HSLIC ANNUAL SPRING MEETING
May 30, 1980

The annual meeting of the membership of HSLIC was held at Thayer Unit, Mid Maine Medical Center. Chairperson Cindy Williams called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. and the 31 persons present introduced themselves.

I. The minutes of the September 19, 1979, HSLIC Fall Meeting were read by Secretary Bonnie Bickford. The report was accepted as presented.

II. Treasurer Mary Anne Spindler presented her report. The balance in the treasury is $4,903.46 as of May 30, 1980, plus additional funds of $500 in the Education Fund and $732.50 in the Scholarship Fund. Income since January 1980 includes dues of $50 from 43 members for $2,150.00. Plus two new memberships were paid today and more should be forthcoming. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

III. Committee Reports
   A. Don La Montagne reported as the Education Committee Chairman that the afternoon program is part of their work. During the past year two surveys were made to determine educational needs of the membership. The first survey had a low return, but interest was expressed for a government documents program.

   The second survey was done in more depth, and had seven questions. The results indicated that:
   1) The educational background of HSLIC libraries is split with about 2% being MLS and 8% being non-degree.
   2) There was no consensus on what type of programs are wanted.
   3) The type of format desired was overwhelmingly in favor of "in person" programs.
   4) Most would like some sort of credits awarded.
   5) A single day was the most desired length.
   6) Most would be willing to pay for the cost of the program.
   7) Predictably, everyone wants the location to be nearby their own facilities.

   Don suggested the best course of action would be to use the scholarship money to send people to workshops of their own choosing. Some discussion followed.

   B. Peggy Weir, Chairperson of the Resource Sharing Committee reported on her two projects of the past year. The first survey was aimed at acquisitions, to determine what journals are not available in Maine that are frequently requested. The resulting list will be published in the
Newsletter. One note was made, the "Journal of Neurological Sciences" is now subscribed to by Jackson Labs.

The second study was aimed at retention. Peggy compiled from the Maine Union List those journals owned by only one or two libraries. The results are available from Peggy on an individual basis for anyone interested. The point of the study is to try to not lose some unique titles by not knowing they are unique. It will be up to the next Resource Sharing Committee to carry this further by perhaps contacting libraries with these unique titles.

Discussion followed on interlibrary loan procedures. One comment was that everyone can't be self-sufficient and that it saves time to be able to borrow from next door libraries. Another comment was that small libraries are being tried first, but not always being responsive. It was suggested that libraries note on the ILL forms if small libraries have been tried previously.

C. The Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Nancy Grenier, reported that five scholarships were awarded this past year, totaling $601.50. Those receiving scholarships were:
   Wendy Troiano to NAHSL
   Barbara Swift to NAHSL
   Mary Folet to N.E. Hospital Assembly
   Wendy Troiano to MLA in Washington
   Cora Damon to MLA in Washington

More money is available, and members are encouraged to apply.

D. Mary Anne Spindler reported that the Program Committee was responsible for planning today's meeting. Cindy made a PLEA for volunteers to serve as committee members.

IV. The 1980 Goal and Objectives were reviewed by Cora Damon. Cora said that we are mostly on target. She feels that we have accomplished much and that we still have much to do. For the goal of better educated librarians, we should have had two statewide programs, and we've only had one. The exploration of the educational needs of librarians was reported by Don today. The second goal of shared resources was met by Rayna Genetti's work on the journal analysis. Other sharing ideas will be explored for the fall. The third goal of a more useful and informative newsletter has been somewhat successful. The main problem is the lack of contributions from the membership. The fourth goal of the organized structure for HSLIC will be addressed by October 1980.

V. Cindy Williams, Chairperson for HSLIC, presented a year-end annual report. During the past year the 1980 Written Plan for the end of the grant change-over was created by and accepted at the Fall Meeting. HSLIC sponsored the NAHSL meeting in Sebasco. National Library of Medicine resource improvement grants were awarded to
the Center for Human Genetics and Camden Community Hospital. Don Bertsch became the circuit rider librarian in Aroostook County. Central Maine Medical Center received a NLM grant for a Hot-Line Librarian Project to provide hospitals in central Maine with coordinated computer search services. New members to HSLIC were Waldo County Hospital, Houlton Regional, and Kennebec Valley Mental Health Center. Raynna Genetti completed a massive ILL analysis. Margery Read studied the ILL borrowing patterns in Maine. Cindy participated on a panel at the N.E. Hospital Assembly about consortia. Overall it has been a very good year. One special comment was made on how attractive and well put together the newsletters have been, thanks to Evelyn Greenlaw.

VI. Cindy Williams presented the results of the interlibrary loan borrowing pattern study from Margery Read who was unable to be here today. A memo from Margery was distributed with the statistics. She studied 26 respondents representing 707 ILL transactions. She surmised that there was no statistically significant correlation between the type of library and the age of the journals borrowed. Also Margery found that Maine is 75% self-sufficient, or that we borrow only 25% from out-of-state sources. In Raynna's study, she found a self-sufficiency of a 50%, perhaps due to the difference in the sample groups. Margery has been asked to give us a narrative account of her report in the newsletter. The statistics were somewhat overwhelming to some.

