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The Local Arrangements Committee is breathing a sigh of relief that the 1993 Educational Conference went off smoothly without a major disaster! (The fire bells clanging in the halls were a false alarm!)

We were off to a "powerful" start as Elizabeth Poage Baxter helped us understand power and influence, while Steve Ehmry explained where our money comes from (and why there isn't more of it!). Some of us balance peacock feathers on our noses, others finally made some sense of the Internet. We had our hands on CD-ROM and our heads full of Medical Terminology and Reference Resources. Open forum discussions showed we don't know *what* to do with credentialing, and we need to rethink privacy issues and what records we keep. And the Conference came to a close with four exceptional presented papers by talented and knowledgeable members of MHSLA.

A highlight of the week was an evening of "show tunes" presented by a professional theater group. (Anyone care to guess what the "theme" tune was? And Mary Anne Hanson's response when it was addressed to her personally???) We were especially pleased to have Dorothy Crist as our guest during this dinner performance.

**Outgoing President's Address
October 13, 1993
Carole Gilbert**

A year ago I talked with you about your vision for medical librarianship and for MHSLA. I reminded you that Visioning goes beyond strategic planning to give an organization a new focus on which to plan and build. During the year, I have suggested ways we as individuals can turn ideas into products. One of the things we need to look at seriously is the thing which, for a long time, has been our "reason for being."

As everyone becomes an "online searcher," librarians will be challenged to master roles beyond those of direct information retrieval. Though mediated searching will always be in demand, it will account for a declining portion of the librarian's time and energy.

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In a more complex environment, the library professional will have to analyze the needs of end-users who are proficient online searchers. They will have to take the lead in identifying new systems and in articulating and publicizing their unique abilities to find and synthesize information. They need to develop and provide multifaceted training for varied information retrieval applications. In other words, they need to master new and constantly changing roles, to become consultants, helping information seekers improve functions that they do themselves. MLA is in the process of implementing its Platform for Change to help us. It is our responsibility to grab hold and meet the challenges that come our way.

Especially important is our response to health care reform. The MLA Board, in conjunction with the Association of Academic Health Sciences Library Directors, has responded to the Clinton Health Care Reform Plan with a joint statement titled "excellence to Health through Access to Information." It points out that information is an integral component of all health care process and that in order to provide Americans with quality, affordable health care, it is critical that any reform package include a strong information component. It addresses the vital role that Health Sciences librarians play in the delivery of health care and in support of medical research and professional education. It is important to let the President and Congress know that librarians are partners on the health care team, providing knowledge-based information in all settings, and training health care providers to be effective information users. They must understand that information improves the quality of care AND lowers its cost.

This is the first response to what will be an ongoing project...one that will be a focus of our elected officials for several years. When you

are asked to respond to this document, and others which will follow, DO IT! Let the administration and your Congressional representatives know that librarians are essential links in the dissemination of information needed for high quality, cost-effective health care and should be factored into plans for health care reform. Make them understand that the cost of information should be factored into reimbursement plans.

Thanks for allowing me to serve as your president this year. Though we haven't accomplished all that I had hoped to accomplish, we have made a good start on the many challenges ahead. This is an exciting time for us all. As an organization, and as individuals, let us take the opportunities which are available and forge our visions for the future into reality.

**Incoming President's Address
October 13, 1993
Judith A. Barnes**

When I was asked to run for President of MHSLA, I called a colleague and asked, "What would you want or expect of Judy Barnes as President of MHSLA?"

My colleague was very flattering.

She told me that she would expect Judy Barnes to bring enthusiasm for the profession, forward thinking, and a collaborative spirit to the organization.

My initial response to this was akin to that of a hippie ... "Wow, that's really heavy." ... But I kept my response to myself.

Actually, I liked it so well, I used it as part of my statement of objectives for becoming your President. And now comes my day of reckon-

ing. I must live up to that statement and bring to you a plan to carry out those objectives.

