The spring meeting of HSLIC was held at Seton Hospital, Waterville at 10:00 a.m. Cora Damon opened the meeting by having each member present introduce themself to the group and give their hospital, institution, or agency name.

The treasurer Jean Doty reported having $1050. The Union Lists which may be ready in 3 - 4 weeks will be paid for from this amount leaving about $637. To date thirty memberships have been paid.

The HSLIC Program at MLA on April 28 was discussed. It will be a panel on patient education and the role of the library given by Raynna Genetti, Wendy Troiano, and Cindy Carver, RN who will speak from the nurses point of view. There will be bibliographies available and sample articles on the subject. Time for discussion and questions will follow the panel.

On April 27 HSLIC is sponsoring two continuing education courses at the Treadway-Samoset, Rockport. The first is an MLA course on the recent advances in the literature of pharmacy costing $45. to non-members and $30. to members. The second course is on AV software within the library costing $15. This is a half day course. A minimum of 12 persons is needed for each course. The registration is first open to HSLIC members and if the minimum is not met they will be open to other MLA & MEMA members.

Cora spoke of the need to establish a new HSLIC Executive Board. Rachel Dutch who has been co-chairperson for the past year will become the chairperson. A ballot will be sent out to each member encouraging them to volunteer their services either as an officer or an area representative. In order to establish a rotating board some area representatives will be elected for 2 years and some for one year. If enough volunteers do not respond, a nominating committee will have to be appointed.

Eleanor Cairns reported on the progress being made by the Maine Library Association Continuing Education Committee. They have decided to give short courses for people working in libraries. These courses will not be for credits. The first will be a 10 hour course on cataloging using the Dewey system. Others will be on book selection, circulation and children's work. The fee for MLA members will be less than the fee for non-members. The courses are designed to give insight and hopefully answer questions library employees may have.

A handout at this meeting on the copyright law was discussed and the following points were mentioned.

1. ILL records must be kept for three years
2. Each requested article must be stamped with some sort of copyright message
3. Five articles per calendar year per title can be borrowed
4. The law will be under revision after a certain period time so it was recommended that each library should keep records of major problems.
5. More information on this will be in future HSLIC newsletters.
Cora asked if any members had questions to update themselves on the grant. None were asked.

Cora introduced Margery Read and turned the meeting over to her. She gave us a summary of her background and her plans for HSLIC in general. She will be working out of the Maine Hospital Association, 151 Capitol St., Augusta and can be reached at 622-4794. Messages can be left with her secretary, Marty, in case of her absence. Her goals include improving communication, dividing all members into regions and to meet regularly with each region, send out a newsletter more regularly making it into an educational source as well as a newsletter. She would like to survey each member as to their needs, plans, problems, educational needs, informal as well as formal. The UMPG Human Services Division Survey will be sent to each member and they will help us find sources of money.

Margery recommended that we start right away on another union list including all members of HSLIC so that we may be more self-sufficient. The UMO union list represents only 75% of our membership.

She will be attending an institute at Simmons on library measurement and a seminar at Countway on the education of health science librarians. She also plans to visit every HSLIC library during the next two months and look into another grant proposal including a hotline for reference questions and a circuit librarian which was cut out of our previous grant proposal. A number of similar projects have been started throughout the country. Margery is planning to contact each one asking for a copy of their grant proposal.

The interactive TV system was discussed and the possibility of us plugging in to it.

Eleanor Cairns told of an all New England hospital and medical school library union list which may be published. It was agreed that our union list should be compatible.

Cora asked if anyone objected to the use of homemade ILL forms as opposed to the ALA forms. Those using homemade forms requested the lending libraries to please write the name of the user on the article if they keep the request sheet for their own records or perhaps xerox the form so that a copy can be returned with the article. Nancy Greenier pointed out her findings in comparing the cost of homemade and ALA forms. The ALA forms proved to cost about $4 per year more than the homemade and purchasing the ALA forms saved valuable time used to prepare and reproduce the homemade forms.

Maine Medical Center will continue to use their small sized forms. Margery Read will look into buying standard ALA forms by bulk. Also concerning ILL’s it was agreed that we should have a HSLIC interlibrary loan manual for use in each library and to aid new librarians.

Margery hopes for 100% membership and can foresee working on self-service libraries to be connected to nearby members who can help them. This refers to the small hospitals etc. that do not have enough staff to handle coverage of a library. Total membership will help us when applying for grants.
Margery told of a statewide facility being proposed to store back issues of journals, etc. with a person on duty there, a watts line, and photocopying facilities. Only one copy of each item will be stored and there will probably be a charge for each request made. A new building for this purpose will be built. This will be investigated further.

It was asked how often the entire membership of HSLIC should meet. The regional meetings may be all that are needed except for our 2 meetings per year as we now have. This can be discussed later when we see how well the regional meetings are meeting our needs. The motion was made by Nancy Greenier that one meeting be held in the northern part of the state and one meeting be held in southern part of the state. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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