MAHSLIN

Resource Sharing Policy

The Massachusetts Health Science Library Network (MAHSLIN) Board, through its Resource Sharing Committee, will explore opportunities and implement agreements for its members to co-operatively purchase information resources in various formats.

Members will be periodically surveyed to determine their needs and interest in various types of knowledge-based information products. Based on survey results, the Resource Sharing Committee will investigate potential opportunities for MAHSLIN discounts or group purchases.

For Vendor Discounts

Based on interest by MAHSLIN members, specific vendors will be contacted to determine the possibility of offering a discount to members of MAHSLIN. Vendor representatives will contact the Resource Sharing Chair with the details of their offer. The Resource Sharing Chair will notify the membership via e-mail of the details of the vendor’s discount offer. Based upon the vendor preference, institutions will either contact the vendor representative directly or work through the Resource Sharing Chair to take advantage of the MAHSLIN discount.

For Group Purchases

Members will be initially surveyed to determine their intent in joining or continuing to be a participant in a MAHSLIN group purchase. At that time, they will also be asked about pricing or title preferences/changes. The consensus of the Purchasing Group will determine any changes to the Group package.

Once title and pricing changes have been determined and calculated, members will again be informed of the cost to each member and the titles selected. This is the final point at which members can withdraw from the group purchase, as any changes to the number of members participating will impact the pricing for the entire group.

No members can withdraw from the group purchase for the term once the FINAL price has been set and our administrative agent has been informed which libraries are making up the group.