

**NAHSL Executive Board Meeting  
New England Regional Medical Library  
Shrewsbury, MA  
June 8, 2007**

**Present:** Janene Batten, Nancy Harger, Mark Goldstein, Mark Gentry, Joan Yanicke, Dina McKelvy, Penny Glassman, Janet Cowen, Javier Crespo, Mary Ann Slocomb, Hongjie Wang

**Chair's Report** (Janene Batten): Janene thanked the HSLIC and MAHSLIN groups for inviting her to their meetings. Everyone got a copy of the NAHSL Annual report. Jeff Bochenek from OVID sent email to NAHSL list promoting their product ClinicalResources@OVID.

**Secretary's Report** (Nancy Harger): minutes approved with minor changes.

**Treasurer's Report** (Mark Goldstein): Along with an **YTD Account Balances Report** and an **YTD Income & Expense by Category Report**, an **FY07 Budget-to-Actuals Comparison Report** was also presented.

Highlights from the Comparison report:

(a.) the projected expenditure sits at roughly one third (\$10,393.95 out of a projected \$30,208.35 has been spent);

(b.) the projected income sits at roughly one half (\$7,007.26 out of a projected \$15,220.00 has been collected); and

(c.) the overall projected deficit for the fiscal year sits at roughly one fifth (only \$3,386.69 of a projected deficit of \$14,988.35 has been reached.)

(d.) roughly half of the allocated funds for **professional development** have been spent on awards to attend MLA'07; the Board would like to see the remainder of the funds (a little over \$4,500) spent on sending people to NAHSL'07 and/or to other events (such as the Dartmouth October conference or an SLA-sponsored event).

(e.) roughly less than one fourth (23%) of the allocated funds have been spent for **continuing education**: \$2,492.45 out of \$11,000. Much more CE expenditure is expected.

(f.) annual funding of two seats for MLA Chapter Roundtable will be categorized and budgeted annually as an expenditure of Chapter Council.

Motion to approve the budget is passed.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Archives (Carole Foxman):**

Discussion: no report. Janene reports that the committee working on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary met. Carole is on this committee.

Action:

### **By-laws (Mark Gentry):**

Discussion: policy and procedure manual had some changes last year...but it is current on the website except one change that we made at the last meeting. There are a number of changes in the Bylaws which will be voted on by Executive Board today (see attachment). Then it goes to the MLA bylaws committee and then to our membership 21 days before the annual meeting and then it is voted on at the annual meeting. We went over various changes (see attachment).

Action: Motion to approve the amended bylaws is passed.

### **Chapter Council (Janet Cowen):**

Discussion: If the chapter is conducting a survey that is sent outside the organization (MLA), MLA permission is needed. We will fund 2 seats at chapter council rather than a dollar amount since it changes every year.

Action: Motion to change to 2 seats annually for MLA Chapter Sharing Round Tables meeting is passed.

Discussion: Janet was asked by MLA not to send out FOCUS to everyone on the NAHSL membership because they only want it to go out to MLA members.

Action: Penny recommends that we tell MLA that we have several members of NAHSL who are MLA members who are not receiving it for one reason or another.

### **Conference 07 (Marianne Burke):**

Discussion: see report.

Action: RML Directors to arrange their own breakfast.

### **Conference 08 (Andy Dzaugis):**

Discussion: We have one speaker: Betsy Humphries from NLM. Andy contacted Craig Mello to speak but he has not heard for sure yet. The committee is working on the theme: related to history--something old, something new, future. The contract has been signed with the Lowell Doubletree: October 19-21, 2008. Where do we want to do a special event for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration? Will the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration have a separate budget?

Action: The Archives and Marketing committees are working on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

### **Credentialing/Mentoring (Joan Yanicke):**

Discussion: no report. Each chapter will be sent the results of the survey.

Action:

**Education** (Hongjie Wang):

Discussion: For the spring CE course—Nursing Resources by Peg Allen--on June 29, 30 people have signed up for it. In the fall NLM will have a webcast and we will be a sponsor—November 7 on scholarly publishing. For conference courses we have a total of six courses with a free one on Tuesday on grant writing by Michelle Eberle:

- Quality Filtering: Principles of EBM – 6hrs
- Number Number Who's Got the Number? Or Who's Counting: Health Statistics – ½ day
- Teaching in Libraries: Skills to Become a Better Instructor – ½ day
- Management Skills – ½ day
- Concepts in Complementary & Alternative Medicine – ½ day
- Tues class – Grant Writing – NN/LM

For MLA: Hongjie attended several meetings that he reported on.

Action: Hongie will send to the listserv all CE's from the MLA list that can also be included for AHIP.

**Electronic Communications** (Edward Donald):

Discussion: see report.

Action:

**Finance** (Mark Goldstein):

Discussion: see report “notes from the mla chapter treasurers meeting.” Discussion about the fact that MLA has cancelled professional liability insurance because of the cost. What does that mean to us as individuals? Mark doesn't think we should worry about this. Mark will ask what was the increase in premium and are MLA officers covered at annual meetings? Discussion about PayPal—we have decided to go with that.

Action: Mark to look into PayPal this summer.

**Government Relations** (Barbara Ingrassia):

Discussion: see report.

Action:

**Marketing** (Len Levin):

Discussion: see report. Len will be stepping down. We will need to appoint a new marketing chair. Len, Ed Donald, Shirley Gronholm, and Carole Foxman are working with Andy on the

50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee for NAHSL 08. Len will also look to update the NAHSL logo. (MAHSLIN paid someone to work on their new logo).

Action: Janene will be looking for a marketing committee chair.

