HSLIC FALL CONFERENCE --AGENDA
September 20, 1996 --Ripley Conference Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital

9:30-10:00 Coffee and Registration
10:00- 11:10 Business Meeting
 I. Call to Order - Barbara Harness
 II. Secretary's Report- Emily Scribner
 III. Treasurer's Report- Amy Averre
IV. Committee Reports:
 A. Archive - Marj Anderson
 B. Education- Cora Damon
 C. Membership - John Clark
 D. ResourceSharing- Kathy Brunjes
 E. Scholarship - Sally McAuslan
 F. Newsletter - Patty Kahn
 G. SCUM- Leslie Kelly
 H. SLG - Maryanne Lamont
 I. Maine Library Commission - Sue Jagels
 J. NAHSL - Happy Copley
 K. SACCE - Marj Anderson
 L. EFTS - Marj Anderson
 M. Area Reports:
   a. Ramona Connelly
   b. Dan Philbrick
   c. Cora Damon
   d. Pat McArthur
   e. Leslie Kelly
 V. Old Business:
    A. Web Page - Patty Kahn, Debi Warner
    B. NYNEXIPUC Update

VI. New Business:
    A. First Search- Kathy Brunjes, Patty Kahn

VII. Other:
    Maine Health Sciences Library- John Clark** (time permitting)

11:10-11:30 RML Update- John Stey

11:30-12:00 Tour of Consumer Resource Center- Kathy Brunjes

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-4:00 Program : Right to Know: Marj Anderson, Paul D'Alessandro, Happy Copley and Romona Connelly.
Minutes of the
HSLIC Fall Meeting
Stephens Memorial Hospital
Norway, Maine

Friday, September 20, 1996

Members Present: Marj Anderson (Mercy), Amy Averre (Husson), Kathy Brunges (Stephens), John Clark (AMHI), Ramona Connelly (York), Happy Copley (St. Mary’s), Daphne Crocker (BMHI), Nancy Curtis (Univ. of Maine), Cora Damon (Mid-Maine Med), Maureen Fournier (CMMC), Pat Goodwin (SMMC), Barbara Harness (CMMC), Jane Harris (MCMH), Rebecca Jordan (Redington Fairview), Patty Kahn (Penobscot Bay), Leslie Kelly (UMFK), Judy Littlefield (VA Medical Center, Togus), Pat McArthur (EMMC), Sally MacAuslan (Northern Cumberland), Dan Philbrick (Lewiston-Auburn College), Robin Rand (Maine Medical Center), Emily Scribner (Franklin), Patricia Sellman (St. Joseph’s College), Debi Warner (CMTC), Cindy White (EMMC)

Guests: John Stey (NN/LM NER), Paul D’Alessandro (Portland Public Library)

I. Call to order: Following informal mixing and conversing over abundant refreshments, the meeting was called to order by President Barbara Harness at 10:05 a.m. All present introduced themselves.

II. Secretary’s Report: The minutes of the Spring 1996 meeting were accepted with two changes, the addition of Cindy White to the list of those present and the correction of a misspelling on page 2.

III. Treasurer’s Report: The report was accepted as presented (copy attached). Amy said that most members have paid their dues for this year. She passed out copies of an updated membership list and said she is working on updating the Super Directory.

IV. Committee Reports:

A. Education - Cora Damon - The Committee is seeking more responses to its survey, wanting more input from members to help in planning future programs.

B. Membership - John Clark - John has developed a brochure for individual members which is ready to print. He says that we have almost reached full compliance with the Bylaws, i.e. almost all members are now active Docline users.

C. Resource Sharing - Kathy Brunjes - Taking advantage of a special promotional offer for First Search, HSLIC has signed up for a free two-month trial period and
has purchased a block of 500 searches to be used over two-years after the trial period. Both will allow access to all the First Search databases. The Resource Sharing Committee is trying to determine the fairest way to allocate the searches and is hoping to arrange a demonstration, either by a NELINET representative or an experienced HSLIC member.

D. **Scholarship** - Sally McAuslan - Four applications for scholarships have been received and filled so far this fiscal year, with $750 remaining available.

E. **Newsletter** - Patty Kahn - Patty has put out her first issue as the new editor. It will be published six times a year, with the deadline being the last Friday of every other month. She encourages all members to submit contributions, preferably both on disc and in a "beautiful" print copy. In the near future the entire newsletter may be online attached to the HSLIC Home Page.

F. **SCUM** (Standing Committee for Updating the Manual) - Barbara Harness reporting for Leslie Kelly - Due to her computer crash, Leslie has not made much progress yet on updating the Manual, but she encourages all the committees to keep working on updating the sections for which they are responsible. Committees are reminded that policy changes should be referred to the Executive Board.

   Patty added that she plans to send out updates to the Manual with Newsletters, put at the end so that they can be easily removed and inserted in their proper places in the Manual.

G. **Special Libraries Group** - Robin reporting for Maryanne Lamont - Maryanne submitted a written report (attached). The SLG co-sponsored with HSLIC a program at the Maine Libraries Conference last Spring.

   The status of the Group is uncertain; it may disband due to a lack of people interested in participating or willing to provide the manpower to keep it going. The procedure for disbanding includes that step being considered by the MLA Board at two meetings. An alternative suggested is a listserv for special libraries. Maryanne recommends that until a final decision is made HSLIC and the Law Librarians' group take turns sending a representative to the MLA Board, with Maryanne filling this role for HSLIC. Maryanne's recommendations were accepted.

H. **Maine Library Commission** - Sue Jagels - See the attached written report. The PUC has been asked to consider including hospital and other special libraries in the PUC/NYNEX telecommunication plan. Sue feels that Gary Nichols and Karl Beiser are supportive and that there is a good chance the PUC will decide in our favor. The issue will be discussed at the Advisory Board meeting October 3rd, which is open to the public. Sue and Amy plan to attend. Members are also referred to the PUC's Home Page for current information.

