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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As part of our effort to increase our fiscal responsibility, the Executive Board agreed to recover the costs to the Association for updating MHS�A members' records in the SER-LINE file for DOCLINE access. The primary cost is the production of the OCLC computer tape which is used by the National Library of Medicine for the updating. Those of you who participate in DOCLINE and whose records are updated through MHS�A should have received invoices by this time. The cost per user is currently \$10 per year which has to be one of the better bargains around. If you participate in DOCLINE and have not received an invoice or if you have questions about the invoice, contact Betty Marshall (616-728-4766) or David Keddle (517-334-2270) co-chairs of the Document Delivery Committee.

At our May meeting, the Executive Board approved in principle the recommendation to add an institutional membership category to our organization. The institutional membership will be tied to those services of MHS�A which are targeted specifically to institutions (for example, DOCLINE updating and the Technology Directory). Of course, any change in membership categories requires a Bylaws change, so expect the opportunity to comment and vote on this issue at our annual meeting Thursday, September 14, at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. For details of the proposal, check with your local area representatives and an article in this Newsletter.

One of the recommendations of the Long Range Planning Committee is that the mission statement of our organization be revised and updated. This is a task that the Committee will work on in the coming year. This is an excellent opportunity for all of you to help shape the direction our organization takes in the future. Direct your comments

to the Committee Chair, Marge Kars, or to one of the committee members: Lynn Sorenson-Sutton, David Keddle, Sheryl Stevens, or Mary Hanson.

The Chair of the State Council Committee, Nancy Winslow, has recommended that the State Council not be a standing committee of MHS�A. The Bylaws Committee has revised the Bylaws to reflect this deletion for the membership's approval at the annual meeting. Further information about this change is available later in this newsletter.

Registration materials for our Sixteenth Annual Educational Conference, September 13-15, at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island have been mailed. If any of you were missed in the mailing, contact Mildred Kingsbury, Marquette General Hospital, 906-225-3429, or your area representative. The workshops and continuing education courses look particularly relevant this year, and, of course, the setting is among the most beautiful that Michigan has to offer. I hope to see most of you there.

And now it is time to acknowledge the approaching end of my term as president. As do most things which interest and challenge, my term has gone rapidly. With the pressures of our organization's fiscal crisis, and the changing health care environment, it has been in some ways a difficult year. However, it has been a pleasure to watch our Board Members and Committee Chairs work together to reduce the costs of the organization and to create procedures to better plan and monitor our activities and their costs. I honestly think that progress has been made toward these ends. The Long Range Planning Committee is helping us target where we are going as an organization so that we can put

our resources where they will further our goals. My sincerest thanks to the Board Members, committee chairs and members for their hard work. Particular thanks to Mildred Kingsbury and her Local Arrangements Committee members, and Carole Gilbert and her Education Committee members, for putting together an exciting conference. And, thanks to you members for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president. MHSLA is a small organization with some big accomplishments, and I am proud to have served as one of its officers.

Lea Ann McGaugh
PRESIDENT

STATISTICS STATISTICS

The Hospital Library InterLibrary Statistics Survey is in the mail to institutions. Please fill out the survey and mail by 31 August 1989 to:

Betty Marshall, Librarian
Hackley Hospital Library
1700 Clinton
Muskegon, MI 49442

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GMRMLN OFFERS GROUP RATE FOR ONLINE '89

ONLINE '89 will be held on November 7-9, 1989 in Chicago. The Management Office has arranged to offer a group rate of \$250 if from 8-19 people sign up. If more people sign up, the rate will be lower. If you intend to participate in ONLINE '89, contact Ruby May at 312-996-2464 or FAX # 312-942-1951. You need to send your name, address and a check for \$250 payable to the University of Illinois to Ruby May at GMRMLN office before 5 September 1989.

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XTRA! XTRA! MHSLA WORKSHOP BIG SUCCESS!

Back to the Basics, the MHSLA workshop held at Foote Hospital on 16 June 1989, was a four star success. Attendance total was 37 people. Kudos to all the individuals, especially Carole Gilbert and Hildegard Joseph, who worked hard to make this workshop such a success.

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Mark your calendars for next year, (you'll be surprised how soon it will be here.)

"GEAR UP FOR THE FUTURE in DETROIT"

This is the theme for the annual Medical Library Association meeting to be held in Detroit 20-24 May 1990.

The advance publicity in Boston at this year's MLA meeting was a class act! See you in Detroit in May 1990.

!! THANK YOU !! THANK YOU !!

Again our thanks to Ms. Sue Ellen Hozman of Lansing General Hospital for publication and mailing of this newsletter. Your time and efforts are appreciated by the MHSLA membership.

Bill Leavens, President of MC/MLA died 19 July 1989. He was formerly at the VA Hospital in Allen Park, Michigan. Memorial Contributions may be made to:

South Haven Area Hospice
955 S. Bailey Avenue
South Haven, MI 49090

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I would like to thank all the members of the Publications Committee who have helped produce the Newsletter and the Directory; Judy Barnes, Jane Claytor, Sandra Swanson, and Nancy Ward. Also thanks are due to their institutions and libraries for time given to the Publications Committee duties.

---Nancy J. Winslow



----NEWS FROM THE LOCAL AREA GROUPS----

---VRHSL---

The following is an excerpt from a letter to Stephanie John at Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals from Kevin Maxwell Vice Chairman of MacMillan:

"Thank you for your letter of 30 January 1989 concerning our acquisition of BRS Information Technologies... I assure you that we will be very careful indeed in how we integrate BRS and ORBIT. We are will (sic) aware of the excellent products and services offered by BRS throughout its existence and we do not intend to damage its reputation in any way.

