ATTENDEES: Marj Anderson, Amy Averre, Jennie Beal, Janet Blood, Janet Bolduc, Kathy Brunjes, Deb Clark, Happy Copley, Wanda Cote, Janet Cowen, Nancy Curtis, Cora Damon, Carin Dunay, Nancy Fletcher, Barbara Harness, Gabriella Howard, John Hutchinson, Natalie Hutchinson, Ann Jordan, Rebecca Jordan, Patty Kahn, Laura Lowe, Doug Macbeth, Ruth Mare, Dina McKelvy, Gary Pelletier, Tammera Race, Cindy White

SPECIAL GUESTS: Javier Crespo, Kate Flewelling, Deb Hensler, Judy Messerle

CALL TO ORDER: Due to a delay in the arrival of Natalie Hutchinson, Incoming Chair Kathy Brunjes called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. She asked everyone to introduce himself or herself.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Happy offered the minutes from the Spring 2006 HSLIC Business Meeting. The minutes were accepted as presented.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Maryanne sent a report. Nearly all HSLIC members have paid their 2006-2007 dues. Expenditures to date include only $2,007.70, mostly expenses for the HSLIC Spring Meeting. The Treasurer’s Report was approved as presented.

RESOURCE SHARING: Kathy reported that she has contacted the Stat! Ref rep. She will meet with him at the NAHSL Conference to discuss possible group pricing for those who are not yet subscribers. According to the HSLIC Disaster Resource List, it appears many smaller HSLIC libraries are not yet subscribing to Stat!Ref. Kathy has also contacted NELINET about consortial buying, continuing education, and speakers. After the NAHSL Conference, Kathy will send out a questionnaire on the HSLIC listserv about what members’ needs are.

PUBLICITY: Patty reported that there would be another newsletter in November.

AUTOMATION: Deb Clark reported that at the last Executive Board meeting she had reviewed with the Board members who was responsible for content on the various HSLIC webpages and which areas needed updating. Deb mentioned new items on the HSLIC website, including the Disaster Resource List. Deb urged everyone to PRINT OUT a copy (as it may be needed when computers are not functional). She asked that all members check their entries on this list to make sure they are current. The presentation on Ariel from the recent Users Group Meeting is also on the website. The most recent HSLIC Newsletter is posted. Deb also mentioned that our domain name has been renewed for another 2 years.

Deb raised the issue of setting up a HSLIC-wide ARIEL listserv. The membership did not feel this was necessary. Janet Cowen recently posted a message to let us know that the grant has been extended into another fiscal year; we still have Jeff Hamm’s technology services available under
this extension. Janet reported that we have about $33,000 remaining to be used on Ariel issues; Janet is interested in ideas on how to spend funds, to be discussed under Old Business.

Deb passed around a list of people who are on the HSLIC listserv and asked for corrections and additions.

**EDUCATION:** Carin polled members on where to hold the Spring Meeting. Carin will be sending out a survey after this meeting, asking for feedback on the meeting, and ideas for topics for the future. Our afternoon speaker, Judy Messerle, asked everyone to answer a quick survey while the business meeting continued: write down your greatest fear for your library and your greatest hope for your library in the future.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Dina said we have 46 paid memberships for 2006-2007. Guy Saldanha at Bowdoin College reports that he is ready to join, and is hoping for permission next year. York County Community College librarian Amber Tatnall is waiting to see what the plans are for the pending nursing program before deciding to join. Dina is working on an archival list of Executive Board members from recent years; it will soon appear on the website. Patty mentioned that she was going to reintroduce a masthead for the *HSLIC Newsletter*; all Board members would be listed.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Barbara Bartley could not attend and sent no report. According to the Treasurer’s Report, there were three scholarships granted so far this fiscal year.

**ARCHIVES:** Marj reported that she and her assistant Sylvia have created new folders for the HSLIC Archives. She is in the process of updating the HSLIC History on the website. Marj will be glad to work with Dina on the archival list of Executive Board members to help fill in gaps.

**NAHSL:** Penny Glassman reported that there are 214 NAHSL members this year, roughly the same number as last year. Kathy Brunjes reported that Andy Dzaugis accepted the nomination to be the Conference Chair/Chair Elect for 2008. Janet Cowen accepted the nomination to be Chapter Council Representative. Len Levin distributed *Ten Tips to Market Your Library.* October 15-17, 2006 is this year’s NAHSL Conference in Hartford, Connecticut. Maine Medical Center is one of the sites for the next MLA webcast, *Moving at the Speed of Byte: Emerging Technologies for Information Management.* It will be held November 8, from 2 pm to 4 pm; contact Janet Cowen at Maine Medical Center Library to register. Next year’s NAHSL conference will be held at the Woodstock Inn in Woodstock Vermont, October 27-29, 2007.

