

CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARIANS

CAHSL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES 2002 - 2003

(Text in Italics is from Article II, Purpose, of the CAHSL Bylaws)

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

Promoting an understanding for 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.

- Work jointly with the Connecticut Hospital Association's Health Sciences Librarians Conference to develop a HSLC promotional piece to distribute to Connecticut health care institutions.
- Prepare to work with CHA to initiate knowledge-based information dissemination, similar to the completed HSLC Security Work Group.
- With HSLC leadership organize and present a CHA educational program for healthcare leaders in Connecticut.

Continually developing and strengthening the knowledge and skills needed by member librarians to meet the patient care, research and educational needs of Connecticut's healthcare providers. Providing programs of continuing education and professional development will do this.

- Provide regular educational programs to practicing health sciences librarians
- Gather programming suggestions from CAHSL members utilizing CAHSL-L.
- Continue to notify membership of educational opportunities within and beyond the Association.
- Provide at least one MLA-accredited continuing education course to CAHSL membership.
- Provide encouragement and recognition for AHIP membership.
- Develop a program for the annual CLA conference
- Develop a shared program with SLA

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 CAHSL and the CAHSL website to promote meetings, programs, classes and news.
- Promote NN/LM's role in information exchange, shared resources and institutional support.
- Pursue active recruitment of academic librarians in institutions, which offer health sciences programs, for membership in CAHSL.
- Investigate further group purchases of electronic databases, e-journals, etc.
- Pursue expanding use of Request for hospital libraries.