HSLIC SPRING MEETING
Husson College, Bangor, Maine
June 4, 2010

Present: Marj Anderson, Mercy Hospital; Cynthia Arnold, Mid Coast Hospital; Amy Averre, Husson University; Barbara Bartley, Kennebec Valley Community College; Sofia Birden, University of Maine at Fort Kent; Janet Blood, Eastern Maine Community College; Susan Bloomfield, Southern Maine Medical Center; Janet Bolduc, Central Maine Medical Center; Dan Boutchie, New England Journal of Medicine; Kathy Brunjes, Central Maine Medical Center; Deborah Clark, Stephens Memorial Hospital; Juan Condori, Eastern Maine Medical Center; Janet Cowen, Maine Medical Center; Nancy Curtis, University of Maine; Shelly Davis, Saint Joseph’s College; Lois Dutch, Waldo County General Hospital; Michelle Eberle, NN/LN, NER; Lauri Fennell, NN/LM, NER; Valerie Frechette, NN/LM, NER; Azck Handlen, Bates College; Gabriella Howard, University of Maine at Augusta; James Jackson Sanborn, Maine InfoNet; Ann Jordan, Jackson Laboratory; Rebecca Jordan, Redington-Fairview Medical Center; Patty Kahn, Penobscot Bay Medical Center; Kara Kennison, Eastern Maine Community College; Linda Lord, Maine State Library; Laura Lowe, Franklin Memorial Hospital; Douglas Macbeth, Jackson Laboratory; Ruth Mare, Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center; Megan McNichol, Eastern Maine Medical Center; Linda Menard, Aroostook Medical Center; Peggy O’Kane, Maine State Library; Emily Scribner, Franklin Memorial Hospital; Lucinda White, Eastern Maine Medical Center; Patricia Williams, Foundation for Blood Research; Cynthia Young, St. Joseph Hospital.

Call to order: HSLIC Chairperson Patty Williams called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m. Those present introduced themselves. Patty welcomed special visitors Dan Boutchie, Michelle Eberle, Lauri Fennell, Linda Lord, and Peggy O’Kane.

Chair’s Report: Patty W. referred to her written Chair’s report, copies of which were available at the meeting. She summarized the progress the Board had made on its goals for the year. She thanked committee chairs and the Executive Board for their work.

Secretary’s Report: Secretary Emily Scribner presented minutes of the Fall 2009 Membership Meeting. They had been emailed to the membership the previous week; minor errors noticed had been corrected. The minutes were approved with the noted corrections.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Nancy Curtis presented her report of expenditures, income, and balances. Her report was approved as submitted.

Nancy then presented the proposed budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Kathy Brunjes asked whether the amount budgeted for the Archives scanning project was enough to cover the work yet to be done. Archivist Marj Anderson arrived later and
answered the question during her report. In response to the question where the scanned files would reside, Shelly said Marj planned to have them included in the Maine Memory Network. The proposed 2010-11 budget was accepted.

**Resource Sharing:** Resource Sharing Chair Evelyn Greenlaw was in South Africa and had not sent a report.

**Education Committee:** Shelly explained that the program scheduled for this meeting was planned following members’ requests and suggestions. She said she would use Survey Monkey to gather participant evaluations.

**Membership:** Membership Chair Nancy Fletcher was not able to attend the meeting and had not sent a report. Treasurer Nancy Curtis was able to report that HSLIC had 44 current members, of which 22 had not yet paid this year’s dues.

**Automation:** Cynthia Young referred to her written report. She mentioned that the Board had decided not to renew the contract with Jeff Hamm for Ariel technical support. She also reported that she had surveyed HSLIC members about their feelings related to the links page on the HSLIC web site. The survey revealed that most people do not use the links page but want to have it available in case they need it. Cynthia recommends that it be kept for now.

**Scholarship:** Barbara Bartley had submitted a written report describing the scholarships recently awarded to Dina McKelvy, Joanne Langerman, and Evelyn Greenlaw. Patty W. reported that she will serve as Scholarship Chair in the upcoming year.

**NAHSL:** Megan McNichol had sent on the HSLIC listserv reports from NAHSL Board members. She also provided a summary of those reports and issues of current concern to NAHSL.

**Regional Medical Library Update:** Michelle Eberle reported on recent activities of the New England Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine.

Michelle explained that Go Local was discontinued because the tremendous amount of labor it required was not justified by the low use it received.

She said that the RML staff had just sent in the Lamar Soutter Library’s proposal to continue serving as the Regional Medical Library for another contract term.

Michelle then described the RML’s planned new approach to outreach. She said that if they continue to serve as RML, they will focus on five areas of interest and will concentrate their efforts in specific under-served geographical areas. In addition to appointing NER librarians to serve as advisory representative for each of the areas of interest, they will encourage involvement of other RML members.

She explained that because of the timing of the contract renewal, there are currently no calls for proposals for major projects, but libraries can apply for Express awards.

Michelle said that RML staff have been “on the road,” presenting at conferences across the country, but are still available to come to NER libraries to provide training.
Archives:  Marj referred to the report she had sent by email and had made available in paper format at the meeting. She said that although she is now retired from her library position at Mercy Hospital, she will continue serving as HSLIC’s Archivist. She explained that the Archives is now located in her home and that she will continue work on the scanning project there. Asked whether the $500 budgeted for scanning is enough to cover her work, Marj answered “probably not.” Patty W. said the Board will address that at their next meeting.

