

# ***DRAFT***

## **NAHSL Executive Board Meeting December 12, 2008**

**Present at RML:** Penny Glassman, Andy Dzaugis, Joan Yanicke, Mark Goldstein, Mary Ann Slocomb, Sally Gore

**Speakerphone:** Bette Bissonnette, Hongie Wong, Alison Clapp, Marianne Burke, Linda Kaczmarczyk, Marilyn Pitman, John Gallagher, Megan McNichol, Nathan Norris, Shirley Gronholm, Clair LeForce, Janet Cowen

Andy Dazugis called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

### **MINUTES**

Sept. 12, 2008 minutes approved.

Oct. 20, 2008 minutes approved.

### **OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Secretary**

Thank You letter from Lori Bradshaw for NAHSL scholarship was read and will be sent to Archives

Minutes from 2008 Annual Meeting are not online. .

#### **Treasurer**

Current balance \$81053.39. NAHSL is in very good financial shape.

We did not meet goal of spending down \$15,000.00 to reduce the treasury.

In anticipation of the end of Mark's term as treasurer, he will be closing the TDBankNorth account. All outstanding checks must be cashed. He is anticipating a smooth transition in January.

Annual Meeting Continuing Education Expense amount was questioned. A motion was made and seconded to remove the Continuing Education income from the report. He will also check why the Prof. Dev.-NAHSL scholarship was listed as income and not an expense and submit a final, amended report.

#### **Nominating**

Marianne reminded people that now is the time to appoint new committee members for 2 year term (nominating comm. Is 1 yr).

#### **Conference Planning Taskforce**

Copy of first report is attached.

#### **Chair-Elect**

3 keynote speakers already on board: Stuart Wiebold, Judy Blake and Eugenie Prime. Amanda Cole and Liz St. Clair may also be presenting. Other plans are taking shape.

**Chapter Council:**

See attached report. Janet will ask Len Levin to write an article for MLA column about the successful "NAHSL 50" contest.

**By-Laws/Procedures**

Bylaws approved at Oct 20 meeting have been posted on the website. Sally will take care of archiving 2007-08 ByLaws.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Priorities From Sept meeting:

1. rethink annual conference
2. develop NAHSL blog
3. acquire web conference software
4. increase NAHSL meetings online

Goal is to set up trial videoconference in summer.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion to change NAHSL name: see attached motion that was approved at the Annual Meeting. **Name Change Taskforce** to draft plan to bring before membership was created and includes John Gallagher, Chair, Mark Goldstein, Shirley Gronholm and Marilyn Pitman.

**Distribution of Reports Prior to Exec. Bd. Meeting**

There was a short discussion about posting reports to a wiki instead of sending separately to each member. Reports should be submitted no later than 1 week in advance.

Meeting was adjourned around noon because Shrewsbury lost power due to an ice storm. Action items, questions, further business will be conducted through the list serve as necessary.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**FOR NAHSL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**Dec 12, 2008** *(revised)*

As of Dec 11, 2008, the NAHSL Treasury amounts to \$81, 053.39: \$74, 348.45 in savings, earning the current Annual Percentage Yield of 2.28%; and \$6,704.94 in checking.

The 5-month CD with TD Banknorth was liquidated in early November.

Please see the following three financial reports as separate attachments:

- YTD Account Balances
- YTD Income/Expense by Category
- YTD Budget-to-Actuals Report (includes Budget 2009 figures)

With several weeks remaining before the end of the calendar and fiscal years, NAHSL remains fiscally sound. In spite of both the worsening economy and a severe reduction in bank interest rates, there's every reason to anticipate that the organization will continue to meet both its operating costs and member benefit objectives into the foreseeable future.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Mark Goldstein, Treasurer*  
*December 15, 2008*

[2007-P05] Account Balances - As of 12/11/2008

As of 12/11/2008

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Account	12/11/2008 Balance
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
NAHSL Savings (Mark)	74,348.45
NAHSL-CD (Mark)	0.00
NAHSL-Checking (Mark)	6,704.94
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts</b>	<b>81,053.39</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>81,053.39</b>