**Membership** (Penny Glassman):

Discussion: see report. 9 members from NH, 2 new members this week. Total of 218 now. Penny attended the MLA membership committee.

Action:

**Nominating** (Janet Crager)

Discussion: We have to nominate the 2009 conference chair. Dina McKelvy will chair that conference.

Action: Motion to approve Dina for 2009 conference chair passed.

**Professional Development** (Dina McKelvy/Janet Cowen)

Discussion: see report. NAHSL awarded \$4,935 for members to attend the MLA Annual Meeting—13 people in all.

Action: Dina will be working with marketing to promote to membership to apply to use the professional development funds that have been put aside.

**RML Report** (Javier Crespo): Donna Berryman is leaving—her last day is August 3. She has taken a position at University of Rochester's Edward G. Miner Library. The RML has a new administrative assistant in the afternoons—Martha Pearson. Two task forces—historical collections and emergency preparedness. National group is working on emergency preparedness. Javier is working on getting together a group on historical collections. Newsletter: funded projects are in the works of being approved.

**STATE REPORTS:**

**ARIHSL** (Mary Ann Slocomb): see report. Next annual dinner meeting is June 20. Personnel changes in the state.

**CAHSL** (John Gallagher): see report.

**HSL NH/Vermont** (Betsy Merrill): see report. Betsy will be stepping down.

**HSLIC** (Tammera Race): see report

**MAHSLIN:** (Margo Coletti): see report.

**Old Business:** 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event report postponed to the next meeting.

**New Business:**

Janet Cowen is the benchmarking liaison, also on the editorial board. Janene would like to extend to the membership that the chapter benchmarking liaison position is available.

Action: Janene to send to list that position is open.

NAHSL achievement award: Janet Crager suggested the Yale/Dartmouth page generator for the EBM pyramid. We need to have a membership solicitation for this award—Janet Crager will send this out. We will make a decision at the September meeting.

Action: Janet Crater to canvas NAHSL membership for other suggestions.

**Adjourned at 1:20 pm.**

**Next meeting is Friday, September 7, 2007.**

**Submitted by Nancy Harger.**

## **ATTACHMENTS**

### NORTH ATLANTIC HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARIES, INC. **A Chapter Of The MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, INC.**

2007 BYLAWS

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#### **ARTICLE I. Name and Boundaries**

##### **Section 1. Name**

The name of this organization shall be the North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries, Inc. (NAHSL), a Chapter of the Medical Library Association, Inc. (MLA).

##### **Section 2. Boundaries**

The boundaries of the Chapter shall include the entire New England states—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.

#### **ARTICLE II. Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter shall be to promote librarianship; to strengthen the delivery of health information services within the Chapter boundaries; and to actively support the mission and standards of the MLA.

#### **ARTICLE III. Membership**

##### **Section 1. Members**

Both members and nonmembers of the MLA may belong to this Chapter.

##### **Section 2. Rights and Privileges**

- Voting members of this Chapter shall consist of all members, except that only Voting Members of the MLA shall be qualified to move or to vote on recommendations to the Chapter Council regarding MLA policies or actions, to vote on the selection of a candidate for the MLA Nominating Committee, or to vote on the selection of the Chapter's Representative and Alternate Representative to the Chapter Council.
- Officers and committee chairs of this Chapter shall be Voting Members of the MLA and shall live or work in the area contained within the geographic boundaries of the Chapter.

##### **Section 3. Dues**

A. Dues shall be determined by a majority vote of those present and eligible to vote at an Annual Business Meeting where dues changes are presented.

Chapter dues shall not exceed MLA membership dues for Regular Members.

B. Dues shall be assessed on an annual basis for the fiscal year. If dues are unpaid by March 15, the dues shall be considered to be in arrears, and without further notice the member shall be suspended from all rights and privileges.

C. The fiscal year of this Chapter shall be from January 1 to the following December 31.

#### **ARTICLE IV. Meetings**

##### **Section 1. Annual Meeting**

One meeting, known as the Annual Business Meeting, shall be held in each fiscal year. Additional meetings at which business may be conducted may be held, provided notice of such meetings has been sent to the membership at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting.

##### **Section 2. Quorum**

Ten percent of the voting members shall constitute a quorum of this Chapter.

#### **ARTICLE V. Officers**

##### **Section 1. Elected Officers**

Elected officers of the Chapter shall be a Chair; a Conference Chair-Elect; a Chair-Elect/Conference Chair; a Past Chair; a Representative to the Chapter Council; an Alternate Representative to the Chapter Council; a Secretary; a Treasurer; and a candidate for the MLA Nominating Committee. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Chapter.

##### **Section 2. Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Past Chair and two members of the Chapter appointed by the Executive Board. The Past Chair shall serve as Committee Chair. This committee shall select annually one or more nominees for the offices of Conference Chair-Elect and candidate for the MLA Nominating Committee, and every third year, or as necessary, one or more nominees for the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, Representative to the Chapter Council and Alternate Representative to the Chapter Council.

The Conference Chair-Elect position shall rotate each year among the geographic areas within the NAHSL boundaries.

##### **Section 3. Elections and Terms of Office**

A. The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the Annual Business Meeting. Where there are more than one candidate, a plurality shall elect.

B. Elected officers, with the exception of the Treasurer, Chapter Council Representative and Chapter Council Alternative, shall take office at the close of the Annual Meeting following their election and serve until the close of the Annual Meeting at the end of their terms of office or until their successors are elected and assume their duties. The Treasurer shall take office on January 1 following the elections at the Annual Meeting and serve until January 1 at the end of the term of office or until a successor is elected and assumes the duties. The

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Chapter Council Representative and Alternate shall take office after the MLA Meeting following the NAHSL Annual Meeting at which they were elected.

