting Income & Expense Summary (last 3 years):

As of: 12/31/2008	
ANNUAL MEETING INCOME (2006)	<b>-77,220.00</b>
ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSE (2006)	<b>71,070.07</b>
ANNUAL MEETING INCOME (2007)	<b>-69,510.37</b>
ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSE (2007)	<b>76,814.71</b>
ANNUAL MEETING INCOME (2008)	<b>-52,453.60</b>
ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSE (2008)	<b>44,451.03</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-6,848.16</b>

See attached detailed Income & Expense summary

## 4. Survey Results:

100 people responded; sent to NAHSL & state organizations

- Question 3 – Quality of program was by far the biggest factor for people attending.
- Question 4 – Keynotes, CE and Break-outs seemed most important.
- Question 5 – Almost 70% of respondents thought that the conference was relevant to their work.
- Question 6 – More than 65% of respondents get 51% or more of their professional travel funded.
- Question 7 – Almost 50% of respondents will need to select fewer meetings to attend.
- Question 8 – Respondents seem to like the current time frame for conference, although comments seemed a little more willing to look at other options.
- Question 9 – People seem willing to explore alternatives to the Monday banquet

- Questions 10 and 11 – Over 58% of respondents would be willing to pay more for registration. About 58% of respondents would be willing to pay up to \$50 more.
- Question 12 – Physical conference every two years - People seem at least willing to consider this option.
- Question 13 - More than 61% thought exploring “permanent” locations was a good idea.
- Question 14 – Opinions varied, but Massachusetts and Boston in particular, seem most popular. I liked the comment about it should be held where the greatest concentration of members are.
- Question 15 – Over 55% say that the conference could be shorter – 2 days instead of 2.5.
- Question 16 – Prof. meetings attended in last 5 years: 84% attended NAHSL; 80% attended state organization; 61% attended MLA.
- Question 17 – 56% of respondents identify as Hospital librarians.
- Question 18 – The average length of time that respondents have been in their current positions is 10.44 years. There are approx. 992 years among all who responded!
- Question 19 – most people work in MA and CT
- Question 20 – 87% of the respondents are current NAHSL members.
- Question 21 – 62% of the respondents have been NAHSL members for past 5 years.
- Question 22 – Only 2 people responded that they only renew when it's nearby.
- Question 23 – 32 people provided additional comments. This is where the most useful info is found.

#### First thoughts:

- Monday dinner on own – make sure that “newbies” have a friend to have dinner with
  - What if employers will only pay for conference registration and food is included
  - Potentially keep, but have cash bar
- Centralizing Conference has +ves as well as –ves
  - Who organizes? Cannot be locals every year. Potentially reinstitute the NAHSL Program Committee using same model as CE committee – reps from each state – to take the burden of state members putting together the program. Chair liaises with state committee for direction, theme, etc
  - Most people are from CT & MA – is this where the conferences should be?
  - Some are looking for equitable travel distance Proximity to transportation
  - Proximity to restaurants
  - Rotation of CPC around the 6 states, burden on host state
  - Expensive hub cities
  - Desire to see/experience all areas of New England
- Ask more for registration
- Comments that each state tries to “out do” the others – how about we all cut back, making the Conference affordable yet relevant. e.g. I have never used the magnifying glass that CT has as a giveaway (an I gave it away!)
- Academics think that the conference/organization is slanted towards Hospital Librarians and the Hospital Librarians think that it's the opposite. So perception of both groups is that the other is better served, so feel their group is NOT being served.
- One comment perceived that the NAHSL Board consisted mostly of Academics and is therefore out of touch with hospital librarians (maybe they remember only the chair? i.e. last 4 have been academic). Personally I disagree e.g. the CT CPC painstakingly thought of program from hospital as well as academic because we knew there would be complaints otherwise. Needs to be a change in perception to the membership about who is serving them
- Q.4 – Order of importance of conference activities: Keynotes; CEs; Breakouts; Networking; Updates; Vendors; Social events; Activities outside meeting. Vendors are low, but comments reflect very important to some, and they are a source of revenue
- Q. 2 comments – Constraints to attending: Poor program; Conflicted with something; \$

## **In summary**

- Membership thinks that NAHSL is a worthwhile and relevant activity for their work.
- Participation at events such as this is likely to be restricted in the near future given institutional financial budgets.
  - Comments suggest that closer to home events will get priority
- Alternating years for conference may impact institutions as they “expect” their librarians to go to a conference every year – if it’s every other year they may feel compelled to cut conference funding
- Shorten conference to 2 days reduces cost of overnight stays
- Board must continue to communicate OFTEN with membership about what it is up to

