

NAHSL Executive Board Meeting

December 7, 2007

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

New England Regional Medical Library
Shrewsbury, MA

Present: Marianne Burke, Janene Batten, Andy Dzaugis, Nancy Harger, Mark Gentry, Margo Coletti, Mark Goldstein, Barbara Ingrassia, Penny Glassman, Janet Cowen, Carole Foxman, Shirley Gronholm, Mary Ann Slocomb, Tammera Race, Javier Crespo, Joan Yanicke, Hongjie Wang, Mary Ellen Bowen, Heather Blunt.

Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Under the treasurer's report: there was discussion about using the last \$800 of the professional development funds that have not been spent.

Motion passed to spend \$300 for prize (gift card) for participating in the benchmarking survey and we will not spend the last \$500. The minutes were approved as amended.

Officers Reports

Chair's Report Marianne Burke reviewed the Conference '07 attendee evaluation which was distributed to Board. She noted the very positive overall evaluation and thanked Board members for their support of the conference. The Chair proposed that the evaluation results be posted on the NAHSL website. Penny Glassman webmaster agreed to look into this.

Secretary's Report - Nancy Harger—no report.

Treasurer's Report - Mark Goldstein The treasurer reported the current NAHSL account balance to be \$87,445.77 at this date and that NAHSL finances are in good shape even though expenses for '07 will exceed the planned budget and income by several thousand dollars. A proposed budget for 2008 was distributed and discussed. The increase in travel expense was noted. Mark explained that there is additional expense because there are additional Board members and state representatives coming from a distance (Vermont and Maine) and there are increased mileage costs. There are no funds budgeted for a new logo. The marketing committee needs to discuss and then bring a proposal to the Board.

Past – Chair Report - Janene Batten (See Nominating Committee)

Chair Elect – Andy Dzaugis: see NAHSL '08 report.

Committee Reports

Archives (Carole Foxman): no report.

Bylaws (Mark Gentry): The By Laws changes were passed at the Annual Conference. The voting status for the state representatives to the NAHSL Board was changed so that state reps can now vote on the NAHSL Board and their expenses for attendance are now paid by NAHSL. Mark will form a By-laws Committee and will be working on updating the policy and procedure manual.

Chapter Council (Janet Cowen—alternate: Cindy Hutchison): no report.

Conference '08 (Andy Dzaugis): Conf '08 is moving along smoothly (see report). Mary Ann Slocomb suggested we invite the MLA president early because

of NAHSL's 50th anniversary and because the President gets many invitations. We also need to invite NLM early.

Conference '09 (Dina McKelvey): 17 people are on the planning committee and they have already met three times. They are talking about how to communicate—wicky or googledoc or a blog. They are looking at Maine sites--the Samoset in Rockport, Maine and Sunday River (September date) and have considered the Woodstock Inn. The Conference is tentatively scheduled for October 26th-28th, 2009.

Education (Heather Blunt): The Committee is meeting next month to review the evaluations from the conference and requests for education. The Committee is considering some distance education. Members of the Committee are: Nathan Norris, Alison Clapp, Laura Haines, Cynthia Arnold, and Jim Salisbury. The November 20th MLA web cast is still available until December 26. Education Committee will publicize that.

Electronic Communications (Ed Donnal—not present): see report.

Finance (Mark Goldstein): Mileage reimbursement rate has changed again. Mark will update the NAHSL reimbursement form. Insurance for Chapter Officers was suspended for this year, but MLA has reinstated the insurance. We paid last year for the insurance so will re-apply those funds to this coming year.

Government Relations (Barbara Ingrassia /Margo Coletti): Barbara noted that the public access mandate is still alive in Congress. NAHSL members need to be in touch with our reps and senators about this. Barbara noted that this is her last meeting on the Executive Board. She thanked NAHSL for the opportunity to serve and members of the Board thanked her for her service. Margo Colletti assumed the Chair of Government Relations and said she was forming a Committee to promote the Government Relations work in the region.

Marketing (Mary Ellen Bowen): Mary Ellen is the new Chair of Marketing Committee. She has been in touch with Len Levin – past Chair - and she is looking for Committee members. She already has members Marilyn Pittman and Ann Marie Kominsky on the Committee. There was a suggestion that the Committee prepare a news item or a press release about the conference and about the NAHSL award winner.

