CALL TO ORDER: Kathy Brunjes called the meeting to order at 10:08 am.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Happy passed around the minutes from the August 2006 Executive Board meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Mary Anne sent a report. Expenditures have been mostly as projected. Mary Anne proposed that we transfer $500 from Scholarship to Travel because the cost of sending Tammera Race to the NAHSL Executive Board meetings. A discussion ensued, and it developed that there was only one more NAHSL Board meeting (March) to which Tammera was scheduled to go. The Executive Board decided that we should table this idea until the February meeting, when we will revisit the issue for the next fiscal year. The Treasurer’s Report was approved as amended.

RESOURCE SHARING: Kathy reported that Dan Boutchie sent her information on consortial pricing for the New England Journal of Medicine. The deal would include remote access and unlimited concurrent users, for roughly $600 for hospital libraries and $1917 for academic institutions. This would only hold if every institution in HSLIC were interested. Another option might be a consortial price with Janet Cowen of Maine Medical Center as banker and the Executive Board deciding how to distribute concurrent user slots.

Kathy has also had a discussion with Rich McGinn about a full version of Stat!Ref for HSLIC members, via NELINET, a possible statewide deal as they are doing with MAHSLIN.

The Executive Board asked Kathy to poll the members via the listserv about these two online possibilities.

Kathy also mentioned that NELINET would be more than happy to provide speakers free of charge.

Kathy reported that at the CMLD Fall Council meeting, Linda Lord talked about the Maine State Library putting together a disaster resource list. Linda asked if the HSLIC Disaster Resource List could be linked to the MSL website. The Executive Board approved this link.

PUBLICITY: Patty reported that the latest issue of the HSLIC Newsletter is almost ready for publication.

AUTOMATION: Dina asked if we could use a password-protected blog to post some items, such as minutes from Board meetings. Dina uses WordPress, which is free, searchable, and can be secure and private. For the consumer health section of the HSLIC website, one can use a blog to compile bookmarks. Even the HSLIC Newsletter could be set up as a blog. The
Board asked Dina to set up a sample page and email it to the Executive Board. Deb reported that Penny has password protected the Archives, although it may take a few weeks for this to take effect. Happy announced that she would take care of the small confusion over the HSLIC Spring Meeting 2006 minutes on the website.

EDUCATION: Carin asked about where to have the Spring 2007 meeting. The Board decided to focus on Husson College as a semi-permanent location. Carin will try the end of April, early May, or the first Friday of June. Carin will research possible NELINET speakers. Deb mentioned that Alison Clapp and MAHSLIN are thinking of setting up a March workshop on “Getting Magnetized” with Peg Allen. MAHSLIN wondered if we could come down in substantial numbers. Deb will continue to liaise with Alison about this seminar and will keep the Board informed. Kathy mentioned to Carin that the three representatives from the Maine Library Districts should be invited to the Spring Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: Dina asked the Board if survey questions could be added to the membership renewal form. After discussion, the Board recommended that this should be an anonymous survey, not related to membership renewal. Staffing, number of volunteers, budget amounts, salary ranges, and physical space are some topics that could be surveyed. Patty suggested that a survey include budgets for books, journals, and online resources. Dina moved that we form an ad hoc subcommittee to work on survey, which Board approved. Kathy and Deb and Patty will be on the subcommittee. Kathy has a subscription to the survey service Zoomerang, and we can use that for the survey.

SCHOLARSHIP: Barbara Bartley asked if she needed to send paperwork involving scholarship applications to Marj for the Archives? The Board explained that rather she needs to follow up on reports that must appear in the HSLIC Newsletter. Deb proposed that we increase the cap on the amount of scholarship money a member can apply for annually. Barbara Bartley will pull together her committee to create a formal proposal to bring to the Board on raising the scholarship amount.

ARCHIVES: Marj has been pulling the records to update the HSLIC History Page.

NAHSL: The NAHSL Executive Board meets today. Tammera will send us a report.

MAINE LIBRARY COMMISSION: Barbara presented a written report from the November 1 meeting. New library legislation was proposed in November to ask for $2.5M each in FY 2008 and FY 2009, to help with such issues as collection development at the local level, community van delivery service, expanding online journals, digital preservation of historic documents, and more support for the Area Reference and Resource Centers. The Maine State Cultural Building Task Force is working on getting pricing for various renovation options. Gary Nichols reported that an assessment of .25% would occur on phone bills; funds will be used to encourage telecommunications providers to expand bandwidth and eliminate blackout areas. David Nutty, Chair of the Maine InfoNet Board, reported that this board is looking at federated searching, universal card use, marketing, and other issues. The Coon Cat (the new statewide library mascot) will be introduced at the Hall of Flags on January 11, 2007. Barbara McDade announced a December 1 meeting about the Maine Serial List.

MAINE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION: No meetings are scheduled at the present time. LeAnne has been asking to have a replacement for this post.

AREA REPRESENTATIVES:
Area 1—Marj says that Mercy is applying for magnet status; she has started a wiki to see if this will help with the magnet status process. Patty Williams’ mother passed away recently, and Marj will be responsible for buying a book. Marj will consult with Patty Williams about which book and to which library the donation should go.

Area 2—Gabriella forwarded various reports to Patty Kahn for the HSLIC Newsletter.

Area 3—Patty Kahn reported that there were a few reports coming in from Area 3 for the HSLIC Newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Maine Serials List—This meeting is going on today. Amy Averre, Sue Jagels, and Pat Bishop are at the meeting and will report about it on the HSLIC listserv.

Library Closures—Deb reported that MLANet has a section, “Vital Pathways for Hospital Librarians,” with a place to report staffing changes or closures.

HSLIC Future Planning—What should HSLIC do for the benefit of our members?

advocate for libraries—but to whom and when?
make a short video production about library services
offer mini-grants for public relations projects to show the value of the library
sponsor vendor demos for in-depth look at products before purchase
buy subscription for our members to use for institutional surveys
help in recruiting library interns
offer more educational workshops, for example, how to formulate a good survey
help with AHIP accreditation, including mentoring and possibly funding
develop a letter to introduce HSLIC libraries to the library schools, following the model of the NAHSL letter
arrange schedule so that the Fall Meeting be held at same time as Maine Libraries Conference:
HSLIC should have a program, offer vendor demos, encourage crossover with non-medical librarians
Lottery for $1000 to help one member go to an MLA Conference

Happy will ask Len Levin about NAHSL efforts to reach out to library schools in New England.
Carin will ask about getting a meeting room for a demo at the Maine Libraries Conference in Fall 2007.
John will compare various survey tools.
Carin will ask NELINET about a class on creating an effective user satisfaction survey.

NEXT MEETING: February 2, 2006 at Maine General at Augusta; snow date a week later.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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HSLIC Secretary