## 5. Survey of what other chapters do

	NCNMLG	MAC	SCC	MIDWEST	MIDCONTINENTAL	Southern	Hawaii-Pacific
Registration	\$225	\$200	\$235 all inclusive; \$205 no food	\$250			Free
Joint Conference?	Always		No	Yes (2007)		One	Not really
Conference length	2 full days	2.5 meeting format; CEs day one	5 days – CE before & after	3 days – CE day 1		4	1
Attendance	60/200	150/200	229/363	90/400	90/183		15/30

How do you select a conference Chair	Beg		Appoint	Rotates between 9 states	local planning committee for the state or city that is hosting the meeting decides this		Chair-elect serves as Annual Meeting Chair
How do you select chapter chair	Election		Elect	Election	Election: annual election for Chair-Elect who moves up after 1 year		arm-twisting - so few us, it rotates around
Does Conf Chair become chapter chair	Never	No	No	No	No		Yes - Chair-elect is conference chair

## **NEXT STEPS**

- Task force will convene on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to develop variety of Conference scenarios using this information as basis.
- Results of the survey will be sent by the Task Force to Members for their review, and potential final comments

Task force welcomes input from Exec board members.

Respectfully submitted

Janene Batten

Task Force Chair

With thanks to its members

Bette Bissonette

Marianne Burke

Janet Cowen

Len Levin

Tovah Reis

Judy Spak



## REPORT on NAHSL 2010 CONFERENCE:

1. Date of conference is decided: NAHSL 2010 Conference 10/23/2010-10/26/2010 in RI, to be held at the Newport Marriott, Newport, RI. The hotel contract was finalized January 27, 2009.
2. Theme of conference: Libraries in Balance, Preserving Our Past, Conserving Our Future- the logo will be a green balance with leaves underneath.
3. A blog <http://nahsl2010inri.blogspot.com/> and a list serve [nahsl-conf@list.umassmed.edu](mailto:nahsl-conf@list.umassmed.edu) were developed for members of the planning committee to communicate with each other.
4. The Hospitality Chair, Fred Brown, is finalizing plans for the welcome reception. The welcome reception will be held at Easton's Beach Rotunda Ballroom & Carousel.  
<http://www.cityofnewport.com/departments/economic-development/ballroom/home.cfm>
5. Four speakers have been lined up for the event so far. They are:
  - Lee Raine-will speak about the Internet and health
  - David Rothman- will speak about Web2.0
  - Elaine Martin-will speak about the value of libraries
  - Anca Novacovici- will speak about Green libraries
6. There has been only one expense to date, \$150.65 for food at the first planning meeting, in November 2008. The planning committee has met in January, February and will meet again on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A. M. at Rhode Island College in the Fortes Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Warthman, Chair NAHSL 2010 Annual Conference

Regina Swanson, Co-Chair NAHSL 2010 Annual Conference

3/12/2009

**NAHSL EXECUTIVE BOARD  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT  
March 7, 2009**

1. Committee Meeting Recap (January 9, 2009)

A. The Education Committee met in Shrewsbury, MA to decide on the 2009 Annual Meeting CE classes, which are as follows:

- Clinical Topic Reviews: Pharmacology (4 hours – staff from the Maine Poison Control Center)
- Copyright: From Basics to the Digital Age (6 hours – Arlene Bielefield)
- Knowledge Transfer: Moving from Best Evidence to Best Practice (4 hours – Ann McKibbin)
- Strategic Planning during Economic Uncertainty (6 hours – Pat Wagner)
- Usage Statistics: How to Collect, Analyze and Use in Collection Development (4 hours)
- Information Glut: Tools for Helping Our Users Keep Up and Better Organized with Post Searching Processing Tools (2 hours – Lauri Fennell)

B. Additional spring 2009 programs in the region include:

- March 18 – Hands-on course sponsored by ARIHSL taught by Janene Batten on searching the nursing literature
- May 13 – Day-long UMass sponsored program on stem cell research. NAHSL has offered to help with registration and funding.

