CALL TO ORDER (Happy Copley): Chairperson Happy Copley called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. She welcomed visitors and speakers. Those present introduced themselves.

Happy referred to her written Chair’s Report. She made special mention of the HSLIC mini-grants and encouraging members to apply for these funds for special projects. She also urged all members to communicate with the HSLIC Board so that the organization could be responsive to their needs.

SECRETARY’S REPORT (Emily Scribner): Emily submitted minutes of the Spring 2008 Meeting for approval. One correction had been made since the minutes were sent out on the HSLIC-L listserv: wording in the Resource Sharing section was changed to indicate that the 20 participants in the New England Journal of Medicine online consortial arrangement were from Maine, not all HSLIC members. The minutes were approved with that one correction.
TREASURER’S REPORT (Nancy Curtis): HSLIC is “on track financially,” Nancy said. She reported that HSLIC’s mail box will be moving and said she will post the new address on the HSLIC listserv. The Treasurer’s Report was approved as submitted.

RESOURCE SHARING (Patty Williams): Patty summarized her recent investigations into possibilities for consortial arrangements for online resources, none of which has yet turned out to be advantageous and workable. She has also been trying to identify an organization that could serve as the single payor to handle consortial billing. Patty recently sent out a Survey Monkey survey to learn what resources HSLIC members would be interested in. She urged HSLIC members who had not yet responded to do so.

EDUCATION (Carin Dunay): Happy thanked Carin for arranging the Fall Meeting. Carin thanked the speakers for coming and the staff at NMCC who helped with the arrangements. Carin reported that plans for the Spring 2009 Meeting are well under way. Raynna Bowlby will speak on the assessment process, what do librarians need to assess, and how to talk to management about it. The tentative date is May 1, 2009, with the place not yet determined.

MEMBERSHIP (Nancy Fletcher): Nancy reported that HSLIC currently has 43 paid members. She passed out a list of members and their contact information so that those present could make any needed corrections.

PUBLICITY (Patty Kahn): Patty said that she expects to post the next HSLIC Newsletter to the HSLIC web site early the next week. It will include reports from the Fall Meeting.

AUTOMATION (Deb Clark): Deb passed around a list of HSLIC members’ email addresses so that any necessary corrections could be noted. She also asked for comments and suggestions regarding the HSLIC web site.

HOSPITAL LIBRARIES SUBCOMMITTEE (Deb Clark): Deb announced that she has recently become HSLIC’s representative to the Hospital Libraries Subcommittee of the NNLM/NER’s Regional Advisory Committee. She explained the Subcommittee’s efforts to advocate for and support libraries in danger of downsizing or closure, and she asked to be alerted to any situations that might benefit from help from the Subcommittee.

SCHOLARSHIP (Barbara Bartley): Barbara said that of the money budgeted for scholarships this year only a quarter has been used so far. She encouraged HSLIC members to apply for scholarships for meetings and educational travel.

In response to Doug MacBeth's question about increased need for scholarships next year when the NAHSL conference will be in Maine, Happy said that the budget would be planned to cover the anticipated increase in requests.

ARCHIVES (Marj Anderson): Marj reported that the HSLIC Archives was moved to a nice storage area, then last week she discovered that the company operating the warehouse had gone out of business. Now, she said, the contract for the storage space is in limbo and the future
location of the Archives unknown. Happy added that Marj is planning to start a project soon to scan HSLIC documents for digital preservation.

NAHSL (Megan McNichol): Happy introduced Megan as HSLIC’s new representative to NAHSL, replacing Tammara Rice, whose term expired. Meg reported that NAHSL has several new officers and that a task force is being formed to discuss how to improve NAHSL conferences.

NAHSL 2009 CONFERENCE (Dina McKelvy): Dina reported on the plans made so far for the conference to be held in Maine next fall. The theme is "What's Cooking: A Taste of the Future." Dina invited people to help with the planning and said more help would be needed at the time of the conference. Donations of items for the scholarship raffle can be given to Barbara Harness. Details of the conference will be posted on the NAHSL web site (www.nahsl.org/2009) as they are arranged.

MAINE LIBRARY COMMISSION (Barbara Harness): Barb referred to the written report she had made available. She made special mention of meetings on Maine Cultural Affairs being held in various locations across the state. These, she said, are very important as a way of letting the Legislature know about cultural programs and priorities for the use of New Century Grant funds. There is, Barbara said, concern about future funding of Minerva.

MAINE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (Happy Copley): Happy reported that the Maine Libraries Conference at Sunday River in October was a success. HSLIC was an exhibitor, presenting information about health information resources and identifying HSLIC libraries. Happy was very pleased by the interest of public and school librarians in what health science libraries offer. She thanked HSLIC members who contributed to the display and staffed the table.

Janet Bolduc said that the Maine Libraries Conference will probably be held at Sunday River again next year.

AREA REPORTS

Area I (Cadence Atchinson): Cadence was not present but had sent a written report, which will be included in the HSLIC Newsletter.

Area II (Evelyn Greenlaw): Evelyn’s written report will be included in the HSLIC Newsletter. Maureen Fournier added news of Kathy Brunjes' recent participation, with her horse Theatric, in the FEI World Endurance Championship in Malaysia. Kathy came in first of the American team and placed 24th overall. Kathy had returned to work, but immediately headed out to Houston to participate in an RML peer review committee.

Maureen described the video CMMC produced for Lewiston’s Somali population on how to use the health care system. They can provide a copy of the video to libraries or groups that would like one.

Deb Clark reported that a new Health Resource Center will be opening in Western Maine. Deb will be the Director and will be hiring a health educator.
Area III (Cindy White): Cindy introduced EMMC’s new staff member, Megan McNichol. Cindy reported that EMMC recently had an expensive book stolen and offered for sale on the internet. They learned that books stolen from other libraries were also put on sale at the same web site. It is believed that the thieves may be operating out of Waterville. Cindy warned all libraries to be alert and cautious.

OLD BUSINESS (Happy Copley): Happy again reminded all present of HSLIC’s mini-grants and encouraged applications. Dina McKelvy suggested that collaboration with a public library would be a good project for these funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

Goals:

Happy gave an update on the HSLIC Board’s goals for the year:
1. Preparations for the NAHSL ‘09 conference are well under way.
2. HSLIC members are encouraged to apply for mini-grants.
3. Marj Anderson has plans in place for digitizing documents in the HSLIC Archives.
4. Ways to expand resource sharing beyond interlibrary loan are being looked into.
5. HSLIC participated in the Maine Libraries Conference and is looking for opportunities to collaborate with other types of libraries more in the future.

Spring Meeting:

May 1, 2009, is the tentative date for the HSLIC Spring 2009 Meeting; the place has not yet been determined.

ADJOURNMENT: The business meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Following the business meeting, Mark Goldstein and Lauri Fennell from the Regional Medical Library reported on recent developments in the National Network of Libraries of Medicine/New England Region; and James Jackson Sanborn, Director of Maine InfoNet, introduced himself and described the current status of Maine InfoNet.

In the afternoon Lauri Fennell gave an informative session on recent changes in PubMed and My NCBI, and Mark Goldstein walked through the steps for using Link Out.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Scribner, Secretary