

mhsla news

MICHIGAN HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

no. 41

Winter

1993

President's Column
Ramblings on This and That

Carole Gilbert
Providence Hospital

Writing a president's column is not my idea of fun! That said, let me also say that it is not that there are not issues out there that we need to talk about; the problem is deciding which one to tackle first. Besides, I would much rather be having a conversation with individuals or groups so that there is some dialog going. (For the same reason, I hate to write letters. When I have a question, I want it answered NOW!)

So...what I want to ask you to do is CALL ME whenever you have concerns, questions, or issues you want to discuss. We all think better when we can bounce ideas off someone else and dialog often spawns new ideas. Who knows what gems may be unearthed!

At the January Board Meeting, we had two discussions which bear further thought. Concern was expressed with the lack of training in Medical Librarianship provided by the two University programs in Michigan. In light of MLA's Platform for Change, we need to push our universities to provide the curriculum necessary to graduate librarians who know what a medical librarian does and have the skills to do the job. More importantly, students need to be given the opportunity to find out that we exist, that we are talented people, and that there are opportunities for well-trained medical librarians out there!

Secondly, we really need to spend some time on outreach. At the *Basics of Searching*

MEDLINE class I taught in January, there were two librarians. The rest of the class were people in charge of libraries who have no training. I know that we would all prefer that hospital libraries are staffed with professional librarians, but that is just not reality. Are we to ignore the pleas for help from these people just because "it's the principle of the thing" or will we respond, help non-professionals to do what they need to do to provide information, and perhaps, in the process, recruit some really good people to the field? Can we justify inadequate patient care because some hospital administrator doesn't know that he needs a professional librarian, or doesn't have the money to pay for one? Maybe our focus should be to help non-professionals so that administrators finally realize what they're missing by not having adequately staffed libraries. And let's not forget that there are successful circuit librarian programs out there. Maybe we should work to get such a program started in underserved areas of Michigan.

Concerning the 1994 JCAHO Standards ... I have a copy of the latest scoring guidelines and they are a vast improvement over the ones you saw in the first field review. JCAHO will have a second field review, so if your hospital happens to be in the second review

Inside:

- ◆ Committee Reports
 - ◆ Announcements & Educational opportunities
 - ◆ Fall Conference Preview
 - ◆ Book Review
 - ◆ MHSLSA publication deadlines
-

group, do make an attempt to comment on the Information Management chapter. Chris and Jacque tell me that their suggestions were incorporated almost verbatim in this draft. Hopefully, these new Standards and scoring guidelines will give us a little more clout.

Finally, thanks to all of you who supported by candidacy to the MLA Board of Directors. I attended an orientation meeting in Chicago in

December, and I can tell you that I was on information overload when the afternoon was over. Headquarters staff are very friendly and are genuinely concerned with membership input, so don't hesitate to call on them if you need anything. Officially, I take my place on the Board at the end of the MLA meeting in May; however, if you have concerns, don't hesitate to call me prior to that.

Committee Reports

Document Delivery Committee

The members of the Document Delivery Committee remind you that we will be sending out our annual survey soon after you receive your DOCLINE annual statistics. At that time, you will be asked to send in your interlibrary loan statistics for all interlibrary loans including ALA forms, FAX requests, DOCLINE, and any other ways in which you receive and send interlibrary loans.

It is also time to be thinking about updating your holdings in OCLC. Check the current MISHULS for any changes or errors that need correcting. Forward the changes to your inputting agent so that they will have time to make all the changes before the next issue of MISHULS is run in August. OCLC has a firm deadline of the third week of July for all changes. Contact your inputting agent for their deadline.

-- Barbara Kormelink,
Document Delivery Chair

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee sent out Membership Renewal forms in December.

The MHS LA Bylaws state that "If dues are unpaid by March 1st, the dues shall be considered in arrears and without further notice the

Member shall lose the rights and privileges of membership." In order to simplify bookkeeping and reduce confusion, the Board has directed that this provision of the Bylaws shall be more strictly enforced this year. Personal and institutional members who have not paid their dues by **March 1st** will lose the privileges of voting, holding committee and officer positions, receiving the newsletter and membership directory, being listed in the membership directory, receiving reduced rates for the Annual Conference, being listed in MISHULS, and participating in DOCLINE at no additional fee.

If you have not received a membership renewal form, please contact Sheryl Stevens, ad-hoc Membership Committee chair, at Henry Ford Hospital's Sladen Library; phone (313) 876-2550.