C. The term of office of the Chair shall be, in succession, one year as Conference Chair-Elect, the second year as Chair-Elect/Conference Chair, the third year as Chair, and the fourth year as Past Chair. No one may serve more than one successive term as Conference Chair-Elect, Chair-Elect/Conference Chair, Chair and Past Chair.

D. The terms of office of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be three (3) years. An individual may not serve more than one successive term as Secretary or Treasurer.

E. The terms of office of the Chapter Council Representative and the Alternate Representative shall be three years, except that if the Representative's term is made shorter by action of the Council or the MLA Bylaws, the term will coincide with that action.

#### **Section 4. Candidate for the MLA Nominating Committee Membership**

A. The name of one Voting Member of the MLA, chosen by the Nominating Committee and elected at the Annual Business Meeting, shall be submitted each year to the Chapter Council as a potential candidate for membership on the MLA Nominating Committee; this submission shall be made to the Council before its final assembly at the MLA Annual Meeting. The potential candidate shall prepare a biographical statement and a signed statement of willingness-to-serve if elected as a member of the MLA Nominating Committee. The statement shall accompany the name submitted.

B. No person shall consent to being a potential candidate or a candidate for membership on the MLA Nominating Committee who is already such a potential candidate or candidate from some other unit of the MLA; no candidate for membership on the MLA Nominating Committee shall also be a candidate for an elective office of the MLA, or vice versa.

C. No one shall serve on the MLA Nominating Committee as a voting member for more than one term during a period of five (5) years.

#### **Section 5. Vacancies**

A. An officer who moves outside the Chapter boundaries may, with the approval of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the remaining members of the Executive Board, continue to hold that office until completion of the officer's term.

B. Vacancies not covered by these bylaws shall be filled in a manner determined by the Executive Board.

### **ARTICLE VI. The Executive Board**

#### **Section 1. Membership**

**Deleted:** The elected officers and appointed officers shall constitute the Executive Board. Each geographical area shall appoint one representative to serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Executive Board.



The elected officers, Chair-appointed officers and representatives appointed by each state group shall constitute the Executive Board.

## Section 2. Powers

The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Chapter between its business meetings, fix the time and place of meetings, make recommendations to the Chapter, and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the Chapter, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Chapter.

## Section 3. Quorum

Voting members of the Executive Board present constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE VII. Committees

### Section 1. The Conference Committee

Two years prior to each annual conference, a Conference Committee shall be organized and shall consist of the Conference Chair (elected and designated Chair-Elect), and the NAHSL Education Committee member, a Program chair and a Hospitality chair, all from the hosting state. Other members of the Conference Committee may be appointed as needed by the Conference Chair.

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### Section 2. Other Committees

A. The Chair shall appoint such other standing and special committees as are necessary and shall appoint committee chairs with the advice and consent of the Executive Board. The Chair shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

B. Each committee shall submit an annual report of its activities to the Chapter Chair prior to the compilation of the Annual Chapter Report for submission to MLA Headquarters.

## ARTICLE VIII. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Chapter in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Chapter may adopt.

## ARTICLE IX Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at the Annual Business Meeting, provided that the proposed amendments have been sent in writing to the entire membership at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting. This notification may be done electronically via email.

Revised 10/92, 10/94, 10/95, 10/96, 01/98, 08/2000, 2002, 2007

Report of the NAHSL 07 Conference Co- Chairs to the NAHSL Executive Board, June 8, 2007

The NAHSL '07 Conference planning Committee is pleased to update the Executive Board on progress and developments since our last report in March. The Conference planning is progressing well and all members of the conference committee and its subcommittees are working hard and well together (hardly any fights.)

The program is basically set. There will be three breakout sessions on the Monday afternoon, October 28, that will not be repeated. This will make room for the RAC Players dramatic presentation to be held at a surprise location.

- We have multiple keynotes and themes: John Abramson on Big Pharma and social responsibility, Roy Tennant on technology social and otherwise, and Lori Alvord, on cross-cultural competencies and Helene Langevin on integrative therapies.
- A more complete preliminary program will be posted at the same time as the registration form.
- The conference web site (<http://www.nahsl.org/2007/>) has new updates including pictures of the plenary speakers.
- Final information submission deadline for inclusion in the full program is August 1.
- Mark Funk MLA President has been invited to speak at the Tuesday Breakfast Business meeting, and he has tentatively accepted but we don't have a written confirmation as yet.

### **Hospitality/Local Arrangements**

Maureen Dunn, Hospitality Co-chair, just had a baby. Mother and child are doing fine. Peggy Sleeth (Dartmouth) will co-chair until Maureen is back in full swing.

We will probably have 2 choices for the dinner. 3 choices adds a 5\$ charge to each plate.

*Question for the NAHSL Exec. Board: We assume the NER arranges the Breakfast for the Resource Library Directors meeting? Or how does that work?*

*What is the traditional level of libations for NAHSL Executive Board, scheduled for Monday AM? There will be expanded continental in the exhibit area, will that suffice?*

In order to have a greener conference, it was decided that we will not give out book/tote bags. Attendees will be encouraged to bring a NAHSL bag from years gone by, and extra clean and near- new conference bags to share. Don't worry. There will be special Vermont goodies to tote home in the old bags.

**Registration** The registration form will be posted early next week (week of June 18) and conference registration will be open. CE and meal choices are included on the form.