Membership (Penny Glassman): Penny reported that NAHSL currently has 223 members. She said that perhaps membership could be increased by contacting library schools and agreed that the Membership Committee would do that. There will be a test of Pay Pal as a means to pay for membership by credit card. Penny has several volunteers to do this.

Nominating (Janene Batten): Janene reported that she has formed a Committee to nominate people for the elected positions which will come open in October 2008. The positions will be Treasurer, Secretary, and Conference Chair '10 (Rhode Island) / NAHSL Chair Elect.

Members of the Nominating Committee are: Janene Batten (Chair), Anne Fladger (MA) afladger@partners.org and Anne Conner aconner@litletonhospital.org

Professional Development (Hongjie Wang): The Committee held a telephone conference on November 29 to discuss policy and procedure changes proposed by Dina McKelvey outgoing Chair. Hongjie reminded the Board that the members of this Committee include the CE Chair, Current Chair, past NAHSL and others - all from the Board. Mark suggested including a member of a marketing Committee. Discussion about the configuration of the membership of the Committee followed. Mary Ann Slocomb suggested a hospital librarian member. The Past-Chair has been appointed this year. Hongjie is considering an “at large” member on the committee. In terms of planning, the Committee is thinking about splitting the funds between MLA and NAHSL more exactly because we want to encourage people to go to NAHSL. The proposed awarding of funds for programs outside of NAHSL is currently on hold pending policy development.

Liaison and Representative Reports

Credentialing (Joan Yanicke): Joan sent out a summary. Schedule open forum at a time when people can come and there is no conflict with classes.

Benchmarking (Shirley Gronholm): As of December 6th 116 completed surveys that have been returned to MLA. 19 of the completed surveys have come from NAHSL. We are the current leader in number of completed surveys. The next closed chapter is South Central Chapter with 13 completed surveys.

NNLM –NER (Javier Crespo): The following announcements were made: The NER office has sent out a mailing concerning the health hotline. Laurie Fennell is the new outreach coordinator. There was an emergency preparedness program last month. There was a meeting last Monday with people who are involved in historical collections-- to be put into NN/LM's collection. The University of Connecticut has been approved for GoLocal project. NNLM will be moving from the current site to a new site—to be determined.

MLA Nominating Committee nominee (Evelyn Morgan): Not present

State Reports

ARIHSL (Mary Ann Slocomb): See report.

CAHSL (John Gallagher): Not present. See report.

HSL NH/VT (Claire La Force): Not present. See report. The steering committee is planning a program for the spring.

HSLIC (Tammera Race): see report.

MAHSLIN (Margo Coletti): see report. The new MAHSLIN representative is Meg McNichol.

Old Business

1. An issue came up at the Conference in the about whether state reps need to be MLA members. The Board discussion noted that it is unclear from our Bylaws and policies whether this is so. Bylaws Committee Chair Mark Gentry stated that they do need to be members of NAHSL to be voting members of the NAHSL Board, but not necessarily MLA.

2. Inaccuracies in the P & P manual should be cleaned up. The will be reviewed annually as a whole and be a guideline. Mark's Committee plans to go through it and make it as accurate, consistent, and helpful to those doing NAHSL work as possible. Chapter Chair Marianne Burke and Secretary Nancy Harger agreed to form a Task group with Mark work on the Manual also.

3. Appointments of Chairs and Committees-- Chairs should appoint committees as soon as possible and let the Secretary and Chair know who the appointees are. Although Committees have often consisted of only the Chair, there are good reasons to have Committees: to do the work of the organization, to increase participation from the membership, and to assure continuity and grow leadership in the organization.

4. Benchmarking Liaison: Shirley Gronholm raised the question of what is the exact role of the Benchmarking Liaison to the NAHSL Board since there is no mention of this role in either the By-laws or the procedure manual. Janet Cowen, the first Benchmarking Liaison, shed some light on this. She said this appointment was at the request of MLA and made by the Chair. Marianne, Shirley and Janet agreed to consider what the official role of the benchmarking liaison is and to consider a change to the procedure manual.