C. Other Committee plans/activities:

- Blog for Education Committee members to post CE opportunities in their states, which will be linked to <http://www.nahsl.org>
- NAHSL “Innovations” website (Anne-Marie Kaminsky is taking the lead on this) which will feature successful projects done by NAHSL members
- Posting 2008 Annual Meeting posters with podcast commentary to <http://www.nahsl.org>

2. Education Program Report:

Nursing Products: Comparison and Evaluation Program (Tuesday, January 27, 2009, Enders Auditorium, Children's Hospital, Boston)

We had 51 people register for this program. Overall, based on attendee feedback, the six different vendor presentations were excellent. Attendees received comprehensive comparison charts for the three different types of products: indexes, point of care and skills.

3. Next MLA Webcast:

Finding Work-Life Balance (March 25, 2009)

NAHSL is sponsoring Connecticut to host this next MLA webcast. All NAHSL members will have the option to view the program for a month after the initial showing at their desktop.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Clapp and Nathan Norris, Education Committee Co-Chairs

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Electronic Communications Committee Report  
March 13, 2009

NAHSL Website

Continuous updates occur to the website (e.g. general edits, event dates, CE classes, etc.). Additionally, the Conference 09 Site is progressing and currently highlighted (with link) on the homepage.

Coming:

- Photos from NAHSL 2008 (need to establish a Flickr or Picasa site)
- NAHSL Innovations submission form
- Link to new NAHSL Blog

NAHSL Blog

Initiating a blog to provide members with more timely announcements, information sharing, and interactive/social networking opportunities is the priority for the EC Committee in the coming months. A test blog is underway (<http://library.umassmed.edu/wordpress/>). Comments and content are welcomed!

Ultimately, the blog and website have to work together, so that announcements to one can seamlessly appear on the other. Concern has been expressed that some members work in settings that block access to blogs and other Web 2.0 tools. To assure that people do not miss out on information, the sites need to work together. It is a bit redundant, but necessary.

Content Management – up for discussion

- Who and/or how will new material be added to the blog?
- Will posts be open to comment?

NAHSL Wiki (held over from December meeting)

The idea of developing a wiki for Board members (and general membership?) to utilize for posting reports, announcements, and other related content was raised at the Board meeting on 12/12/08. Sally will explore this idea, in particular reviewing with Mark Goldstein the successful wiki currently being used by the RAC.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Gore  
Chair, Electronic Communications Committee

# NAHSL Blog

North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries, Inc.

Pages – committees,  
working groups, NAHSL  
Innovations form, etc.

## Exploring Stem Cell Research: What does it mean for Librarians?

March 3rd, 2009

The Lamar Soutter Library, the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, New England Region, NAHSL, and the New England States Consortium Systems (NESCO) are co-sponsoring a **Professional Development Day for Area Medical Librarians**.

Join us on **May 13** at the Shrewsbury Campus of UMass Medical School for an enlightening and informative day centered around presentations by a science librarian and members of the Center for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine at UMMS.

More information regarding registration will be coming soon. For now, **mark this date on your calendars!** You won't want to miss it.

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## NAHSL Annual Conference Task Force

February 27th, 2009

The NAHSL Annual Conference Task Force has been charged with the task of reviewing the Annual Conference.

This was prompted by the ever increasing budget for running the conference each year, as well as the potential of diminishing sponsorship funding due to vendors merging and/or having limited funds available. Since this decision to review, the added impact of general economic crisis has hit all of our institution and personal budgets.

While this discussion was had at the NAHSL executive level, we thought it vital to get membership feedback. We would also like feedback from people who are not members as they are potential Conference attendees.

This survey has been designed to get your thoughts about the current conference and to explore possible new models. At this time there is no thought to change anything about the Conference. We are fact finding. So your honest feedback is essential. It will take about 5-10 minutes for you to complete.

Click [here](#) to take the survey.

If you have further comments or concerns that you do not want to include in the survey, or there is no question that covers it in the survey, please email [myself](#), or the NAHSL Chair [Andy Dzaugis](#).

This is an important issue and so we appreciate your help with this.

Janene Batten

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Blog postings – updated  
regularly

# NAHSL Blog

North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries, Inc.

## NAHSL Innovations

The NAHSL Continuing Education and Marketing committees are pleased to introduce **NAHSL Innovations**. This is a way for our members to share their successful innovations or best practices with their colleagues. It will be easy to share – just fill out the form below. Once a month, the **NAHSL Innovations**’ coordinator along with the Continuing Education and Marketing committees, will select an Innovation to be posted on the NAHSL website. An email will be sent via the NAHSL list-serv to announce the **Innovation**.

