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## Legislative Day

On Wednesday, May 19, 1982, members of the Committee attended the Michigan Library Association's Legislative Day in Lansing.

Representative Jack Kirby and Representative Nick Ciaramitaro addressed the day-long conference. The legislators reviewed the status of proposed 1981-1982 library legislation and discussed the State of Michigan's budgetary problems. The Michigan Library Association is particularly interested in Senate Bill 200 & 201. These bills would remove the State Library from the Department of Education and place it in the Legislative Service Bureau. It is the opinion of the Michigan Library Association that the State Library would be better served in this new department.

During the luncheon, the Michigan Library Association awarded resolutions to Senators William Faust, Jack Faxon and Representative Lucille McCollough for their continuing support of library legislation.

Later in the day, members of the committee met with legislators to impress upon them the need for equitable appropriations for libraries throughout the State of Michigan.

Members of MHSLA's Legislative Committee who attended the Legislative Day were Pearl Ann Miller, chair, Rosemary Carter, and Brian Simmons.

**Brian Simmons**  
Legislative Committee

## Library Legislation 1981-1982 Session

**H.B. 4032** Fitzpatrick (D. Battle Creek) Increases amount credited to county law libraries from penal fine funds. Passed House 11/10/81. In Senate Judiciary Committee. Passed 2/10/82.

**H.B. 4672** Nash (R. Dimondale) Provides for construction of a State Library, Museum and Archives Center in Lansing. House Committee on Appropriations.

**H.B. 4681** Owen (D. Ypsilanti) Passed House 11/17/81. Substitute in Senate Appropriations Committee changed bill to read that 20% of Income from Jar Lottery and not less than \$2 million would be set aside for building state library complex. Substitute not concurred in by House went to Joint Committee for conference. This item was dropped from the final bill as it was passed by both House and Senate on December 16, 1981.

**H.B. 5066** Bullard (D. Ann Arbor) Prohibits disclosure of library records that identify a person as requesting specific materials from a library. Passed House 11/12/81. In Senate Judiciary Committee. Into Committee of the Whole. Now in Senate Education Committee.

**S.B. 60** DeGrow (R. Pigeon) Provides for disbursement of truck weight violation fines to all libraries in state. Senate Committee on Municipalities & Elections

**S.B. 196** Corbin (D. Clio) Proposes Library Media Centers for each school. Senate Education Committee.

**S.B. 200 (Substitute)** Faust (D. Westland) Creates State Library as branch of Legislative Service Bureau. Passed Senate 11/17/81. In House Education Committee.

**S.B. 201** Faust (D. Westland) Transfers control of State Library to Legislative Services Bureau. Passed Senate 11/17/81. In House Education Committee.

**S.B. 369** Faust (D. Westland) Use lottery funds to build state library complex. Senate Committee on State & Veterans Affairs.

**S.B. 496** DeSana (D. Wyandotte) Allows county libraries to be considered as an employer for Worker's Compensation under certain circumstances. Passed Senate, 12/10/81. In House Committee on Labor.

**S.B. 613** Gast (R. St. Joseph) Allows joint representation of city and township on library boards. In Senate Education Committee.

**S.B. 716** Sederburg (R. East Lansing) Amends Penal Code to make theft from a library a misdemeanor or felony and malicious destruction of property the same.

**S.B. 717** Sederburg (R. East Lansing) Amends revised Judicature Act of 1961 so that person of library detaining a suspect shall not be held civilly or criminally liable for false arrest etc.

**S.B. 792** Faxon (D. Detroit) Amends Act 138 of PA 1917 to prohibit County Board of Commissioner with population over 1.5 million from taking action described in original bill, also deletes Superintendent of Intermediate School District from Library Board.