**Hotel :** Over seventy people have booked one or more nights for the Conference at the Woodstock Inn so far. There is still plenty of room except for the Saturday night, where we are approaching the contracted limit but have not exceeded it. There is sufficient parking at the hotel for cars. Some lots are a little farther away than others.

**Publicity** The Publicity Committee will mail the save the date postcard to NAHSL members early next week also (as soon as the registration form is posted).

**Exhibits** The “Invitation to Exhibit” announcement was sent to potential vendors/exhibitors several months ago. To date there are 19 vendors who have confirmed (and paid) that they are participating. We are expecting to have a total of 22.

In sum, we’ve done a lot but there is still much more to do. Please contact the Co-chairs with questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marianne Burke  
William Garrity  
NAHSL '07 Conference Co-Chairs  
June 8, 2007

## Electronic Communications Report – Ed Donnald

June 2007

- Committee members should continue to be on lookout for material to be posted under the News section of the homepage and send to Ed.
- Recent additions to the website include NPDF awardees for MLA '07 Registration & MLA HSL award winners.
- Len, Shirley, Carole and I recently visited the Harvard Depository and reviewed NAHSL archived materials. Original documents on the development of the organization (circa 1958) as well as conference materials for subsequent decennary (or decennium??) meetings ( '68, '78, '88 etc.) was identified and I'm currently exploring the scanning options available to me at my new job. I'm also working on developing webpage for this new material that will be in the E-Archives.

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Report to the NAHSL Executive Board  
Governmental Relations Comm.  
June 8, 2007  
Barbara Ingrassia, Chair

I attended the Governmental Relations Comm meeting at MLA on May 21, at 7:30 am.

The GRC addressed several important areas this year:

- FY07 NLM funding
- NIH reauthorization
- Closing of EPA libraries
- Scholarly publishing and the Federal Research Public Access Act (FRPAA)
- Orphan works legislation
- Digital Millennium Copyright Act exemption rule making
- Intellectual property and international copyright issues
- Work of the Library of Congress Section 108 Working group
- Health information technology legislation and regulations
- PATRIOT Act Reauthorization

Means of communication with the membership included monthly updates in MLA FOCUS and Action Alerts. MLA joined other library organizations in presenting testimony, signing letters and amici briefs, visiting members of Congress, issuing press releases and fact sheets, etc.

A major accomplishment was the completion of the revision of MLA's statement, "The Copyright Law and the Health Sciences Librarian." The online publication is a revision of the 1989 edition.

[www.mlanet.org/members/copyright](http://www.mlanet.org/members/copyright)

A new brochure has been prepared to advertise this major revision. (See reverse of this page.)

On May 31, 2007, an Action Alert was issued encouraging the medical library community to contact members of the House Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee and their own members of Congress to support the following provisions:

- A 6.7 % funding increase for NIH
- Authorizing the necessary resources to construct a new facility for NLM
- A change to the NIH public access policy so that it becomes mandatory and that authors submit their articles into PubMed Central as soon as possible, and no later than 12 months.

The members of the House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee include Rosa DeLauro of Ct, and Patrick J. Kennedy of RI.

Mary Langman, MLA Staff Liaison, reports that faxes and telephone calls are more effective than e-mail message.

Marketing Committee Report  
June 2007

Hi Janene. Unfortunately, I will not be able to make it this Friday. I am off to SUNY Stony Brook on Long Island for the NEGEA meeting (I think that Charlie Greenberg is attending as well) that runs Friday and Saturday. But, I do have a list of items that you can share (in abbreviated/edited form, which may be best) as part of my report:

- First, my thanks to the Executive Board as well as Janet and her committee for giving me a professional development award to attend MLA this year. The receipt of this scholarship allowed me to attend MLA (where I was presenting a poster) and to then use my professional development funds from U Mass to, of course, attend NAHSL 07 but also to attend the NEGEA 07 meeting. The NEGEA (North East Group on Educational Affairs) is a branch of the AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges) comprised of curriculum directors from medical schools in our geographic area. A group of us library educators from NAHSL-land submitted a proposal to become a new special interest group called LIME (Libraries in Medical Education) within NEGEA and were accepted. This means that for the first time, many of us from the library education side of the fence will be sitting at the table with the curriculum directors and deans from our schools in order to emphasize the importance of the library and librarians in the education of our medical students. I am hoping that if NAHSL 07 has a poster session this year, I/we from this new group can submit a poster.
- Last year, I/my committee was charged with developing a list of NAHSL members that participated at MLA by either speaking, presenting a poster or teaching a class. Due to many circumstances, the details of which I will not bore you, that didn't happen last year. But, I just sent off that list of NAHSL participants at MLA 07 to Ed to be posted on the NAHSL web site.
- The 50th anniversary committee met once at the Harvard Depository (home of the NAHSL archives) to begin planning for a year-long 50th anniversary celebration for NAHSL. Ed took a lot of material (conference programs, correspondence, etc.) with him to digitally scan and Carole spoke with the MLA Oral History folk during MLA to see if there is any material from them that we can use. We talked about a few specific ideas such as awarding 2 or 3 certificates for conference registrations for NAHSL 08 at the 1958 price (\$9.40 for registration including the banquet) during this year's meeting in VT. This of course would need either EB approval or would be part of an anticipated budget that I/we will submit for calendar year 2008. We also discussed doing something (a poster??) for MLA 08 in Chicago - but, I am hoping to continue this conversation as I think that we can do better than just a poster!! We will probably meet again during the summer, either in person or online, but certainly before the September board meeting, to discuss further ideas.
- And, as Program Chair for the NAHSL 08 meeting (members of this group include Andy Dzaugis, Conference Chair, as well as Javier Crespo, Fran Becker and Martha Prescott), I/we have been looking at tying the 08 program to our 50th anniversary celebration. We have a few irons in the fire but no commitments yet for speakers but if our plan works out the way we would like, we are going to have a dynamite program in Lowell next year!
- Lastly, after giving it a lot of thought, I think that I am going to have to end my chairpersonship of the Marketing Committee following the 2007 conference. I have been on the NAHSL EB since 1999, first as Marketing Chair for two years, then as conference chair, chair, etc. and now back in marketing. Not only have I

