

President's Column

Well, I am finally beginning to feel organized as President. The committee appointments are complete, so the work can now begin, or continue, as the case may be. A new committee, the Ad Hoc Technology Committee, has been formed. A major function of it will be to experiment with various software programs and provide us with evaluative reports.

The first Board meeting was held December 11, 1985 at the St. Clair Inn, which is where the 1986 Conference will be held. (The Inn is an interesting place with an entirely different type of atmosphere than other conference sites, so I am looking forward to October.) The next two Board meetings have been scheduled for Flint (March 5, 1986) and Grand Rapids (May 7, 1986). Conference Planning meetings will also held those days, immediately following the board meetings.

Mary A. Hanson

Are You Training End-Users?

If you are, please contact Dorothy Early of RML IV to let her know about it. (The Mid-Continental Regional Medical Library Program does training for several RML's.) Dorothy is hoping to be able to act as a clearinghouse for information on how many end-users are trained, who is actively training them, and how they do it. This information will be available to both medical librarians and to end-users who call inquiring where they can receive training.

Drop a line to: Dorothy Early, Online Services Instructor, Mid-Continental Regional Medical Library Program, McGoogan Library of Medicine, 42nd and Dewey, Omaha, NE 86105 or call: (800) MED-RML4. She would really appreciate the help so she doesn't have to call every hospital library in the state!

Ad Hoc Committee on Technology Formed

As was suggested by last year's Ad Hoc Electronic Mail Committee, the MHSLA has formed an Ad Hoc Committee on Technology following the dissolution of the Ad Hoc Electronic Mail Committee. The Committee, composed of Tom Van Dam (Pine Rest, Grand Rapids), Mollie Lynch (St. Joseph, Pontiac), and Kay Kelly (Northern Michigan, Petoskey), will have the following goals for 1986:

1. Publish a technology column in MHSLA News
2. Serve as consultants to MHSLA members
3. Have workshops or exhibit at annual conference

The Committee will concentrate on microcomputer hardware and software but will also consider other technologies relevant to medical libraries like telefacsimile and electronic publishing.

If you are successfully using library relevant software that you are excited about, please let one of the committee members know about it. We will keep a listing of those of you who are willing to share information about a particular program or piece of hardware.

Tom Van Dam

Meetings 1986 and Beyond

National Online Meeting	May 6-8, 1986/New York City
MLA	May 16-22, 1986/Minneapolis
SLA	June 7-12, 1986/Boston
ALA	June 28-July 3, 1986/New York City
ASIS	Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 1986/Chicago
MC/MLA	Oct 5-8, 1986/Chicago
American Association of Health Science Library Dir.	Oct. 25-39, 1986
MHSLA	1987/Kalamazoo
MHSLA	1988/Saginaw
MLA	1990/Detroit



MHSLA Conference

Experience a fine selection of courses and workshops and relax all in one elegant place. The St. Clair Inn is the setting for the 13th annual educational conference of the Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association. The conference is co-hosted by the Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group (MDMLG) and the Thumb Area Medical Information Consortium (TAMIC). The conference dates are set for October 7th-10th, 1986.

The "Inn On The River" is located 10 miles east of the I-94 Expressway, nestled on the shores of the St. Clair River. Built by the City of St. Clair in 1926 on the site of the old St. Clair Sawmill, the Inn was originally planned as a hotel and a site for city functions. Designed by Walter Wyeth, the Inn holds many antiques and is also the home of the Clary Gallery, which houses many works by renowned Great Lakes artist, Jim Clary.

This year the Local Arrangements Steering Committee is trying something new. Hotel registrations will be made for "American Plan" rates. That is, for those staying at the Inn, meals will be included in the price of the sleeping room fee. The American Plan guarantees meeting room space for the conference. Details and rates are currently being determined for conference attendees choosing to commute daily to the meeting.

The Conference should prove to be a stimulating environment for the exchange of ideas. Mark your calendars now and join us in St. Clair, October 7th-10th, 1986.

Gayle Williams

Telefacsimile

The Saginaw Health Sciences Library has received a grant from the Library of Michigan and is now the owner of Pitney Bowes 8150 telefacsimile machine. Telefacsimile, also known as telecopying, is in a new era. Old telefacsimile machines, which may be familiar to some, were the

size of a desk, had to be hand-fed blank paper, smoked and stank, took minutes per page, and required some-one to stand over them and make certain all was well (and it usually wasn't). And they were hideously expensive, to boot.

The new generation of fax machines send a page in less than thirty seconds and are highly reliable. They can also be programmed to operate independently during non-peak hours. The Saginaw Health Sciences Library hopes to be able to use their machine to support their services to rural health professionals as part of the Northern Michigan AHEC. The phone number to transmit to the new machine is (517) 771-3439. Please contact June Cronenberger at (517) 771-6869 for more information.

Forum on Interlibrary Loans and Policy

The 1986 conference committee has been requested to consider the possibility or desirability of having a forum at the annual meeting to discuss interlibrary loaning in Michigan. Some MHSLA members are concerned about recent developments (restrictions, quotas, telefacsimile, INTERACT, CLASS, etc.) which may adversely affect access to unique collections. Some of the concerns that have been mentioned include: the use/non-acceptance of MLC coupons; INTERACT's charges for reading messages; whether electronic I.L.L.'s should be referred and how; the MDMLG/MISHULS I.L.L. survey; INTERACT's electronic I.L.L. forms; encouraging the use of telefacsimile; and many, many more.

If you have other concerns you would like to share, or if you feel that such a forum is or is not a good idea, please contact either Caryl Scheuer, Stephanie John, Mary Hanson, or Lynn Sorenson-Sutton.

Change In Interloan Policy

The Saginaw Health Sciences Library would like to announce a change in its interloan policy. If your library is requesting 50% or more interlibrary loans per year from them than they request from you, they will charge you \$5 for each interlibrary loan above that extra 50% ceiling. If this changes applies to you, you should have received a notice in the mail in November. They regret the necessity for such a measure and say, "We are deeply committed to keeping access to our collection barrier-free and only take this action as a last resort to encourage net-borrowers to scatter their requests."

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MLA Directory; please note correction in your copy.

Union List

The 1986 update of the Union List was run February 6. All changes should be sent in by June 30 for the Fall 1986 update which will be run in August. Watch for the Union List order blanks in March.

Wanted

One used terminal for online searching, either 300 or 1200 baud, with modem. Contact Stephanie C. John, Director, Saginaw Health Sciences Library.

Submission Deadlines for MHS LA Newsletter

Friday, April 18
Friday, July 11
Friday, September 12

Please submit articles or news items to Susan Hubbs, Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals, Inc., Saginaw Health Sciences Library, 1000 Houghton Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602 or call 517-771-6846.

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