As for "Enthusiasm for the profession," in 1986 a colleague of mine said "This is an exciting time to be a Librarian, with all the computerization that is taking place." Wrong! It has always been and always will be, at least for me, exciting to be a librarian.

Enthusiasm helps us to be better salespersons. And to be heard by our administrators we must market our *services, abilities, and importance* to them regularly.

Coming together each year at this Conference gives us the opportunity to learn new skills as much from each other as from the program. I'm sure we all return to the work-place fired up with new ideas to improve performance or quality. But we need mentors during the year to continue to assist us in thinking of new ways to bring our message to those with the power. At the suggestion of the Education Committee, one of the charges of the Membership Committee will be to include in its database a code that will enable retrieval of the names of persons willing to serve as mentors or consultants. The Membership database will also include the names of retired members, members displaced by down-sizing or mergers, and new graduates who wish to stay connected to the profession. This database will enable our libraries to tap into a wealth of talent for staffing and consulting.

MHSLA has always had forward thinkers in its numbers. From MASH to MISHULS to DOCLINE and GAC, MHSLA has brought technology to cooperation.

Still, we face the same three burdens we've always faced: lack of time, lack of space and lack of money.

As serials, book titles, media, and medical subspecialties continue to proliferate, the walls seem to get closer and closer together. How long will we continue to use storage sites and microform to stem the tide?

Three of our committees will work toward bringing us knowledge of how we now use our collections, how we cope with the older materials, and what technology and cooperation can do to help us cope.

The Research and Collection Development Committees will survey members to determine how our older collections are used and what costs are involved. And an Ad-Hoc Committee on Technology for Document Delivery and Interlibrary Loan will explore methods, resources and service alternatives for the future.

In 1973, the U.S. agreed to stop fighting in Vietnam and our troops were withdrawn. Richard M. Nixon was president. We were still feeling the aftermath of Watergate. A postage stamp was \$.08 and a gallon of gas was \$.39. An MHSLA was brand new.

Today, the U.S. is on the verge of economic cooperation with Vietnam, Bill and Hillary have brave new ideas for our healthcare future, and we exist in a world of technologies we only dreamed of in 1973. We have computers commanded by voice, touch screens, pen based computers, virtual reality and more.

With a future that includes electronic book vending machines, which work like walk-up tellers, our profession needs to embrace technology and continue to collaborate for survival.

**Annual Business Meeting, October 13, 1993
Executive Board Decisions 1992-1993**

The Ad-Hoc Committee on Technology for Document Delivery and Interlibrary Loan will help us to become familiar with the technologies of Internet and Ariel.

And an Ad-Hoc Committee on the Position of MHSLA in MLA will explore such issues as "Do we resurrect KOM?" or "Do we re-direct the GMR through petition?" We will also explore networking to the North. Our Canadian neighbors, now reachable through Fax of Internet, maintain collections which may be as valuable to us as ours are to them. With our legislators looking northward for solutions, and theirs looking southward, this collaboration begins to make sense.

And now it's your turn. The operative word in all of this is WE. Together WE make the difference. It takes all of us cooperating and contributing to make MHSLA. If you can find some time to serve on a committee, do so. If you have ideas to share, share them through the MHSLA News. If you have concerns, express them through your Local Group Representative to the Board.

WE must all be fired with enthusiasm. WE must all be forward thinkers. And WE are all needed for collaboration to work.

One of my favorite quotes comes from Gary Kildall, moderator for Computer Chronicles, a PBS television series. He says, "Hardware is something that if you play with it long enough, it breaks. Software is something that if you play with it long enough, it works."

Certainly, MHSLA is more like software. Just as all software needs other software, such as DOS, to work, MHSLA requires more than ONE to function at all.