VII. The final grant report was presented by Cindy for Margery. The HSLIC grant ended on October 31, 1979, and the report was prepared by Margery and written by W. Grant Haggie, Jr. The report in its final form was received by the HSLIC Executive Board after it had been submitted, therefore the Board had no input into the content of the report. The membership present went over the report point by point, discussing each section thoroughly.

Under the development of a coordinated document delivery and collection system, questions were raised as to the formal nature of coordinated acquisitions and to the validity of the statistics, especially the 6% violation rate. A suggestion was made to make an on going study of borrowing patterns within the HSLIC group as one of its new goals. Another suggestion was made that the guidelines for document delivery standards be published, if available, in the newsletter. A question on the availability of the manual on interlibrary loan procedures was raised, such manual being important for new HSLIC members to have access to.

Regarding the Medline services in Maine, it was discussed whether or not there is any regional coordination of services and fees by HSLIC. Raynna Genetti mentioned that she has costed out Medline services and will gladly share this information with anyone interested.

Under education programs the main question was what role, if any, did HSLIC play in the telelecture course. Similarly,
it was a question whether HSLIC had any part of consulting services mentioned in the development of professional library services. Much lively discussion evolved around each item of the final report.

Another area of concern was the stated intention to publish two papers on the HSLIC project. The general feeling seemed to be that the HSLIC membership would like a more active involved role in publication of any papers. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously that "HSLIC would like to see final drafts of any papers in preparation prior to being sent out for publication." Another suggestion was made that members could if they wish submit a paper from their viewpoint of the HSLIC project. It was agreed that further clarification from Margery Read was needed.

VIII. The Nominating Committee's report was the presentation of the slate of officers for 1980-81. Discussion of the slate and the duties of the offices ensued. Clarification of "what is NERMLAC" was made for those unfamiliar with it. Raynna explained that NERMLAC is an advisory council that provides grass roots input to the regional system so that it can be responsible to the so-called "basic units". One nomination was made from the floor, for Cindy Williams as NERMLAC Representative I. After the election the results are as follows:

Chairperson - Evelyn Greenlaw
Vice-Chairperson - Mary Anne Spindler
Secretary - Nancy Grenier
Treasurer - Don La Montagne
Regional Representative I - Sheila Johnson
Regional Representative II - Ann Mc Kay
Regional Representative III - Cora Damon
Regional Representative IV - Wendy Troiano
Regional Representative V - Don Bertsch
NERMLAC Representative I - Cindy Williams
(fills remainder of Melde Page's term till February 1981)
NERMLAC Representative II - Jean Doty
(three year position February 1981-83)

IX. New Business

A. An ad-hoc committee for inter-consortial agreements is to be formed. Cindy Williams and Don Bertsch volunteered to work on it. Raynna Genetti has made a valuable contribution by contacting other consortia. In December 1979 she reported to HSLIC Executive Board that she had begun investigating other possibilities. The Worcester Group will be exchanging Unit List - there will be five copies, one in each of the regional libraries in Maine. There is interest in cooperating by the N.E. Consortia for Health Information - North Shore of Mass., the S.E. Mass. Health Science Library Consortia, and the N.W. Conn. Health Science Library Consortia. Raynna would appreciate more feedback, since there has been little utilization so far. She is willing to write it up again for the newsletter.
9. Raynna Genetti told the group about the Maine Library Association which is primarily public and school libraries. They have three districts in Maine as opposed to the five we recognized. Raynna is going to participate in a meeting with them and wants to give good input from special libraries. She reviewed several questions and concerns of the Maine Library Association, and would appreciate comments.

C. Evelyn Greenlaw put in a plug for the newsletter. The May issue was the last published by Evelyn. The new mailing address for the newsletter is: Mary Anne Spindler, Medical Care Development, 295 Water St., Augusta, Maine 04330. In addition, the master address for all other HSLIC matters will be to: Evelyn Greenlaw, St. Mary's General Hospital, 45 Golden St., Lewiston, Maine 04240. The chief area of concern has been the lack of original material from librarians in Maine. Communication continues to be one of our identified problem areas, and will be considered as one goal for HSLIC next year.

D. Nancy Grendier reported on the NERMLAC ad hoc committee on hospital library standards. The work is about finished and any published information will be distributed.

There being no more new business, the business meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m. The afternoon session convened with our guest Nancy Ottman, Coordinator of Document Delivery/Extention Services for NERMLAC at Countway speaking to us about interlibrary loans. Her presentation covered three main areas: the mechanics of interlibrary loans; the cost sharing plan for Maine and New England; and the national ILL plan for cost sharing. We appreciate her help in sorting out the often confusing system.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Dickford
Secretary