**HSLIC FALL MEETING**

**September 21, 2007**

**Husson College**

**Bangor, Maine**

**Present:** Cynthia Arnold (Mid Coast Hospital), Cadence Atchinson (University of New England), Amy Averre (Husson College), Barbara Bartley (Kennebec Valley Community College), Pat Bishop (Eastern Maine Medical Center), Susan Bloomfield (Southern Maine Medical Center), Janet Bolduc (Inland Hospital), Kathy Brunjes (Central Maine Medical Center), Deborah Clark (Stephens Memorial Hospital), Carolyn Coco (St. Joseph's Hospital), Happy Copley (St. Mary's Regional Medical Center), Wanda Cote (Rumford Hospital), Janet Cowen (Maine Medical Center), Nancy Curtis (University of Maine), Cora Damon (MaineGeneral Medical Center), Carin Dunay (Southern Maine Community College), Beth Dyer (University of New England), Nancy Fletcher (University of Maine at Presque Isle), Gabriella Howard (University of Maine at Augusta), Rebecca Jordan (Redington Fairview General Hospital), Patty Kahn (Penobscot Bay Medical Center), Douglas Macbeth (Jackson Laboratory), Dina McKelvy (Maine Medical Center), Ruth Mare (Dorothy Dix Psychiatric Center), Linda Menard (The Aroostook Medical Center), Tammera Race (University of Maine at Presque Isle), Karen Reilly (Eastern Maine Community College), Emily Scribner (Franklin Memorial Hospital), Cindy White (Eastern Maine Medical Center), Patricia Williams (Foundation for Blood Research)

**Call to order:** Chair Kathy Brunjes called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

**Chair’s Report.** Kathy's report, previously emailed to members, consisted primarily of an overview of the Board meeting in August at Patty Kahn's home. She wanted to highlight the Board's decision to hold an all-member retreat in the spring of 2008, a full day with educational sessions and discussion of HSLIC goals. The State Library has offered to provide Marvel training as one of the educational offerings. The Board would like input from HSLIC members, especially suggestions for educational sessions and possible locations.

Kathy encouraged all interested in helping plan the NAHSL 2009 Conference, which will be held in Maine and hosted by HSLIC, to attend the first planning meeting to be held on October 5 at Patty Kahn's home in Tenant's Harbor.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Emily Scribner presented the minutes of the HSLIC Spring Meeting held on May 25, 2007. While the minutes were being reviewed attendees introduced themselves. The minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy Curtis, Treasurer, reported that after a struggle with the bank at the beginning of her term as treasurer, she is now able to access the account. However, it appears that her email server has treated some emails with attachments as spam, so she may not have received some check request forms sent as attachments. Members who have not received any response to an emailed check request should contact her.

Dina will follow up with members who have not yet paid dues.
Asked about the line in the budget "Travel Expenses, Reps.," Nancy explained that this is for reimbursement for travel to meetings as a HSLIC board member or appointed representative, with the exception that the HSLIC representative to NAHSL is reimbursed for travel to NAHSL meetings by NAHSL.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

**Resource Sharing:** Happy Copley reported on her recent work on consortial arrangements.

The group agreement with the New England Journal of Medicine is now in place and seems to be running well. Maine Medical Center is handling the payment. Participants are asked to please pay Maine Med as soon as they receive the bill.

Happy is investigating several other group purchases. She finds it difficult to know which products would be of most interest to the diverse membership. She also finds talking to vendors tricky.

She is now talking to a Stat!Ref representative. Kathy had talked to them in the past and became discouraged because several members had subscriptions already through National Library Alliance and could not transfer that to another vendor. That situation has since changed.

Happy has talked to MAHSLIN about their arrangement, which they find satisfactory. NELINET is their billing agent, for which they pay a fee. Karen Reilly has let Happy know that there is a community college arrangement with Stat!Ref. The Stat!Ref representative has said that the company does not care who is part of a group purchase as long as they are in Maine.

Happy is also talking to EBSCO about some of their products.

Doug will share with Happy information he has about a collection of journals he now gets through a biomedical consortium which includes the University of Maine.

Amy Averre asked about Rittenhouse's R2 Digital Library.


Emily asked about Cochrane. It could be licensed through EBSCO or Wiley. A year ago Wiley did not want to negotiate. Happy is talking to EBSCO about other products and will ask about this one.