1. The Board established a dues deadline of March 1, after which members will be dropped and become ineligible for reduced Conference rates, to receive the newsletter, or to vote. Holdings will be suppressed from the OCLC tape (SERHOLD update /MISHULS) for Institutional Members failing to renew.
2. The Board determined that three scholarships to attend the Conference will be offered -- one to a student at each library school and one to a member. The student scholarships could not be used for CE. The students would get better exposure to our organization and the profession by attending the conference itself. If there are not applicants from the library schools, all three scholarships will be awarded to members who have never before attended an MHSLA annual conference.
3. The Board set fees for the support staff classes and the annual conference.
4. The Board approved ordering of 10 additional copies of MISHULS.
5. A budget of \$2000 was approved for 1992/93 newsletters and membership directory.
6. The Board dissolved the ad-hoc committee on Automation Grants.
6. The Board requested distribution of MLA's Platform for Change to the directors of the two Michigan library schools.
7. The Board approved the merger of TAMIC, VRHSL, and FAHSLN into ERHSLA. The Board accepted the invitation of ERHSLA to hold the 1994 annual conference at the Bavarian Motor Lodge in Frankenmuth on September 28-30, 1994.
8. The Board approved a support staff workshop on Medical Terminology and on Humor as a Stress Reducer.

9. The Board approved a compilation of a commemorative document on the history of MHSLA and of a Proceedings of the Fall conference. All former members are to be invited as guests of MHSLA and recognized at the dinner. Mugs will be given as favors at the Banquet, and extra mugs will be sold.
10. The Board directed the Bylaws Committee to consider permitting local area groups to send an alternate to a Board meeting if the elected representative cannot attend. The Bylaws Committee determined that no language in the Bylaws prohibits this practice.
11. The Board approved honoraria to be given to members who presented the MHSLA Research Project at MLA, and charged the Past-President with writing a policy regarding the support of future presentations of research efforts.
12. The Board invited a petition from MACHIS to become an Interest Group of MHSLA.

Committee Reports, 1992-1993

Ad-hoc Membership Committee *Sheryl R. Stevens, Chair*

The Membership renewal form was revised and renewal notices were mailed out in December 1992. To facilitate renewal record keeping, members were instructed to send renewal forms and checks to the Membership committee rather than the Treasurer. As of September 15, 1993, MHSLA had 97 institutional members and 90 personal members. The Membership Committee became a standing committee as of October, 1993.

Archives
Bill Nelton

The MHSLA Archives are housed at the Michigan Department of Public Health Library Re-

source Center and upon request materials are retrieved and photocopied. In the past few years it has been especially valuable for those designing program brochures by enabling them to see what has been done.

There are some gaps in the Archives for the early years of MHSLA; anyone with materials that may be of archival interest should forward them to Bill Nelton for consideration.

A display of materials from the Archives was presented in the Exhibits area.

Audit Committee

MHSLA financial records were audited on September 8, 1993 by Deborah Adams, Gayle Williams and Mary Jo Durivage. The report was presented to the president.

Bylaws Committee

Mary A. Hanson, Chair; Leslie M. Behm;
Lynn Sorenson Sutton

Bylaws were distributed with the membership directories in May, 1993. Several issues were referred to the Committee but were resolved without Bylaws changes. No revisions were made in 1993.

Document Delivery Committee *Barbara Kormelink, Chair*

The Document Delivery Committee is charged with producing and distributing MISHULS annually, and with arranging the update of SERHOLD information from the OCLC tapes. MISHULS has been printed and ordering information will be sent out shortly.

In order to participate in MISHULS and in DOCLINE, libraries must maintain institutional membership in MHSLA. All participants are

reminded to choose institutional memberships when they renew early in the new year.

In addition, the Committee compiles and annual Interlibrary Loan statistical survey which was published in the Spring edition of the MHSLA news.

