MINUTES OF THE HSLIC FALL MEETING

Friday, October 6, 2000

Bangor Public Library

PRESENT: Jennifer Andrews, Parkview; Linda Beaulieu, CMMC; Janet Bolduc, Inland; Deborah Clark, Stephens; Happy Copley, St. Mary’s; Janet Cowen, MMC; Nancy Curtis, UMAINE; Ed Donnald, NN/LM-NER; Barbara Harness, MaineGeneral; Sr. Jackie Hittner, St. Joseph’s College; Sue Jagels, EMMC; Rebecca Jordan, Redington Fairview; Patty Kahn, PenBay; Patrice Hippley Lunnie, Houlton Regional; Doug MacBeth, Jackson Lab; Ruth Mare, BMHI; Dina McKelvy, SMMC; Gary Pelletier, Vam Togus; Dan Philbrick, L-A College; Emily Scribner, Franklin Memorial; John Stey, NN/LM-NER; Betty Walker, Cary; Cindy White, EMMC; Irene Whitney, Jackson Lab.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Amy Averre called the business meeting to order at 10:18 a.m. Amy reminded participants to pick up written reports available at the registration table. She welcomed everyone and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to meet in the beautifully renovated Bangor Public Library and encouraged people to take time to look around. Participants introduced themselves.

II. SECRETARY’S REPORT: Secretary Pat Spellman was not able to attend, but had sent minutes of the Spring meeting. The minutes were accepted as submitted.

III. TREASURER’S REPORT: Leslie presented two reports, a revision of the FY 00 Final Report and one showing the current status of the FY01 Budget. She explained that last year’s final report was revised in order to move the cost of food for the Spring meeting out of last year’s budget into this year’s, as the Board requested. Both reports were approved as presented. Leslie has received membership renewal and dues from most HSLIC members and has contacted the few who have not yet paid. HSLIC has a new address:
The Togus library staff were thanked for handling the mail for many years.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Archives - Happy Copley for Marj Anderson – The archives is well and Marj is recovering from pneumonia.

B. Automation – Dan Philbrick – The last issue of the Newsletter went up smoothly. He has made a survey section on the website, which now has Dina McKelvy’s survey on one-person libraries. The Super Directory can now be downloaded in rich text format, moved into any word processing program, and printed out whenever one wants an updated copy. This should be a convenience to all members and should save HSLIC the cost of producing the annual printouts for everyone. Dan is trying out a program called Mind It, which would enable those who sign up to be sent an e-mail notification of changes to the website. A new Reference section, just revised by Barbara Harness, will be mounted soon.

C. Education – Linda Beaulieu – Jay Daly has agreed to come do a Quick Doc training, maybe early 2001. The Spring meeting will probably be in April. Ed Donnald offered that Jay Daly is now concentrating on programming to handle EFTS.

D. Maine Library Association – Amy questioned whether HSLIC still has a Maine Library Association representative. Emily explained that HSLIC’s official participation in MLA as an organization was, in recent years, through the Special Libraries group, which was dissolved because there were no other special libraries interested in belonging. However, there are opportunities for a role in MLA both through individual participation and through HSLIC’s sponsorship of programs at the Maine Libraries Conference. Considerable enthusiasm was expressed for HSLIC’s offering PubMed and MedlinePlus training, Barbara’s serving on the panel, and other programs at the conference next
E. Maine Library Commission – Sue Jagels – Sue would like to emphasize two items in her written report: 1) She encourages everyone to use the Maine Databases; and 2) We need to stay attune to negotiations related to extension of the Maine School and Library Network. Current regulations require libraries to apply through the e-rate for continuation of MSLN services. Although hospital libraries do not qualify for e-rate, it is hoped that the PUC may make some provisions for such situations.

F. Membership Committee – Jane Harris was not present and had sent no report.

G. NAHSL – Happy Copley – See the written report. Happy urges everyone to attend the NAHSL conference this month in Rhode Island. Patty added that Cora Damon, who is chair of NAHSL’s Education Committee plans to retire from the committee after the conference, hopes that someone from HSLIC will take a turn serving as a committee member in her place. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Cora.

H. Newsletter – Emily Scribner – Emily thanked Dan and Cindy for helping her produce her first issue. The deadline for the next issue is November 6, with “publication” expected before Thanksgiving. Submissions and suggestions are invited.

I. RAC – Gary Pelletier – There is nothing to report.

J. Resource Sharing – Casandra was not present and had not sent a report. Amy asked that anyone who knows of issues that the committee should address contact her or Casandra. No one had information about the future of MULS.

K. Scholarship – Sally was not present. Leslie was able to report that three scholarships have been awarded so far this fiscal year. Patty added that NAHSL has increased the amount it has budgeted for scholarships and encouraged people to take advantage of those funds.
L. SCUM – Deb Clark – Deb has Manual update pages available for anyone who did not get them at the spring meeting. She is now working on updating Section 6, ILL. A new list indicating which Docline cells HSLIC libraries should go in is now available.

V. AREA REPORTS – For complete reports see the online Newsletter. Late breaking news includes:

Region V – Betty Walker reported that there are two new librarians in her region: Peggy O’Kane at NMTC and Mary Kay Moreau at TMC. Amy will contact both and welcome them to HSLIC.

Region II – Barbara reported that there was a good article on the State Library in a recent Kennebec Journal. People are encouraged to make use of and spread the word about the State Library’s expanded hours.

VI. OLD BUSINESS – Subscription to UCMP – There was a discussion of whether or not libraries would continue to belong to UCMP now that participation in UCMP is no longer required for membership in BHSL and holdings can be found on Serhold. Most libraries plan to drop UCMP and all present indicated that they already do their own Serhold updating online.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – Membership in NELINET – It has been suggested that HSLIC investigate the possibility of a consortium membership, primarily in order to make blocks of First Search searches available to HSLIC members at an affordable price. Happy is trying to find out from the State Library whether there is a way to participate in their consortium. Joh Stey reported that this issue came up at the recent ARIHSL (the Rhode Island Libraries group) meeting and that they are looking for a way to make NELINET membership and First Search affordable.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – The business meeting was adjourned at 11:34.

After a short stretch and coffee break, John Stey and Ed Donnald gave updates on the RML and Docline. Lunch followed, then a presentation by representatives of EBSCO on the Maine Databases.
Respectfully submitted,

Emily Scribner for Pat Spellman