signed on to be Program Chair for 2008, a big commitment in itself, I think that it is always good to have new people rotate through the board. I think that I might be the person with the longest tenure at the moment! And, I will be happy to stay on as chair of the 50th anniversary committee as well until the last glass of champagne is consumed at the 2008 banquet. I wanted to let you know about my decision re. marketing chair now, though, so that you would have plenty of time to consider a replacement.

That's all for now. Have a good meeting and a great summer! - Len

Len Levin, MS LIS, MA, AHIP  
Manager, Educational Programming  
Lamar Soutter Library  
University of Massachusetts Medical School



**North Atlantic Health Science Libraries (NAHSL)**  
**Membership Report**  
**MLA 2007**  
**Philadelphia, PA**

NAHSL membership increased in 2007! 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 seven NAHSL student members, which three less than the same time last year.

2007, 2006, and 2005 membership as of May:

<b>State</b>	<b>2007 Members</b>	<b>2006 Members</b>	<b>2005 Members</b>
Connecticut	44	45	53
Massachusetts	93	92	92
Maine	20	21	19
New Hampshire	22	13	13
Rhode Island	17	16	17
Vermont	17	16	13
New Jersey*	1	0	0
New York*	1	0	0
Pennsylvania*	1	3	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>209</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 plans to distribute our new membership brochure at the MLA Chapter Council booth and at the New Member/First Time Attendee Breakfast to promote NAHSL membership during the MLA conference.

I am pleased to report that there are 15 new NAHSL members so far this year, which is the same number as last year this time. 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.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Penny Glassman  
NAHSL Membership Chair  
May 11, 2007  
Technology Coordinator  
NN/LM NER  
Univ. of Massachusetts Medical School

**NAHSL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS**  
**MLA 2007 – Philadelphia**

A total of fourteen awards were given to NAHSL members to cover registration fees for MLA 2007 in Philadelphia. Of these, ten (10) were in the amount of \$405 to cover the Inclusive Registration, and four (4) were in the amount of \$295 were for the Conference Only Registration. On (1) \$295 recipient was unable to attend the conference, and MLA therefore did not bill NAHSL for this registration. The total amount awarded then was:

10 @ \$405	\$ 4,050
<u>3 @ \$295</u>	<u>\$ 885</u>
TOTAL	\$ 4,935

Recipients:

Bette Bissonnette  
Saints Medical Center  
Lowell MA

Katherine Brunjes  
Central Maine Medical Center  
Lewiston ME

Lynn Crispo  
Gaylord Hospital  
Wallingford CT

Jill Golrick  
Norwalk Hospital  
Norwalk CT

Nancy Goodwin  
Middlesex Hospital  
Middletown CT

Anne-Marie Kaminsky  
Lawrence & Memorial Hospital  
New London CT

Len Levin  
UMass Med School  
Worcester MA

Linda Spadaccini

Waterbury Hospital  
Waterbury CT

Marilyn Steinberg  
MA College of Pharmacy  
Boston MA

Regina Swanson  
Lifespan/Rhode Island Hospital  
Providence RI

Susan Warthman  
Lifespan/Rhode Island Hospital  
Providence RI

Brenda Wong  
Johnson Memorial Hospital  
Stafford Springs

Kandace Yeun  
Waterbury Hospital  
Waterbury CT

*Award approved, but registration cancelled and therefore not billed by MLA:*  
*Amy Frey*  
*Hospital for Special Care*  
*New Britain CT*

**NAHSL Executive Board**  
**June 8, 2007**  
**ARIHSL report to NAHSL**

***ARIHSL***

1. *Next ARIHSL general meeting is June 20th. This is the annual dinner meeting with a brief*

*business meeting. The dinner will be held at Ribs and Company in Johnston, RI.*

2. Arline Dyer is the new librarian at Memorial Hospital in Pawtucket. She started on May 7<sup>th</sup>.
3. Misty Tolleson, Library Technician started at Rhode Island Hospital on April 16<sup>th</sup>.
4. A part-time Library Technician position is available at Rhode Island Hospital.
5. Tjalda Nauta has retired as Director of the James P. Adams Library at Rhode Island College.
6. Several ARIHSL members attended MLA in Philadelphia: Tovah Reis and Janet Crager from Brown U., Robin Devin from URI, Ruthann Gildea from Butler Hospital, Pat Padula from Landmark Medical Center and Regina Swanson and Susan Warthman from Rhode Island Hospital. Ruthann along with Len Levin from UMass Medical presented a poster.
7. ARIHSL is looking at revising the Library Section of the Rhode Island Department of Health Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Hospitals. We're using a WiKi to do the revisions. Recently, these R&Rs helped save a hospital library from being closed down.
8. Slate of officers for 2007-2008:

President:	Ruthann Gildea
VP/ President-Elect:	Barbara Davis
Past President:	Mary Zammarelli
Secretary:	Pat Padula
Treasurer:	Jo-Anne Aspri
9. It is the consensus of the ARIHSL Board that NAHSL Professional Development fund should be used to support members at NAHSL sponsored

or MLA-sponsored educational programs, since that is the purpose of NAHSL.