Name:

Library:

Institution:

Email:

Phone:

Type of Library:

### Type of Innovation

- ☐ New Service ☐ Marketing/Outreach ☐ Instruction ☐ Operations  
☐ Collection Development ☐ Other

**Innovation** (Provide a brief description. Be sure to focus on your successful outcomes.)

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**Government Relations Committee**  
**Report to NAHSL Executive Board**  
**3/13/09**

The Government Relations Committee is pondering what the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (what used to be known as the Stimulus Bill) might mean to medical librarians.

ARRA money that has been allocated to the NIH may be a source for grant funds in some of the "Challenge Areas". Specific challenge topics are detailed at:

[http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge\\_award/High\\_Priority\\_Topics.pdf#topic\\_09](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge_award/High_Priority_Topics.pdf#topic_09).

Also there is the Health Information Technology Investment Program, \$19B of the ARRA, which we will learn more about in the next couple of months. There is a possibility of applying for a grant there as well.

If any medical librarian or medical library organization applies for ARRA monies, the emphasis should be on "meaningful use" of funds for the provision of clinical education.

We would like to be able to post information on the ARRA, along with links to documents and application information, on the nascent NAHSL blog. We have several uses for this blog and look forward to being able to utilize it to its potential.

Finally, in February, the Chair posted a Call To Action regarding H.R. 801: The Fair Copyright In Research Works Act. To date, although the 2009 Consolidated Appropriations Act was signed into law on March 12<sup>th</sup>, which includes a provision making the National Institutes' of Health (NIH) Public Access Policy permanent, H.R. 801 is still in committee and still threatens Open Access to government-funded published research.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margo Coletti, AMLS, AHIP  
Chair, Government Relations Committee

**NAHSL Membership Report  
March 2009**

As of March 10, 2009 there are 110 NAHSL Members. This compares to 158 members in March of 2008. However, the March meeting was the end of March.

There are approximately 15 memberships known to be in process...waiting for check from Institution, confirming credit card payments, and checks not received.

This is the breakdown for membership so far:

Connecticut	22
Massachusetts	44
Maine	18
New Hampshire	4
Rhode Island	13
Vermont	8
New York	1

<b>Total</b>	<b>110</b>
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Three of the 110 members are student members.

Eleven of the members are new members. This includes the three student members.

**PD Committee Report**  
**3/12/2009**

The PD Committee has received 2 applications coming from 2 states for a total of \$880. No applicants have asked for an amount larger than the maximum of \$450 that is allowed under current criteria. These applicants are:

Charles Greenberg	\$430	CT
Angie Chapple-Sokol	\$450	VT

The deadline for the award announcement is March 31, 2009.

A committee decision will be made soon.

The committee will have a decision made before the deadline.

Respectively,

Hongjie Wang



## Archives Committee

The recent years (2005 +) of NAHSL materials have been moved to the Integrated Sciences and Engineering Library, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Several questions were answered with Carole Foxman, in the lead. The undersigned has taken a brief course: Archives Alive! This course covered what archives are, how to manage a collection, how historical materials should be stored, along with identifying, managing, and preserving paper-based records. The instructor was Gregor Trinkaus-Randall, Preservation Specialist, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Craig  
Archives Chair

**NAHSL Executive Board**  
**March 13, 2009**

**Benchmarking Liaison Report**

I received an email from Kate Corcoran at MLA Headquarters. They are still testing the site and finding a few problems with the US/Canada geographical split. She is continuing to work with the programmer to “check the math” and make sure that they “remove any final outliers.”

She “thanked everyone for their patience” and she is “seeing the light at the end of tunnel.”