We have begun the integration process by bringing together working groups made up of staff from both BRS and ORBIT to study the many issues involved....

As to the ownership of BRS, its purchase by Macmillan, Inc. means that BRS will now have the resources to thrive and to grow. The combinations of BRS and ORBIT will bring to the online community a much improved online service with many more databases than BRS or ORBIT offer by themselves....."

The laser counter Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals Library is using is called the People Counter. Call 1-800-441-BOOK. It is a library-director-designed electronic device that counts people coming and going with an invisible beam of light. The price is \$229 plus shipping. The price may seem a little high, but I checked out building my own from Radio Shack and it would be about \$50 less, not look anywhere as nice, and you would not get a year's warranty. Write: Laser Counters, 1420 W. Walnut St.. Blytheville, AR 72315 or call 501-762-2431. It has been a shock to find the real numbers of people using the library, compared to hand counting.

--Stephanie John

---WMHSLA---

Bronson Methodist Hospital Health Sciences Library conducted two surveys during the month of May. The purpose of the Evaluation Survey was to determine who our users are and how they perceive the role of the library in their employment, and how well they feel we are meeting their needs. Based on the results from this survey plans are in process to survey specific user groups, such as house officers, medical students, or School of Nursing faculty.

The second survey, 'Data Base Users' Questionnaire' was given to patrons with their completed searches. We asked if the information from the search would result in higher quality patient care and received affirmative responses for 78% of the searches. When we asked users to estimate the number of hours the librarians save them per month, the 24 people who gave a number averaged 7 hours per month.

Anyone who would like to see a full report of our survey results as well as samples of our surveys should call Mary Griswold at 616-341-6318, or write to Bronson Methodist Hospital / Health Sciences Library / 252 E. Lovell Street / Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

--Mary Griswold

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Helen Howley Steele, member for many years and former Archivist of MHSLA, died in early July 1989.

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----- BYLAWS INFORMATION -----

Several sections of the Bylaws have been revised and the revisions approved by the Executive Board. MHS LA members will be receiving a copy of the revisions to review before voting occurs at the Annual Meeting in September.

One major change is the addition of institutional members to our present category of personal members. The Long Range Planning Committee recommended this action since benefits such as the Technology Directory and Library Survey and special items such as the Docline tape charges apply to institutions rather than individuals. Institutional memberships will financially support these projects, as well as give some help to the general budget. Article III on Membership has been rewritten to include two categories of membership, and the eligibility and rights and privileges of each category.

Another major change involves the Michigan State Council, which is mandated by GMRMLN as the organization to represent Michigan at the regional office. This change and the rationale for it is discussed in a separate article in this Newsletter.

Since the Secretary and Treasurer now serve two year terms, a special election procedure was added in case of a vacancy in either office early in the term. In addition, the Treasurer's term of office was made concurrent with the fiscal year of the organization. This allows the Treasurer to complete payment for the fall conference and close the books for that year, and the new Treasurer to start in January with a new fiscal year.

These changes and several other revisions will be fully discussed at the Annual Meeting September 14th, and a vote taken at that time. In the meantime, if you have questions or comments, contact Marilyn Schleg at Hurley Medical Center (313-257-9427).

---Marilyn Schleg

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----- MCA vs. ESIA; OS2 vs. DOS -----

No we're not playing an alphabet game, but the manufacturers of today's computers are waging a war between IBM's standard of microchannel architecture (MCA) and extended industry standard architecture (ESIA). Also, there seems to be a problem getting OS2 software to the market. It's been labeled "Today's software, tomorrow." Before you buy into a new standard, there are a few things you should know. The following articles will help:

The great divide: ESIA vs. Microchannel, by Winn L. Rosch.

PC Magazine 1988 Dec 27; 165+.

OS/2 and the wizard of DOS.

Shareware Magazine 1988 Oct/Nov; 62-66.

OS/2

PC Computing 1988 Dec; 76-88.

---Judy Barnes

----- STATE COUNCIL -----

At the request of the MHSLA Board, GMRMLN was contacted about the possibility of the MHSLA Board serving as the State Council. This was the result of the the State Council meeting at the last MHSLA Conference and exploring the possibility of making the State Council a more active committee of MHSLA.

The Michigan State Council is a communication channel between GMRMLN and MHSLA. The Council will identify and address issues of concern to Michigan Health Sciences Libraries, encourage active participation in these issues, and send a Representative to the GMRMLN Regional Council.

The above information is the essence of a telephone conversation I had with Ruby May, associate RML Director, in early January 1989. She pointed out that the State Council is not a sub-committee of MHSLA, nor is it subordinate to MHSLA. Rather, the State Council is an entity of itself, functioning as a liaison between GMRMLN and the libraries in Michigan. For this reason, the State Council has recommended that the Bylaws of MHSLA be changed and that the State Council be removed from the pertinent sections of those Bylaws.

The State Council has drafted a set of Bylaws for the State Council. Briefly, they state that the Representative to GMRMLN will be elected and also serve as Chair of the Michigan State Council; the membership may be (but is not limited to) those members comprising the current MHSLA Board; and that the Council will meet at least once a year at the MHSLA Conference.

---Nancy J. Winslow, Chair

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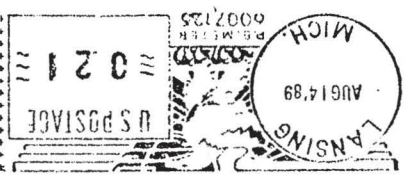
September 13 - 15, 1989

Grand Hotel

Mackinac Island, MI

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 Michigan Department of Public Health
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 P.O. Box 30195
 3423 N. Logan
 Lansing, MI 48909

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