   Barbara reminded the group that members on the Internet and listserv should be sure to share current information with those not online.
I. **NAHSL** - Happy Copley - The annual conference will be in October in Greenwich, Conn. Robin Rand will be on a panel discussion about downsizing and would like to hear from members to share their experiences with her.

   Barbara asked for volunteers to serve on two NAHSL committees, Continuing Education and Program. Cindy White volunteered to represent Maine on the Program Committee, and Nancy Grenier might also.

J. **Archives** - Marj Anderson - She is still working on weeding and sorting the archives in preparation for binding.

K. **SACCE** - Marj Anderson - A new series of courses will be offered; one on Reference is now being planned.

L. **EFTS** - Barbara Harness - Barbara refers members to the reports in the recent HSLIC Newsletter. The last New England Sounding Line also had an article, which included instructions for getting a list of participants.

V. **Area Reports** - Most news was reported in the last Newsletter. In addition:

A. **Region I** - Ramona Connelly - HAMIC recently held a meeting at which Dr. Michael McComb spoke and lead a very interesting discussion on ethics. Kathy volunteered that she has a complete collection of his articles, which she will share through interlibrary loan; Northern Cumberland has all McComb's books.

B. **Region II** - Dan Philbrick - L-A College staff now have new e-mail addresses and will soon have new phone numbers.

   Kathy will be away from Stephens for vacation for ten days; CMMC will pick up her Docline requests.

C. **Region III** - Cora Damon - KVMC and Maine Med are considering merging; they expect the Attorney General's decision by March. Downsizing through attrition will probably result.

   Patty invites members to participate in the ethics conference to be held at Pen Bay on Friday, October 4th.

   John has the Serline list on disc in ASCII format and offers to share it.

D. **Region IV** - Pat MacArthur - Daphne is trying to get BMHI's new automated catalog "up to snuff."

E. **Region V** - Leslie Kelly (absent) sent no new news. John Clark said that Greg Curtis was interested in creating a searchable database comparable to Maine Cat for AV materials. Marj said she thought HAMIC once had such a list. Patty said why not just put them in Maine Cat.

VI. **Old Business**
A. **Web Page** - Patty Kahn - HSLIC’s home page on the World Wide Web is great! - useful and up-to-date. Patty praised Ann Jordan for its creation and for doing a fabulous job of maintaining it. Recently the HSLIC Board decided to move it from the Jackson Lab computer to the State’s so that it would not become an unfair burden on the Lab and in order to be able to add a listserv. The listserv is up and running now and the Home Page will probably be moved over in October. It is recommended that Webmaster/sysop be a Board position. Barbara shared the letter she wrote thanking Ann for her work on the Home Page.

B. **NYNEX** - already discussed.

VII. **New Business**

A. **First Search** - already discussed.

B. **UCMP Online** - EMMC will be a beta-testing site. AMHI and Mercy have signed up. The charge will be $750 per year, with a discount available to Quick Doc users.

C. **AVNET program** - This Androscoggin Valley Internet group will host a program at L-A College on October 26th.

D. **Maine State Health Sciences Library** - John Clark is working with legislators to develop a bill to establish a library which will ensure that all Maine citizens have access to health sciences information.

VIII. **Report by John Stey, Associate Director, National Network of Libraries of Medicine, New England Region**

In his opening remarks, John praised the HSLIC Newsletter as being enjoyable to read, expressed his intention to write the PUC a letter supporting HSLIC’s request to have health sciences libraries included in the agreement with NYNEX, and invited submissions to the New England Sounding Line.

John said that Outreach Coordinator Tim Roberts has resigned, but they are in the process of replacing him; in addition they are hiring an Education Coordinator and Network Specialist.

The NN/LM NER is encouraging more libraries to participate in the Electronic Fund Transfer System and the region’s listserv.

He was disappointed that no HSLIC library applied for the Outreach Grant and encouraged members to consider applying with the next round in April. Anyone who would like to talk to a librarian who has gone through this process could contact Sharon Eckert at UNE.

They are in the process of setting up a new Regional Advisory Committee and want all state consortia to contribute a member.

A database of Network members has been developed. John passed around an earlier printed copy for comments; feedback will be used in designing the updated issue.
A new Docline delivery manual will be printed and distributed at no charge.
John expressed his appreciation of the fine job being done by the new Network Coordinator, Ed Donnald. Ed is preparing to put on Docline workshops and will do one in Maine if wanted.
After relaying the NLM’s request that everyone who can, use the Internet for Docline and Medline, he asked why libraries in Maine do not. Responses indicated a wide variety of technical problems, many related to connection problems, others probably related to local (PC) configurations. He encouraged Mainers to continue trying, pointing out that "Maine has more fiber than any other state in New England."

IX. Lunch - Stephens Memorial Hospital put on a delicious buffet.

X. Tour of Stephens’ Health Information Resource Room - Kathy showed the room in the Medical Office Building which she set up with a grant from the Bingham Foundation and which opened this summer to serve the public.

XI. Panel Discussion: Theoretical and Practical Aspects of Providing Consumer Health Information - panelists: Marj Anderson, Happy Copley, Paul D’Alessandro, Ramona Connelly
Marj opened the discussion with an overview of the ethical aspects of librarians providing health information to consumers. Happy described the resources available through government clearinghouses. Paul discussed the usefulness of GPO publications and the possibility of sharing with depositories. Ramona described the "Self Help Library" at York Hospital and some of the advantages and disadvantages to the way it is run.
The presentation was followed by an open discussion of situations, both difficult and rewarding, and dilemmas experienced by librarians in the group.

XII. Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Scribner, Secretary