

## **NAHSL: North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries Chapter MLA ANNUAL REPORT 2000/01**

The North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries chapter consists of 187 members in six states (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont). The officers, fifteen committee chairs, and eight representatives to other organizations comprise the chapter board and coordinate the activities of the chapter. This group meets five times each year.

Chapter activities during the past year (April, 2000-March 2001) support MLA Goals and Priorities in the following ways:

### **GOAL 1. Professional Development**

NAHSL sponsors continuing education sessions each spring.

In the fall at the Annual Conference, full-day and half-day continuing education classes are offered to the membership. Classes were well attended.

Conference planning begins two years in advance, involving members from each state on a rotating basis. This year's fall conference in Rhode Island was highly successful, with 207 registered attendees, including vendors and presenters. The program was very well received, the location in Newport was spectacular, the Hospitality Committee created many wonderful opportunities for socializing, and the conference showed a small profit. We were honored to have MLA Past-President Frieda O. Weise present the MLA Update.

### **GOAL 2. Advocacy**

NAHSL's Marketing Committee developed a handout for the Annual conference. The flyer entitled "10 ways to Market Your Library: *Tomorrow*" was distributed at the conference and was well received. The contents have been posted on the NAHSL website. The chapter used this project to submit for the Majors/Chapter Project Award.

The chapter supports its members annually with scholarships for education and attendance at the annual meeting. The highest number of scholarships ever awarded was for this past fall's conference.

### **GOAL 3. Organization**

The chapter remains financially stable, due to successful annual conferences. The Finance committee continues to monitor the chapter's annual budget.

The chapter is looking at the possible restructure of the nominating committee. There is also discussion about the structure, location, and the host state's responsibilities for the annual conference.

### **Goal 4. Research**

NAHSL prepared to distribute a short question survey on Benchmarking to follow-up the original benchmarking project. The short survey was postponed in lieu of the MLA national survey. Information about NAHSL's benchmarking project is available on the website.

**Goal 5. National Information Policy**

The Government Relations Chair keeps the NAHSL Executive Board and the region informed via e-mails and the website about legislative items.

**Goal 6. Information Technology**

The NAHSL website has a new address at [www.nahsl.org](http://www.nahsl.org).

The Policy & Procedure Manual for the chapter has been added to the website.

The News Notes Committee, returning with the Fall, 2000 issue, worked hard to establish an electronic newsletter available on the NAHSL website.

The Electronic Communications (formerly Automation) Committee redesigned and restructured the website. It has a cleaner and more professional look. On the website members can find the current membership directory, upcoming conference information, bylaws, continuing education classes, the newsletter, links to the state organizations, a chapter archives section and other information of interest about the organization.

**NAHSL's goals for 2001 include:**

- 1. NAHSL Finances**
  - investigate on-line credit transactions using a secure server
- 2. IFLA 2001**
  - NAHSL participation
- 3. Committees**
  - look at the structure
  - look at membership
- 4. Annual Conference**
  - look at possible restructure of NAHSL's versus state's responsibilities
- 5. Calendar of Events**
  - create a list of key events for committees, a timeline for activities
- 6. Membership Committee**
  - explore a means to have the website membership list represent accurate and up-to-date listing

**MOTION**

This report is informational and requires no action by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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