HSLIC SPRING MEETING
June 6, 2008
Husson College
Bangor, Maine

Present: Marj Anderson (Mercy Hospital), Cadence Atchinson (University of New England), Ruth Mare Basaldua (Dorothy Dix Psychiatric Center), Barbara Bartley (Kennebec Valley Community College), Sophia Birden (University of Maine at Fort Kent), Pat Bishop (Eastern Maine Medical Center), Susan Bloomfield (Southern Maine Medical Center), Janet Bolduc (Inland Hospital), Kathy Brunjes (Central Maine Medical Center), Susan Buzzell (University of Maine), Deborah Clark (Stephens Memorial Hospital), Joline Cook (Washington County Community College), Happy Copley (St. Mary's Regional Medical Center), Wanda Cote (Rumford Hospital), Janet Cowen (Maine Medical Center), Javier Crespo (National Network of Libraries of Medicine, New England Region), Nancy Curtis (University of Maine), Carin Dunay (Southern Maine Community College), Evelyn Greenlaw (Lewiston Auburn Campus of the University of Southern Maine), Barbara Harness (Maine General Medical Center, Augusta), Gabriella Howard (University of Maine at Augusta), Ann Jordan (Jackson Laboratory), Rebecca Jordan (Redington Fairview Hospital), Patty Kahn (Penobscot Bay Medical Center), Laura Lowe (Franklin Memorial Hospital), Douglas Macbeth (Jackson Laboratory), Dina McKelvy (Maine Medical Center), Linda Menard (The Aroostook Medical Center), Gary Pelletier (VA Togus), Tammera Race (University of Maine at Presque Isle), Karen Reilly (Eastern Maine Community College), Emily Scribner (Franklin Memorial Hospital), Kristy Smith (St. Mary’s Regional Medical Center), Paula Theriault (St. Joseph Hospital), Cindy White (Eastern Maine Medical Center), Cynthia Young (St. Joseph Hospital)

Call to order: HSLIC Chair Kathy Brunjes called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Those present introduced themselves.

Chair’s Report: Kathy gave a summary of the year’s accomplishments and activities:
- Several HSLIC librarians retired.
- Maureen Fournier suffered serious injuries in a car accident; she will be on leave for one month more before returning to work at CMMC.
- The NAHSL 2009 Planning Committee has made great progress preparing for the Conference to be held in Maine in 2009.
- The Board has achieved several of the goals established a year ago.
Kathy invited all members to let the Board know what they want from HSLIC. She concluded by thanking the Board for their work.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Emily Scribner presented the minutes of the HSLIC Fall 2007 meeting. The minutes were accepted as submitted with the one correction that Jackson Laboratory’s library was renovated, not moved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Nancy Curtis presented the year’s final report of income and expenditures and said that HSLIC is in good standing financially. She reported that HSLIC has
registered with the IRS, as is now required even though the organization’s income is below the level that would make filing mandatory. Nancy also explained that HSLIC has two bank CDs that give a small income ($300-$400 total).

Nancy then presented the proposed budget of $19,500 for the 2008-09 fiscal year. She pointed out that this includes funds for preparing for the NAHSL 2009 conference. The proposed budget was voted on later in the agenda.

**Resource Sharing:** Happy Copley commented on a few of the points in her written report:

- Several HSLIC libraries are taking advantage of the recently negotiated consortium rate for Natural Standard, an integrative medicine online database.
- A handout was made available at the meeting and will continue to be available on the HSLIC website showing new recommendations for the placement of HSLIC libraries in DOCLINE routing tables. Deb Clark pointed out that the University of Maine at Presque Isle was not on the list; Happy will enter them in place and send out the corrected list on the HSLIC email list.
- The consortial agreement with *The New England Journal of Medicine* for online access has been renewed for 2008-2009 by 20 Maine participants.

**Education Committee:** Kathy thanked Education Chair Carin Dunay for arranging today’s meeting. Carin asked for suggestions for future meetings.

**Automation:** Deb Clark commented on some of the points in her written report. She also circulated the HSLIC membership list so that those present could note any corrections needed.

**Scholarship:** Barbara Bartley indicated that scholarship application forms are available on the HSLIC website, with eligibility guidelines on the forms. Barbara encouraged HSLIC members to apply for a scholarship.

**Publicity:** Patty Kahn reported that the latest HSLIC Newsletter became available on the HSLIC website in April. The next one will be published in July. Patty asked for a volunteer to take over the Newsletter editorship.

Kathy thanked Patty for the good job she has done editing the Newsletter, commenting that the photos and personal items Patty includes make the Newsletter especially interesting.

**Archives --** Marj Anderson said that the Archives are being cared for at Mercy Hospital. She is looking into scanning the documents in the Archives.

**NAHSL 2009 Planning Committee:** In the absence of Committee Chair Dina McKelvy, Happy announced that the 2009 NAHSL Conference will be held October 25-27, at the Samoset Resort in Rockport. The theme is "What’s Cooking?" The Planning Committee is making good progress but would appreciate more help. An AV coordinator is especially needed. Kathy pointed out that volunteers would also be needed to help with registration and hospitality at the conference.

Barbara Harness mentioned that donations will be needed for the raffle to raise money for scholarships. She encouraged those present to start soon making crafts to donate. HSLIC will be
donating a basket of Maine products to the scholarship raffle at the NAHSL 2008 conference in Massachusetts.

**NAHSL**: Tammera Race submitted a written report and pointed out that the minutes of NAHSL Board meetings are posted on the NAHSL website. She noted that several positions on the NAHSL Board are currently open and invited volunteers or nominations for those positions.

Tammera encouraged HSLIC members to join NAHSL, pointing out that members are eligible for NAHSL scholarships for professional development.