Publications Committee

The Publications Committee is interested in your ideas! If you have an idea for an article or -- better yet -- are interested in writing one, we want to hear from you! Your next opportunity to dazzle your peers will be the Spring 1993 newsletter; deadline for submissions is April 7, 1993. Contact Sandy Swanson, Publications Committee Chair, at Amberg Health Sciences Library, Butterworth Hospital, phone (616) 774-1655 or fax (616) 732-3527.

MHSLA Board

Treasurer Peggy Zorn advised of a change of employment at the November Board meeting. Her new business address is: Parke-Davis Research Library, 2800 Plymouth Rd., Ann Arbor MI 48105. Phone her at (313) 996-7202; fax, (313)996-7008.

With the consolidation of the TAMIC, VRHSL, and FAHSLN local groups into ERHSLA, the voting members of the MHSLA Board will be reduced to nine. The Board is considering the possibility of revising the Bylaws to grant full Board membership to committee chairs, who are currently non-voting. Members who wish to comment on this or other Board activities are

encouraged to contact their local group representatives.

Research Committee

The Research Committee is collecting ideas for future projects and welcomes your suggestions.

A reminder: each MHSLA institution is entitled to receive one copy of the 1992 Final Report. A limited number of additional copies are available at \$10.00 per copy. Please contact Yvonne Mathis, Saint Mary's Hospital Library, at (616) 774-6243 for additional information.

News and Announcements

Congratulations to Carole Gilbert on her election to the MLA Board of Directors!

ERHSLA

On Tuesday, December 8, 1992, FAHSLN, TAMIC and VRHSL agreed to merge the three groups and rename as ERHSLA: Eastern Region Health Sciences Libraries Association. Election results:

Martha Studaker, President
Nancy Winslow, Secretary
Melba Moss, MHSLA representative

The members felt it would be more profitable to network with a larger group. The only problem would be the loss of two MHSLA board representatives, but these people have historically been whoever's going to board meetings anyway. VRHSL also has a treasury because it charged dues, which the other two

groups did not. VRHSL will be discussing the disposal of the funds at its last meeting in February. One suggestion was that it be donated to the MLA Scholarship Fund.

-- Melba Moss, Stephanie John

At the January MHSLA Board meeting, it was announced that, upon her retirement in February, Nancy Winslow will be marrying and moving to Florida. Best wishes, Nancy!

MDMLG

MDMLG is hosting two Internet Training Sessions at Wayne State University on March 18th. The workshop will be offered from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, and repeated from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. While the price has not been finalized, a \$35.00 - \$40.00 fee is projected. Contact Cathy Eames, Children's Hospital of Michigan (Detroit) for further information: phone (313)745- 5322.

WMHSLA

David A. Amos Health Science Library of **Mercy Hospital** (Muskegon) has a new fax machine. Please update your listings to show the new fax number: (616) 739-3842.

WMHSLA holds its next meeting at Metropolitan Hospital, Grand Rapids, on February 16th at 9 AM. The morning session will address conference planning concerns and other business. An NLM update workshop will be held in the afternoon. Contact Betty Marshall at Hackley (616) 728-0365 for information or lunch reservations.

Mary Griswold is coordinating the planning of a continuing education course to be held at Bronson Hospital on April 20, 1993. *Searching for Therapy, Diagnosis, Etiology and Prognosis: Panning for Gold* (MLA NP 208) will be taught by Ann McKibbin, Research Coordinator at McMaster University Health Sciences Center of Hamilton, Ontario. Class size is limited; register early. A registration form is included with this newsletter.



Greater Midwest Region NN/LM

Janice E. Kelly has accepted the position of Associate Director of the Greater Midwest Region, Region 3. Janice was selected at the conclusion of a nationwide search. The Executive Committee of the Regional Advisory Council participated in the interview process by a teleconference interview with each candidate. Janice has had previous RML experience as the Resource Sharing Coordinator at the Southeastern/Atlantic Regional Medical Library from 1983 to 1986. She was chief librarian at the Christ Hospital and Medical Center in Oak Lawn, Illinois from 1986 to 1991. Most recently she was the Deputy Director at the Suburban Library System in Burr Ridge, Ill.

Janice will work closely with Ann C. Weller,

Acting Director, to administer and coordinate the programs and services of the RML. She starts in the position on January 25, 1993.

(Taken from a memo from Ann C. Weller.)

