The October meeting of the Executive Board was held at the Maine Hospital Association. Present were: Margery Reed; Cindy Beretta; Evelyn Greenlaw; Mary Anne Spindler; Bonnie Bickford; Peggy Weir; Toni Gier; Cora Damon; and Isabel Carroll. Absent were Don LeMontange and Marilyn Dean.

I. The secretary's report of the HSLIC Fall Meeting held at Sebasco Lodge on September 19, 1979, was read by Bonnie Bickford. The report was accepted as presented.

II. Mary Anna Spindler presented the treasurer's report. The balance as of Oct. 10th is $3,722.87 with $401.98 outstanding due us for reimbursable NAHSL costs. The report was accepted as presented.

III. An overview of the evaluation of the NAHSL conference was given by Cora Damon. The majority of those responding indicated that overall the conference was informative and potentially useful in their work. Some felt that the practical problems encountered by the smaller libraries were not covered, instead more emphasis was on the medium to large libraries. Cora felt that some good suggestions for future programs came out of the evaluations. She will be sending the results and suggestions to Ann Randall, who is in charge of organizing next year's NAHSL conference.

IV. The 1980 Goals and Objectives were once again reviewed. The two additional goals that came out of the Fall Meeting have been added: (1) Organized structure for HSLIC and (2) Membership (a) monitoring and enforcing and (b) viable alternatives.

V. New Business
   A. Journal Club. Cora Damon expressed interest in trying to start some kind of journal club, whether it be a "table of contents" sharing, an article review column in the newsletter or something else. This would be aimed particularly at the professional literature and it is necessary first to identify who in the state gets what. Margery Reed will include a notice in the October newsletter to try to determine interest, resources, and willingness to share in such an endeavor.

   B. Replacement of HSLIC officers leaving mid-term. Although this item on the agenda created some concern among the board, it was a relief to discover we were only discussing policy and no one has resigned! As stated in our by-laws, if a chairperson leaves, the vice-chairperson takes over. But if the vice-chairperson leaves, an election is held to fill the vacancy. With the new designation of duties, the vice-chairperson is responsible for
the newsletter. Therefore, the board decided the Chairperson would appoint an interim editor pending an election, if such a situation came up.

C. Name change. At this point of the meeting Cindy Barbetta announced that her name has been legally changed to Cindy Williams. Please make note of this for your records.

D. Monitoring membership criteria. In line with the new goal defined at the Fall Meeting, the Executive Board discussed possible alternatives and ways of knowing who’s done what or refused to do what for HSLIC. The general consensus was that better documentation is needed. The secretary will begin to keep track of attendance at meetings, etc. Mary Anne Spindler will include in the new membership agreement forms a question for members to complete on what they can and will do for HSLIC. The membership agreements will be sent out within the next month.

E. Mary Anne Spindler announced that she has the contact sheet of the pictures taken at Sebasco. Anyone interested in prints should contact her.

F. Peggy Weir reported that she has recruited two members for the Resource Sharing Committee. They are: Gaehe Do at York and Sheila Johnson at USM. Peggy also said she has written to Rayna Genetti for a clarification of a matter that Rayna and Malda had expressed concern over regarding journal subscriptions. She will report next month.

G. The Executive Board will meet next month on November 14th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Maine Hospital Association. The primary item on the agenda will be the final evaluation of Margery Read. Margery expressed her willingness to serve in any ex-officio capacity that the board may deem necessary. She also has agreed to continue to monitor legislative activities for the newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Bickford,
Secretary