MAHSLIN Annual Business Meeting
Massachusetts Medical Society
Waltham, MA.
April 11, 2014

Welcome
Cara Marcus, MAHSLIN President, opened the business meeting and welcomed everyone to the event. She thanked the members of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, the MAHSLIN Board, the Massachusetts Medical Society, the presenters, the vendors and Sodexho for their roles in contributing to the meeting. The theme of this year’s Conference is “Medical Libraries Matter”.

She also thanked outgoing Board Members Jane Ichord (Past President) and Loretta Grikis (Secretary) for their service.

Minutes
The minutes from the 2013 Annual Business meeting were reviewed and accepted. They will be posted on the MAHSLIN website.

Treasurer’s Report— Dan McCloskey
Dan McCloskey noted that the Treasurer’s Report is preliminary and will be updated at the end of the fiscal year.

Dan noted that in 2013-14, MAHSLIN’s expenses exceeded income, but much of the difference was due to timing issues with expenses incurred for the 2013 Annual Meeting. The MAHSLIN Board will vote on the approval of a budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Committee Reports—All Committee Reports are available on the MAHSLIN website.

Also, Archives Chair Melinda Marchand is looking for any items that MAHSLIN members might have that could go into the MAHSLIN archives (photos, reports, etc.) Members who have pertinent items are encouraged to contact her.

A resource sharing survey as well as a salary survey are currently in the works, and will be sent to all MAHSLIN members.

NAHSL—Richard Kaplan

Richard Kaplan, NAHSL Chair spoke about the group’s recent efforts to try to identify exactly what they should be doing as an organization. More specifically, he said that the NAHSL Board members have been exploring what their organization is doing (or could be doing) that is not presently being done by other organizations, such as MAHSLIN, CAHSL or MLA.
NAHSL will also be sending a very comprehensive survey to its members that will help the Board to plan the future of the organization, and guide them in figuring out where to best invest their efforts.

**Massachusetts Library System—Anna Popp**
Anna Popp, the Massachusetts Library System’s Special Library Liaison encouraged MAHSLIN members to take full advantage of the Massachusetts Library System’s workshops, noting that they provide many “soft skills” workshops. She also encouraged members to contact her anytime with questions.

**Presentation of Nominations—Elaine Alligood**
Membership Chair Elaine Alligood noted that two new MAHSLIN Board members have recently been appointed. Stephanie Friree, Outreach and Technology Coordinator of the NNLM/NER is the new Bylaws Chair, and Meredith Solomon, Education and Outreach Coordinator of the NNLM/NER has been serving as the new Membership Chair, replacing Heather O’Leary.

This year’s nominations were as follows: Meghan Muir (Brigham and Women’s Hospital) for President-Elect, Lori Regan (Dana Farber) for Secretary, and current Board member Dan McCloskey as Treasurer.

All were unanimously accepted.

Elaine also encouraged Annual Meeting attendees to purchase a MAHSLIN mug at the table in the lobby—proceeds help with the Jay Daly grant fund.

**Passing of the Gavel—Cara Marcus and Donna Beales**
The gavel was passed to the incoming MAHSLIN president, Donna Beales.

Donna shared a slide presentation that she had created with the group, in keeping with the theme of the Conference. The presentation noted many Massachusetts Medical Libraries that have closed since 2008, highlighting a pressing need for action.

Donna’s speech focused on personal experiences as a patient, and how diagnostic information that she located using her own professional skills greatly benefited both herself and her husband during their respective health-related battles. During her tenure as MAHSLIN President, Donna hopes to establish two task forces: one relating to Legislative Action and a second one which will help to construct a Strategic Plan.

**Adjournment**
Donna adjourned the meeting and began the Conference program.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Grikis
MAHSLIN Secretary