

NAHSL Executive Board Meeting- Minutes

June 28, 2013 -10AM-3:00PM

Lamar Soutter Library, UMass Medical School

Present: Valori Banfi, Donna Belcinski, Madge Boldt, Lori Bradshaw, Ellen Brassil, Alison Clapp, Janet Cowen, Maureen Dunn, Sally Gore, Jeannine Gluck, Rich Kaplan, Dina McKelvey, Nathan Norris, Meredith Solomon, Hongjie Wang, Debbie Berlanstein, recording

Call to Order: Sally Gore.

Approval of the minutes – February Minutes approved

Topic/Committee	Person Responsible	Status/Discussion	Action
NAHSL/MLA relations			
Emerging trends in HSL			
Mentoring for the future			
Officer's Reports			
Chair	Sally Gore	Sally first recognized Hongjie Wang on his being awarded a Fulbright Scholarship. He will be going to China in the Fall. She and Rich Kaplan, Chair-Elect, have discussed reaching out to the different state groups. They hope to survey them to get a sense of what NAHSL can do to help the libraries in the region and examine the current structure of NAHSL and the relationship with the state societies. Are there new things we should do to be more relevant? How frequently should we meet? Should we provide more educational opportunities or create interest groups? These and other questions will be the focus going forward.	
Treasurer	Lori Bradshaw	As if May 31, 2013 the checking account has approximately \$16,000 and the Money Market	

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		has \$45,000. There is still \$7,000 in PayPal that needs to be moved. Lori used the new American Express card to buy Quickbooks and is transferring to using it. Reminded Board members to give her forms for travel expense reimbursement (miles, tolls, parking).	
Past-Chair /Nominating	Kathy Stemmer-Frumento	Not present.	
Chair-Elect 2013	Rich Kaplan	Reported with Sally (see above).	
Conference Chair 2013	Anne Fladger	Anne was not present but Sally reported that Anne was successful in getting donation commitments for the NAHSL Annual Meeting from Rittenhouse (\$1500) and Ovid (\$1500). The committee has met twice with Sea Crest resort to finalize details for October. Registration has begun online (already 15 were registered). There will be 2 lightening rounds with 2 different types of presentations. The 2 nd deposit is going in soon.	
Conference Chair 2014	Janet Cowen	The committee has met twice since the last Board meeting. Janet worked with the Maine Medical Telecomm Department to set up videoconferencing for their meetings and she bought cameras for CPC members so meetings could be hosted at Maine Medical but save travel time and expense for members. They have decided on the Maine Lighthouse Museum in Rockland for the opening reception.	Pass on speaker ideas to Dina.
Chapter Council	Dina McKelvey	Marianne Burke is the alternate. Many chapters are using Wild Apricot for online registration and membership and there may be a discount if all the MLA Chapters sign on. Chapter project of the year was awarded to the Southern Chapter for a mentored writing project. New website is	

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		designed using Drupal. CE will be added to it. There is a quad chapter meeting being planned out west to be held in San Diego in 2014. Dixie Jones' themes of ethics, education, mentoring and history will be the focus. MLA is doing well financially. The MLA Futures Task Force is planning a retreat and will create focus groups. NAHSL should try to submit a project each year for the award.	
Committee Reports			
Archives	Hongjie Wong	Hongjie will be away next year so Nathan will step in with any archives duties. Most everything is electronic so this should not be too difficult.	
Bylaws	Ellen Brassil	Changes have already been made to the sections on voting and organization and there are 3 more sections identified for change. Ellen suggested that the next Bylaws chair should work on them. Recommendation was made to have the Chair serve 2 years and then follow that with another year to work with the incoming new chair to maintain continuity.	Ellen will draft language for an official change and send it out 3 weeks prior to Board meeting in September.
Education/CE	Jeannine Gluck	CE for the conference is moving along well. MLA will now be able to provide us with an online survey for evaluations and printing of certificates. Outside the conference is another opportunity. Michelle Kraft (Krafty Librarian) will be coming on September 20 to UMass to offer a 6 hour CE course on the evolving librarian focusing on the changes in the economy and on technology that have affected all libraries. The room can hold a max of 40. She is hoping to offer this for a low fee (\$25 suggested) with lunch on your own. Payment can be done through Wild Apricot. It will be	Meredith Solomon will work with Jeannine on CE.

