Call to order: Cindy White called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m., and introduced Rick McNaughton, Chief Information Officer at the Veteran’s Administration Medical Center, who welcomed HSLIC to their facility. All present then introduced themselves.

Secretary’s Report – Patricia Spellman: Minutes of the Spring Meeting, June 10, 1998 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer’s Report – Leslie Kelly: The HSLIC bank/checking account has been transferred from Fleet Bank to People’s Bank. At this point there is still some money in the Fleet account, but all the money will be in the Peoples account and the Fleet account closed by the end of the month. Because of the transference of the bank account, Leslie’s report is not complete, but it is accurate. Leslie is in the process of contacting members who have not paid their dues. The Treasurer’s Report was approved as submitted.

Committee Reports

A. Archives – Marj Anderson: Marj was absent but sent a report. She reminded members that the Archives are at Mercy Hospital and available to HSLIC members. It was suggested that a listing of Archive contents be posted on the website.

B. Education – Cora Damon: Cora did not submit a formal report. The Committee is looking at a program on Electronic Document Delivery and Ariel for the spring membership meeting. The Committee is also contemplating a one-day class dedicated to PubMed instruction. NAHSL will have a course on the Internet and various Internet plug-ins available.

C. Maine Library Commission – Sue Jagels: The Maine Library Commission has only met once since spring, but will be meeting the first week in November. Sue reported that the e-rate is essentially a dead issue. Discussion ensued as to how HSLIC could effectively lobby legislature. It was felt that the Maine Hospital Association should partake in the lobbying effort. Sue has talked with Karl Beiser about how the state library can adequately represent the needs of hospital and “other” libraries. Sue thinks it may be more effective to have a dedicated person to represent HSLIC and lobby legislature.

D. NAHSL – Happy Copley: See written report. The NAHSL benchmarking study has accumulated the survey data and it will be placed on their website. A summary of the data will be available to all NAHSL members. Detailed data will be available only to those members participating in the survey, and it will be password protected.
E. Newsletter – Kathy Brunjes: Kathy was absent. The Newsletter is due to the printer October 31, 1998. Submissions must be received by October 29, 1998.

F. Resource Sharing – Emily Scribner: See written report. Docline and Serline will eventually be available only through the Web/Internet; we will no longer be able to dial into NLM. As a result, in order to use Docline, a library will have to have access to Internet. Serline will work like a national MULS. There are a lot of unknowns and the Committee is trying to figure out what impact these changes will have on HSLIC members. The Committee will keep HSLIC informed of any developments. Negotiations with EBSCO for a "group purchase" of full-text databases are still up in the air. Interest in the databases has been expressed if they are affordable. Emily also reminded members to let HSLIC know if your library is going to discontinue a journal for which you are the only holder in Maine. Another library may be interested in picking that journal up.

G. SACCE – Marj Anderson: SACCE has suspended operations. Marj will attend meetings if SACCE starts again.

H. Scholarship – Sally MasAuslan: Scholarship money is available for the Maine Library Association Conference in the spring. Anyone is eligible for scholarships as long as they are attending a work related class or workshop. Sally believes we should add another $200 to the fund because Maine will be hosting NAHSL next year and additional people may want to attend the conference. Janet Sibley is the new member of the Scholarship Committee.

I. Membership – Jane Harris: The Committee has not met. They will be working on a brochure.

J. Maine Library Association/Special Libraries Group – Janet Bolduc: The Special Libraries Group of the MLA has not been meeting and the group does not have a chair. The SLG paperwork and checkbook are now in the hands of HSLIC. Janet will be attending the MLA meeting in November and will call members to see if there is any interest in SLG. MLA seems interested in starting SLG again although interest on the part of special libraries is nonexistent because special libraries have their own organizations.

K. SCUM – Dan Philbrick/Leslie Kelly: Dan has put the HSLIC manual on disk. Any manual updates can be sent to Dan. Dan asked that when items going into the manual are sent via the newsletter, please do not send them as "attachments". When sent as "attachments" the quality can be questionable. He asked that you send the items on disk or hard copy.

L. Automation – Dan Philbrick: Dan’s report is the webpage itself. The website is in good shape, but he thinks the Directory and FAX list need attention. The Technical Coordinator at UCONN has left that position and a replacement has not been hired. This has put some aspects of the website on hold until a replacement is found. It was suggested that a history of HSLIC be placed on the website as well as items and pictures from the 25th Anniversary party.

