

## THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The start of something new always brings excitement. That is certainly true of the beginning of a new year, and 1991 is no exception. The MHSLA Board, in particular the Conference Planning Committee, has the planning underway for the 1991 Educational Conference, set for Oct. 1-4 in Lansing.

The 17th Educational Conference, hosted by the Flint Group (FAHSLN), was attended by 66 people on October 3, 1990. Even though this was a one day meeting, the response was positive. Ninety-one percent of the respondents to the Conference Evaluation rated the meeting as very good or excellent. Financially the Conference was also a success with a profit of \$1095.00.

The report on the conference from the Local Arrangements committee includes some recommendations which the Board has acted on to incorporate into the planning for the 1991 conference. Some of these suggestions came from the 1989 conference. These include:

A separate chair for vendors, who reports directly to the President-Elect.

Revision of the evaluation form.

An appointed liaison between the Education Committee and the Local Arrangements Committee to encourage more active communication between the two committees.

The new Ad-Hoc Committee on Ethics, chaired by Nancy Winslow, is getting

underway developing its charge and setting goals for the year. If you have comments or suggestions for the committee please contact Nancy.

The Association's Strategic Plan will be a focus of activity this year particularly in the areas of education and research. I would like to quote the statement of purpose and vision that begins the plan; "To further health sciences librarianship by assisting members to demonstrate a positive impact on health care within their communities."

All of us face this issue daily at our jobs. What is it that we do that has value to the organization? Not an easy question to answer but one we tried to begin to address when we wrote the statement. The five goals of the plan and the critical success factors for goal achievement each speak to reaching that vision.

This is an active document. It's on my desk, not in a file cabinet, and it will be part of every board meeting this year. There wasn't much opportunity at the annual meeting to discuss the plan. I hope you'll take the opportunity to review the plan. If you don't have a copy, call me and I'll send you one. And if you have comments about the plan, I hope you'll call me with those also. My phone number is (616) 341-6318. My fax number is (616) 341-8828. The voice of the association is only as strong as the collective voice of its membership and we need to talk to each other before we can expect anyone else to listen to us.

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEWS**

How many times have you heard about a really great CE class being offered somewhere in Michigan -- the day before (or even the day after!) it is scheduled? The MHS�A Education Committee is going to publicize information about courses being offered by various groups that might be of interest to our membership. We will print a list in each MHS�A newsletter.

Not many are being offered during the winter months, but Western Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association (WMHS�A) has tentatively scheduled a CE class for April.

On March 1, 1991 MDMLG (Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group) Professional Development Committee will sponsor the MLA CE Course #120 Medical Terminology

taught by its developer, Margaret Peloquin, in the Detroit area. The course is the only MLA CE Course that satisfies the requirements for Category II of the Areas of Essential Knowledge for MLA Certification. Because of the broad appeal of this course, both librarians and library technicians are encouraged to attend. The fees will be approximately \$65.00 - \$75.00. For additional information please call Lora Robbins at WSU (313) 577-6665.

Our Committee members are contacting the various associations and regional groups, but please give me a call if you want to share some information that we might have missed.

--Nancy Nicholson, Chair  
(517) 771-6950.

### **CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE MHS�A '91 CONFERENCE**

The Education Committee is soliciting contributed papers for the October 1991 meeting. A formal paper will not be necessary, but the talk should be fifteen minutes in length with audiovisuals if appropriate.

Possible topics include: automated systems, CD-ROM, end-user searching, marketing library services, quality assurance, quality filtering, outreach programs, budgeting, managing cutbacks, etc. These presentations offer librarians a formal arena for sharing what they are doing and what is happening in their libraries with their colleagues.

MHS�A will offer financial compensation for all accepted presentations. A contributed paper session also earns points towards accreditation in MLA's Academy of Health Information Professionals.

Please submit a short overview of your topic by March 1, 1991 to:

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# DOCUMENT DELIVERY COMMITTEE REPORT

by Doris Blauet

At this time of year, when libraries are compiling the statistics for the past year, it is a good time to stop and think about updating your DOCLINE routing tables. Initially when Michigan came up on DOCLINE, institutions were allowed to change their routing table only once a year in October. Routing tables may now be changed up to twice a year at any time.

The Document Delivery Committee has been asked about the proper procedures for doing this. The first thing to do is contact Kim Goldman at GMRMLN for a change of routing table packet. A list of all eligible Region 3 libraries will be included along with your current routing table and forms and instructions.

Be sure to use LIBIDS when filling out the forms. Persons processing the forms at GMRMLN and NLM will not be familiar with local abbreviations or 3-digit OCLC codes. There can be a maximum of 80 institutions per routing table including NLM. You may list a maximum of 20 codes per cell in cells 1-7 and only NLM in cell 8. You may list less than 20 in any cell or less than 80 per table, but you may not exceed 80 total.