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		open to NAHSL members first and others will pay a higher fee (possibly coordinated with membership cost to encourage membership).	
Electronic Communication	Nathan Norris	There are 13 libguides in our system and things are very active. There have been lots of blog posts since the MLA meeting. There are many photos and videos and we should have one place for archiving them. Flickr was suggested since it does not involve permissions. NAHSL has been tweeting and re-tweeting some of Sally's tweets. Lisa has a new job at Quinnipiac Medical Library.	
Government Relations	Susan Mahnken	Susan was not present. Her report stated that she had not received communication from MLA this quarter. The budget for NIH/NLM is the largest concern.	
Marketing	Donna Belcinski	Working with Meaghan Muir to promote the conference. Michelle Eberle connected her to state Listserv manager. They would like to cast a wider net to get more people to join. Mugs were ordered and welcome letters were sent out to 12 new members.	
Membership	Valori Banfi	Total of 159 members, down from last year. They come from 8 states with Massachusetts having the most, followed by Connecticut. 133 have MLA status. There are 51 AHIP members. 86 used PayPal, 44 check, 28 institutional check. Perhaps we could highlight new members in some way (e.g. MAHSLIN newsletter member spotlight).	
Professional Development	Alison Clapp	Email was sent out for the next quarterly award. She is still waiting to hear from one person who attended MLA. All blog posts were submitted. The email for assistance with NAHSL 2013 will go out next week. The pay and then be reimbursed model is working out well. Alison suggested placing a piece about chapter awards	

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		in MLA news.	
Liaisons & Representatives			
Credentialing	Claire LaForce	Claire was not present. She is stepping down from her role in credentialing.	Replacement for Claire is needed.
NNLM/NER	Meredith Solomon	The NER is fully staffed. Sequestration has forced budget cuts, mostly from the travel budget. Focused outreach this year will be on the State of Vermont and they are working on connecting to organizations in Vermont. Mid-contract site visit will be coming in October where they will make a 90 minute presentation. In mid-late August a request for comments from members will go out. Mid-late October is also the next call for proposals for outreach, digitization, etc. Mary Piorun is now officially the Associate Director (no longer acting).	
State Representatives			
ARIHSL	Madge Boldt	There is restructuring going on at Lifespan, and the Director has now retired. Madge reported on cuts at Newport with Barb reporting to head of HR, and at Rhode Island Hospital the Director there is now the Director of Medical Education. This is a disturbing trend. ARISAL members gathered to watch the webinar on “Partnering to Prevent Diagnostic Error”. They are moving their content to a libguide. They are working with AskRI to get more health content available.	
CAHSL	Hongjie Wong	At the June meeting Alison Clapp gave an excellent presentation on Mendeley. The Connecticut salary survey is now on the libguide. Lisa Adriani and Ann Marie Kaminsky did an outstanding job on that. The state had over 500 million dollars taken away from their hospitals and positions are being cut. The State Medical Society no longer requires hospitals to	

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		have a library but commendation with be given to those that do. Election was held for a new board.	
HSL NH/VT	Maureen Dunn	New Hampshire Hospital (psychiatric) has announced that they have hired a librarian. A group of Vermont librarians are working to form an health interest group in the State library that would include public libraries. The Spring meeting in April was focused on where the state group is going and reassessing whether it should still continue. They are down to one meeting per year in addition to the NAHSL conference. They will meet again the Fall to discuss the summary list made at this meeting. Straw vote was 8-4 in favor of dissolving.	
HSLIC	Dina McElvey	They held their Spring meeting in May with a speaker on health statistics. Nancy Curtis from the University of Maine won the Cairns Award.	
MAHSLIN	Jane Ichord	Sally reported for Jane. The rescheduled April meeting was held on June 27. It was a great program. New president is Cara Marcus from Faulkner Hospital. Head of the Class was the theme with keynote speakers from Simmons.	
Discussion		<p>Planning responsibility for the annual conference and state groups was discussed. The larger issue here may be the viability of the state groups. Connection and communication seem like the two important areas. Sally proposed that the Board meeting in September be devoted to discuss the value of NAHSL membership, and this may help us prepare reports for the business meeting at the conference in October. Sate reps should get feedback on these issues from their members to drive the conversation.</p> <p>Complaints from some members regarding the</p>	<p>Sally will send out a formal request for feedback prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Sally will write a memo to the membership reminding them of professional conduct in response to problems that Valori faced.</p>