12/11/2008

## Income/Expense by Category - YTD

1/1/2008 through 12/11/2008

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Category Description	1/1/2008- 12/11/2008
<b>INCOME</b>	
ANNUAL MEETING INCOME (2008)	52,453.60
CONTINUING EDUCATION INCOME	7,385.00
INTEREST INCOME- BANK	1,348.83
MEMBERSHIP INCOME	6,737.88
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCOME	1,577.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>69,502.31</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSE (2007)	320.00
ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSE (2008)	43,690.59
ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSE (2009)	8,772.15
ARCHIVES EXPENSE	150.00
CHAPTER COUNCIL EXPENSE	500.00
CONTINUING EDUCATION EXPENSE	6,330.09
CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS	90.00
EXECUTIVE BOARD EXPENSE	8,226.50
GOV'T RELATIONS EXPENSE	448.93
MARKETING EXPENSE	150.00
OFFICE EXPENSE	67.03
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPENSE	5,703.64
TREASURY EXPENSE	560.57
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>75,009.50</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-5,507.19</b>

# Budget-to-Actuals

Last update: 12/11/2008

EXPENSE	BUDGET 2009	BUDGET 2008	YTD ACTUALS
Archives Expense	150.00	150.00	150.00
Chapter Council Expense	500.00	500.00	500.00
Continuing Education Expense	11,000.00	11,000.00	6,330.09
Contributions & Donations	90.00	90.00	90.00
Executive Board Expense	7,350.00	9,259.00	8,226.50
a.) Food	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,073.35
b.) Travel	5,500.00	5,314.00	4,454.65
c.) Other (Incorporation, Insurance, etc.)	350.00	445.00	357.58
d.) NAHSL'S 50th Anniversary	0.00	2,000.00	2,340.92
Government Relations	450.00	450.00	448.93
Marketing Expense	150.00	150.00	150.00
Membership Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Expense	100.00	100.00	67.03
Professional Development Expense	9,000.00	8,850.00	5,703.64
a.) Awards: MLA Conference	4,350.00	4,350.00	3,160.00
b.) Awards: NAHSL Annual Meeting	4,500.00	4,500.00	2,380.00
c.) Scholarship Table Expense	150.00	150.00	150.00
d.) Other Expense	0.00	0.00	13.64
Technology Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Treasury Expense	550.00	499.35	560.57
Expense SUBTOTALS	29,340.00	31,048.35	22,226.76

INCOME	BUDGET 2009	BUDGET 2008	YTD ACTUALS
Bank Interest	1,200.00	3,000.00	1,348.83
Continuing Education Income	7,000.00	6,100.00	7,385.00
Membership Income	6,120.00	6,120.00	6,737.88
PD Income (Scholarship Table)	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,427.00
Income SUBTOTALS	15,720.00	16,620.00	16,898.71

Budget-to-Actuals TOTALS	-13,620.00	-14,428.35	-5,328.05
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**NOTES :**

NAHSL Conference Planning Task Force  
Interim Report  
December 12, 2008

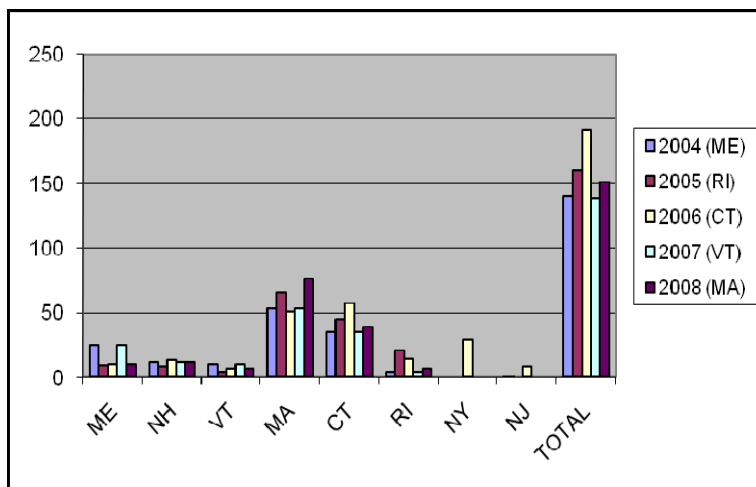
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**Members:**

Janene Batten	Len Levin
Bette Bissonnette	Tovah Reis
Marianne Burke	Judy Spak
Janet Cowen	