New Business:

1. Chair's goals for the coming year (s)

- ❖ Goal: Broaden overall activity and participation in NAHSL
- ❖ Activities: Appoint members to committees and involve them in NAHSL goals
- ❖ Goal: Make present and future work of medical librarians in New England a focus of communication, advocacy, and marketing both inside and outside the organization
- ❖ Activity: stories of members and send to newspapers, PR, communication to outlets.
- ❖ Goal: Connect NAHSL to Medical Libraries and Librarians throughout the region in all 6 states
- ❖ Activity: Initiate and host NAHSL CE programs in each state
- ❖ Activity: Promote NAHSL and 50th anniversary at all state chapter meetings
- ❖ Activity: Determine possibility and viability of having CEs/programs broadcast for all within the region to take part in if they cannot make the program location

The board reviewed and discussed the goals above and proposed additional goals:

GOAL	ACTIVITY
Foster participation and save money	Options for distance meetings/inventory
Expand membership	Contact academic programs that Health science classes to involve in state organizations. Contact librarians in public libraries who are doing consumer health.
Increase	Create an online calendar on the NAHSL website.

Communication	
Hold events beyond the conference	Build relationship and collaboration Newsletter
Promote medical librarians through the 50th anniversary	
Reach non-members in New England,	State Reports Blog, Include NAHSL news in MLA news, PR, communication, many outlets, Monthly reports
Medical library history	Digitization of archives

These goals and activities will be revised and posted to the members and also Committees will consider which of these goals they should be responsible for.

2. New NAHSL Logo: Motion to add \$3,000 to the budget for this. Discussion about this motion. Motion failed. Marketing Committee will bring a rationale and proposal for change and proposed budget to the next meeting.

There was some interest expressed in changing the name of the organization. Mary Ellen will survey the membership about their interest in changing the name.

3. Motion to approve the proposed budget for 2008 as written. Motion was approved.

Executive Board meeting dates: March 27, 2008
June 19, 2008
September 4, or September 11, 2008
October 20, 2008

Submitted by Nancy Harger on January 2, 2008

Report to the NAHSL Executive Board meeting December 7, 2007

The committee chairs:

Conference Planning Chair – Andy Dzaugis, UMass Memorial Medical Center

Program Chair – Len Levin, UMass Medical School

Education Co-Chairs – Alison Clapp, Children's Hospital

- Nathan Norris, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Hospitality-Local Arrangements Co-Chairs- Bette Bissonnette, Saints Memorial Hospital

Donna Beales, Lowell General Hospital

Exhibits Chair – Martha Prescott, Berkshire Medical Center

Web Page Chair - Penny Glassman, RML

Registration Co-Chairs - Nancy Harger, UMass Medical School

Cecile Bianco, UMass Medical School

Sponsorship/Development Co-Chairs - Jeanie Van der Pyl, Cape Cod Hospital

Terri Niland, Lawrence Memorial Hospital

Publicity Chair - Judy Nordberg, UMass Medical School

Scholarship Co-Chairs - Margo Coletti, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Ann Fladger, Brigham & Women's Hospital

The committee has scheduled meetings once a month until June and then as frequently as the job demands as we get closer to the conference.

The site is the DoubleTree in Lowell Mass. The dates are Oct 19 -21, 2008.

We have three main speakers.

Carolyn M. Clancy, M.D. Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Betsy Humphries, Deputy Director, National Library of Medicine

Beatrix Hoffman, Professor, Northern Illinois University

The theme is trending toward Past Present and Future and it is also the 50th anniversary celebration.

The website <http://www.nahsl.org/2008/index.html> is in its beginning stages.

All in all things are moving along smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Dzaugis

December 7, 2007

Conference Planning Committee:

The CPC has met three times: a kick-off meeting/retreat, a technology meeting, and a conference site visit. The CPC consists of:

Chair: Dina McKelvy (MMC)

Co-Chair: vacant

Sponsors: Janet Cowen (MMC)

Evaluations: Ann Jordan / Doug Macbeth (Jackson Lab)

Exhibitors: Deb Clark (Stephens Memorial)

Finance: Marj Anderson (Mercy)

Secretary: Patty Kahn (PBMC)

Hospitality: Happy Copley (St. Marys) / Cadence Atcheson (UNE)

Local Arrangements: vacant (Patty Kahn, if Samoset)

Program: Kathy Brunjes (CMMC)

Publicity/Signage: Tammera Race (UMPI), Susan Bloomfield (SMMC)

Registration: Patty Williams (FBR)

Scholarship Raffle: Cora Damon / Barb Harness (Maine General)

Web page: Cindy White (EMMC)

AV Coordinator: vacant

CE: Cynthia Arnold (Midcoast)

Yay team!

