

MAHSLIN Annual Business Meeting  
Massachusetts Medical Society, Waltham MA  
April 24, 2009

### **Welcome**

Chris Fleuriel opened the Business meeting at 9:00 am.

### **Minutes**

Minutes from the 2008 Annual Business meeting were reviewed and accepted.

### **Treasurer's Report – Pat Vigorito**

The total current balance in the MAHSLIN account stands at \$43,522.67.

### **RAC Hospital Library Subcommittee – Mark Goldstein**

The New England Regional (NER) office provides services to six states: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. At present there are 534 regular full members and 313 affiliated members.

The Hospital Library Subcommittee updates the RML on issues and concerns relating to regional hospital libraries. To highlight the value of hospitals libraries, the committee produced a promotional toolkit which is accessible online. The toolkit provides a strategic roadmap on how to effectively promote the worth of libraries to hospital administrators.

The committee also provides advocacy services on behalf of libraries, assisting those facing threatened closures, budget cuts or layoffs. Communication is initiated with a hospital administrator, usually with a letter or meeting, to attempt or forestall any closures or job losses.

### **NN/LM NER Update – Javier Crespo**

The NNLM focuses on promoting access to health information and advocates online tools to provide convenient classes and training opportunities throughout the region.

To further strengthen access to consumer and community health information, it provides funding to a variety of projects concentrating on outreach, professional development and technological initiatives and issues.

Further, in keeping with its commitment to health information access, new developments and enhancements to PUBMED and Medline Plus are planned for the later in the year.

### **NAHSL Update – Andy Dzaugis**

To promote life-long learning among medical librarians in this region, NAHSL offers educational courses throughout the year. These valuable and informative CE classes are planned and organized by Alison Clapp and Nathan Norris.

Professional development grants are available to members who attend MLA or NAHSL conferences and can also be used to cover fees associated with educational courses.

The most recent member benefit is the launch of a new NAHSL blog which can be used to post news and information. It can be accessed at <http://nahsl.wordpress.com/>. This site also incorporates NAHSL Innovations which is designed as a place for sharing successful improvements or best practices.

**Presentation of Nominations – Rhoda Moskowitz**

The nominations of Elaine Alligood for President Elect and Pat McNary as Treasurer were presented by Rhoda Moskowitz. There were no nominations from the floor and a vote was cast to elect the candidates.

**Passing of the Gavel – Chris Fleuriel**

Chris Fleuriel passed the gavel to incoming President Terri Niland and thanked her for planning an exceptional annual meeting program. Terri introduced and thanked the members of the Meeting Planning Committee.

**Adjournment**

Terri brought the business meeting to a close and began the Annual Meeting program.

Respectfully submitted by  
Olga Lyczmanenko  
Secretary