**Members met at NAHSL '08 to plan direction. Tasks set:**

- **Talk to Donna Wickstrand** about possible alternatives for location etc [LL - done]. Possibilities:
  - book several years with the same hotel
  - have conference in the "north" one year, then in the "south" the following year
  - could then have a 2 non-consecutive-year agreements with just two hotels
  - timing can affect costs
- **What do other Regions do?** [JC – done]:
  - Profit and loss varies
  - Registration fees at no less than \$200, length can be 2, 3.5, 5 days
  - Similar attendance numbers to NAHSL
  - Conference chair doesn't move to chapter chair in all but one region
- Use NASHL **Education Committee as model** for Confer Planning Committee [TR – done]
  - Chair rotates between states with a 1 year term that commences as Ed Chair for annual conference. Member stay for long periods retaining expertise
  - Problems recruiting for some states
- Get **financials from previous NAHSLs** [JB]
  - In the hands of NAHSL treasurer who is collating data
- **NAHSL membership attendance** [BB - done]



- **Create survey** for membership [JS]
  - underway

Wiki created to house documents. For anyone who wishes to see the wiki please feel free to ask.

Respectfully submitted  
Janene Batten  
Chair

CHAPTER COUNCIL REPORT  
December 12, 2008, 2008

**MLA Chapter Project Award**

Submissions have been received, and jury members have deliberated. A recommendation is being forwarded to Chair of the MLA Awards committee.

**Information Sharing**

1. Chapter Council members were asked to forward a request from the MLA Ad Hoc Committee for Advocating Scholarly Communication for participation in their survey on Open Access and the NIH Policy. (Len forwarded this message)
2. Chapter Council members were asked to respond to queries from the Southern Chapter on the following: (Janet answered these questions)
  - A. How do you handle MLA Benchmarking? Such as:  
Do you have a representative or a committee?  
Are they appointed or elected?  
What activities have they participated in?  
Do you have bylaws or procedures covering their role?
  - B. Do you have a Public Relations person or committee?  
If so, what are their duties or activities?  
Are they appointed or elected?  
Do you have bylaws or procedures for PR?
3. Janet sent the following to CC Reps

Hi All -

The North Atlantic Chapter has formed a task force to look at numerous concerns regarding our Chapter's annual meeting, and I've been charged with gathering information from other Chapters. I'd greatly appreciate your answering as many of the following questions as you can. Please feel free to call me if that would be easier, and thanks very much for your help. I'll gladly share what I learn with any of you who are interested. I know this is asking a lot, and I'm grateful for any help!

Please respond by November 19, 2008.

We would like to review 3-5 years of data from you, but don't let that be a hindrance - we're happy with the last two years!

**Costs**

1. For each of the last 3-5 annual meetings, please provide financial information such as total cost of the conference, how much profit or loss there was for the conference.
2. Do you receive sponsorship for the conference from vendors or other sponsors (i.e. local businesses, member institutions). If so, approximately how much?
3. What have you charged for registration in the last 3-5 years?



#### Joint Conferences

1. In the last 3-5 years, have you held a joint conference with another Chapter (or other Chapters)?
2. How many Chapters participated?
3. Any lessons learned?

#### Conference Length

1. In the last 3-5 years, what has been the length of your annual conference?

#### Attendance

1. How large is the membership of your Chapter (approximate)?
2. How many members attended your conference in the last 3-5 years?

#### Meeting Guidelines

1. Do you refer to, or follow the MLA Chapter Planning Meeting Guidelines created by Chapter Council?

and a few final questions, tangentially related to annual conferences ...

1. How do you select the Conference Chair?
2. How do you select your Chapter Chair?
3. Does the Conference Chair automatically move on to become the Chapter Chair?

Any other comments you'd like to share?

Responses were received from 8 Chapters, and once I have NAHSL responses, I will share all the information collected with other Chapters (as was requested).

4. An email message was sent to NAHSL Chapter members outlining the process for MLA dues increases.
5. Chapter Council rosters were updated to include Len Levin as NAHSL's Alternate Representative.

#### **Chapter Column in MLA News**

Pam Corley, editor of the *MLA News* Chapters Column continues to seek suggestions for future columns – ideas included how Chapters are using blogs, wikis and other technology, and a column to share news of what is going on in the individual chapters. Deadlines are the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month two months prior to the issue. Is there anything we would like to contribute?

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Janet Cowen*

*Chapter Council Representative*

*Len Levin*

*Chapter Council Alternate*

NAHSL EXECUTIVE BOARD  
Bylaws Committee Report  
December 12, 2008

Bylaws

The revised bylaws, approved at the October 21 NAHSL business meeting, have been distributed to the board via email and posted to the NAHSL website.

Policy and Procedure Manual

A revised manual, worked on extensively last year, has been distributed to the board for review and feedback. Changes affect terms of office, the move of Archives to standing committee status, general cleanup, and related renumbering.