Doug suggests Happy create a spreadsheet showing products being considered and their options.

In addition, Happy is updating the HSLIC Disaster Resource List and asks members to be sure to send her any changes.

Happy plans to attend the upcoming SOLAR meeting.

**EDUCATION:** Carin Dunay reminded participants of the proposed Retreat. She invited suggestions for programming for that and for the Spring Meeting. Carin also wants input on location for the Spring Meeting.

Kathy added that the cost of the Retreat would be covered by the “Focus Funds” in the budget approved at the Spring Meeting. It would probably take place in March 2008. She asked for a show of hands of those who think they would be likely to attend.

**AUTOMATION:** Deb Clark reported that she, Happy, and Kathy have begun a review of the HSLIC website. Deb is in process of sending changes to Penny Glassman, who will make them live on the internet when they are ready in a final form. Deb explained that the main goal is to make the site more usable for members. She invites members to send her their ideas and suggestions.
Deb is in the process of negotiating for continuing Ariel support from Jeff Hamm. He will probably be offered $500/year as a retainer plus a per visit fee for pre-approved site visits. In a year, the Board will re-evaluate the need for continuing to provide Ariel support.

The question was posed to all present as to whether online access to the HSLIC Newsletter should be password protected or open to everyone. In the past, the Newsletter was considered a membership benefit and was not intended for a broader audience. However, NAHSL encourages state organizations to make their newsletters openly available. Having open access would give the editor an added responsibility of editing articles so as to protect members’ privacy. Patty Williams suggests having a public newsletter plus a personal password page for the personal information. The question was raised as to whether a newsletter is needed at all or the purpose is served by HSLIC-L. Deb also pointed out that the newly designed website will have a members-only section; that could be used for personal news and opinions. As there was no consensus, the issue will be discussed further at another time, with the Newsletter remaining password-protected in the meantime.

Deb reminded everyone to send her any changes in directory information.

Scholarship: Barbara Bartley said that any HSLIC member who wants a scholarship for an event should let her know. Deb pointed out that it need not be for a strictly library event but could be used for something such as the Literature & Medicine conference in New Hampshire this fall. Proposed revisions to the guidelines for amounts of scholarships will be presented to the membership for approval at the Spring 2008 meeting.

Publicity: Patty Kahn reminded those present that the deadline for the next HSLIC Newsletter is next Friday. She wants news items and photos.

Patty has pulled together a draft of a brochure to be given to local libraries to encourage referrals to HSLIC libraries. She passed a copy around and asked for comments. She will bring it to the next Board meeting.

Archives: Archivist Marj Anderson was not present but had sent a printed report.

Kathy has recently found a box of material from the NAHSL conference at Sunday River in 1999 to be added to the Archives.

NAHSL: Tammera Race first explained that due to her recent job change from The Aroostook Medical Center to the UMPI Library, she missed the last NAHSL meeting, but does plan to attend the December meeting.

The NAHSL 2007 conference will be in Woodstock, Vermont October 28-30. New NAHSL officers will take office at that meeting. Some bylaws changes are to be approved, including one which would make state representatives voting members of the NAHSL Executive Board.

NAHSL Chair Janene Batten has sent out a report on goals, identifying which have been achieved and which should be worked on further. One is to involve state groups in hosting educational programs.

There is an MLA teleconference on scholarly publishing November 7, which Maine Med is willing to host.

Maine Library Commission: HSLIC’s representative, Barbara Harness, sent a written report. Kathy was at the Commission’s last meeting and can comment on highlights.
Valerie Osborn is the new Northern Maine Library District consultant. Bonnie Dwyer will soon be retiring as Central District consultant.

HSLIC members now sit on the Southern and Central Maine Library District Boards, and an effort is underway to place one on the NMLD Board.

Report from the RML: After a stretch break, Kathy presented Javier Crespo’s report. The RML is short staffed since Donna Berryman’s leaving and feel the pinch especially during the current Jewish holy days.

Javier mentioned the upcoming deadline for Outreach proposals. At least two proposals from Maine libraries are expected. In addition to the competitive subcontracts, they also have less formal awards available for $1,000-$3,000.

They hope to be able to fill the position vacated by Donna Berryman by January.