## Legislation Committee Report

### Federal

*Internal Revenue Services Ruling 80-60*, Thor Power Tool Decision, February 1979, requires reporting of inventories. At present a company can use one of two tests to demonstrate the need for an inventory write-down. The company may put the merchandise which it has written-down on sale at a value equivalent to the write-down, or it can destroy the merchandise. In 1979 the IRS issued regulations which assured companies complying with the decision in the tax year ending December 1979 that they would not be penalized for back taxes. Legislation was introduced to delay by one year the enforcement of this ruling. In 1981 Senate Bill 578 (Moynihan, D, NY) and House Bill 3086 (Jenkins, D, GA) were introduced to remedy the write-down problem, which established a third test for demonstrating the need for an inventory write-down. All businesses will be able to use a historical formula to prove that their inventories have depreciated in value or are no longer marketable. These bills do not apply solely to publishers. S. 578 has been referred to the Senate Finance Committee; a hearing was held 9/25/81. H.R. 3086 has been referred to the full Ways and Means Committee.

**The Medical Library Assistance Act (MLAA)** was reauthorized (Senate bill 800, Hatch, R., UT) without amendment. However, the Office of Technology Assessment's study of NLM and Medline, scheduled for completion in February or March 1982 will include an examination of the government's role *vis a vis* the commercial sector in the creation and distribution of health related bibliographic data bases. The final version of the 1982 budget appropriation for NLM, which includes \$7.5 million for MLAA, is a projected budget of \$44.402 million for NY 1982. This is a substantial reduction from the \$47.6 million which was hoped for and will, no doubt, pose considerable hardship for NLM.

**Danford L. Sawyer, Jr., Public Printer**, and head of the U.S. Government Printing Office, has suggested that all of the GPO bookstores, except those in the District of Columbia, be closed because it is claimed they compete with the private sector and are losing money. One of the bookstores is located in Detroit. All new and recurring federal periodicals and pamphlets are being reviewed for elimination if costly, wasteful, or unnecessary publications. There are reports of excessive cuts in consumer oriented publications and other public information reports.

### Michigan

*Senate Bills 200 and 201* (Faust, D. Wayne/Westland) which set up a new administrative structure for the State Library under the direction of the Legislature has passed the Senate with amendments (11/17/81); currently in the House Committee on Education.

*Senate Bill 369* (Faust, D, Wayne/Westland) which sets up a state jar lottery to provide funding for a state library/archives/museum building is in the Senate Committee on State and Veterans Affairs.

*Substitute House Bill 4036* (Fitzpatrick, D. Battle Creek) which provides a new formula for funding county law libraries passed the House with amendments (11/11/81); currently in the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

*Substitute House Bill 5066* (Bullard, D. Ann Arbor) on the confidentiality of library records passed the House (11/12/81); currently in the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

### President's Column

Greetings! My best wishes to you for the Summer and the Summer holidays which are usually a much-needed break from the routine, whether calm or hectic, that fill our days. Librarians are as subject to job stress as any other group of workers. The summer gives us a change of pace – at least outside the Library – that refuels us. It is refreshing to talk of flowers, gardens, vacations instead of shoveling snow and ice. Hopefully, this Summer will also bring the long awaited turnaround in the economy for Michigan and for the Nation. Very few of us at this point have not been affected by some cutbacks.

First off, I would like to express my appreciation to the membership of MHSLA for their expressions of support to me on my becoming President. The cooperation of the Board members and others have enabled me to pick up the duties and proceed without any problems. MHSLA as an organization is well founded with a good set of rules for its operation. The procedures are well-defined and this means an easy transition between incoming and outgoing officers.

MHSLA has welcomed a new consortium – The Thumb Area Medical Information Consortium (TAMIC). Their representative to the Board is Laura Voelz. She has entered into the Board and Conference Planning activities and we are pleased to have a voice from another area of the state.

In March the Michigan Hospital Association approved our application for membership as an Affiliate group. We are now one of 22 affiliate groups with all the rights and privileges so stipulated by such membership but with our autonomy intact. MHSLA and MHA may jointly sponsor education programs. The MHA Educational Services Department can assist Affiliates in planning and presenting education programs. Members of MHSLA may use the MHA Service Corporations Professional Placement Services. MHSLA will receive exposure in MHA publications. Each member of MHSLA will receive the MHA publication 'Current Happenings.' MHSLA will continue to operate as usual using MHA as a resource. The July issue of MICHIGAN HOSPITALS should have an article about MHSLA. They will run an article about our October meeting.