Respectfully submitted  
Shirley Gronholm



## NAHSL Executive Board

March 13, 2009

### ARIHSL report to NAHSL

## ARIHSL

1. The Executive Board met on February 18<sup>th</sup> at Rhode Island Hospital.
2. ARIHSL will meet on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 3pm at the Community College of RI (CCRI) – Flanagan campus in Lincoln, RI.
  - A brief business meeting will be held.
  - The CE class “Evidence-based Nursing” will be presented by Janene Batten, from Yale, from 9am to 3pm.
3. The ARIHSL poster was displayed by Mary Ann Slocomb, Lifespan, at the RI Library Directors meeting at the Cumberland Public Library on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the meeting was health information. Michelle Eberle from NN/LM-NER was one of the presenters.
4. Joyce Boyd, the part-time librarian at South County Hospital in Wakefield, RI was laid off on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
5. The RI Conference 2010 Planning Committee met on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Memorial Hospital in Pawtucket and February 24 at CCRI – Flanagan Campus in Lincoln. The planning is progressing very well.
5. HELIN (Higher Education Library Information Network) Conference was held on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Many of the hospital librarians attended this annual program as they are affiliate members of the HELIN consortium. HELIN is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
6. Several ARIHSL members attended the second hearing on the proposed changes to the Department of Health (DOH) Rules & Regulations for libraries on February. The DOH has revised the library R&R to what it originally stated with the addition of electronic resources.
7. A PubMed class was held on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at CCRI – Flanagan campus. Lauri Fennell from the NN/LM-NER was the instructor.

## **RI-Statewide**

### **Library Board of Rhode Island (LiBRI)**

Board met December 15th and February 2nd.

- Sub-committees have reconstituted: Legislative; Planning & Budget; and Public Relations. An Ad Hoc Committee on Interlibrary Loan and Delivery has also formed. These committees will recruit members and report at each LiBRI meeting.
- Providence Public Library (PPL) has voted to close 5 branches. A community organization has established itself as the Providence Community Library and wants to unify the nine branches and make it a separate entity from the main library. PPL is actually a private library not funded by the city.
- Concern was raised about the new federal restrictions on lead in books intended for children.
- There was discussion of local and national news coverage about libraries seeing a major increase in usage during poor economic times.
- A motion was made to explore the best means of advocating for RI Libraries to benefit from the federal stimulus package.

Next meeting is March 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Karla Harry Commission**

Commission will meet on March 11<sup>th</sup>

A sub-committee was appointed to look at the possibility of merging or consolidating the public library system in RI naming the project "Better Together". It was determined based on the focus groups and general discussion that the public libraries will instead look at possibilities for co-operation or consolidation on various purchases, or services etc., as it is not fruitful to form one system at this time. The sub-committee disbanded.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Slocomb

Rhode Island Hospital / Lifespan

ARIHSL state representative to NAHSL

**CAHSL Report for NAHSL**  
**March 13, 2009**

**CAHSL Executive Board 2008-2009**

President: Ellen Brassil, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT.  
Vice-President/President-Elect: Lyn Crispino, Gaylord Hospital, Wallingford, CT.  
Secretary: Jennifer Campbell, Hospital of Central Connecticut,  
New Britain, CT.  
Treasurer: Lynda Grayson

**Previous CAHSL Meetings**

February 25, 2009 – CHA, Wallingford

Guest Speaker: Dr. Scott Wetstone, MD, Associate Professor and Director of Health Affairs Policy Planning at University of Connecticut Health Center, presented *Critical Appraisal of the Research Literature: A Workshop Based on Common Sense*. This was a well-attended and very valuable session. Attendees read a paper from NEJM prior to the class entitled “Lack of Effect of Walking on Labor and Delivery”. Dr. Wetstone guided attendees through the process of analyzing this paper and determining whether the paper was a “good” paper, or not.

January 19, 2009 – Hospital of St. Raphael, New Haven

Guest Speaker: Lisa Newton, PhD, the Director of both the Applied Ethics and Environmental Studies programs at Fairfield University, presented *Ethical Imperialism and the African Ladies: an issue of individual autonomy and cultural constraints*. Dr. Newton discussed the challenges of healthcare provision in sub-Saharan Africa, and how first-world medical intervention can fail to sufficiently consider the influence of cultural and indigenous social factors.

**Shared Services and Consortial Purchase Committee**

The SS&CP committee is compiling a list of core e-books from STAT!Ref and R2 that libraries in CT already subscribe to.

**Upcoming Meetings**

March 25, 2009 – Middletown Library Service Center

MLA Webcast - Finding Work-Life Balance: Strategies for You and Your Institution.  
Thanks to NAHSL for support this.

Respectfully submitted,

John Gallagher

## **HSLIC Report for NAHSL-March 13<sup>th</sup> 2009**

**Submitted by Meg McNichol, EMMC, Health Science Library**

HSLIC executive board 2008-2009

Chairperson:	Happy Copley, St. Mary's Regional Medical Center
Chair-Elect:	Patty Williams, Foundation for Blood Research
Treasurer:	Nancy Curtis, University of Maine-Orono
Past Chairperson:	Kathy Brunjes, Central Maine Medical Center
Secretary:	Emily Scribner, Franklin Memorial Hospital
HSLIC Regional Rep's:	Area I, Cadence Atchinson, University of New England Area II, Evelyn Greenlaw, Lewiston-Auburn College; Area III, Cindy White, Eastern Maine Medical Center

Committees and delegates to other organizations, see the HSLIC website:

<http://library.umassmed.edu/hslc/officers.html>.