**PAST CHAIR:** John is working on updating the online *HSLIC Manual*; he reports that he is almost finished. He has deleted references to the now-defunct Maine Union List of Serials (MULS).

**MAINE LIBRARY COMMISSION:** Matt Dunlap, Secretary of State, presented a report about the future of the Maine State Library and Archive Building. Options are being studied and report will be presented in January. Steve Podgajny, Library Director at Portland Public Library, proposed a Blaine House Conference on Libraries in November 2007, (the last one was in 1991). Barbara voiced concern that such a conference would have too strong an emphasis on public libraries; she proposed that it have a broader focus. Steve replied that it would be too large an undertaking if the Conference focused on all types of libraries; from the discussion it appears that the Conference will be geared to public libraries. Karl Beiser reported that the Maine InfoNet Board has formed and will meet for a retreat on October 10. The Library Consultants formally announced the new Maine Libraries mascot: the Coon Cat.
MAINE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION: LeAnne could not attend. She sent a report; she is looking for a replacement for her post. Next year’s Maine Libraries Conference will be held in November. Deb Hensler mentioned that half the meetings to plan this conference are held on Friday afternoons and half are held on Saturday afternoons.

AREA REPRESENTATIVES:
Area 1—Patty Williams is recovering from knee surgery and sends regards. The new reference librarian at Southern Maine Community College is Bryan Strniste; this is a new position. Mercy held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new building: the new Mercy Library will be constructed during the second stage of the building plan; construction funds have already been donated for the Library, and it will be named for a specific deceased Mercy physician.
Area 2—Gabriella Howard said that she had nothing new to report. Kathy introduced Kate Flewelling, an intern at CMMC through December, who is studying in the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee library program. Happy reported she will be moving the storage area at St. Mary’s in the next few weeks.
Area 3—Doug Macbeth reports that Jackson Laboratory has purchased backfiles of Science Direct; they will probably be jettisoning about 160 linear feet of journals. They will be putting out a list of those titles in case other HSLIC members would like to adopt them.

RML: Javier reported that they are convening two task forces on Historical Collections and Emergency Preparedness. They would like to involve members from all parts of the region on both. The RML will be exploring electronic meetings to save on travel. The Hospital Library subcommittee is working on the issue of libraries closing; seeking to find a quick response to this situation. Gary mentioned that June is retiring from the VA Togus next year; Deb suggested that there should be a letter sent supporting the Togus Library even before June retires. The RAC meeting was held in July; Linda Oliver from Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick was one of the attendees. Javier put in a plug for Donna Berryman to come to offer training on PUBMED and the various NCBI resources for molecular research.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ariel Monies – Janet asked what HSLIC members thought we should do with $33,000 left in the grant? Another Ariel user group meeting is being planned. Current stats show that 44 institutions in the state of Maine use Ariel.

NEW BUSINESS:

Natalie requested a discussion of the kinds of issues that are foremost in members’ minds.

Consortial Buying – Cindy mentioned that consortial buying is a big issue for EMMC, anything that HSLIC can put together for group purchasing. Rob Lennox from NELINET may come speak to HSLIC about R2; Carin reported that it gets use at SMCC; product needs some tech support. Doug asked about Access Medicine—Kathy reported that price was too dear when they trialed it. Kathy is negotiating about MDConsult & NursingConsult for an affordable pricing system. MEDLINE Full Text from Ebsco is another new product to examine. Janet reported that the New England Journal of Medicine site license might have a consortium price; Kathy will follow up.

HSLIC Scholarships -- Dina mentioned that the HSLIC Board should look at revitalizing HSLIC Scholarship availability, make it more flexible, raise the amount. Kathy reported that
NAHSL calls this the “Professional Development Fund.” NAHSL is also working to revamp its own framework.

**Collaboration** -- Kathy proposed that we should collaborate more with the Maine State Library and public libraries. For example, the November CMLD Council Meeting is about time management, which would be valuable for HSLIC members, too. Kathy proposed that District Consultants be invited to the HSLIC Spring Meeting so they can see what we do and what our needs are. Javier offered to help with fees and speakers if HSLIC wants to sponsor a program at Maine Libraries Conference next year.

**Blaine House Conference** -- Barbara solicited ideas about how HSLIC could interface with the Blaine House Conference. This would be a way to collaborate with public libraries.

**MULS** – Deb and Cora asked about the new version of MULS, the Maine Serials List. Data are being moved into a new database. Apparently the data will not include the universities’ collections. Each contributor will be able to update his/her own records. Barbara McDade at Bangor Public Library will make an announcement about the new database when it is ready for public use.

**NEXT MEETING:** Spring Meeting in May or June 2007.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 11:55 am

Respectfully submitted,

Happy Copley, MLS
HSLIC Secretary