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		Wild Apricot software was concerning. Membership by June 1 still stands for applying for professional development awards.	
Old Business			
New Business			
Future Meetings		Currently scheduled for September 27, 2013. Debbie will be unavailable for recording minutes.	

NAHSL Conference Planning Committee

Cape Cod 2013

June 29, 2013

Since Feb. the 2013 CPC has meet in person twice and via telephone three times. In April, the committee had a site visit at the Sea Crest Beach Hotel and finalized the menus and some other details.

Second deposit for the hotel due July 30th.

Program Committee

- One change Dr. Patricia Dykes, nurse scientist from the Brigham will be replaced by one of her colleagues, Katherine Gregory, also a nurse scientist at the Brigham.

Continuing Education

- 4 courses being offered

Exhibits

- 10 exhibitors registered so far

Hospitality/Local Arrangements

- Details coming together for reception and banquet

Lightning Rounds

- Calls have gone out requesting submissions
- 1 submission so far
- Committee established to judge

Publicity/Marketing

- Meaghan is working with Donna
- Announcements going out

Registration

- 10 people registered
- Developing packet and contents

Scholarship

- Call for items for the table gone out
- 3-4 items already donated

Sponsorship

- Letters going out this week
- Rittenhouse is our first sponsor - \$1500

Web/Technology

- Nathan is tweaking the web site as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Fladger

NAHSL Conference Chair – 2014
NAHSL Board June 28, 2013

The NAHSL 2014 CPC has met twice since the last NAHSL Board meeting in February. In March, we met at the Togus VA and in June we met via video conference. Maine Medical Center hosted the video conference, using Jabber (formerly Movi). MMC's Telecom department worked with participants to set up the software and test functionality prior to the meeting. All but one was able to both see and be seen. The other participant phoned in to the conference.

Thanks to Nathan and Lisa (and NAHSL), we have a CPC LibGuide to share our communications. All members of the CPC have rights to add documents, reports, comments, etc. I've posted future CPC meeting dates through April (in person and via video conferencing) on the LibGuide, as well as contact information for the CPC members. This will, do doubt, be a very useful tool for us.

We've decided on a theme for the meeting, and have been working with graphic designers to create our logo. We expect to finalize these by our August meeting. We've also selected a site for the Opening Reception, and a small subset of the CPC visited the location and met briefly with staff. We'll announce the theme and reception location at a future NAHSL Board meeting, probably sometime after the CPC's August meeting.

At our August and September meetings, we will plan and finalize our *Welcome* message to be delivered at NAHSL 2013 in Falmouth ME.

We have added Nancy Cohen Spiegel to our CPC. Nancy will work with Kathy Stemmer Frumento on Exhibits, and will serve as the local contact.

ACTION ITEM : We don't have someone for Continuing Education. My understanding is that this would be someone from NAHSL's CE Committee. Do we know who that will be? I don't believe there is currently a Maine member on the CE Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Cowen
Chair, NAHSL 2014 CPC

Chapter Council Report

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Wild Apricot: They are encouraging chapters to use Wild Apricot, and believe that if enough chapters do, we may be able to get a discount.

Chapter Project Award: Southern chapter won with a mentored writing project. An experienced writer was paired with a novice writer for a 12-hour project. They also do a hospital library symposium every year.

Chapter Council website: This site was redesigned by our Rising Star. It is built on Drupal, and the CE cmte content will also be moved to Drupal. The council was interested in our use of LibGuides, and wondered if we kept stats on traffic to the site.

Chapter news: Several of the western chapters will be joining together for their conference next year, which will be held in San Diego in the summer on a campus (housing in dorms). One chapter (?) said they offer vendors free membership if they agree to exhibit at the conference.

