HSLIC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2000
MAINE GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER/WATERVILLE, MAINE

Members Present: Amy Averre, Deb Clark, Happy Clark, Nancy Curtis, Barbara Harness, Sally MacAuslan, Dina McKelvey, Gary Pelletier, Emily Scribner, Pat Spellman.

I. Call to Order – Amy Averre: The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM. Amy introduced our newest board member, Dina McKelvey.

II. Secretary’s Report – Pat Spellman: The minutes were accepted with a typo correction.

III. Treasurer’s Report – Leslie Kelly: A report was submitted. The current report reflects revenue from the fall membership meeting as well as an additional membership. Emily has noticed that publishing the newsletter online has been a great savings. The budget looks in good shape at this point in the fiscal year. The board voted to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Archives – Marj Anderson: A report was not submitted.

B. Automation – Dan Philbrick: See submitted report. Dina suggested Dan post the board’s meeting dates, times etc. on the HSLIC calendar.

C. Education – Linda Beaulieu: A report was not submitted. The board is investigating the possibility of getting Jay Daly for the spring membership meeting. Amy will ask Linda to get in touch with him about making a presentation in April.

D. Maine Library Association – Barbara Harness: Next year’s convention will be held May 5-8, 2001 at the Augusta Civic Center. Two HSLIC program proposals have been suggested:  hands-on PubMed demonstration and a consumer health MEDLINE PLUS course. Pam White will present a program on consumer health for public libraries on selection and weeding. Fifty program proposals have been submitted and they need 80, so HSLIC’s programs should not have a problem getting a slot. Barbara has requested exhibit space because the consumer health exhibit went over so well this past year. All she paid for was the outlet for the powerpoint presentation. For 2001, the powerpoint presentation will be replaced with various handouts.
E. Maine Library Commission – Sue Jagels: A report was submitted. In an e-mail to Amy, Sue asked if the board had heard of the Medical Information Trust of Maine and its representative Edward Pontius, MD. The board had not heard of him, but members will ask their medical records personnel about it. Amy mentioned that the MSLN Technology Task Force does not have a librarian on it. Emily suggested John Clark might try to join the task force.

F. Membership – Jane Harris: See “Old Business”.

G. NAHSL – Happy Copley: NAHSL reportedly enjoyed an excellent conference in Newport, R.I. The education components were well-received, and the conference did well both financially and attendance wise. About 11 people from Maine attended. The 2001 conference will be held October 14-16 at the Omni Hotel in New Haven, CT.

H. Newsletter – Emily Scribner: Emily’s second issue of the newsletter was published this week. She was disappointed with the appearance of the newsletter; she wanted more pictures but could not handle some of the files that were sent to her. No one had pictures from NAHSL. Emily encouraged everyone to take pictures when they are attending various library functions. Emily would like the newsletter to be more colorful. The next newsletter deadline will be February 2, 2001. Emily has a new column idea: book or article reviews. She will ask for submissions via the listserv.

I. RAC – Gary Pelletier: A report was not submitted.

J. Resource Sharing – Casandra Fitzherbert: A report was not submitted.

K. SACCE – Marj Anderson: A report was not submitted.

L. Scholarship – Sally MacAuslan: HAMIC has been dissolved, and they have donated their treasury ($566.42) to the HSLIC scholarship fund. Sally suggested the money be given to the Education Committee after it is deposited into the Scholarship Fund since we do not seem to be using the scholarship money. The board felt it was important to respect HAMIC’s original intentions for the money.

M. SCUM – Deb Clark: Casandra and Deb were planning to work together on changes in Section 6 – Interlibrary Loan. Deb has not been able to get in touch with Casandra; she asked if someone else could be appointed so these changes can be made. Happy will meet with Deb to insure the changes are ready for the spring meeting. Emily sent Deb some procedures on newsletter publication that she would like included in the manual. The board asked Emily to add information about password protection of the newsletter, board and membership meeting minutes, Treasurer’s Reports, Scholarship Reports, and other items that might be of
interest to the membership. Emily will retype the newsletter procedures section to include this information and send to Deb.

V. Area Reports — **submitted to the newsletter.**

VI. Old Business

A. Late Membership Dues: HSLIC has 7 members who have not paid their dues. In the past the Treasurer has sent a written notice to those with outstanding dues. Amy will call these libraries to check on the status of their bills. Rumford Community Hospital is not using DOCLINE, so they will be removed from the Directory.

B. Nelinet Membership: Janet Cowen explored the possibility of MMC serving as a Nelinet Consortium sponsor because libraries will no longer be able to purchase First Search blocks without belonging to Nelinet. The board believed it would be difficult to find a minimum of 10 libraries willing to pay $300 to join a consortium to buy First Search blocks. Amy will follow up with Maine State Library as to their being able to provide First Searches to some HSLIC libraries. The board will send Janet an official response about not having enough libraries to justify the cost and work as well as express appreciation for her offer.

C. Other — none

VII. New Business

A. STATREF: STATREF is an electronic medical reference library networked onto a desktop. It contains reference books not journals. Amy wondered if HSLIC should examine the possibility of purchasing STATREF and distributing it as a consortium. Since the members individual needs differ, it would be difficult to decide which product to purchase. Board members who have STATREF do not find it useful. It was suggested the membership be surveyed to find out the level of interest among member libraries. Maybe interested libraries could form a consortium for a group purchase.

B. Other: Amy asked if the Medical Libraries Association Handbook on Medical Libraries should be purchased by HSLIC for the Archives. It would be a good reference for librarians new to medical librarianship. Amy will ask Marj to purchase the book.

C. Scheduling of Meetings: The next board meeting will be held March 2, 2001 with a March 9, 2001 snow date.

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.