Remember your routing table should reflect your current ILL patterns. Since each situation will be different, it's difficult to give specific rules for routing tables, but general guidelines follow:

**CELL 1:** Primary consortium members OR local libraries special borrowing/lending agreements OR net borrowers of your collection.

**CELL 2:** Other consortium members or local libraries

**CELL 3:** Local libraries OR net lenders to your library

**CELL 4:** Primary resource libraries or other major libraries (universities or large or charging libraries)

**CELL 5:** Geographically close resource libraries

**CELL 6:** Resource libraries

**CELL 7:** Resource libraries

**CELL 8:** NLM

If you are in doubt as to which cell to place a specific institution, call the librarian to find out where they prefer to be placed in your table. You may include libraries outside of the region in your cells. However, remember that many institutions will charge libraries outside their region for ILL services.

Also remember that since DOCLINE retires requests that are updated for the code CST, to group charging libraries together in your table. Put net borrowers in cells 1 and 2 and net lenders in cells 2 and 3. This will give net borrowers more opportunity to lend and help even out the workload among libraries. Add or delete libraries according to whether they have or have not delivered ILL service with adequate speed. By including more regional resource libraries in your table, you should be able to avoid using NLM as often and hopefully speed up your turn-around-time.

Your current SERHOLD holdings will be generated from the OCLC information through MLC this last time. Starting in 1991 our SERHOLD/DOCLINE tape will be generated via GMRMLN and will be included in the GMRMLN GAC. You will be receiving a separate invoice from GMRMLN for a one-time profiling fee (about \$90). Since NLM will be accepting only one tape per region in the future, you must join this GAC to have any future holdings in SERHOLD/DOCLINE. We will still be able to produce a tape for our MISHULS product, but NLM will only accept the GMRMLN produced tape for DOCLINE.

If you have any questions about the updating process or GMRMLN tape, please call one of the committee members listed below:

Doris Blauet  
Barbara Kormelink  
Norma Powers

Judy Barnes  
Betty Marshall  
Martha Studaker

**"A DECADE OF CONSUMER HEALTH INFORMATION"** is the topic of a poster which will be presented at MLA '91 in San Francisco by two Hurley Medical Center librarians. Nancy Winslow, Public Services Librarian and Martha Studaker, Library Director at Hurley, are tentatively scheduled to present on Monday June 3d or Tuesday, June 4th. The poster will highlight the institution's trends in staffing, services and resources.

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**FROM MGH HOTLINE  
NOVEMBER, 1990**

Millie Kingsbury, Library Director of Marquette General Hospital has been elected Chairman of the Automated Library Services Council.

The Council was established by the Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation to manage the goals, policies, and fiscal operating procedures of the UPRLC's Automated Library System.

Several area institutions including MGH, Northern Michigan University, Peter White Library, and other school and public libraries as well as libraries in Upper Peninsula hospitals use the automated system.

Millie's term as chairman will last for one year. She has been a member of UPRLC for four years.

**NEWS FROM WESTERN  
MICHIGAN HEALTH SCIENCES  
LIBRARIANS' ASSOCIATION**

Yvonne Mathis of St. Mary's Hospital, Grand Rapids, coordinated Local Arrangements for the Conference Planning Committee of the Michigan Library Association conference held at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Downtown Grand Rapids in late October, 1990.

Blodgett Memorial Medical Center Medical Library's Brian Simmons has been called into active military duty in the Michigan National Guard 207th Evac Hospital. Lois Huisman is acting medical librarian during his absence.

Butterworth Hospital Libraries have recently added Carson City Hospital to their clientele. Carson City Hospital joins Kelsey Memorial Hospital of Lakeview, United Memorial Hospital of Greenville and Gerber Memorial Hospital of Fremont as institutions for which Butterworth will be providing library services, including the processing of interlibrary loans.

--Sandy Swanson, Butterworth

## **MHSLA NEWS PUBLICATION SCHEDULE AND GUIDELINES**

Announcements and articles for MHSLA News should be received no later than the 15th of the month preceding scheduled publication date. The Newsletter is scheduled for publication in April, July and October.

Materials for publication can be submitted on any size floppy disk (3 1/2 or 5 1/4) in ASCII format. Most word processors will allow you to export or save as a MS or PC DOS ASCII file. If you submit materials in this format, DO NOT USE CONTROL CODES such as "center", "underline", "bold", etc. Please also submit a printed copy so that we can see what it is supposed to look like.

We would like to hear about happenings in your library, but please be aware that announcements will be limited to 1/4 page in length. Particular applications of library practice will be given consideration but will be published at the discretion of the Publications Committee.

Please forward all MHSLA News items to:

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