

## **Connecticut Association of Health Sciences Librarians**

### **CAHSL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES 2001-2002**

(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 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.*

- Cooperatively with the Connecticut Hospital Association's Health Sciences Librarians Conference, develop a HSLC promotional piece to distribute to Connecticut health care institutions.
- Remain prepared to partner with CHA in knowledge-based information dissemination efforts, such as Health Connecticut and the now-completed HSLC Security Working Group.
- Under HSLC leadership, plan and present a CHA educational program targeting healthcare leaders statewide.
- Continue CAHSL's leadership role in the NAHSL 2001 Conference.

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

- Provide regular programs of relevance to practicing health sciences librarians.
- Gather programming suggestions from the membership via CAHSL-L.
- Notify membership of educational opportunities, including relevant offerings 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.
- Welcome opportunities for shared programming 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 the CAHSL listserv to promote meetings, programs, classes, and news.
- Continue to evaluate and update the CAHSL website where appropriate, including such areas as position descriptions, minutes, and other content.
- Encourage discussions of shared resources issues, changing technologies, and hot topics.
- Develop and distribute a CAHSL brochure for new and potential CAHSL members.
- Promote NN/LM's role in information exchange, shared resources, and institutional support.
- Support distance learning.