Site:

The CPC took under serious consideration the membership's interest in holding the conference at the Woodstock Inn. We believed that there should be further discussion of this at the executive board level before we proceeded.

We received initial proposals from the Samoset and Sunday River. We are pursuing the Samoset currently and we are at the "number crunching" stage. Donna Wikstrand has been very helpful to us!

Technology:

The CPC has been exploring tools to help us do our work. We are considering a wiki (<http://nahsl2009.pbwiki.com>) or Google Docs. The fundamental question is do we need to manage and share *information* or *documents*. We are also considering ease of use and storage space for the needs that we have.

The CPC also has a blog for sharing our planning experiences. This will make the planning process more personal and more transparent and might be a resource for CPCs in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Dina McKelvy
CPC 2009 Chair

The NAHSL website has recently been updated with the following:

- Marianne Burke's picture on the homepage.
- Executive Board contact info has been updated.
- The 07-08 Executive Board has also been posted to the Who's Who page.
- Date and location of the next conference has been added to the homepage News section.

Please double check your listing to see if there are corrections needed.

I have also sent emails to two people who indicated (via membership renewal) they would be interested in the Electronic Communication committee in preparation for my replacement later next year. I have not heard back from either of them to date. As I pursue their interest, if you know of anyone who would be interested, let me know. Activities recently undertaken by way of participation on the 50th anniversary committee:

- Worked with Dan Small at Hartford Hospital to develop the 50th Anniversary logo. It is currently on display in the homepage News section.



- Have scanned almost 80 pages of letters and documents from the early years of NAHSL. These include discussions on the creation of the organization and make for some interesting reading.
 - Am investigating software to be used to display the documents on the website.
 - Option 1 (\$50) allows to zoom in and out. E.g. mapping software.
 - Option 2 (\$500) allows to zoom in, scroll, index and organize the photos.
- I've submitted a budget to the Treasurer that would cover either option.

Prepared by Barbara Ingrassia, Outgoing Chair

The main topic over the past few months has been pending legislation in Congress mandating public access of NIH-funded research. It was approved by both the House and the Senate. That provision was part of the Labor Health and Human Services appropriations bill. After reconciliation of other parts of the bill, the reconciled bill was passed by both houses in early November.

On November 13, President Bush vetoed the bill, as he had promised to do. He cited the extra \$22 billion dollars in the bill (above his original request) as excessive. The House of Representatives failed to override the veto.

The good news is that the NIH public access provision has not been cited as a stumbling block during the months of debate on the LHHS bill. (It is a policy change -- not an appropriation, so is not part of the \$22 billion debate.) Mary Langman (of MLA Headquarters) feels confident that the public access policy will be OK.

On December 4, an MLA FOCUS—Special Edition was issued with the following message:

As a member of the medical library community, you are urged to call or fax your two senators and your member of the House of Representatives by **December 7** with the following message:

“As Congress works towards finishing the appropriations process for fiscal year 2008, please make sure to include \$30 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and language requiring all investigators funded by NIH to deposit their final peer-reviewed manuscripts in NIH’s PubMed Central within 12 months of publication, no matter what the final appropriations package looks like. Please tell me what action you have taken to ensure this outcome.”

To identify your two senators and one representative, please visit www.congress.org and enter your 5- or 9-digit zip code. Contact information is available on legislators' individual Web pages.

Thank you!

This is my final report to the NAHSL Executive Board as Chair of the Governmental Relations Comm. As I look back on the issues we have addressed together over the past few years, many key pieces of legislation come to mind.

In addition to NIH/NLM and healthcare/education funding:

- TEACH Act (Technology, Education and Copyright Harmonization Act)

- UCITA (Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act)
- Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension
- USA PATRIOT Act
- Closing of EPA libraries
- NIH Public Access

Thank you for your support of the activities of this committee over the years. Best Wishes to Margo Coletti as she assumes the position of Chair.