MLA News: Dixie Jones visited to talk about her term, and focus on ethics, education, mentoring and history. Also, MLA had been financially struggling, but is now back in the black. There was an MLA future open forum scheduled at the conference. Jerry Perry has a special interest in hospital library advocacy. JMLA is looking at alternative publishing models – peer review process alternatives.

NAHSL Quarterly Report

Bylaws Committee

June 2013

1. Referring to the recommendation back in February designating an ad hoc group charged with revising and proposing updates to the three areas already identified, the group will recommend postponing for the next Chair's new term.
2. It was further recommended that Bylaws Committee be comprised always of a second committee member. The Chair recommended that the outgoing chair always be the committee member to assist the new chair, provide continuity and assist with necessary revisions.
3. Recommend consideration of an amendment to the Executive Board Handbook under appointed positions, extending length of service of Bylaws Chair as post Chair member of Bylaws Committee. Motion to amend the Executive Board Handbook description would be circulated prior to the September meeting for vote by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Brassil
Chair, Bylaws Committee

Electronic Communications Committee Report 6.28.13

LIBGUIDES:

Currently, there are currently 55 people registered to use LibGuides in the NAHSL account. And, there are currently 13 LibGuides in our system. These include our state groups, Conference planning groups, Executive Board Site, General site, MLA Boston 2013 site, etc.

NAHSL LibGuide Changes

We added a membership image on the LibGuide to help promote NAHSL membership registration.

We re-arranged the information under the Tab “Tools to Know”.

If anyone would like to add to this list, please [touch base](#) with us!

We emailed the Executive Committee for information so that we could gather information for an accurate list of committee members. Thank you to everyone who provided us with information. The committee list is updated. If you have any corrections, let us know.

State LibGuide Assistance

HSLIC wanted to know if is possible to have rotating images on their LibGuide. We looked into it and it is possible. We think the easiest way would with be a Flickr account and using the link from the album on the LibGuide.

We set up a LibGuide for the Maine Conference Planning Group (CPC) 2014. We entered each member of the CPC into the system and gave each person a username and password. Janet Cowen is the administrator for this LibGuide.

TWITTER:

We tweeted whenever we could. There were many tweets this quarter. We started to retweet some of Sally Gore’s tweets.

Meaghan Muir has agreed to Tweet at NAHSL 2013 in Falmouth, MA – thank you, Meaghan!

NAHSL BLOG:

126 people follow the NAHSL Blog.

10 people are registered to use the NAHSL Blog.

Due in large part to NAHSL funding to attend MLA 2013, since our last board meeting, there have been 18 blog postings and 5 comments just since our last board meeting!

Whenever there has been a new post, we (or, if a Professional Development related post, Alison Clapp) e-mails the listserv to notify NAHSL membership.

Past Blogs:

NAHSL 2011 Blog:

<http://nahsl-ny-nj-2011.blogspot.com/>

[NAHSL 2009 Blog:](#)

<http://nahsl2009.wordpress.com/>

NAHSL Merchandise from NAHSL 2006:

<http://www.cafepress.com/nahsl2006>

[Part of our mission has been to determine all of the Electronic Communications outlets that NAHSL is using \(or that we have used\) so that we can organize this content and add consistency to our communication methods. Here are some of the things that we have found.](#)

FLICKER:

We have learned that we do not have a central Twitter Account, but we do have a few pictures from conferences, etc. posted there.

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/37045539@N03/>

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/69026031@N07/6301880715>

PICASA:

We have some pictures here from NAHSL Conferences 2009, 2010, 2011.

<http://picasaweb.google.com/lh/view?q=NAHSL&psc=G&filter=1#>

One of our projects will be to set up an account that NAHSL can use for all pictures, and gather and organize what we already have posted in various places.

YOUTUBE:

We have 2 YouTube videos posted:

One of these was posted by Ed Donnalld - *Mystery Gift from NAHSL 2008*

One was posted by Sally Gore - *Like Potato Chips... No One Can Go to Just One NAHSL*

Question - Should NAHSL have its own YouTube channel?