M. Area Reports: Written reports were submitted to the newsletter editor.

I. Old Business

A. 25th Anniversary Party – Thirty-three people have signed up to attend this evening’s festivities at the Augusta Country Club. Cindy thanked all those members who worked on planning the celebration.

B. EBSCO Group Purchase – The Resource Sharing Committee is waiting to hear from EBSCO. They have not responded since the members of the Committee spoke with them at the NAHSL Conference. The membership was asked to give direction to the Resource Sharing Committee as to what they would like regarding this purchase. Members were also encouraged to take advantage of the 60-day free trial of full-text databases.

C. E-Rate – Cindy mentioned the e-mail message from Edna Comstock announcing a new window for a second funding period (July 1, 1999 – June 30, 2000). Contact Cindy if you would like a copy of this e-mail message. E-rate will continue to be a factor in Maine Info Net because with this new program telecommunications costs are going to be the responsibility of each library.

D. Maine Info Net – Karl Beiser has been invited to the next HSLIC Executive Board meeting on November 20, 1998 to answer questions regarding Maine Info Net. Any questions members may have for Karl can be forwarded to Cindy. The Interlibrary Loan component of Maine Info Net is questionable since the existing software is not doing everything desired. Questions remain as to whether Maine Info Net will replace MULS.
E. NAHSL ’99 – Barbara Harness has resigned as Co-Chair of Registration. She will be replacing Nancy Greenier as librarian at MaineGeneral Medical Center/Augusta Campus. Ramona Connelly has replaced Barbara as Co-Chair. Maine Destination Day is October 24, 1998 in Portland. This is a trade show where vendors can exhibit their products and services of interest to groups planning meetings and conferences. A group from the NAHSL Conference Committee will be attending. The last time Maine hosted the NAHSL Conference, HSLIC donated $2000. Patty Kahn has budgeted a $2000 contribution from HSLIC and asked if HSLIC would contribute that amount. It was suggested that the contribution be increased to cover the rate of inflation since the previous NAHSL Conference in Maine. NAHSL will contribute $1000 and money will be raised throughout the state to support the Conference. The membership will vote on the contribution at the Spring 1999 membership meeting.

I. New Business

A. State Cooperative Purchase – Round 2 – Members were reminded that another trial of on-line reference products is being conducted. The products are provided by over 40 sources from 11 vendors. Libraries not intending to purchase may still participate in the free trial.

B. Government Relations "Specialist" for HSLIC – HSLIC believes it would be helpful to have a presence at legislative hearings and meetings. The "specialist" should be interested in keeping current with state and federal legislation. It was suggested that Barbara Harness be contacted regarding this position since she will be working in Augusta at MaineGeneral Hospital.

C. Mental Health Collections in Maine – There has been confusion as to the future and accessibility of the AMHI and BMHI library collections. Jo McCaslin, librarian at the Office of Substance Abuse Information and Resource Center, addressed the membership. Her Office will lend videos to organizations statewide but not to individuals. Books are lent for a three-week period to any organization or individual. The Office of Substance Abuse Information and Resource Center has a webpage from which their on-line catalog will eventually be available. The Office is involved in the Governor’s Task Force on Suicide Prevention and is the suicide prevention clearinghouse. Although AMHI’s journals seem to be in limbo, Jo is hoping to make them available to libraries. Jessica Powers was introduced to the HSLIC membership. She has been assigned to the library at BMHI where she was previously a staff educator. The BMHI library is now a full-time library open from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Jessica is most appreciative of any help HSLIC members can provide her in her new position. She would like the BMHI library to be a community resource and assured HSLIC that the library’s journal collection was intact. Jessica thinks BMHI may have space available to house AMHI’s journal collection. She is looking for a broader level of support for the mental health collections. HSLIC will help her show the need in the state and country for the sharing of these collections if so desired.

I. Other – Nancy Greenier is retiring from MaineGeneral Hospital/Augusta Campus next month. On behalf of HSLIC, Cindy thanked Nancy for her hard work, commitment and dedication to the Consortium. Cindy presented Nancy with a plaque in recognition of her contributions to HSLIC.

II. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Following the meeting a video on evidence based medicine was presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Spellman
Secretary