## **RI-Statewide**

The Senate has approved legislation to create the Library of Rhode Island Network (LORI) that would allow libraries around the state to share catalogs, databases and other services. “While creation of the network is dependent on funding, either from the state or federal government, this legislation lays the groundwork for creating the network to link libraries from one end of Rhode Island to the other. This is the first step to improving library services throughout the state,” (bill 2007 - S0390aa). Similar legislation has been introduced in the House. That bill, (2007 - H5589), is currently before the House Committee on Finance. The bill has survived the first round of budget cuts.

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**June 8, 2007**

**CAHSL Members busy at MLA**

CAHSL was well represented at the MLA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia this year. The following, which is by no means comprehensive, lists some of the activities:

- Daniel Dollar (Yale) & Janice Swiatek-Kelley (Quinnipiac University): Co-taught a 6-hr CE, "Managing Electronic Journal Collections: People, Tools and Services" to 17 students, and received excellent evaluations.
- John Gallagher (Yale): Facilitated the Chapter Councils' Assessment and Evaluation roundtable.
- Charles Greenberg (Yale): Co-presented a poster entitled "A CHILI Recipe Contest: Careers in Health Information Librarianship and Informatics" that reported on a national initiative, funded by a 3-year IMLS grant, to promote librarianship and informatics as careers amongst underrepresented minority high school students.
- Shirley Gronholm (Hartford Hospital): In conjunction with several other NAHSL members presented a poster entitled "An Advocacy Service for Hospital Librarians" that reported on 2 resources developed by the Hospital Library subcommittee to advocate for hospital libraries and librarians in the region.
- Shirley Gronholm (Hartford Hospital): Facilitated a Chapter Sharing Roundtable on "Issues in Hospital Librarianship".
- Shirley Gronholm (Hartford Hospital): Convenor for the "Clinical Librarian/Evidence-based Health Care SIG and chaired the SIG meeting.
- Denise Hersey (Yale): Presented a paper entitled "Bringing the Mountain to Mohammed: having a Librarian in the Operating Room area" which reported on her work with the Anesthesiology Dept.
- Denise Hersey (Yale): Co-presented a poster w/ Holly Nardini and Lynn Sette entitled "Ringling in a New Service: The Library as a Partner in Publishing" that reported on the launch of an in-house Biomedical Writing Center that offers various levels of publication support to researchers and faculty.
- Jacqueline Lewis (UConn HC): Conducted the EFTS User's Group meeting that had @ 40 attendees.
- Evelyn Morgen (UConn HC): Gave the welcome and introduction to the EFTS User's Group Meeting.
- Linda Spadacinni (Waterbury Hospital): Panelist "Improving Library-Vendor Relationships." The panel was made up of 4 librarians and 4 vendors. See <http://library-vendor-relations.blogspot.com>
- Amy Frey (Hospital for Special Care, New Britain): Following the plenary session "Health Literacy: rEvolution in Roles", was scheduled to moderate a Health Information Literacy Panel.

**Members Grateful for NAHSL support**

Seven CAHSL members received NAHSL Professional Development Awards. These Librarians were extremely grateful for the financial support they received from NAHSL to attend this year's MLA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. One recipient writes:

*I did not participate in the MLA program but I did receive a grant from MLA/HLS for professional development. I took three CE classes at MLA and attended the Awards Luncheon. This grant gave me an opportunity for professional*

*development which I otherwise would not have especially since I work in a small, acute care hospital and we do not have the budget for CE classes at full cost. I also received a grant from NAHSL for registration for MLA. I received this grant because I am a first-time attendee to this national conference. It was a wonderful experience for me to attend this conference. I am very fortunate and feel grateful to receive this funding from MLA and NAHSL.*

*Brenda Wong  
Medical Library  
Johnson Memorial Hospital*

### **Previous CAHSL Meetings**

April 11, 2007 – Hospital for Special Care, New Britain

Guest speaker: Dr. John Pelegano, Chief of Pediatrics, Hospital for Special Care Interim Director of Children with Special Healthcare Needs Clinic at CCMC, gave a very interesting presentation entitled “Autism – an overview (Incidence, Etiologies and Therapies). Dr. Pelegano’s areas of expertise include developmental disabilities and the care of children who are technology-dependent.

**Salary survey** – To have relevant and accurate information regarding salaries of librarians in Connecticut, CAHSL is conducting a salary survey of its members. It is hoped that the data compiled in this salary survey will be beneficial in identifying a salary level for new positions consistent with the market level. This data will be useful for librarians writing job descriptions for vacant positions within their libraries.

**NEJM and other Core Journals Consortium** – Interest was expressed amongst some CAHSL librarians to organize group purchasing of core journals from vendors. A sub-committee has been formed to investigate what titles might be suitable candidates for consortial purchase and which libraries are interested in participating.

**CAHSL Speaker at SCSU** - On April 16, 2007, as part of CAHSL’s effort to attract MLS students to Health Science Librarianship, Pat Wales represented CAHSL as a speaker in a class on Special Libraries to MLS students at SCSU’s LIS program.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

The CAHSL annual dinner meeting is scheduled for June 27. The slate of incoming Officers and new Committee Chairs is as follows:

President – Katalin Gyorgyey  
Vice President – Ellen Brassil  
Secretary – Lynn Crispino  
Treasurer – Linda Ann Kaczmarczyk  
Bylaws Committee – Lynn Sette  
Continuing Education – Anne-Marie Kaminsky  
Programming Committee – Todd Lane

**HSL/VT Report**  
**June 2007**

**Highlights --** (and names may be mis-spelled...my apologies-)

New librarians: Jeanette Schaffer - Vermont College, Montpelier, VT  
Gary Strubel - Southwest Vermont Medical Center, Bennington, VT

**Membership in HSL-VT** stands at 41 members. New members include Anne Wirkkala (NH Technical Institute, Concord); Gary Strubel (SW VT Medical Ctr, Bennington ), Kathy Connor (Frisbie Memorial Hospital, Rochester, NH), & Robin Paradis-Montibello (Exeter Hospital, Exeter, NH).