Barbara Ingrassia

**Professional Development Committee Report to NAHSL Executive
Committee
12/7/07**

PD Committee held a teleconference on 11/29/07 to discuss PD Fund Policy and Procedures Proposal prepared by Dina McKelvy. Presented at the telemeeting were Dina McKelvy, Marianne Burke, Mark Goldstein, Hongjie Wang and Heather Blunt.

Decisions and Issues

- Break the “Proposal” into three parts: Policy, Procedure and How-To. Put Policy and Procedure and the application form on the Web for NAHSL members, and keep the “How to” among PD members for internal use.
- PD Committee will be composed of 5 members from NAHSL Executive Board
 - PD Chair
 - NAHSL current chair
 - NAHSL Treasure
 - Past NAHSL Chair
 - CE Chair
- Add “Level of Institutional support” in Application Form
- For 2008, budget for \$9,000, splitting the amount evenly between MLA and NAHSL (\$4,500 for MLA; \$4,500 for NAHSL) without the third category for Non-MLA/Non-NAHSL to focus on MLA and NAHSL CE.
- More discussion is needed to address other issues.



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ARIHSL report to NAHSL

ARIHSL

1. ARIHSL general meeting was November 14th and held at South County Hospital in Wakefield, RI. The speaker was Kamila Barzykowski of United Way and she spoke about 2-1-1 in Rhode Island.
The next meeting is Wednesday, March 20th. The morning meeting will be held at Miriam Hospital in Providence. Cynthia Padula, R.N., M.S., Ph.D., head of the master's program in nursing at Rhode Island College, will speak on magnet status for hospitals.
2. Two ARIHSL members attended the National Osteoporosis Foundation conference on 11/1/07 and left PubMed bookmarks, information card, and MLA Medspeak brochures for participants to take.
3. ARIHSL is developing a poster to display information about the organization at various Conferences, such as the afore mentioned Osteoporosis, and events.
3. NAHSL conference – several ARIHSL members attended the conference in Woodstock, VT.
4. HELIN – Higher Education Library Information Network
The annual conference will be held on January 8, 2008 at Bryant University. This year's topic will be "Libraries above the Fold" and feature speakers Toy Tennant, John Van Oudenaren, and Alex Wright.

RI-Statewide

The Karla Harry Library Commission (statewide databases and one state catalog) is expanding to encompass more projects and drafting legislation to become a permanent commission.

Mary Ann Slocumb
Rhode Island Hospital / Lifespan
ARIHSL representative to NAHSL

**CAHSL Report for NAHSL
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Report on Salary Survey

After considerable input from membership, CAHSL is undertaking a salary survey for the first time since 1986. Members were sent a link to a Survey Monkey questionnaire and asked to complete the ten questions by the end of November. The survey itself is based on a previous MLA survey and assures members the right to opt out of any questions by selecting a “no answer” response to protect their identity. Results will be presented at a future CAHSL meeting by CAHSL Vice-President Ellen Brassil, who worked with Todd Lane and Brenda Wong on creating the survey. During a business meeting discussion, it was suggested that CAHSL update the salary survey at least every five years. It has not been decided how the final data will be circulated but it was agreed that unless CAHSL librarian had requested, no one’s institution would be sent the survey results automatically.

Shared and Consortial Services Committee

Nancy Gilly and Nancy Goodwin are co-chairing this committee that was reformed to coordinate activities associated with shared and/or consortial resource agreements. Spiraling costs for electronic journals and resources in general make the need for leveraging consortial agreements with vendors more important than ever. The committee is currently surveying CAHSL members to determine the level of interest in, or potential for, group acquisition of such resources as online catalogs (EOS), NEJM, JAMA and the Archives.

Continuing Education

On Tuesday, November 20, over 20 members attended the MLA Teleconference on scholarly publishing, which was held at the Middletown Library Service Center. Thanks are extended to NAHSL for funding this session.

Past Meetings

October 8

Guest speaker: Kenneth Lipow, Chief of Neurological Surgery at Bridgeport Hospital presented a talk entitled “Database Telecommunications for Neurosurgery” in which he explained the challenges and

September 25

Guest speakers: Kim Miles and Kim Winter from The Hospital for Special Care presented a program on Therapeutic Recreation in the rehabilitation environment, including pet and horticultural therapies, adaptive equipment and problems and challenges in the field.