### **Board Meetings:**

The next HSLIC Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> via videoconferencing

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

*The HSLIC 2009 Spring Meeting* is tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2009 at Maine General Medical Center/Waterville, ME

*What's Cooking? NAHSL 2009* is scheduled for October 25-27, 2009 at the Samoset Resort in Rockport, ME. The HSLIC group is looking forward with joy and anticipation to welcoming everyone to Maine!

### **Regional & State News:**

*Maine Libraries Week:* January 11 - 17, 2009 throughout the State of Maine, all citizens were to recognize this observance; From John Baldacci, Governor

*Maine Memory Network:* The Maine Memory Network, a project of the Maine Historical Society, provides access to thousands of historical items belonging to over 180 organizations from across Maine. HSLIC is looking into contributing its archives for preservation and for other Maine organizations to use for historic and/or research purposes.

*Digitalize Archives: a possible new project for HSLIC.*

### **Upcoming Education:**

The Northeastern Maine Library District and HSLIC is sponsoring two educational sessions for the spring.

*Savvy Library Services for Senior Health;* May 7<sup>th</sup>

*Grant Writing;* May 8<sup>th</sup>

## **NAHSL Executive Board Meeting**

**March 13, 2009**

### Health Sciences Libraries- New Hampshire/Vermont Report

#### Meeting Information:

The Spring Meeting of the HSL NH/VT group will be Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Fireside Inn in Lebanon, NH. The agenda includes:

- Nancy Bianchi, Dana Medical Library, UVM:  
An Analysis of Clinical Questions Asked at Professor Rounds: a Retrospective Review.
- William Garrity, Dana Biomedical Libraries, Dartmouth Medical School:  
Copyright and Medical Libraries
- The Goodwin Group International (vendor)  
MD Conference Express

#### News & Activities:

- Jessie Casella of Brattleboro Hospital developed & conducted a survey of HSL-NH/VT members to determine what factors assist or prevent attendance at our bi-annual meetings, including travel time, cost, programming, etc. and to solicit ideas for future meetings. Members responded using SurveyMonkey and the results were shared via email.
- Anne Conner and Katie Doherty completed a review of our by-laws and have drafted suggested changes for members to discuss and approve.
- Rutland Regional Medical Center:
  - Change in reporting structure at Rutland Regional:
  - The Library has been part of the Department of Human Resources, which was recently renamed under a new VP to Strategic Planning Workforce.
  - The Library will now report to Marketing/Public Relations Leader, who reports to the Associate VP for Planning and Organizational Excellence. Community outreach is apparently to be a focus for library activities in the near future.
- Claire LaForce participated with two nurse colleagues in a day-long instructional session for nursing staff on an Introduction to Evidence-Based Practice. Thirty nurses attended the session which received good reviews. The day began with a presentation of the play, "Nursing Practice Court," in its original format as written by Jean Slepian of Cheshire Medical Center.

- Representatives from University of Vermont and Rutland Regional Medical Center (Marianne and Claire) attended the Blueprint for Health Conference held at the Sheraton in South Burlington, VT on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

A poster highlighting MedlinePlus and GoLocal as health information resources, the Dana Medical Library as the state's resource library, and Vermont community hospitals as links between healthcare providers and patients/consumers was displayed. The NNLM/NER supported this effort with funding for exhibit fees and supplies and give-aways

The website for the Vermont Blueprint for Health information is:

<http://healthvermont.gov/blueprint.aspx> The program focuses on chronic conditions and community activities and resources and was attended by primary care, public health providers, AHEC representatives, and others

- Sheila Hayes calls our attention to an article in the Journal of Hospital Librarianship: 2009 9(1)23-49; Librarians become actors for nurses: Nursing practice court - MRSA Version, by Barbara Davis, Newport Hospital; Mimi Guessferd, Parkland Medical Center; Sheila Hayes, Portsmouth Regional Hospital.

Submitted by:

Claire LaForce, MLS

Rutland Regional Medical Center

NAHSL State Rep, New Hampshire & Vermont