

CAHSL Goals and Objectives 1997-98

To promote an understanding of the health science librarian's role and unique abilities in the management of information within Connecticut's health care system.

Support the Connecticut Hospital Association conference status for one year during which time an ongoing evaluation will be done.

Assist as needed in the educational programs presented by the CAHSL section of the Connecticut Hospital Association conference.

Continue to support and keep the membership informed of CAHSL's involvement with other professional groups, e.g., Connecticut State Library Advisory Board, Connecticut State Medical Society, etc.

Speak or write to administrators and legislators on behalf of Connecticut libraries and librarians when the future of these libraries is threatened.

Encourage and support all CAHSL members in staying technologically current.

Continue to inform members of relevant issues.

Continue to publicize available project grants for the enhancement of library services and encourage and assist groups or individuals to apply for this funding.

Publish articles in various media regarding health sciences librarianship.

To continue to develop and strengthen the knowledge and skills needed by member librarians.

Encourage and assist members in applying for membership in AHIP.

Offer an MLA-accredited continuing education course to CAHSL.

Plan programs that will be relevant and educational for the membership.

Keep the membership aware of courses offered by other groups with professional relevance. This includes courses offered on the Internet.

To foster and strengthen CAHSL's current system of information exchange with other organizations and within the larger consortia of which CAHSL is a member.

Encourage attendance at the NAHSL annual conference.

Remain aware of RML developments and initiatives.

Develop and present a program for the Connecticut Library Association's meeting in April.

Collaborate with Southern Connecticut State University's School of Library and Information Science to promote health science librarianship to new MLS students.

Look into working on a program in collaboration with the Special Library Association Connecticut Valley Chapter to encourage networking.

To continue to develop a cohesive professional group.

Move towards electronic format as the primary means of communication among CAHSL members.

Encourage membership and active participation in CAHSL.

Disseminate CAHSL information especially in regards to meetings, in a timely fashion to improve attendance.

Look into the possibility of a facilitated meeting to work towards establishing a cohesive group working towards common goals for the next century.

Maintain fiscal solvency

Evaluate whether the yearly dues are sufficient to cover the activities of CAHSL, and address imbalances.

Implement budgetary procedures.