**Maine Library Commission**: Barbara Harness reported that the Commission was not able to get funding to add databases to Marvel, but was able, with a struggle, to continue the collection with the loss of just one database.

Proposed legislation concerning accountability of cultural organizations did not pass. Open forums on this issue will be held across the state; Barbara encouraged HSLIC members to attend.

Gary Nichols will be retiring as State Librarian in the fall. There will be a nationwide search for his replacement.

Kathy added that interviews were being conducted for a new Central Maine Library District Consultant. The Maine InfoNet executive director position was still not filled.

**Report from the Regional Medical Library**: Javier Crespo discussed the concerns that HSLIC members have had related to RML guidelines for DOCLINE routing tables. He said that Mark Goldstein had talked with his colleagues about this and was formulating a response to HSLIC's concerns.

Javier suggested that HSLIC consider ways it might use blog technology to make its website more interactive. He mentioned that a course on Web 2.0 tools recently offered live is now available on the Internet at no charge, but with no continuing credits or interaction with an instructor.

Javier explained that the Regional Medical Library, now at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, is in the middle of a five-year contract period to provide regional support for the National Library of Medicine. He extended an invitation to attend sessions for providing feedback to NLM staff during their upcoming site visit.

He reported that Rumford Hospital and the River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition have been awarded an Outreach subcontract for a health literacy project. The next round of funding will be announced soon.

**NAHSL 2009 Planning (cont.):** Dina made up for any time lost by her late arrival by quickly tying on an apron, grabbing a pot, and whipping up enthusiasm for the 2009 NAHSL conference. She repeated the invitation made earlier in the meeting for volunteers to help with the conference, emphasizing the need for an AV Coordinator. Dina added that the Committee has a wiki and a blog for use by the Committee, which can be read by other HSLIC members as well.

**Membership**: Dina circulated a list of current paid members, asking that everyone check the information on it and note any corrections needed.

She has compiled responses to a survey of members she conducted online this spring but still wants more responses. She will provide paper copy for anyone who prefers to respond in that format.
Area Reports:

Area I – Cadence Atchinson reported:
- Mercy Hospital will have a new building opening in September, but the library will not be moving at that time. However, Marj is planning new computer workstations.
- The Midcoast library is now in a new temporary location.
- Shelly Davis will be the new director of St. Joseph's College Library, beginning July 1. Shelly was previously at the University of Maine at Farmington's Mantor Library.

Area II -- Gabriella Howard had nothing to add to the news already published in the HSLIC Newsletter.

Area III -- Cindy White's news was all of personnel developments. At EMCC, Karen Reilly will retire at the end of June, and Janet Blood received her MLIS from the University of South Carolina in May. At EMMC, Sue Jagels retired at the end of May; Cindy White is now the Library Director. Also at EMMC, candidates are being interviewed for the ILL/Reference Librarian position. Carolyn Coco has retired from St. Joseph Hospital and Cynthia Young is the new librarian there. Susan Buzzell is the new head of interlibrary loans at the University of Maine's Fogler Library.

Old Business:

Goals – Kathy gave an update on the goals set for HSLIC this year:
- The educational program Running with the Squirrels was offered to all HSLIC members, using the Focus Funds. Only twelve members attended.
- The HSLIC website was revamped, thanks to Deb Clark and an adhoc committee.
- The contract with Jeff Hamm for Ariel technical support was renewed.
- Happy investigated the possibility of consortial arrangements with several online information providers. The agreement with The New England Journal of Medicine was continued, an arrangement with Natural Standard has been set in place, and she is now negotiating with JAMA and the Archives. Cindy expressed disappointment that NELINET would no longer offer affiliate membership and suggested that HSLIC inquire about a consortial agreement with NELINET.

Focus Funds -- Deb presented the Board's plan for using the Focus Funds for mini-grants of up to $500 each to support HSLIC members' library projects. She passed out a written description and guidelines for the mini-grants.

New Business:

Election of Officers -- Happy presented the slate of nominees to serve in HSLIC offices for the coming year:
Chair-Elect: Patty Williams
Area I Representative: Cadence Atchinson (continuing for a second term)
Area II Representative: Evelyn Greenlaw
Area III Representative: Cindy White (continuing for a second term)
One vote was cast for the slate.

2008-09 Budget -- Nancy presented the proposed budget and it was approved by vote of members present.

Cairns Award: Deb helped Kathy present the Eleanor C. Cairns Distinguished Librarian Award for 2008 to Janet Cowen. Janet will be honored at the Maine Hospital Association's Allied Professional Society's Recognition Luncheon on Thursday, June 26, at the Samoset Resort. HSLIC members are encouraged to attend.

Volunteers needed: A volunteer is needed to replace Dina as Chair of the Membership Committee, since she is now giving all her attention to NAHSL 2009 conference planning. An appeal was made for someone to monitor the HSLIC mailbox in Portland, checking for incoming mail and forwarding it to the appropriate person; a few people expressed willingness to do that.

Passing of the Gavel: Kathy introduced Happy Copley as the new Chairperson of HSLIC.

Adjournment -- The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Scribner, Secretary

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Luncheon honoring retiring HSLIC librarians

Following the business meeting, lunch was served, during which four retiring HSLIC librarians were honored and thanked for having given over 100 years total of service: Carolyn Coco, Sue Jagels, Karen Reilly, and June Roullard. Letters of appreciation were read and comments were made by Gary Nichols, State Librarian; Linda Lord, Deputy State Librarian; and Valerie Osborne, Northern Maine Library District Consultant.

Educational Program

Two educational presentations were given during the afternoon. Dan Wilson described the National Library of Medicine's Emergency Preparedness & Response Plan and Toolkit. Erin McDonagh, from EBSCO, explained the changes to take place this summer in the search interface for EBSCOhost databases.