NAHSL - North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries
The North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries chapter consists of 316 members in six states (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont). The officers, fifteen committee chairs, and eight representatives to other organizations comprise the chapter board and coordinate the activities of the chapter. This group meets four times each year.

Chapter activities during the past year (May 1999-March 2000) support MLA Goals and Priorities as follows:

**Goal 1. Professional Development**
- NAHSL sponsors continuing education sessions each spring and a fall annual conference which moves from state to state and is chaired by the NAHSL chair-elect, representing the conference state. Conference planning begins two years in advance, involving members from each state on a rotating basis. The 1999 fall conference in Maine was highly successful, with 250 registered attendees, including vendors and presenters. The program was very well received, the location in Portland was comfortable, the Hospitality Committee created many wonderful opportunities for socializing, and the conference showed a comfortable profit. We were honored to have MLA President Frieda O. Weise present the MLA Update.
- The Credentialing Committee has created a popular 'noodge register' to encourage NAHSL members to become members of the Academy of Health Information Professionals.

**Goal 2. Advocacy**
- A newly reorganized Marketing Committee has aggressive plans for 2000.
- The chapter supports its members annually with scholarships for education.
- The chapter was pleased to donate $1000 to the Lucretia W. McClure MLA Excellence in Education Award.

**Goal 3. Organization**
- NAHSL's Archives Committee, in addition to maintaining the chapter's archives, has recently worked on documenting chapter history in conjunction with NAHSL's 40th anniversary and the MLA Centennial celebration. The result of this project, entitled 'Fabulous@Forty,' can be seen on the NAHSL web page.
- A financial crisis three years ago has been alleviated by the board's efforts to streamline and reorganize chapter activities, helped by the earnings of three consecutive profitable conferences. The Finance Committee continues to keep a close watch on the NAHSL financial situation.

**Goal 4. Research**
- Summary results of NAHSL's award-winning Benchmarking project are also available on the web page, although detailed information is available only to respondents to the survey.

**Goal 5. National Information Policy**
- The Government Relations Chair provides legislative updates and alerts on the website and email discussion list.

**Goal 6. Information Technology**
- The Automation Committee continues to enhance the NAHSL web page, which includes the chapter's newsletter, membership directory, upcoming conference information,
bylaws, educational and employment opportunities, links to the state organizations, and other information pertinent to the membership (http://nmlmner.uchc.edu/nahsl/).

The Chapter's Goals for 2000 include:
1. **Consumer Health/Patient and Family Education** (JCAHO Focus)
   - collaboration with other types of libraries, especially public
     - include complementary and alternative medicine
2. **NAHSL Finances**
   - continue fiscal responsibility & growth
3. **Review NAHSL committee assignments (communication focus)**
4. **IFLA 2001**
   - strategies for NAHSL participation
     - conduct a language survey within NAHSL to determine foreign languages spoken by NAHSL members

**MOTION**
This report is information and requires no action by the Board of Directors.

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