



MAHSLIN Network News
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Presidents Message

April 11, 2006

Dear MAHSLIN Members:

As the MAHSLIN year draws to a close, I want to remind everyone, if you have not registered for the annual meeting, to do so! The MAHSLIN Annual Meeting Planning Committee, chaired by Margo Coletti has put together an informative and exciting program for our annual meeting on Friday, April 28th at the Massachusetts Medical Society Headquarters in Waltham. The theme is **Think Globally, Act Locally** and there will be many opportunities to network with your colleagues from across the state. **You have until Thursday, April 20th to register!**

A great big thank you goes to our partners for this year's annual meeting. They are EBSCO, Elsevier, OVID, Rittenhouse, and the Regional Medical Library. Their financial support is important to our organization. This year, we have established the MAHSLIN Partner Recognition program, which offers our partners the opportunity to assist in creating programs to strengthen services and resources in MAHSLIN member libraries.

Please take notice during the business meeting that we will be voting on some bylaw changes as well as I will be giving an update on the MAHSLIN strategic planning session that was conducted in early March. Mark Goldstein from the Regional Medical Library will be giving an update on the Hospital Library Subcommittee's activities. There are some exciting projects concerning hospital libraries happening in the state.

ON April 5th, MAHSLIN co-sponsored a reception at Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science for MJ Tooey and students. MJ is the President of the Medical Library Association touring the library schools across the country stressing the importance of a career in medical librarianship. Earlier that day MJ gave a presentation to library students and a reception followed later in the afternoon. I attended the reception and it was satisfying to discuss important issues to hospital librarianship.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the annual meeting on April 28th.

Anne Fladger, MAHSLIN President

2006 Annual Meeting Q & A

When is the Annual Meeting?

Friday, April 28, 2006.

What time?

Continental Breakfast is from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Business meeting is from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. The program, Think Globally, Act Locally, starts at 10:00 a.m.

Where is it being held?

Massachusetts Medical Society, 860 Winter Street, Waltham MA

What is the program about?

We who work to provide high quality health information to people in the medical industry and state and local government, as well as to health care consumers, do so to ensure the health of our society. This program, Think Globally, Act Locally, is about the work that we do and how we contribute to the public health of our world and to our little piece of the planet.

Why should I attend?

There are several reasons to attend. This is your opportunity to:

- Hear several inspiring presentations, including a stunning multimedia presentation about a medical mission in Ghana called Dancing With Crocodiles
- Find out what the medical community is doing to address healthcare disparities in Massachusetts.
- Network among colleagues.
- Learn about four unique and different projects undertaken recently by your peers to address underserved populations and overlooked health issues in Massachusetts
- Visit with folks from the RML as well as representatives from Ebsco, Ovid, Elsevier and Rittenhouse
- Spend a day learning and “recharging” your professional batteries.

What is the registration fee?

\$60 for MAHSLIN members, \$85 for nonmembers and free for MLS candidates (students)

How can I register?

Fill out a Registration Form (<http://mahslin.org/2006MeetingRegistration.pdf>) and mail it to Cindy Hutchison, New England College of Optometry, 424 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02115

Read more details on speakers and topics at

<http://www.mahslin.org/2006MeetingAnnounce.htm>.

Registration Deadline: April 20, 2006

NEW MAHSLIN MEMBERS

Let's welcome to MAHSLIN membership 12 new members. You will be able to meet of these new members at the Annual Meeting on April 28.

Fred Allen

Staff Development Coordinator
Rehabilitation Hospital / Cape & Islands

Elaine Alligood

Information Specialist
Dept. of Veterans Affairs (ITT)

Margret Branschofsky

Director of Library Services
Tufts Univ School of Veterinary
Med

Brenda Collins

Technical Services Librarian
Cape Cod Community College

Louise Collins

Student, Simmons GSLIS

Robert Demanche

Student, Simmons GSLIS

David Flynn

Library Student Assistant
Dept Veterans Affairs (IIT)

Judith Lipson

Program Assistant, CIMIT
Massachusetts General Hospital

Olga Lyczmanenko

Librarian
NE Baptist Hospital

Jennifer Mann

Librarian
MDPH State Laboratory Institute Medical

Nell Mone

Library Assistant
Brigham & Womens Hospital

Judith Nordberg

Reference Associate
UMASS Medical Ctr



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO RENEW!

It is never too late to renew your MAHSLIN membership! Join the other 117 members and be eligible for the benefits of membership:

- Member rate at Annual Meeting
- Member rate at Educational offerings (Often there is no charge for these excellent programs)
- Group rates on purchasing products such as StatRef

The online form is available at <http://www.mahslin.org/memberapplication.pdf>

If questions or concerns, please contact Cindy Hutchison, Membership Chair, hutchisonc@neco.edu.

Lowell General Hospital offers online streaming videos of Grand Rounds

Lowell General Hospital is the first community hospital Continuing Medical Education provider in the state to offer online streaming videos of its Grand Rounds physicians' education programs, thanks to Librarian/CME Coordinator Donna Beales, MLIS. Not only can Grand Rounds be accessed remotely from any location securely with a library card, credit is offered for physicians and nurses by means of a post-test, which Beales creates and uploads. Beales credits her expertise in media production with the success of the program, and thus far, staff participation has been strong. Beales creates original cataloguing records for each program and format, which means that participants can access the programs via the library's Masscat electronic catalogue using the MeSH term EDUCATION, MEDICAL, CONTINUING. "This new technology allows busy people to grab their education at their convenience. Too, it increases participation in our programs. Not everyone can make it to the live program held on a specific day and time. Streaming video gives personnel more options to watch programs when they can and still obtain credit." The bottom line? "It's certainly brought awareness of library services to upper administration and a wide swath of professional health providers," says Beales of her efforts. For more information, contact her at 978-937-6247.

Announcements

Deborah Almquist is now Director of NorthShore Medical Center (NSMC) Libraries, Salem Hospital and Union Hospital. Formerly she was responsible for Union only, but now is responsible for both. Emily Whitcher has joined the library staff at Union Hospital as Library Assistant. She graduated in December from Endicott College and is pursuing a MLS at Simmons College. Carolee(Penny) Pelletier continues to support library services at Salem Hospital as fulltime library assistant.



Jennifer Lanouette gave birth to Jacob Maxime Lanouette on Friday March 17, 2006 at 12:27 AM. His weight at birth was 8lbs 7oz and he was 22" long. Congratulations to Jennifer and husband, Keith from your MAHSLIN friends.

New MAHSLIN Network News Editors



Starting with the summer edition of MAHSLIN Network News, Dorothy Barr of the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Lamar Soutter Library and Meg McNichols, of the Faulkner Hospital Medical Library will be your new editors. I have enjoyed being your newsletter editor for the past two years. Thank you to all of the MAHSLIN members who have contributed articles and announcements during my term as editor. Best wishes to Dorothy and Meg as editors of the MAHSLIN Network News.

-Michelle Eberle