Upcoming Meetings

December 13, 2007 - CAHSL Holiday Program

Program will include a guided tour of the Yale University Art Gallery, lunch, and a special lecture and exhibit of “Art in Medicine” provided by Susan Wheeler, Curator of the Cushing/Whitney Medical Library’s Clement C. Fry Print Collection.

Connecticut Association of Health Sciences Librarians

Goals & Objectives 2007-2008 (DRAFT)

The purpose of this Association shall be to stimulate interest in and strengthen health sciences librarianship and libraries in Connecticut. This will be accomplished by:

Promoting an understanding of the health sciences librarian's role and unique abilities in the management of knowledge-based information and eliciting strong support within Connecticut's health care system for the mission of health sciences libraries:

- Continue to promote health sciences librarianship by offering education programs to CHA members.
- Work with faculty and students of the library science program at SCSU to encourage careers in health sciences librarianship.
- Encourage CAHSL members to offer tours and internship opportunities to any interested students.
- Work with the CSMS to continue to ensure that MLA Standards for Hospital Libraries are met by all Connecticut hospitals.

Continually developing and strengthening the knowledge and skills needed by member librarians to meet patient care, research, and educational needs of Connecticut's health care providers. This will be done by providing programs for continuing education and professional development.

- Provide regular educational programs to practicing health sciences librarians.
- Provide at least one MLA-accredited continuing education course.
- Continue to notify members of educational and mentoring opportunities within and beyond the Association.
- Encourage and assist members in membership to AHIP.
- Participate in shared programs with other organizations.

Fostering and strengthening the Association's current system of information exchange and shared resources, both among Association members and within the larger consortia and organizations of which CAHSL is a part.

- Use the CAHSL-L, the CAHSL website, the CAHSL blog and any new and appropriate technologies to promote meetings, programs, classes, and news.
- Promote NN/LM's role in information exchange, shared resources, and institutional support.
- Pursue group purchases of electronic resources.
- Provide support for the development of the GoLocal Connecticut section of NLM's MedlinePlus consumer health website.

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NEWS

Medical Library, Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital: (Alice)Betsy Merrill,
Librarian

The library has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the American Cancer Society to establish a public cancer resource area within the regional cancer treatment center. The Cancer Center is affiliated with Dartmouth Hitchcock. Donors have also contributed money to cover the cost of renovating an existing area. Betsy is interested in hearing from others who have set up such resources for the public in a rural area. Her email is A.Merrill@nvrh.org

Gale Medical Library, Littleton Regional Hospital, Littleton, NH: Anne Conner,
Librarian

The Gale Medical Library is participating in the Northern New Hampshire Health Information Outreach Project, and one of the locations included in this project is the Morrison Nursing Home in Whitefield, NH. The Home hosts a year-long LPN course and students are required to write four papers during their year. Anne will be instructing the students how to use PubMed for their research, rather than just depending on WWW resources.

The library is hosting Sue Stableford in November as a Pfizer Visiting Professor on the topic of Health Literacy and Clear Health Communication.

NAHSL Conference:

About 19 HSL members attended the NAHSL Conference. Several members of HSL were part of the Conference Planning Committee for NAHSL 07. For some, it was their first time working on a regional conference and for a couple, their first time attending a NAHSL conference.

As you know, 4 of our members received Scholarship support from NAHSL in the form of paid registration, which was much appreciated.

HSL COMMITTEE UPDATES

ADMINISTRATION: Marion Allen, Coordinator.

Gayle Tudisco has volunteered to act as Chair of a newly formed Steering Committee for HSL NH-VT group. The Steering Committee is comprised of Gayle and the 4 Committee Coordinators as listed herein.

PROGRAMMING: Gayle Tudisco, Coordinator

Gayle Tudisco is in the process of planning a spring meeting for HSL. The meeting will be held on April 11 at the Dartmouth Conference Center. Details to be finalized but will probably involve a half-day education session with CE's and an organizational introspection and planning process.

COMMUNICATION: Sheila Hayes, Coordinator

The Committee will be assisting with annual mailing to renew memberships and solicit new members, January 08.

Change in Webmaster: Mimi Guessferd

Listserve Manager: Alice Reed-Gorski

FINANCE: Maureen Dunn is taking over the role of finance committee chair, previously held by Claire LaForce. Claire will now be the liaison to the NAHSL Executive Board.