**Honors:** Sheila Hayes, Portsmouth Regional Hospital , Portsmouth NH, rec'ed an award at MLA for the use of technology in her library....

**Special thanks** go to Anne Connor (Littleton Regional) for finding a meeting space for the Spring meeting; Nancy Bianchi, Deb Emerson, & Shiela Phillipe for putting the Spring meeting together.

**Spring meeting presenters:**

Margo Coletti: "MAHSLIN & MMS: a working relationship:

Marianne Burke & Shiela Phillipe: "VT Go Local"

Francis Delwiche : "From case reports to RCTs: Evaluating clinical research studies"

**At yesterday's VT/NH meeting,** I announced that I will not be able to fulfill the duties of the bi-state representative, going into 2008, and have requested that nominations be made to fulfill the position, and that an elective process take place at the October meeting in Woodstock. This should not change my attendance at the September or December meetings....hoping that the "new" rep will be able to attend the Dec. meeting, also.

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**HSLIC Report for NAHSL – June 8, 2007**

**Submitted by Tamera Race, The Aroostook Medical Center, Health Sciences Library**

**HSLIC Executive Board 2007 – 2008**

Chairperson: Kathy Brunjes, Central Maine Medical Center  
Chair-Elect: Happy Copley, St. Mary's Regional Medical Center  
Treasurer: Nancy Curtis, University of Maine - Orono  
Past Chairperson: Natalie Hutchinson, St. Joseph's College, Wellehan Library  
Secretary: Emily Scribner, Franklin Memorial Hospital  
HSLIC Regional Rep's: Area I, Marj Andersen, Mercy Hospital; Area II, Gabriella Howard, University of Maine – Augusta; Area III, Cindy White, Eastern Maine Medical Center, Parrot Health Sciences Library

For additional contact information and committees/delegates to other organizations, please see the HSLIC web site: <http://library.umassmed.edu/hslc/officers.html>.

**The HSLIC Spring Membership Meeting was held May 25, 2007 at Husson College in Bangor.**

Key points from our business meeting include:

- Election of officers. The 2007 – 2008 Executive Board is listed above.
- Budget approval. HSLIC members agreed to increase our scholarship fund to \$4, 000, travel reimbursement to \$2, 000, and established a line item for “Annual Focus Funds” (\$4, 000). Guidelines for disbursement of the focus funds will be discussed at the next Board meeting. Possibilities for projects include a mini-grants program for HSLIC member institutions.
- Resource sharing. Kathy Brunjes has continued to coordinate efforts to arrange a consortial agreement for HSLIC hospital libraries to purchase electronic access to the New England Journal of Medicine. The goal is to finalize the number of participating libraries by the end of June.
- Education. Carin Dunay will be surveying HSLIC members about their education needs. Also, there was discussion about additional trainings provided by Donna Berryman, and possibly scheduling a combined training with Maine Library Districts as part of an automation summit meeting.
- Membership. Dina McKelvy reported that there were 22 paid memberships. Members were asked to complete a survey as part of their membership renewal. Dina is collecting this information and will make a report summarizing the findings.
- NAHSL. Dina is the new Professional Development Representative for NAHSL.
- NN/LM, NER. Javier Crespo reported that the newsletter would be available by the end of May. Also, an announcement for outreach grant proposals will be available on the NAHLS listserv in the near future.
- Cairn Award Presentation. The year's Cairn Award recipient was Deb Clark of Stephens Memorial Hospital. The Cairns award is presented each year to a HSLIC member who has demonstrated distinguished librarianship. Local press available at: [http://www.sunjournal.com/story/215490-3/Business/WMH\\_librarian\\_gets\\_award/](http://www.sunjournal.com/story/215490-3/Business/WMH_librarian_gets_award/)

Post-business meeting, there was a panel discussion about the challenges that small hospital libraries face and how HSLIC has helped the library staff meet those challenges. Discussion included how HSLIC and other organizations such as the Regional Medical Library can assist with meeting those challenges in the future.

Our keynote speaker was Rob Favini, Program Director, Educational Services, NELINET Inc. Rob described the basics of creating meaningful surveys for libraries. Rob also demonstrated the

use of Survey Monkey, using examples from educational program surveys conducted at NELINET.

**Next Executive Board meeting date is scheduled for June 28, at Kennebec Valley Community College in Fairfield.**

**Upcoming Meeting Dates**

HSLIC Executive Board Meetings: August 23 at Maine General in Augusta.

## MAHSLIN report to the NAHSL Executive Committee 06/08/07

Submitted by Margo Coletti, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

### **MAHSLIN Executive Board 2007 – 2008**

President:	Bette Bissonnette, Saints Memorial Medical Center
President-Elect:	Christine Fleuriel, Dana Farber Cancer Institute
Treasurer:	Pat Vigorito, Morton Hospital and Medical Center
Past President:	Margo Coletti, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
Secretary:	Julia Whelan, Countway Library of Medicine

For additional contact information, please see the MAHSLIN web site:

<http://www.mahslin.org>

- IN MARCH, MAHSLIN formed a small "Hospital Library Committee" to discuss **Massachusetts requirements for CME certification** with the Massachusetts Medical Society. We met with 2 officials from the CME committee in March and forged a plan to go forward. The Hospital Library Committee is utilizing the MLA Standards for Hospital Libraries as a foundation for its recommendations. A work product will be taken to the MMS in August which will be presented to the MMS CME committee in the fall.

