

North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries, Inc.

This report covers the period of May, 2010 through April, 2011. The 2010 NAHSL Annual Conference was held in Newport, Rhode Island on October 23-26 with the annual business meeting held on October 26, 2010. The membership voted to implement bylaws changes that would allow electronic voting for the membership and would remove the succession of Conference Chair to Chapter Chair, allowing the Conference Chair to focus solely on the conference and the Chair-Elect to prepare to serve as leader for the chapter exclusively.

Recruitment, Membership, and Leadership in the Profession:

NAHSL ended 2010 with 203 members, four more than 2009. Out of the 203 members, 22 were new members and 7 were students. NAHSL continues to actively recruit library students and health sciences librarians in our region to join and participate in NAHSL. NAHSL offers students free membership and low fees to attend the annual conference. NAHSL is also pursuing the opportunity to have student liaisons on the NAHSL Executive Board to foster leadership within our profession. The Credentialing Liaison, of the NAHSL Executive Board, continues to recruit and assist members in applying for the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) credentialing. At this time, NAHSL has 61 AHIP members: 1 Provisional Member, 11 Members, 17 Senior Members, 32 Distinguished Members and 6 who are actively pursuing AHIP status.

Life-Long Learning:

NAHSL's goal is to promote life-long learning among health sciences librarians in the New England region. To meet this goal, NAHSL offers MLA-accredited courses throughout the year, grants professional development funds to take these courses and awards scholarships to attend both the MLA and NAHSL annual conferences. In 2010, 15 members were granted a total of \$3,710 to attend NAHSL, while 7 applicants received \$2,515 out of \$3,500 to attend MLA. NAHSL now offers quarterly awards for members to attend non-NAHSL and non-MLA events. For example, Irena Bond was recently awarded the first quarterly grant to attend the 6th EBLIP Conference University of Salford, UK in June, 2011. NAHSL has designed, finalized and is in the process of marketing a *NAHSL Technology Grant* for its members. This grant will enable members to investigate new technologies, to incorporate them into practice in a meaningful way within their institutions and, ultimately, to share their knowledge with colleagues in the region. NAHSL sponsors MLA webcasts every spring and fall. NAHSL members volunteer their time every year to organize and host the annual conference. In 2010, the annual keynote speakers were Lee Rainie, Dr. John Halamka, David Rothman and Anca Novacovici. There were 139 attendees: 104 were NAHSL members and 4 were students. There were 77 participants enrolled in the six continuing education classes at the conference and 13 posters were accepted and

displayed by NAHSL members. These are some of the many ways we encourage and support life-long learning within our profession. We look forward to the 2011 conference.

Advocacy:

NAHSL's goal is to be an advocate for health sciences librarians and libraries throughout New England. Every year NASHL recognizes and honors an outstanding member of the organization with its Achievement Award at the annual meeting. Anne Conner, of Gale Medical Library in Littleton, NH was the 2010 award winner. Granting this award recognizes our value as medical librarians both within and outside of our profession. NAHSL members have a history of wanting to know what their colleagues are doing to make themselves relevant to their administrators and institutions. Based on comments from the 2009 conference evaluation, the 2010 Conference Planning Committee tried to offer various venues to focus on advocacy issues.

For example, Ruth Holst, MLA President 2010/11, moderated one of three breakout sessions pertaining to advocacy. Her open forum was entitled, "Rethinking Our Value: Advocacy for Health Sciences Librarians." Other breakout sessions on this topic included, "Open Forum-Soliciting Feedback on the Knowledge Management Concept" (hosted by the NN/LM NER RAC Hospital Library Subcommittee) and "A Qualitative Study of Hospital Administrator Perceptions of the Library in New England and the New York Regions" (presented by Elaine Martin). The 2010 conference had two plenary speakers address advocacy issues in their presentations; David Rothman presented "Tomorrow, Tomorrow, Tomorrow," while Dr. John Halamka spoke on "Knowledge Services and the Role of Medical Libraries in Health Care Information Technology." NAHSL also featured one poster, "Connections for Advocacy: Health Sciences Library Efforts in Rhode Island" by Barbara Davis.

Creating and Communicating our Knowledge:

NAHSL members continue to create and share knowledge with each other. We recognize and grant members a *NAHSL Innovations* award to showcase smart ideas, new services or ingenious techniques that members have been implementing at their institutions. Winners are featured on the blog, <http://nahsl.wordpress.com/>, and website. The Electronic Communications Chair unveiled a new NAHSL website, <http://nahsl.libguides.com/NAHSL>, utilizing the LibGuides platform. The debut of the new site occurred at the annual conference in Newport. The site continues to evolve and currently hosts the NAHSL blog posts and a Twitter account. In addition, there is a private site or tab that enables the Executive Board to post agendas, reports, minutes and other working documents. LibGuides is a very effective communication tool. The NAHSL Executive Board is currently investigating using Mega Meeting, an online software meeting program used by the MLA Board, for continuing education classes and, possibly, for its board meetings. Currently, the Board provides board members with phone conferencing ability if they cannot attend meetings in person. As previously mentioned, the Electronic Communications Committee is working diligently to market their new *NAHSL Technology Grant*. This grant will help award winners share technological innovations. Again, the annual conference is great way for NAHSL members to teach and learn via continuing education classes, poster sessions, networking, attending breakout sessions and listening to great speakers.

Building a Network of Partners:

From October 24-26, NAHSL sponsored a book drive for Operation Medical Libraries at its 2010 annual conference. Operation Medical Libraries is an initiative of the UCLA Medical Alumni Association to rebuild medical libraries destroyed by war or political strife. Libraries across the New England region participated. Eleven boxes of books and over 150 current volumes of anatomy, physiology, nursing and other medical texts were shipped to two army bases in Afghanistan, totaling over 500 pounds of books. The success of the book drive is an example of NAHSL members sharing medical information and partnering with healthcare providers around the world. NAHSL continues to work with the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, New England Region (NN/LM NER) and the state associations as conduits for news, education and networking opportunities. From October 2010 through March 2011, Rita Gavelis worked as the NER as Technology Instructor. She traveled and taught 17 classes to network members on topics such as avoiding spam, Twitter & hospitals and cloud computing. 18 sessions were conducted online and reached 345 members at their desktops. Although Rita's work with the NER has ended, she continues to offer classes to associations and institutions throughout the region. In February, 2011, the NER hosted a series of one-hour webinars introducing Knowledge Management (KM) to each state group. This was followed by a one-day program for regional members in March ("KM Day") which explored what KM is and how to apply it in a hospital setting. A concept of a Healthcare Knowledge Services Center (HKSC) was introduced to participants. A follow-up program on the HKSC is scheduled for the NAHSL conference in October 2011. NAHSL continues to have state representatives on the NAHSL Executive Board. These members are important liaisons between NAHSL and their state associations. State associations, such as the Massachusetts Health Science Library Network (MAHSLN), invite NAHSL members to attend their annual meetings and send information to NAHSL members via emails and newsletters. The 2011 annual conference will be hosted by the CT and NY-NJ Chapters. Partnering with NY-NJ Chapter affords a most opportune time to build and maintain a network of partners. Again, these are some of the many ways NAHSL continues to exchange ideas, interact and foster positive relationships with colleagues.

Motion

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Warthman, Chair NAHSL 2010-2011

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