Membership stands at 40 for 2007.

Membership Changes:

- Linda Ford has retired after 26-year career as Director of Gale Medical Library at Littleton Regional Hospital.
- Anne Conner was appointed as Director of the Gale Medical Library upon Linda's retirement and is in a full-time position.

Scholarship Awards :

HSL received two applications for Scholarship support from members to attend NAHSL. Both requests were awarded registration and CE fees.

This was a "first" for our group and I hope will encourage others to seek assistance to further their professional development

Treasury:

Karen Matthews is Treasurer and the current balance is \$4,400.00

Submitted by:

Claire LaForce

HSLIC Report for NAHSL – December 7, 2007

Submitted by Tamera Race, University of Maine-Presque Isle, Library

HSLIC Executive Board 2006 – 2007

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; Cindy White, Eastern Maine Medical Center

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

Board meetings:

The next HSLIC Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 13 at Maine General in Augusta.

Staff Changes at HSLIC organizations...

Natalie Hutchinson, St. Joseph's College, announced that she has accepted a library director position in Iowa, and will be moving in January.

Linda Menard is the new Health Sciences Library Coordinator at The Aroostook Medical Center.

Tamera Race accepted a position in the circulation department at the University of Maine – Presque Isle Library. New contact information is University of Maine – Presque Isle, 181 Main Street, Presque Isle, ME 04769. (207) 768-9599; racet@polaris.umpi.maine.edu.

Fall meeting...

The HSLIC Fall Membership Meeting was held on September 21, 2007 at Husson College in Bangor. Our guest speaker was Shelly Davis of the Mantor Library at the University of Maine at Farmington. Shelly presented an interactive program titled, "So You Think You Know Copyright?" Shelly led the group through copyright scenarios and questions via session modeled after various game shows (i.e. "Who Wants to Be a Copyright Guru?").

Continuing projects...

We are beginning plans for our Spring Membership Meeting. We are also discussing a retreat for all members, to be held in early or late spring. The retreat would be a full day devoted to education.

Deb Clark, Kathy Brunjes, and Happy Copley have formed a subcommittee to review the HSLIC web site.

Happy Copley continues to review possible consortium arrangements.

Planning for the 2009 NAHSL Conference has begun. More from Dina McKelvy...

MAHSLIN report to NAHSL Executive Committee 12/07/07

1. MAHSLIN's Education Committee sponsored two programs for its members:
 - **QuickDoc: Getting the Most out your ILL Tracking Software – Instructor, Jay Daly, QuickDoc Creator.** 3 MLA CE units were provided for this course which was presented at Children's Hospital on October 11, 2007.
 - **Scholarly Publishing and Open Access: Straight Talk** (MLA Webcast. 2 MLA CE units were provided for this session which was presented at Children's Hospital on November 20, 2007.
2. A **joint MAHSLIN/NAHSL/ACRL (New England Chapter) program** in being planned for March 3, 2008 on Licensing Electronic Resources. This program will be an all-day session at Holy Cross college in Worcester.
3. The **Education Committee is recruiting members** to replace Alison Clapp and Nathan Norris at the end of April, 2008.
4. **Medspeak Project Update:**
 - Last Spring, a committee of 13 MAHSLIN librarians translated the terms in MLA's first Medspeak brochure into "plain language" (aimed at 5th grade level). This effort was coordinated by Alison Clapp. MLA has accepted the plain language version of the brochure for publication.
 - Given the success of the first rewrite, MLA has given the approval for MAHSLIN to work on the additional six, subject-specific brochures. These are in varying stages of completion. Currently the following state consortia are working on these brochures:
 1. BBLC – Deciphering Breast Cancer Medspeak (Alison Clapp, coordinator)
 2. NECHI – Deciphering Stroke Medspeak (Donna Beales, coordinator)
 3. SEMCO – Deciphering Diabetes Medspeak (Jeanie van der Pyl, coordinator)
 4. WHMIC – Deciphering HIV/AIDS Medspeak (Martha Prescott, coordinator)
 - We expect that the brochures will be handed out at the May 2008 MLA Annual Meeting in Chicago.
 - The final two brochures are Deciphering Eye Disease Medspeak and Deciphering Heart Disease Medspeak. We are looking for volunteers from MAHSLIN to help rewrite these in Plain Language.

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