Doug brought up the importance of archives being searchable. Marj responded that the HSLIC Archives are not currently indexed, but she could look into software for searching. Cindy suggested that the Maine Memory Network might have some search capabilities.

Marj also raised the question, to be considered another time, of whether or not original hard copy should be kept after a document was scanned.

Publicity:  Patty K. referred to the report she had sent out by email. She invited submissions for the next HSLIC Newsletter and encouraged members to send pictures. She also said that she would like to start a HSLIC Facebook presence. Patty said that there are many copies of the HSLIC cookbook left and offered to mail them to anyone who wants to buy them. It was suggested that they be sold at the Maine Libraries Conference in the fall and at the upcoming state-wide Collection Development meeting.

Hospital Libraries Subcommittee of the Regional Advisory Committee:  Deb Clark explained the Subcommittee’s current focus on the sustainability of hospital libraries. They are developing a new model, which they hope to present at the next NAHSL conference. In this model, hospital libraries are knowledge management centers in line with the mission of their organizations.

Maine Library District Reports:

Central Maine Library District:  Emily summarized the report she had sent out to the membership following the last CMLD Board meeting. She mentioned the loss of support for school libraries resulting from reduced school district budgets and the encouraging work being done by the Maine Library Commission. The question was raised as to whether there was now a representative of health sciences libraries on the Commission. The answer was that there is not, but someone has volunteered and is awaiting appointment.

Southern Maine Library District:  Janet Cowen said that the SMLD has been struggling without a District Consultant and Linda Lord explained why one could not be hired before 2011. Janet C. reported that the SMLD Board will hold their annual retreat in June and will discuss goals for the upcoming year. She added that the newly renovated Portland Public Library is gorgeous.

Northern Maine Library District:  Cindy had sent out her report by email. She mentioned the Collection Development meeting to be held in June and emphasized the importance
of health science libraries being represented. She announced that the Fall Council meeting will be held on November 5, at the Augusta Civic Center, with programs on futurism and advocacy.

Area Reports

Area I: Marj reported that Mercy Hospital had eliminated the position of librarian. She took that as the opportunity to retire, but has been working there as a volunteer two days a week to take care of DOCLINE requests and do searches. Marj expressed concern about the valuable material the Mercy library has in storage and offered to give items to other libraries.

Area II: Kathy B. reported that CMMC’s storage area suffered damage from a leak of chemicals due to construction. She also reported that at end of July she will begin working with NLM as a consultant reviewing grant proposals.

Emily announced that she will be retiring from the Franklin Memorial Hospital Library at the end of June, but Laura will be continuing on and maintaining services. She said it had not yet been decided whether or to what extent her position would be filled.

Area III: Doug and Ann announced that Jackson Lab’s catalog was now available on the Internet at http://library.jax.org.

Janet Blood reported that EMCC had seen a large increase in reference questions, both online and in person.

Nancy C. said that Barbara Jones from the Fogler Library’s ILL department, would be retiring.

Maine State Library: Linda Lord expressed appreciation for the library at EMMC, where she was able to keep up with work and communicate with family member while her husband was a patient there.

Linda described the Library Commission’s work developing a strategic plan for the State Library. She also explained how Marvel is reasonably sustainable, receiving funding from a combination of sources.

She said that the Maine State Library received legislative approval to establish a Friends group whose members will be ambassadors for the State Library. She also mentioned that the State Library plans to have a Facebook page. One of her primary focuses, she said, is getting the word out about the value of libraries, largely through telling the story of how libraries have affected the lives of users.

Maine InfoNet: James Jackson Sanborn explained what Maine InfoNet is and does and described the roles played by MaineCat, Minerva, URSUS and SOLAR. He reported that InfoNet is finally now (temporarily) fully staffed and is finally able to move forward. He said InfoNet is working toward incorporation as a 501(c)(3) organization, which he hopes will make them capable of serving as a single payor for organizations such as HSLIC.

James encouraged HSLIC libraries to participate in the Collection Development meeting on June 21.
Old Business: Patty W. reported that a new flyer for promoting HSLIC was available on the HSLIC web site.

New Business:

Election of Officers: Since Nominations Chair Happy Copley was not able to attend the meeting, Patty W. presented the following slate of officers for the 2010-2011 year.

Chair-Elect: Cora Damon, Maine General Medical Center at Waterville
Treasurer: Amy Averre, Husson University
Secretary: Cynthia Arnold, Mid Coast Hospital
Region I Representative: Ramona Connelly, York Hospital
Region II Representative: Gabriella Howard, University of Maine at Augusta
Region III Representative: Linda Menard, Aroostook Medical Center

The slate was elected by one vote.

Cairns Award: Patty W. read a description of the contributions of the person selected as recipient of the Eleanor C. Cairns Distinguished HSLIC Librarian Award for 2010. She presented the award to Emily Scribner, librarian at Franklin Memorial Hospital.

Retirements: Two HSLIC librarians retiring this spring, Marj Anderson from Mercy Hospital and Emily Scribner from Franklin Memorial Hospital, were thanked for their service and presented with gift cards and flowers.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned shortly before noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Scribner, Secretary

Educational program

After a buffet lunch, three educational presentations were offered.

1. Lauri Fennell on PubMed
2. Michelle Eberle on MedlinePlus
3. Peggy O'Kane on Maine’s MARVEL collection of databases