Minutes of the HSLIC Executive Board Meeting  
Friday, February 27, 1998  
Maine General Medical Center at Waterville

Present: Amy Averre, Kathy Brunjes, Ramona Connelly, Happy Copley, Cora Damon, Jane Harris, Patty Kahn, Leslie Kelly, Pat MacArthur, Cindy White

I. Call to Order: Kathy called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

II. Secretary's Report: Emily was unable to attend. The minutes were accepted as presented.

III. Treasurer's Report: Amy submitted a report that was accepted as presented. HSLIC has contributed $50 to the MLA Centennial Commission. Also, the MULS updaters need to be paid the final installment for the 1997-98 contracts and the first payment for 1998-99.

IV. Committee Reports:

A. Archives - Marj was unable to attend, but reported status quo with Archives.
B. Education - Cora reported that a PubMed training session has been scheduled for April 3 from 9 am to 1 pm at Lewiston Auburn College. Nancy Putnam from NNL/M/NER will be the trainer. Attendance will be limited to around 30 people and pre-registration by March 25 will be required. Cora will post this information on the listserv and mail paper copies to those who do not subscribe. She is also investigating the possibility of offering a similar program at the Maine Libraries Conference.
C. Maine Library Commission - Sue sent a report via e-mail. The Commission met on January 22 and Steve Pogadny was elected chairperson. The most important piece of pending legislation is LD 1995 which would reinstate per capita funding for public libraries and increase support for the Maine State Library. Kathy read a letter she had received from Senator Michael Michaud responding to HSLIC's letter of support for LD 1995. The Maine Regional Library System will be celebrating its 25th anniversary this year with various activities. At the next meeting of the Maine Library Commission, Commissioners will vote on the formation of the Maine Information Corporation which would establish a statewide computer and telecommunications network for sharing resources.
D. NAHSL - Happy reported that the NAHSL Board has not met since the last HSLIC Board meeting and will be meeting again on March 6. Cora reported that BJ Frey has resigned as chair of the Education Committee and read a list of tentative CE offerings for NAHSL 98.
E. Newsletter - Barbara was unable to attend but sent a reminder that the next newsletter deadline is March 6.
F. Resource Sharing - Cindy reported that the MULS contracts for 1998-99 have been awarded to Barbara Bartley and Pat MacArthur. Results from the informal audiovisual survey have been tabulated and will be published in the next newsletter. Ed Donnald has indicated that 6-8 HSLIC libraries have revised their Decline routing tables since the fall program. Cindy recommended that the Resource Sharing allocation in next year's budget be reduced to $1200 since HSLIC is no longer contributing funds to MULS.
G. SACCE - No report.
H. Scholarship - Sally was unable to attend but reported “status quo.”
I. Membership - The Executive Board welcomed Jane Harris from Maine Coast Memorial Hospital with a round of applause. Jane distributed a draft copy of membership information which had been prepared by John Clark to be placed on the HSLIC website. She asked board members to read it and send comments or changes to her. The Board recommended changing the Membership Committee from ad hoc status to a standing committee. Jane will solicit volunteers to serve on the committee.
J. Maine Library Association/SLG - No report.
K. SCUM - Leslie reported that an updated Section V to the Manual will be included in the next newsletter. Amy will work on updating the Super Directory so that it can be distributed at the spring membership meeting.
L. Web Page/Automation - No report.
V. Area Reports - The Board decided to remove Area Reports from these minutes (see VII C under New Business); they will be published in the next newsletter.

VI. Old Business

A. Cairns Award Nominations - Kathy has not received any nominations yet. She will put a notice on the listserv to remind people of the deadline (March 1).

B. HSLIC stationery - Kathy showed the new HSLIC stationery which all agreed was nicely done.

C. ELHILL/Lindberg letter - Kathy distributed a copy of Dr. Lindberg’s letter re: ELHILL for those who had not seen it. She also showed the Board a letter which NAHSL had sent to Dr. Lindberg in response to the announced phasing out of ELHILL. The Board decided that HSLIC would not send a letter to Dr. Lindberg. The bottom line is that ELHILL will be phased out in 1998.

D. Maine Databases Project - Kathy and Cindy reported that cooperative buying groups have been formed with IAC being the top choice vendor. EMMC has joined this buying group and will keep HSLIC members informed of any progress. The process, if successful, could serve as a model for HSLIC group purchases in the future.

E. E-Rate - Kathy reported that the application is now available on the FCC web site. (Secretary’s note: The application for hospitals was NOT available as of 3-4-98.) MaineGeneral Health System intends to apply; Stephens has chosen not to apply this year.

F. Spring Membership Meeting - Cora reported that the Education Committee is considering the topic of electronic journals for the spring membership meeting. Two possibilities for speakers are a speaker provided by Ebsco (with travel expenses covered by Ebsco) and a speaker from Nelinet ($500 charge). The board decided that the Ebsco speaker would be preferable with a tentative date of June 12 and a tentative location of Bangor (EMTC if possible).

VII. New Business:

A. NAHSL99 Planning - Patty and Happy reported that a letter has been signed and a deposit paid to reserve the Portland Museum of Art for the opening reception on Sunday, October 3, 1999 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Volunteer docents and guards will be provided. The cost of $1268 does not include food so the planning group will be investigating cost-effective choices for catering. Happy reported that she had contacted the owner of the Keystone Theatre Café about possibly showing two “librarian movies” on Saturday night. The cost would be approximately $100-500 per movie; however, it is too early to pursue arrangements. Happy agreed to check back with the owner in 6 months or so. Patty noted that a theme for NAHSL99 was still needed but that there was lots of time to mull over ideas.

B. PubMed enhancements/Loansome Doc - see item IVB.

C. Minutes - Kathy asked for suggestions on how to shorten the Executive Board minutes. It was decided to leave the area reports out of the minutes since they are published in the newsletter.

VIII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy White, Acting as Secretary for Emily Scribner who was absent.