MAHSLIN's Education Committee, with financial assistance from NAHSL, sponsored the **MLA Webcast: *Survival of the Fittest: Strategies to Prove Your Library's Value***, on March 7<sup>th</sup> at Children's Hospital in Boston.

- APRIL 27<sup>th</sup> was the date of the **MAHSLIN Annual Meeting, *Safety: You Do Make a Difference***. Topics included:
  - healthcare information standards
  - creating a culture of patient safety
  - medical abbreviations
  - healthcare literacy
  - medication reconciliation
  - library ergonomics

A new award was announced at the Annual Meeting, the **Paul Vaiginas Professional Award**, named after Paul Vaiginas, one of the founders of MAHSLIN, who passed away early this year. Recipients of the Award were Alison Clapp and Nathan Norris. **The MAHSLIN Hall of Fame** award was received by Lucretia McClure.

A change to MAHSLIN's **Bylaws** was approved at the Annual Meeting which will allow "meetings by electronic method" for the general membership (in addition to the Annual Meeting).

- IN MAY, a committee of 13 MAHSLIN librarians began work on "translating" the terms in MLA's first **Medspeak** brochure into "**plain language**" (aimed at 5<sup>th</sup> grade level). This effort is coordinated by Alison Clapp, in cooperation with MLA.

- UPCOMING: On June 29<sup>th</sup>, MAHSLIN will co-sponsor with NAHSL a 6-hour program, ***Getting Magnetized: Search and Service Strategies for Nursing Excellence*** at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. MLA CEU credits and Nursing CE units will be earned for attendance.

Chapter Council Report  
(NAHSL Executive Board Meeting June 8, 2007)

1. MLA Priorities 2007/2008

- ONLY CONNECT! - Connecting to Ourselves and Connecting to Others.
- Copy of document distributed attached
- Action item – Mark Funk, MLA President, is putting together a Task Force on Social Networking Software. It will be composed of seven people including liaisons from the MLANET Editorial Board, Section Council, and Chapter Council. In addition, a board liaison and staff liaison will be appointed. The task force will be appointed for a two-year term and be charged with investigating issues surrounding the implementation of blogs, wikis, RSS feeds, and other social networking tools for MLA and its units

2. Section Council – a Task Force is being formed to look at its organization and function

3. Surveys – If the Chapter is conducting a survey that is sent outside the organization (MLA), MLA permission is needed. No approval is needed for internal surveys.

4. Future MLA Meetings – MLA has established a relationship with Hilton Hotels.

Future meeting locations:

2008	Chicago
2009	Hawaii
2010	Washington DC
2011	Minneapolis
2012	Seattle
2013	Baltimore
2014	Chicago

5. The MLA website has been completely redesigned and will debut around the time of Chapter Fall meetings

6. Meeting Planning Guide – The Chapter Council website has a draft “Guidelines for Planning Chapter Meetings” see [http://www.chaptercouncil.mlanet.org/projects\\_programs/index.html](http://www.chaptercouncil.mlanet.org/projects_programs/index.html) . Though NAHSL has established good processes and procedures, worth looking at for additional information. **Also, reminder from MLA – as early as possible, (even years in advance) give MLA dates so they can arrange to have someone attend.**

7. Report from Executive Director, Carla Funk

- Three new Medspeak brochures now available – HIV/AIDS, Stroke, Eye Disease
- Revised “The Copyright Law and the Health Sciences Librarian” – in Members Only section of MLANET, see <http://mlanet.org/members/copyright/index.html>
- MLA membership – 627 new members, 806 members have left

- Approximately 2500 in attendance at MLA 2007 in Philly (including exhibitors)

#### Discussion Points for Board Meeting

- Most Chapters bring printed materials (including a brochure) for display. Do we have a printed brochure? Is it worth printing one?
- Chapter Sharing Round Tables – motion to approve 2 seats at the roundtables (rather than a dollar amount, as this will change from year to year)
- MLA Focus – discontinue forwarding to list (as per MLA), only selected items – and is it possible to only send to non MLA members?

Benchmarking Report  
NAHSL Board Meeting June 8, 2007

The MLA Benchmarking Editorial Board is working on the survey, with expectations that it will go out for testing in August, and then will be launched in the fall. There will be some changes ...

- The Profile Section, which usually doesn't change from year to year, will be pre-populated with information from the previous survey (if one was completed).
- For the CORE questions, previous responses will be shown, and there will be a box to enter the current response.
- Surveys will be date-stamped (transparent to the person completing the survey) so that the liaisons can encourage people to complete the survey if they see a significant amount of time has lapsed since it was last accessed.
- More than 30 questions will be of the yes/no type
- Data from the Canadian Hospital Library Association will also be included

Board Discussion

As I am now serving on the Benchmarking Editorial Board, I would ask that the NAHSL Board appoint a new Chapter Benchmarking Liaison. Although it's possible to serve in both capacities, this would be an ideal opportunity to encourage someone new to become engaged in Chapter activities. Also serving as Chapter Council Rep may prove to be too much for me!

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Cowen

Member, Benchmarking Editorial Board  
NAHSL Chapter Benchmarking Liaison