Committee Matrix

The matrix has been revised to accommodate changes in the manual. The matrix is good for a quick check of board member basics.

Board feedback for refining the manual has already been provided by some members. All are encouraged to review their areas in both the manual and the matrix for clarity and accuracy. This work will be ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Pitman  
Chair, Bylaws Committee

**NAHSL Conference Planning Committee 2009 Report**  
**NAHSL Executive Board**  
**December 12, 2008**

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

CPC: We are considering holding some meetings by Adobe Connect. We have to be mindful of the limitations of the medium, and plan these meetings for when an abbreviated meeting would be appropriate.

Program: We anticipate a poster session. We plan to make good use of local & regional speakers, and we have arrangements with 3 of our keynote speakers, Stuart Weibel a futurist and researcher from OCLC, Judy Blake from Jackson Lab and Eugenie Prime. We have also talked to Nanada Col from Maine Medical Center, and Lizz Sinclair from the Literature & Medicine program at the Maine Humanities Council. Final booking is still pending our review of the evaluations of the 2008 conference. We are considering expanding the breakouts to 3 sessions for more 'practical' programming.

Hospitality: We are on track with our social events and food plans. Happy and Cadence are checking out the caterers.

Vendors: The committee is hoping to use the ample space at the Samoset as an asset, and offer meeting space to vendors for demos, etc for an extra fee. We are also considering inviting vendors who sell related merchandise, like a jeweler who makes library-theme items.

Scholarship: We are welcoming scholarship items, and also plan to promote them on the website. We plan to have a powerpoint prior to the speakers which will thank our sponsors, show our scholarship items and include other helpful tips/fun things to engage people while they wait for the program to start.

Local Arrangements/Publicity: We really liked the year-round promotion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and wanted to send out monthly emails/reminders with 'tips for a good trip to Maine', details about the area, and interesting informative tidbits about Mainers, etc. Watch for those to start in January.

Website/Online tools: The website is in the works, and will be ready for primetime in the new year. I continue to blog, focusing on the process of organizing a conference. The slideshow is online and available, and we plan to archive our 'friendly reminder' emails on the website.

Registration: Patty W has received a very helpful spreadsheet from Len for registration. We looked at an online service called RSVP for this, but found the spreadsheet would be just as good or better, and free!

Respectfully submitted,

Dina McKelvy  
2009 NAHSL Conference Chair

## NAHSL EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

December 13, 2008

### *COMMITTEE MEMBERS:*

Cynthia Arnold (ME)  
Alison Clapp (Co-Chair, MA)  
Anne Connor (NH/VT)  
Janet Crager (RI)  
Lauri Fennell (NNLM/NER)  
Patricia Gorman (RI)  
Anne-Marie Kaminsky (CT)  
Nathan Norris (Co-Chair, MA)

The Education Committee met during NAHSL 2008 in Lowell. Agenda items included a wrap-up of the 2008 CE classes just completed, the spring 2008 licensing program held at Holy Cross, Committee goals and objectives, upcoming programs and MLA web casts. It was determined that the NAHSL Education Committee will fund a site in each state to host MLA web casts. We have just welcomed Anne Connor as a new member to our committee.

### *UPCOMING MEETING*

#### JANUARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING:

Friday, January 9, 2009 Shrewsbury, MA  
NAHSL 2009 Annual Meeting CE courses will be selected.

### *PROGRAMS*

#### CE OPPORTUNITY:

Tuesday, January 27, 2009 (9:00 – 12:30)

#### *Nursing Products: Comparison and Evaluation*

Children's Hospital Boston, Enders Auditorium

The products which will be demoed include: Mosby's Nursing Consult; Mosby's Nursing Skills; Mosby's Index; EBSCO's Nursing Reference Center; CINAHL; Nursing@Ovid and Lippincott's Nursing Procedures.

#### CE OPPORTUNITY:

May 13, 2009 (approximate date)

Sponsored by the UMass Medical Center is planning on offering a 1-2 day educational program opportunity for local librarians unable to attend MLA in Hawaii. The Education Committee has offered assistance, and we are in contact with Javier Crespo and Barb Ingrassia who are coordinating this program.

### *PROJECTS*

#### "Grassroots Innovations" (working title):

Anne-Marie Kaminsky has volunteered to work on this new effort which we hope to do in collaboration with the NAHSL Marketing Committee. Originally titled "Innovation of the Month", we will invite or more likely approach our colleagues and ask them to describe a new service, administrative short-cut, new twist on an "old" service, etc.