The annual RAC meeting was held last month. Cynthia said she attended and will send a report to the Newsletter or the HSLIC-L list.

Javier announced that the RML is putting together an educational program (CE) on emergency preparedness to be offered in November.

At the NAHSL 2007 Conference Michelle Eberle will teach a course on Alternative Medicine on Sunday and one on grant proposal writing following the conference, on Tuesday.

Kathy reported that CMMC recently received a small RML Outreach award for producing a videotape to help their Somali population understand the health care system.

Area Reports:

Region 1

Cadence reported that UNE got approval for a new Pharmacy program (PharmD). It will be on their Westbrook campus.

Building at Mercy is proceeding.

SMCC has new dormitories under construction which may be open in January 2008. They have reached 5,000 students. Their Brunswick Campus has been approved; it will be at the Brunswick Naval Air Station location.

Region 2

Gabriella reported for Togus that VA network-wide money for infection control issues allowed them to get the Gideon database and PsycArticles. Also, they will be getting RAPID ILL, an electronic ILL system.

Cora’s MaineGeneral Library in Waterville is scheduled to move out of its temporary trailer into its new home within nine months.

St. Mary’s will expand its ER, which will enable them to serve behavioral and acute patients separately. They are finishing construction on their Center for Joint Replacement, which will open in October.

Region 3

Cindy reported that EMMC’s library just got a wireless system for a public connection to the internet through the Maine School and Library System, enabling people to go online at any time within 30 feet of library. This system can be used in a waiting room when the library is closed.
Linda Menard was introduced as the new librarian at the The Aroostook Medical Center, beginning in October.

Doug said that Jackson Lab’s library will be undergoing renovations. They are now working on plans with an architect. Integrated open access library system.

Husson is still waiting for one last hurdle to be cleared in order to start up their new law school. Husson will also start a Pharmacy program. The library is looking into resources to support these programs.

Susan Bloomfield wanted to encourage those whose libraries are undergoing moves, building, or renovations. She said they had received positive responses to SMMC’s new library space, which is very spacious and wonderful to work in.

Membership: Dina reported that HSLIC now has thirty-six paid members. She is awaiting renewals from thirteen people.

She said that the survey she did in the spring was a learning experience for her. Only the salary information can be easily compiled. She hopes to redesign the surveys so data can be compiled meaningfully and run it again next spring. She will send a report to the HSLIC Newsletter.

Dina will need to resign as HSLIC Membership Chair because she is taking on responsibility for planning the NAHSL 2009 conference, which will be in Maine. She is looking for a volunteer to take her place.

NAHSL: Dina explained what NAHSL is and how the conference rotates through the member organization’s states, with Maine’s turn coming again in 2009. She is now forming the planning committee. The kick-off meeting will be October 5, 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., at Patty Kahn’s home. Dina has started looking at possible sites to accommodate 250 people. She is working with a professional conference planner, Dorma Wickstrand, who helps NAHSL each year to identify a location suitable for the conference.

Old Business:

Website redesign was discussed earlier.

Janet is waiting for final financial data, then will complete her final report on the Ariel grant project.

New Business:

Emily quickly reviewed the discussion of goals at the August Board meeting. She will send out a written summary to the membership by email.

Libraries who participated in the consortial online subscription to the New England Journal of Medicine were reminded to add it to their Link Out. Kathy says libraries that did have NEJM through Highwire may have a problem, which must be resolved by NEJM.

Jay Hoffman, who was Head of Reference Services and Collection Development at the University of Maine at Augusta for fourteen years, died of cancer in August. Kathy presented a book in his memory to Gabriella for the UMA Library.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Emily Scribner, Secretary

**Educational Offering**

Following lunch, an educational program “So You Think You Know Copyright” was presented by Shelly Davis from the University of Maine at Farmington’s Mantor Library, with help from Janet Brackett and Vaughan Gagne, also from Mantor Library; Melanie Taylor Coombs, Librarian at the Farmington Public Library; Kathy Brunjes from CMMC; and Dina McKelvy from Maine Medical Center.

A mock game show was enacted, testing the panelists’ -- and the audience’s -- knowledge of copyright law. That was followed by discussion of scenarios demonstrating copyright situations, then a panel discussion in the form of a game show. Shelly completed the afternoon with a time for the audience to ask questions.