MINUTES OF THE

HSLIC SPRING MEETING

June 10, 1998

Mercy Hospital, Portland, Maine

Members present: Amy Averre (Husson), David Berona (UNE), Terre Blodgett (EMTC), Janet Bolduc (Inland), Kathy Brunjes (Stephens Memorial Hospital), Jennifer Bryant (UNE), Carolyn Coco (St. Joseph’s Hospital), Ramona Connelly (York), Happy Copley (St. Mary’s), Wanda Cote (Rumford), Casandra Fitzherbert (USM), Pat Goodwin (SMMC), Nancy Grenier (MaineGeneral-Augusta), Barbara Harness (CMMC), Jane Harris (Maine Coast), Carol Hinton (Parkview), Rebecca Jordan (Redington Fairview), Patty Kahn (PenBay), Leslie Kelly (UMFK), Mary Anne Lamont (MMC), Patrice Lunnie (Houlton), Pat MacArthur (EMMC), Sally MacAuslan (Northern Cumberland), Rebecca Marble (CMMC), Virginia Ouellette (CMTC), Dan Philbrick (L-A College), Sr. Fatima St. Germain (Mercy), Barbara Schwartzlander (UNE), Emily Scribner (Franklin Memorial), Libby Soifer (UMO), Pat Spellman (St. Joseph’s College), Linda Talamo (FBR), Betty Walker (Cary), Cindy White (EMMC).

Guests: Ed Donald (RML), Bob Sekerak (NAHSL)

The meeting began at 10:10 a.m. with welcoming remarks by Program Committee Chair Cora Damon, Hostess Marj Anderson, and HSLIC Chairperson Kathy Brunjes. All present then introduced themselves.

The rest of the morning was devoted to presentations by Lynn Fortney of EBSCO on electronic journals and by Ronna Archibald on three of EBSCO’s Web-based full-text databases.

The business meeting followed a break for lunch and informal conversation.

I. Call to order: Kathy Brunjes called the business meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

II. Secretary’s Report - Emily Scribner: Minutes of the Fall Meeting, October 17, 1997, approved as submitted.

III. Treasurer’s Report - Amy Averre: Approved as submitted.

At this point Bob Sekerak, who had to leave early, was invited to speak as President of North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries. NAHSL is reassessing its marketing strategies and would like suggestions from members. Bob described the 1998 conference, to be held Sept. 26-29, in Boston.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Archives - Marj Anderson: Tapes of twelve of the sessions of the recent Medical Library Association conference are available for loan. A list of them will be put on the HSLIC Web site.

B. Education - Cora Damon: Suggestions for future programs are needed.

C. Maine Library Commission - Sue Jagels: Sue was absent, but had submitted a written report. Kathy expressed appreciation for the good job Sue has done keeping everyone informed about issues affecting Maine libraries.

D. NAHSL - Happy Copley: See her written report. She also recommended looking at the NAHSL Web site and encouraged people to register for the fall conference early, before prices go up. Conference packets will be mailed to NAHSL members only; non-members interested in attending should contact Happy.
E. **Newsletter** - Barbara Harness: See her written report. Manual updates were mailed with Newsletters, but anyone needing a copy should let her know. The Board is considering discontinuing the print version of the Newsletter, having it available on the Web only.

F. **SACCE** - Marj Anderson: Although SACCE has been discontinued, HSLIC should retain the position of representative for a while in case it is revived.

G. **Resource Sharing** - Cindy White: See her Annual Report; notice the last "pending project," investigation of a consortium agreement for EBSCO’s database described by a morning presenter. A list of HSLIC libraries currently Lonesome Doc providers was distributed.

H. **Scholarship** - Sally MacAuslan: $900 was given in scholarships this year. Recipients were reminded to submit reports promptly. Maurie Shink is no longer serving on the Committee and a volunteer to work with Sally is needed.

I. **Membership** - Jane Harris: Volunteers are needed to serve on the Committee and to help develop a new membership brochure.

J. **Maine Library Association/Special Libraries Group** - There is no representative at present; a volunteer is sought for the position.