GAC User Group

The GAC User Group Meeting will be held on March 19, 1993 at the Library of Michigan beginning at 1:00 p.m. GAC members are encouraged to attend.

-- David Keddle

MSU

The Document Delivery position at MSU Libraries has been filled by Navjit K. Brar. Navjit's MLS is from San Jose State University, San Jose, California. She has come from California State University at Fullerton where she was Lending Supervisor since March of 1990. Prior to that she was Circulation Supervisor at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. Navjit recognizes the extremely important role Document Delivery plays in the ownership vs. access issue, and is looking forward to working with the health science community. After settling in she plans to introduce herself to Barb Kormelink, chair of the Document Delivery committee, and to acquaint herself with local, statewide, and regional ILL activity generally.

-- Judy Coppola, MSU

SLA

The Michigan chapter of SLA requests notification of local MHSLA meetings. Please direct the information to public relations committee member Jennifer Myers, Librarian; Sommers, Schwartz, Silver & Schwartz; 200 Town Center Suite 900; Southfield MI 48075-1100.

On Wednesday, February 17, 1993, SLA-Michigan Chapter meets at Walter P. Reuther Library on the campus of Wayne State Uni-

versity (5401 Cass Ave., Detroit MI 48202). A library tour will begin at 5:30 p.m. Dr. Leslie Hough of Reuther Library will be the evening's speaker.

SLA Annual Lecture is planned for Tuesday, March 2nd, tentatively between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. Speaker Joseph Fitzsimmons of UMI will discuss various topics including copyright.

A third meeting will be held on Monday, April 19, 1993 at Holiday Inn - Fairlane in Dearborn. Caroline (Kit) Smith of the Ford Motor Company will offer a video slide presentation featuring libraries in Russia, Lithuania, and Czechoslovakia.

For information on these three SLA-Michigan Chapter programs, please contact programs chair Sylvia Graham at (313) 876-2550.

RACING TO THE FUTURE

The Midwest Chapter / Medical Library Association
Annual Conference
Louisville, Kentucky
October 2-6, 1993

The University of Louisville Kornhauser Health Sciences Library and the Kentucky Health Sciences Library Consortium are preparing for the 1993 Annual Conference of the Midwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association to be held at the unique Galt House East on the banks of the Ohio River.

The theme of the conference is *Racing to the Future*, a subject Kentuckians certainly know a lot about. The keynote address for the conference will be given by Blaise Cronin, Dean of the School of Library and Information Science at Indiana University, speaking on "Libraries of the 21st Century." The topics being developed for programs reflect the focus of the preparing for and coping with the constant and rapid pace of change in our profession. The Continuing Education portion of the Louisville meeting is co-sponsored by the Kentucky AHEC Librarians Consortium (KALC). Eight CE courses are currently being planned for Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday. In keeping with the "Racing to the Future" theme, the opening reception for the Conference will be held at the Kentucky Derby Museum.

Louisville's history as a river city, combined with its reputation for genuine Southern hospitality and charm and its dynamic position as a leader in regional cultural activities, make it an exciting location for the programs, continuing education classes, sharing sessions and entertainment scheduled for the 1993 MC/MLA meeting. Y'all come!

For additional information please contact:
Michel Atlas,
Kornhauser Health Sciences Library, University of Louisville,
Louisville KY 40292,
phone (502)588-5771, fax (502)588-5300.

MHSLA 20th Educational Conference
October, 1993

The Education Committee has set the conference program for the 1993 conference in Muskegon, which has been approved by the MHSLA Board.

Keynote speaker Elizabeth Poage Baxter, Coordinator of Management Development Training and Seminars at University of Michigan, will discuss her ten years of research on how successful people think. She will also instruct a continuing education course titled "Power and Influence," covering attitudes toward power, categories of power, profiles of effective persuaders, power strategies--how to get more, and influence styles--tips for success.

Steve Ehmry, Director of Health Finance in Michigan Hospital Association's Health Delivery and Finance Department, will teach our second continuing education course. "Effective Budgeting: How to Put the Pieces into Place" will be geared toward helping librarians understand the information needed by their administrators to improve their chances for budget approval as well as how to develop their budgets.

Workshops will include *Internet*, *Medical Terminology*, *Laughter Works*, *Reference Resources*, and vendor presentations of four CD-ROM products to include hands-on opportunities.