These short descriptions will be mentioned on our Listserv and posted to the NAHSL website.

Annual Meeting Poster Podcasts:

We would like to put the posters from NAHSL 2008 on the NAHSL website and offer podcasts along with the posters where the authors describe their project/research and offer additional insight into their findings.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alison Clapp & Nathan Norris, NAHSL Education Co-Chairs

NAHSL EXECUTIVE BOARD  
Electronic Communications Committee Report  
December 12, 2008 – *REVISED 12/16/08*

NAHSL Website

Several updates have been made to the website including:

- Homepage
- Board Members List
- Committees List
- Policies & Procedures doc
- Bylaws doc
- Educational Opportunities
- Awards & Projects

Coming:

- Photos from NAHSL 2008
- Conference 09 site

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. Ideas are being generated and samples will be shared with the Board for feedback as it evolves.

NAHSL Wiki

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. [Follow-up at the next Board meeting.]

Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Gore  
Chair, Electronic Communications Committee

**PD Committee Report**  
**12/11/2008**

1. Awards for NAHSL 2009

The PD Committee will once again have a budget of 9,000.00 for 2009, with \$4,500 for MLA Conference, \$4,350.00 for NAHSL Annual Meeting, and \$150.00 for Scholarship Table Expense.

2. Changes with PD committee manual

Some changes have been made through the efforts by the By-law committee. These changes, as Marilyn Pittman pointed out in her earlier message, includes "Terms of office" is change from three to two-year appointment; "References to defunct committees (program, newsletter) have been removed;" Archives was moved from "appointed" to "standing" status;" and "Section modified" notes from previous editions have been removed"

3. Issues with Awards criteria

The committee talked about changes in award criteria and decided to make gradual, not radical, changes in 2009, starting with a membership survey to solicit suggestions and recommendations from the NAHSL members. A survey questionnaire is being prepared and will soon be sent out through MonkeySurvey once approved by the committee. Findings from the survey will be discussed at a later date.

Respectively,

Hongjie Wang

## **CAHSL Report for NAHSL December 12, 2008**

### **Previous CAHSL Meetings**

December 4, 2008 – CAHSL Holiday Luncheon at Union League Café, New Haven

Guest speaker: [Susan Keane Baker](#), a renowned expert on service quality, risk management, patient satisfaction and patient relations in hospital and clinical settings, presented on the essentials of providing excellent customer service. She provided all of the attendees with a copy of her latest book *“I’m Sorry to Hear That...Real Life Responses to Patients’ 101 Most Common Complaints About Health Care.”*

November 12, 2008 – MLA Webcast, Middletown Library Center

Approximately 30 members attended the MLA Webcast *“Survival Tips and Stories: Expanding the Library’s Services in Time of Disaster.”*

### **Shared/Consortia Services Committee**

The committee contacted several vendors to discuss consortial arrangements for library resources. OVID, Rittenhouse’s R2, and StatRef are exploring arranging consortial pricing for interested CAHSL libraries.

### **CHA Membership**

CAHSL President, Ellen Brassil met with Connecticut Hospital Association Membership Coordinator, Cora Buchanan to attempt to have CAHSL recognized as an organization covered under each library’s parent organization’s membership in CHA. Such recognition would make it much simpler for CAHSL to reserve and schedule conference rooms and equipment at CHA for CAHSL’s monthly meetings. Individual membership for CAHSL in CHA would be \$700 annually and would not solve the problem regarding reserving rooms and equipment. An ad hoc group is forming to try to have CAHSL recognized by the CHA.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

January 21, 2009

Guest Speaker – Lisa Newton, PhD will present “Ethical Imperialism and Informed Consent. Ms. Newton is the Director of both the Applied Ethics and Environmental Studies programs at Fairfield University.



**Health Science Libraries - NH/VT  
Report to the NAHSL Executive Board  
December 12, 2008**

**Spring Meeting Planned:**

Our next meeting will take probably take place on May 7<sup>th</sup>, the location is to be determined and Jessie Casella is creating survey –monkey questionnaire will be going for members, to help determine the location and programming of that meeting.

**Work in Progress:**

**By-Laws:** Katie Doherty and Anne Conner have reviewed the organization's bylaws and made a few recommendations to the membership via email, with further review and adoption reserved for our next meeting...