I hope all of you have taken the time to respond to the Legislative Committee's request for correspondence on important legislation affecting libraries. Librarians have always been confronted with misconceptions about their profession, book censorship, copyright laws, and now book publisher's practices (THOR), and Elsevier's suit against NLM. Please don't think that current laws won't affect you because of your size or what you do. A strong front means survival for all. We have a voice. Let's make ourselves heard. The Legislative Committee will be happy to furnish a list of people to write to and a sample of letters.

One of the enjoyable activities of this office is traveling to meetings in other libraries and meeting people. I am enjoying working with the Western Group on the local arrangements for the Conference. They and the Conference Planning Committee are putting together an interesting and informative event. Please put October 13 – 15, 1982, on your calendars now and start planning the trip to Battle Creek, Michigan – Stouffers' Inn.

I hope to see you there.

**Jackie Raphaelson**

## Executive Board Minutes: Summary

The March 19th Executive Board Meeting was held in the Patriarch Room at the Michigan State University Science Library.

### Highlights of committee reports:

**Legislative:** Board approved inviting MHSLA members to participate in the Michigan Library Association's Legislative Day.

**Publications:** Newsletter to be printed by April.

**Education:** Education Committee had two proposals to bring to the Board. 1. The Chair of the Educ. Comm. should be the MICCLE representative. 2. The Board will reimburse travel for MHSLA members on Association business. The Board passed both.

**MICCLE:** Copies of MICCLE representatives report on milestones of MICCLE were distributed to Board members.

**MHA:** Jackie has not received word on affiliation. MHA Board were to meet in the latter part of March and notify us by April.

**Conference Planning:** Selection of CE courses and committees have been made. Mini-topics and Workshop speakers are to be contacted. Tentative schedule for the program was given to the Board. MICCLE credit and fees were discussed.

**Ad Hoc Committee on Statewide Union List of Serials:** Hildegard distributed Lynn's report. The Board accepted the letter Lynn proposed to send to encourage participation in local ROC's.

**Old Business:** Bonnie Gasperini is the new representative for South Central Michigan Health Science Libraries Association.

**New Business:** Jackie has mailed to Betty Person, Nominating Committee Chair, the time table for nominations. The Flint Chapter of Zonta is holding a luncheon to honor Dr. Geri Purcell. The President will write a letter recognizing Dr. Purcell's contributions to MHSLA to be read at the luncheon. Memo about information needed for the 1982 directory was distributed by Hildegard.

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The Executive Board Meeting was held May 7, 1982 at the Bay Medical Center Medical Library.

### Highlights of Committee Reports:

**Archivist:** Helen Howley described the kinds of letters and materials she needs for the Archives. The Board approved purchase of supplies for the Archives.

**Legislative:** The committee has been active with alerting the Consortium about legislation and the MLA Legislative Day planned for May 19th.

**MHA:** Approved our affiliation.

**Conference Planning Committee:** The committee is in the final stages of preparations for the Annual meeting. Arrangements for speakers and workshops have been finalized and the schedule of events set for the 3 day meeting.

**Publications:** No. 6 has just been published. The next issue is planned for July. They are busy working on the Directory for Fall.

**Ad Hoc Committee on Union List of Serials:** There has been no response on letters to non-Roc libraries. Lynn Sutton is hoping to get some positive action on input into OCLC. She is in touch with Michigan Library Consortium and ROC groups who are in the process of inputting serial holdings. Lynn also reported on the meeting of the multitype libraries about LSCA title 3 funds and their status or non-status in the new budget.

**Old Business:** Doris Asher and Hildegard Joseph made a report on the rulings in past minutes that will form the basis of the Standing rules for MHSLA. The need for some by-law changes was also discussed.

**New Business:** The President read an invitation from the Michigan Chapter of Special Libraries to hold a joint meeting in the Spring of 1983. Discussion of the matter will be held at a later meeting.

## MHSLA Ad Hoc Committee for Long-Range Planning

Last fall at our annual business meeting, Mildred Kingsbury recommended the creation of this committee in her Presidential address. The Executive Board passed a resolution at the November 20, 1981, meeting forming this committee. The members of the committee will include past presidents, the current president and the president-elect. Carole Colter, upon the request of Jackie Raphaelson accepted the chairmanship of the committee. Faith Van Toll, Anthos Hungerford, Mildred Kinsbury, Jackie Raphaelson and Mary Hanson are the members of the committee.