An Open Forum on MHSLA Issues will take place during one of the luncheons. "Round tables" will discuss six topics: *Technology and One-Person Library Applications*; *Mentoring program establishment*; *Credentialing: Value of the Academy to Individual Librarians*; *Liability issues of searching, record retention, privacy*; *MHSLA in MLA: Pros and Cons*; and *How to establish credibility with your administrator*. Each discussion will include a moderator and a recorder who will report the results back to the entire membership afterward.

The Education Committee hopes that the conference will include something for everyone.

Book Review
Stephanie John

The Whole Internet User's Guide and Catalog by Ed Krol, 1992, O'Reilly and Associates, Inc., was originally printed in the U.S. in September 1992. We have the November 1992 edition, to which minor corrections were made; ISBN 1-56592-025-2. This covers what the Internet is, how it works, and what you can do; basic Internet utilities like TELNET and FTP; how to find the resources you want with tools like Archie, Gopher, WAIS, and the World-wide Web. MLC is now offering Internet access for a set fee, and training classes to boot. We no longer have to struggle to find our way on and around. With this "Internet Bible" by our sides, we won't get lost once we're in. Well worth the money.

MUSKEGON DREAMIN'

Take a mental break from February's overcast skies and grungy melting snow -- picture yourself at the luxurious Muskegon Harbor Holiday Inn in October!

Take a swimsuit along for a dip in the indoor pool overlooking Muskegon Harbor. Pamper yourself with a trip to the whirlpool or sauna. After a fine meal at the Chesapeake Crab House you may want to work out in the hotel exercise room. (This *is* fantasy.)

No doubt the continuing education course on budgeting will inspire you to take your credit cards across the street to the Mall. Be sure to bring walking shoes and a camera -- Hackley Public Library, an architectural gem, is just two blocks away, and half a block further is the Art Museum. The Historical Museum is just across the Park. Since you're being ambitious, hike just a mile further to the beautiful Hackley and Hume homes to see how the lumber barons lived. The exquisite woodworked interiors are well worth the trip.

If by some freak chance the weather should be exceptionally warm -- or you're feeling exceptionally hardy -- you might take a trip to the long, sandy Lake Michigan beach at Pere Marquette Park. Then take a short drive to tour the submarine U.S.S. Silversides, and be thankful that your library isn't *this* cramped. Or zip down US 31 to the racetrack to watch the harness racing --and maybe put two dollars on the favorite. Then it's time to head back to the hotel to meet some friends at the Town Crier Tavern for a nightcap.

We're looking forward to seeing you in Muskegon in October!

1993 Deadlines for

Submission of Materials for Publication:

Deadlines for the Spring and Summer issues are April 7, 1993 and July 10, 1993. Please submit articles on IBM-compatible floppy disks (either size) in ASCII format or paper copy to:

Sandy Swanson, Amberg Health Sciences Library,
Butterworth Hospital, 100 Michigan NE,
Grand Rapids MI 49503.

Fax copies may be sent to (616) 732-3527, attn.:
Sandy Swanson.



Hackley Public Library, Muskegon

MICHIGAN HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD
1992/1993

President:	Carole Gilbert	Secretary:	Mary Griswold
President-Elect:	Judy Barnes	Treasurer:	Peggy Zorn
Immediate Past President:	Ria Lukes	Archivist:	Bill Nelton

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

AREA REPRESENTATIVES

Audit:	Deborah Adams	ERHSLA	Melba Moss
Bylaws:	Mary A. Hanson	MDMLG	Carol Ann Attar
Collection Development:	Nancy Winslow	MMHSL	Jane Claytor
Conference Planning:	Judy Barnes	NMHSLG	Kay Kelly
Document Delivery:	Barbara Kormelink	UPHSLC	Ken Nelson
Education:	Melba Moss	WMHSLA	Mary Jo Wyels
Local Arrangements:	Mary Jo Wyels		
Membership:	Sheryl Stevens		
Nominating:	Norma Powers		
Position of MHSLA in MLA:	Norma Powers		
Publications:	Sandy Swanson		
Research:	Yvonne Mathis		

State Council Representative: Lynn Sorenson Sutton

GMR Representative: David Keddle

Sandra Swanson
Amberg Health Sciences Library
Butterworth Hospital
100 Michigan NE
Grand Rapids MI 49503-9979



Bill Nelton
Michigan Dept. of Public Health
Library Resource Center
3423 N. Logan; P.O. Box 30195
Lansing, MI 48909