VIMEO:

We have 1 Vimeo Video posted:

Posted by Margo Coletti - How to do a Lightning Round – linked from the NAHSL 2013 Web Site.

MISCELLANEOUS:

We cleaned up the NAHSL Innovations Page (and the Blog page) so that both the past Innovations and the form to submit Innovations both live on the same page of the NAHSL LibGuide. Now all we need are some newly-posted NAHSL Innovations! Hopefully, you will be hearing about a new one soon.

As always, we welcome your suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Adriani and Nathan Norris
NAHSL Electronic Communications Committee Co-chairs

NAHSL Government Relations Committee Report

6/27/13

I have received no communications from MLA this quarter. I attended the MLA conference and the committee meetings. As always the biggest concern is the budget for NIH/NLM. Representatives from MLA were scheduled to meet with members of Congress on Capitol Hill 6/18 and 6/19 to present our concerns on funding. The last information I received, indicate that the FY 2013 budget would reflect a 5.5% (19.2 million dollar) decrease from FY2012. Programs will need to be cut. There is a freeze on salaries. As of May, there had been no furloughs or reductions in staffing. As for the FY 2014 budget, the best scenario is a 2-3% increase from 2013, while the worst may be a 2-3% decrease from 2013.

In copyright, it appears that one of two lawsuits filed by Edwin Mellen Press against librarian and blogger, Dale Askey is ongoing. The Libel suit was withdrawn. Following on its footsteps, a publisher from India is threatening to sue Jeffrey Beall for \$ 1 Billion dollars for remarks on his blog. For more:

<http://chronicle.com/article/Publisher-Threatens-to-Sue/139243/>

Wishing everyone a Happy 4th!

Respectfully submitted,

Susan S Mahnken

Chair, Government Relations

NAHSL Marketing Report
June 28, 2013

1. Working with Meaghan Muir. Have made contact with the following groups to promote the conference:
 - a. SLA New England
 - b. AAHSL
 - c. New England Library Association
 - d. 6 New England state library associations

2. Thank you to Michelle Eberle for connecting me to the state listserv managers.

3. Are we going to continue the Welcome Wagon initiative? If so, there are 11 new members who need mugs and welcome letters.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Belcinski, Marketing Chair

NAHSL Membership Committee Reports*

June 28, 2013

Members	
Renewals	146
New Members	12
Students (not included in New Members)	1
Total Members	159

Payment Options	
PayPal	86
Personal Check	44
Institutional Check	28
Free (Membership free to Students)	(1)
Total	157

States Represented	
CT	40
LA	1
MA	66
ME	9
NH	11
NY	4
RI	15
VT	12
Total States Represented	8

MLA STATUS	
MLA Personal	101
MLA Institutional	28
MLA Both	4
Total MLA STATUS	133

AHIP Members	
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Provisional Member	0
Member	6
Senior Member	13
Distinguished Member	30
Emeritus Member	2
Total AHIP Members	51

Respectfully Submitted, , Valori Ann Banfi, Chair, Membership **Stats as of June 27, 2013

Professional Development Committee Report

NAHSL Executive Board

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Quarterly Award (\$400 total per quarter/\$1200 yearly)

Year to date total: \$929

- First quarter: Katherine Stemmer Frumento, \$500
- Second quarter: Michelle Eberle, \$429

The email about the next quarterly award went out on June 19th.

Action Item: Depending on the response, another email reminder will be sent and the Committee will consider the submissions for funding.

MLA Annual Meeting Award (\$5,867 awarded)

Given the special circumstances of the meeting being in Boston this year and the Board wanting to encourage as many members as possible to attend the meeting, the original yearly cap of \$3,000 was exceeded. The 14 requests were funded in the amount of \$5,867. So far 13 blog posts have been received and posted and check requests for a total amount of \$4,847 have been forwarded to the treasurer. The Chair would note that the policy of reimbursing awardees after the blog post has been received worked extremely well. Only one reminder email needed to be sent to an awardee. Note: this was in marked contrast to awards for the NAHSL 2012 Annual Meeting when multiple reminders needed to be sent to a number of awardees.