The charge to the committee is: "to look at MHSLA's stated purposes and to investigate the areas where we can best put our efforts to support these purposes." Recommendations of the committee will be presented to the Board along with a report at the 1982 Annual Business Meeting.

The committee plans to analyze the following: "How can our committee most effectively apply the planning process to the purposes, needs and goals of our state association?" "What does the committee see as the central issues confronting our state association for the future in terms of the planning process?"

Carole Colter  
Chairperson

## Michigan Statistical Abstract

*The Michigan Statistical Abstract*, 16th edition, can be ordered from David Verway, Director of Business Research, Bureau of Business Research, School of Business Administration, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI 48202 for \$15.50. Checks should be made payable to Wayne State University.

## MI Public Health Code Commentary

*The Commentary on the Michigan Public Health Code*, a 900 page comprehensive analysis, is now available to MHSLA Members. The Commentary is written by Richard Strichartz, Professor of Law at Wayne State University.

MHA has made this publication available to MHSLA members for \$12.50 plus shipping (50% of the regular price).

For further information, contact Donald W. Faleris, MHA's Manager of Legal and Regulatory Affairs.

## Membership Notice

A number of members of MHSLA have not yet paid their dues for 1982. If you have not yet sent in your \$10.00 dues, please do so as soon as possible to the treasurer: Cathy Helbers, Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI 48118. If you are not sure whether or not you paid your dues, you can check with Cathy by calling (313) 475-1311, x309.

## New Edition of MI Compiled Laws

A new edition of the Michigan Compiled Laws, with the complete text of all state laws in force through the 1979 Regular Session of the Michigan Legislature has been published by the Legislative Service Bureau. Cost of the 6-volume set is \$195. Order through Dept. Management & Budget, General Services, P.O. Box 30026, Lansing, MI 48909. Checks should be made payable to the State of Michigan.

## Local Group News

**Valley Regional Health Sciences Librarians and Flint Area Sciences Library Network** held a joint meeting on May 20 at Hurley Medical Center. Dr. E. Marshall Goldberg spoke to the group on "Writing... Medically Speaking." Dr. Goldberg is an active staff member of Hurley Medical Center as well as a consultant to ABC News and a prolific writer of fiction. His talk was most interesting.



**Western Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association** held their Spring meeting recently and devoted most of their time to planning for the annual MHSLA Conference which will be held in Kalamazoo at Stouffer's Inn on October-13 through 15, 1982. Please note the enclosed preliminary flyer and save the dates for our educational conference.



The **Thumb Area Medical Information Consortium (TAMIC)** is currently in the middle of a Second-Year Resource Improvement Grant from the National Library of Medicine. The \$49,000 grant is earmarked for new monographs and journal subscriptions along with the continuation of TAMIC services from 1981. Special projects for the year include centralization of technical services, maintaining the union list of serials, and planning for internal support for 1983. The next meeting was held July 22nd at 10:00 in Harbor Beach.



**Mid-Michigan Health Science Libraries:** MMHSLA lost their chairperson, Pearl Ann Miller, to changes in state government positions. Doris H. Asher was elected temporary chairperson at the September 11 meeting at McPherson in Howell.

## Calendar

October 7-9, 1982. **NETWORKING/COOPERATION** — Making networking work for you. The annual meeting of the Midwest Chapter, Medical Library Association, will be held at the Pfister Hotel and Tower, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Registration materials were mailed in July. For further information contact: Linda Oddan, Chairperson, Registration Committee, Todd Wehr Library, Medical College of Wisconsin, 8701 Watertown Plank Rd., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226, (414) 257-8323.



## Medical Library Association Dues

Our national association is planning to request a dues increase from their members this summer. The last two issues of the MLA News have given a good background for the need for the dues increase. If you are a member of MLA, we urge you to think carefully about your vote. In order to serve our profession and our members, we need to be financially stable and to have funds to operate with. If you have questions about the dues increase, do talk to other members of MLA or call me at (517) 894-3782.

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