CAHSL had a successful year stimulating interest in and strengthening health sciences librarianship and libraries in Connecticut through our programs and activities. The association’s success and purpose come from our active membership of health sciences librarians, who provide knowledge management to improve healthcare outcomes.

This report reflects associational activities for the past year, July 2004 to June 2005 and is divided into four sections: Mentoring & Outreach, Programs, Continuing Education, and Association Operations & Governance.

I. Mentoring & Outreach

An area of particular achievement comes from promotion of health science librarianship and increased visibility within the Southern Connecticut State University School of Information and Library Science. Our Vice-President/President-Elect, Janice Swiatek-Kelley, played a central role in these efforts as a liaison between CAHSL and Southern Connecticut State University, School of Information and Library Science, Dr. Elsie Okobi

- Janice Swiatek-Kelley coordinated the SCSU Subcommittee and submitted suggestions for classes and topics relevant to health sciences libraries. These were submitted Dr. Okobi to assist in the creation of a Health Sciences Librarian program for the School.

- CAHSL partnered with Dr. Okobi and the SCSU SILS and School of Public Health to offer a symposium entitled: The Current State of Health, Medical & Science Information Services held on Friday, March 11, 2005. Several CAHSL & NAHSL members gave presentations at this event.

- Ed Donnald, New Technology Chair, created a resource on the CAHSL web site, where members wanting to provide mentoring opportunities, can submit contact information along with information about their libraries.

- The membership voted this year, as a trial, to no longer require member dues for library science students studying or working in Connecticut. As a result, we had six students join our association this year. Our membership chair, Amanda Pomeroy, Membership Chair, recommends we continue this initiative.

II. Programs

Denise Hersey, Program Chair, organized the following programs during the 2004-2005 year:

Sept. 22, 2004- CAHSL hosted a satellite broadcast by MLA on electronic licensing.
The program was held in the afternoon at Hartford Hospital and was titled: The Art and Practice of Electronic Journal, Book and Database Licenses: Practical Tips for Health Care Organizations.

October 21, 2004 - CAHSL partnered with the College and University Library Section of the Connecticut Library Association to host Steven M. Cohen. Steven spoke on Web logs and RSS and how they are being used as a way of sharing information with colleagues and user communities.

As a result of this meeting, Ed Donnald created a CAHSL Blog at cahsl.blogspot.com. Based on member feedback, Ed is investigating options to allow multiple people or the entire membership to post messages to the blog.

December 16, 2004 - Dr. Stephen Rosenman and Denise Walsh, from Bridgeport Hospital, came to speak with us about their volunteer work in Jamaica via their organization, PRN Relief International.

March 9, 2005 - Nicholas Tomaiuolo, a reference librarian at Central Connecticut State University, spoke with CAHSL members about his book, The Web Library: Building a World Class Personal Library with Free Web Resources. He discussed how he compiled the free sites and he updates his list.

April 21, 2005 - CAHSL members were informed about the States ReQuest System by Gail Hurley from the State Library. She discussed how CAHSL libraries might benefit from using ReQuest and iConn. A brief discussion on electronic document delivery was also part of this forum.

III. Continuing Education

Robert Joven, Continuing Education Chair, coordinated three CE opportunities over the past year, awarding continuing education credits from the Medical Library Association.

- The September 2004 teleconference on electronic licensing was held in conjunction with our business meeting, hosted by Hartford Hospital and sponsored by NAHSL CE Committee.
- Donna Berryman, with NN/LM-NER, taught a ToxNet hands-on computer instruction course at UCHC on February 17, 2005.
- An MLA webcast on electronic licensing was hosted by Amy Frey at the Hospital for Special Care in New Britain.

IV. Association Operations and Governance

CAHSL with 67 members is affiliated with the Connecticut Hospital Association under the umbrella of the Heath Science Libraries Conference. HS/LC/CAHSL appreciates the support received from CHA, including meeting space. The association is particularly
thankful to Catherine Rosich, our CHA contact. We hope to continue and strengthen the fruitful partnership between CHA and HSLC/CAHSL.

Candace Barth revised our bylaws by updating and clearing them. Jill Golrick is compiling a list of CAHSL officers from the organization’s inception from information in the newsletters and other materials in the archives. This work is part of a larger examination and organization of archival contents. Janene Batten, Secretary, did an outstanding job recording minutes and quickly posting them to the membership. Linda Ann Kaczmarczyk, Treasurer, has been excellent in keeping our financial books in order. The association, as of June 9, 2005, has a $6,029.05 balance.

The officers, committee chairs and representatives listed below of the CAHSL Executive Committee all contributed enthusiastically to the successes outlined in this report:

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Daniel Dollar

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Robert Joven

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Shared Services Committee
Nancy Gilly

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Evelyn Breck Morgan

HSLC Chair
Pat Wales

HSLC Chair-Elect
Brenda Wong [replaced by Pat Wales who will serve a second term as chair]

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Dollar
CAHSL President, 2004-2005