Action Item: the email announcing the awards for this year will go out July 1st.

Policy Change

Based on the discussion at the last board meeting, the guidelines have been revised to reflect that:

- awards are no longer restricted to meeting fees. Travel/hotel and other expenses can now be covered by a NAHSL award.
- in keeping with the previous guideline, we will continue to offer an award in an amount not to exceed the registration fee for either MLA or NAHSL.
- awardees will be reimbursed after the meeting has taken place and their blog post has been submitted.

Finally, thanks to Sally Gore for her email to the listserv recognizing the quality of the blog posts and this excellent avenue for sharing new knowledge, reflections and musings on various aspects of these meetings/educational opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Clapp

Chair, Professional Development Committee

ARIHSL Report to NAHSL

June 28, 2013

Three library positions were eliminated in the May 2013 Lifespan layoffs: Director of Lifespan Library Services (RI Hospital); Director of Education and Organization Development (Newport Hospital); Part-Time Library Assistant (Newport Hospital).

Robin Devin will be on sabbatical as of July 1 and has resigned as NAHSL representative. Madge Boldt has been appointed in her place.

CE: Members gathered to watch the MLA webcast “Partnering to Prevent Diagnostic Error” at the CCRI Lincoln campus on June 20.

Website: We have been using a Google site created by Nancy Ross in May 2012 (www.arihsl.org). During this coming year, we plan to move the content over to the Libguide provided by NAHSL.

AskRI: An effort to get more health/medical information available on the statewide reference resource site has been undertaken. A survey of other states’ offerings was done via the medlib listserv.

ARIHSL Officers 2013/2014:

President – Sue Warthman (New England Tech.)

VP/Pres.Elect – Nicki Pallotti (Memorial Hospital)

Secretary – Amanda Richman (RI Hospital)

Treasurer – Marybeth Edwards (Roger Williams Med. Center)

Tentative meeting dates for 2013-14 (awaiting confirmation by new VP).

9/18, 11/20, 3/19, 6/18

Submitted by: Madge Boldt, ARIHSL Representative to NAHSL

HSLNH/VT Report to NAHSL Executive Board

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The Spring meeting of HSLNH/VT was held Friday April 19th at the VA Hospital in White River Junction, VT. After the business meeting, we had a presentation from Cindy Olney, of the Outreach Evaluation Resource Center, which was very well received. In the afternoon, Cindy facilitated an appreciative inquiry process about the current state and future of the HSLNH/VT organization. There was quite a bit of discussion, and while the consensus was that the members of the group who were present at the meeting appreciated the support and relationships formed through HSLNH/VT, a straw vote taken toward the end of the discussion was overwhelmingly in favor of considering disbanding the group. All agreed to table the discussion until we could get more input from members who weren't at the meeting. Gayle Tudisco later posted a summary of the discussion to the listserv, with an invitation to continue the discussion there. Nancy Bianchi volunteered to organize a fall meeting with this being the principal focus. (Summary notes are attached.)

HSLNH/VT has also been approached by HSLIC in Maine to discuss the possibility of joining forces as one subgroup of NAHSL, and our members have expressed interest in exploring that option.

Some members of HSLNH/VT have acquired access to resources in the past through the National Library Alliance (including Stat!Ref), and that subscription is sunsetting as of this month. So far, there hasn't been any news on what might replace Stat!Ref, although there was a hope that a deal might be reached on access to Elsevier's Expert Consult online textbooks. Waiting to hear...

A group of Vermont hospital and academic librarians who are working in health sciences areas are planning to form an interest group within the Vermont Library Association. This group is in no way counter to HSLNH/VT but could be a collaborator for programs or other mutual interests. The Vermont group also wants to include public librarians and the State Library in thinking about health information. Please let [Marianne Burke] know any thoughts or comments about this idea.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Dunn

6-28-2013

Summary of Appreciative Inquiry Regarding HSL NH/VT and Ensuing Discussion

(compiled by Gayle Tudisco)

Value HSL NH/VT has provided to members over the years:

- Orient and support new health sciences librarians in NH and VT. Many agreed this was very helpful when starting out.
- Always take away something important about health science libraries from each meeting
- Problem solving sharing
- Form a network of colleagues to reach out to for assistance
- People in the group help each other out
- Bounce ideas off each other, brainstorm solutions to shared problems
- Fill interlibrary loan requests for articles and texts faster and cheaper than Docline
- Social network
- Learn from each other
- Trust each other
- Feel like you are not alone, even though working in a one person library
- Shared professional goals and challenges
- Communication between academic and hospital libraries
- Learn about how hospital libraries work to assist with their hospital library and understand community hospital libraries' limited resources
- Keep current with hospital libraries
- Affordable educational opportunities
- Speakers
- Opportunity to fulfill service mission
- Collegiality
- List-serv access
- Friendships and relationships

Problems with HSL NH/VT

- Shrinking membership
- Fewer hospital libraries and librarians. No sign that this trend will reverse
- Many members now work reduced part-time hours, prohibiting or limiting the amount of time available for committee work and/or meeting attendance
- Large geographic area makes meeting attendance costly and time consuming
- No easily accessible central location for meetings
- Burn out of committee members doing committee work - some members have been in leadership roles for years and no longer wish to shoulder that responsibility
- Vacant positions (i.e. webmaster)
- Difficulty filling committee chair positions
- Low meeting attendance – a great deal of time and effort goes into organizing meetings and low attendance makes the return on investment marginal
- Meeting attendance time and travel expenses not reimbursed by hospitals for some members
- Too many administrative functions like minutes, by-laws, web page, reports, etc.
- Educational needs now being met by webinars through RML, NAHSL and MLA.

Proposed solutions

- A straw poll of attendees voted 8 – 4 in favor of dissolving the organization. Members in favor of dissolution suggested several ways of filling the needs previously met by HSL NH/VT:
 - Adding a health sciences library sub-section to NH and VT state library associations to take advantage of their organizational structure
 - Would need to contact state library associations to see if this is possible
 - Someone would need to organize the sub-section
 - Would people attend those meetings either
 - Rely on NAHSL membership instead
 - Maureen will bring this up at the next NAHSL board meeting. Concerns- are we required to have a NH/VT chapter in order to belong to NAHSL. Also, if we dissolve, what would happen when it was NH/VT's turn to host the NAHSL conference. NAHSL is aware that individual states are struggling with hosting the conferences and are exploring other options.
 - Rely on RML for education and networking

- Members voting against dissolving the organization suggested:
 - Recruiting more academic members, particularly community colleges, to share the work load.
 - They have always been welcome to join, but have not done so. More vigorous recruitment may or may not increase **active** memberships.
 - Merge with Maine
 - Maine is experiencing the same problems as NH/VT and they currently meet once a year around a kitchen table. They are more involved with the state library.
 - Geographic distances even greater
 - Implement a model that requires minimal effort from the membership
 - What would this model look like?
 - Is there anyone willing to spearhead the transition to a new model?
 - Does a new model address the concerns of dwindling membership, decreased participation, and geographic distance,

Next meeting

- In an effort to avoid a hasty decision, Nancy Bianchi has agreed to organize a fall meeting where a definitive decision about the organization's future will be reached. Date, location and time to be determine by Nancy. All members are encouraged to attend, and to share their opinions and ideas via the list-serv in the meantime.

Maine HSLIC Liaison Report

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Maine Policy Review: The Winter/Spring issue of Maine Policy Review was a special issues devoted to Libraries & Information. HSLIC Librarians Deb Clark (Stephens), Susan Bloomfield (SMMC), Cindy White (EMMC) and Dina McKelvy (MMC) collaborated on the “Health Sciences Libraries” article.

Spring Meeting: The spring meeting was held on May 30 at MaineGeneral Waterville with a speaker on health statistics.

Cairns Award Winner: Nancy Curtis from Fogler Library at University of Maine is our health Sciences Librarian of the year. She was honored along with other allied health professionals at the Maine Hospital Association luncheon on June 20.

Bylaws changes: Several bylaws changes have been put into effect after discussion and revision. Some executive board positions have been streamlined or combined. Another tier of membership was created for sites that are members under the management of other larger libraries.