K. **Standing Committee for Updating the Manual (SCUM)** - Leslie Kelly: Several sections were updated and mailed to members with Newsletters.

L. **Web Page/Automation** - Dan Philbrick: From now on all changes in member information such as address or phone number should be reported to him. He will update the list on the Web page and pass the information on to the appropriate person(s). By early fall the Web site will probably move from the Maine State computer to the RML’s host at the University of Connecticut. This change will enable Dan to make updates promptly, instead of going through the States Webmaster. Dan will inform everyone via the HSLIC listserv when this happens.

M. **Area Reports**: See the written reports for Regions 1 through 4. Leslie Kelly reported for Region 5 that there are two new members and one loss: Houlton (Patrice Lunnie) and Northern Maine Medical Center (Michelle Edwards) have joined; Vivian Williams’ position at Aroostook has been eliminated.

N. **NNLM/RML/New England Region** - Ed Donnald: The RML has a complete set of tapes of the MLA conference, available for loan. Ed described some of the recent and upcoming changes associated with the NLM’s moving databases by June 1999, from its old mainframe to the Web. Libraries must be capable of using the Web, and assistance may be available to libraries needing to upgrade hardware. Jay Daly is developing a web version of Quick Doc. The Electronic Fund Transfer System has absorbed all the EPS libraries that chose to join and is exploring the possibility of including more regions. Ed was thanked for his help and responsiveness in updating Docline routing tables.

V. **Old Business**

A. **E-Rate** - Kathy Brunjes: Phone your legislators ASAP in support of the continuation of the e-rate, which is in danger of having funding cut off by Congress.

B. **Maine Database Group Purchasing Project** - Kathy Brunjes and Cindy White: Although several HSLIC members took advantage of the free trials offered for the databases being considered for group purchase, only EMMC actually bought in.

C. **LD 1995** - Kathy: Many Maine librarians, including HSLIC members, urged their State legislators to support this bill, and, consequently, much needed funds were appropriated for the State Library.

D. **Other** - Kathy: See her written Chair’s Report and summary of accomplishments.

VI. **New Business**

A. **1998 Budget** - Amy Averre: Accepted as presented.

B. **NAHSL ’99** - Patty Kahn: Volunteers are needed to help on committees and suggestions for a theme are invited.

C. **New Stationery** - Barbara Harness: A sample of letterhead with the new logo was shown.

D. **Nominations** - Barbara Harness: The following slate of officers for the next year was elected unanimously:

Chairperson: Lucinda (Cindy) White
Chair-Elect: Emily Scribner
Secretary: Patricia Spellman
Treasurer: Leslie Kelly
Region Representatives
Region 1: Casandra Fitzherbert
Region 2: Dan Philbrick
Region 3: Cora Damon
Region 4: Nancy Curtis
Region 5: Greg Curtis

E. **1998 Cairns Award Recipient** - Kathy Brunjes: the 1998 Cairns Distinguished HSLIC Librarian is Patty Kahn. The award will be presented at the Maine Hospital Association’s annual luncheon on June 25th. A description of Patty’s accomplishments can be found on the HSLIC Web page.

A. **Bylaws and Procedures** - Kathy Brunjes: Procedures need to be written or updated; Cindy agreed that this undertaking would have high priority in the coming year.

B. **Other:**

1. Marj Anderson read excerpts from an article in *BMJ* in which the writer bemoaned the difficulty he had finding needed "nuggets" of information. Marj encouraged HSLIC members to write responses to *BMJ* indicating that this is just what medical librarians are experts at doing.
2. Barbara Harness: Terry O’Brien has taken Bill Brown’s position as Login Brothers sales representative for this area.
3. Kathy Brunjes: HSLIC”s 25th anniversary is this October. Sue Jagels is developing a celebration and an anniversary poster session for use at NAHSL and the Maine Regional Library System’s fall meeting.

VII. **Adjournment:** Kathy concluded the meeting by telling a story of two recent experiences in her library which illustrate the value of the medical library to two different types of users and the satisfaction the librarian feels at being able to meet their needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Scribner, Secretary