**Member Accomplishments:**

Gayle Tudisco of Elliot Hospital in New Hampshire has had a brief article published in the One Person Library newsletter during 2008, and has a contribution scheduled for the MLA newsletter in 2010.

Sheila Hayes shared that she has been appointed as webmaster for the hospital section of the MLA website.

Submitted by,

Claire LaForce  
Rutland Regional Medical Center  
Rutland, VT.

**HSLIC Report for NAHSL-December 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**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; 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 January 14<sup>th</sup>

**Past Meetings:**

The HSLIC 2008 Fall Meeting was held on Friday November 14, 2008 at Eastern Maine Community College, Bangor. The featured speakers were James Jackson Sanborn, Maine InfoNet Executive Director; Lauri Fennell, NNLM-NER, on PubMed's current changes; Mark Goldstein, NNLM-NER, on using LinkOut

Maine Libraries Conference 2008 was held on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at Sunday River.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

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

*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!

**Changes within HSLIC and Maine Information Organizations:**

*New Maine State Rep for NAHSL:*

Meg McNichol from Eastern Maine Medical Center, Bangor.

**Regional & State News:**

*National Medical Librarian's Month:* In October there were many Hospital Libraries around the state celebrating. The list of libraries included Maine Medical Center, Maine General, St Mary's Regional Medical Library and Eastern Maine Medical Center.

*HSLIC Mini Grants: Apply today!* HSLIC members are eligible to apply for a mini-grant to develop, expand, promote, or training in the library. These grants are awarded to Maine libraries up to \$500.00. The application process is easy. Rules and application form may be found on the HSLIC web page.



**NAHSL Executive Board**  
***December 12, 2008***  
**ARIHSL report to NAHSL**

**ARIHSL**

1. ARIHSL meeting was held on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2pm at Newport Hospital.
  - ARIHSL honored 2 retirees (Winnie Jacome and Carol Rausch) at the meeting.
  - Donations for an ARIHSL basket for the NAHSL conference scholarship table were collected.
  - Recipients of Professional Development Awards from ARIHSL and NAHSL will now be posted on the ARIHSL website.
  - Barbara Davis will present the ARIHSL poster at the NAHSL conference in October in Lowell.
2. ARIHSL is celebrating its 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.
3. ARIHSL meeting was held Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at Memorial Hospital in Pawtucket.
  - Anne Toll, one of the early members of ARIHSL, passed away on October 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Program was on disaster planning:
    1. Penny Glassman from the NN/LM gave a presentation on “Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan for Network Members”
    2. Lori Foley from NEDCC (Northeast Document Conservation Center) spoke about dPlan.
    3. Eileen Harburton, Project Manager, talked about adapting dPlan to RI circumstances.
4. The first meeting of the RI Conference 2010 was held November 21<sup>st</sup>.
5. HELIN (Higher Education Library Information Network) hospital libraries met on November 6 to discuss issues and shared resources purchases.
6. Several ARIHSL members attended the hearing on the proposed changes to the DOH Rules & Regulations for libraries. The DOH panel listened to the concerns, but no decision has yet been made.
7. Janene Batten, Yale U., will present a CE class on Evidence-Based Nursing at the next meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> at the CCRI (Community College of RI)’s Flanagan campus in Lincoln.

## **RI-Statewide**

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

Board met September 15, and October 27th.

Several personnel changes occurred due to retirements at OLIS (Office of Library & Information Services).

WebJunction is now available to the library community in Rhode Island.

OLIS had a site visit from IMLS (Institute for Museums & Library Services). It went well and

IMLS gave a few recommendations to improve the program.

There was much discussion about the closings of libraries (all types) in RI.

Next meeting is December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Karla Harry Commission**

Commission met on September 18<sup>th</sup> to review the final draft of the 2008 report and approved it with  
edits.

The commission officially ended as of the end of June, 2008. However, legislation will be submitted in

January, 2009 to continue the commission and make it permanent.

A sub-committee was appointed to look at funding for SurfRI statewide databases.

### **General**

The re-launch of AskRI took place on December 10<sup>th</sup> at Providence Public Library's main

location. Resources now available statewide including Tutor.com, World Book and World

Book Discover, and a selection of EBSCO databases including Academic Search Premier,

MasterFile Premier, History Reference Center and more are part of the online reference service.

There is substantial savings by going statewide.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Slocomb

Rhode Island Hospital / Lifespan

ARIHSL state representative to NAHSL