Education Committee

*Melba Moss, Chair; Mary Jo Wyels,
Martha Studaker, Cheryl Putnam,
Margaret Connors, Mary McCarthy,
Leslie Behm*

The Education Committee was very active, planning a Medlars workshop in January, a Support Staff workshop in September, and the Annual conference program in October. In addition, Leslie Behm updated the Education Manual to make it more useful to future committee chairs. The Education Committee recommends the following actions:

- 1) Members should submit suggestions for speakers they have heard or had recommended to them so that speakers' listing could be maintained by the Education Chair to assist in planning conferences and workshops.
- 2) Determine if members would like to have pictures included with membership information to make it easier to get to know each other before conferences.
- 3) Include "willingness to be a mentor" and areas of expertise information in the membership directory.
- 4) Set up an education calendar and/or mentoring information on the Internet. Encourage "adoption" of libraries without Internet passwords to ensure that the information is available to all.
- 5) The Education Committee chair should provide a listing of the Conference Planning Committee members to all members

of the Education Committee to make coordination of services easier.

Local Arrangements Committee

Mary Jo Wyels, Chair, and a cast of dozens

The success of the 1993 Annual Educational Conference is due to the wonderful committee work of the following:

ACCOMMODATIONS AND AUDIOVISUALS:

Mary Jo Wyels, Mary A. Hanson, Elinor Lopez

EXHIBITS & VENDORS:

Marge Kars, Tom Van Dam, Eileen Dechow

SPECIAL EVENT:

Betty Marshall, Pat Tomorsky

HOSPITALITY & TRANSPORTATION:

Lois Huisman, Robin Alanen-Mosher

PUBLICITY, MAILING & PRINTING:

Maureen Watson, Yvonne Mathis, Mary Loftis, Rosalie Ray

REGISTRATION:

Mary Griswold, Glenda Evans, Rose Ray

POST-CONFERENCE SURVEY:

Sandy Swanson, Brian Simmons

Nominating Committee

*Norma Powers, Chair;
Chris Hunt, Melba Moss*

The Nominating Committee was challenged this year to revise its slate following the withdrawal of one of the original candidates. The officers subsequently elected by the 130 ballots cast were:

*Sandra Swanson, President-Elect;
Mary Jo Wyels, Secretary;
Ellen O'Donnell, Nominating Committee
Chair, and
Jane Claytor and Ken Nelson, Nominating
Committee members.*

Publications Committee
Sandra Swanson, Chair; Ken Nelson,
Diane O'Keefe, Janet Zimmerman

The Publications Committee produced four newsletters (including this one) and the Membership Directory, as well as maintaining the Membership database and producing mailing labels on request. In addition, the Publications Committee produced certificates recognizing the contributions of MHSLA committee members and officers. With this issue, we pass the quill-pen to Mary Griswold, new Publications Committee chair.

Research Committee
Yvonne L. Mathis, Chair; Mary Griswold,
Lois Huisman, Beth Navalta, Sandy Swanson,
Maureen Watson

Activities this year followed up the research project report distributed by the Research Committee at the October, 1992 conference. The Committee sent letters of inquiry regarding publishing an article based on the 1992 project were sent to a number of health education and health administration journals. Positive responses were received from *Academic Medicine* for a letter to the editor and from *Healthcare Management Review* for a "brief summary article." A "Brief Communication" prepared by Lois Huisman, Sandy Swanson, and Yvonne Mathis was submitted for review to *Academic Medicine*. An article will be sent for consideration to the *Bulletin of the Medical Library Association*.

Maureen Watson submitted a proposal to MLA for a Poster Session entry based on the MHSLA Research Project. Mary Griswold and Maureen Watson prepared the poster. The poster was presented by Mary Griswold at the Kalamazoo Nursing Research Cooperative. Maureen and the committee presented the MHSLA Poster at the 1993 MLA Conference. Approximately 200

handouts (Report summary, bibliography, survey form) were distributed to Conference attendees. The full report was made available for purchase at \$12.00. Committee chair Yvonne Mathis also presented the report as a Contributed Paper at the 1993 MLA Conference. The Committee also granted permission to the West Virginia University Library to use the MHSLA Survey form; MHSLA will be acknowledged on the survey.

NLM Satellite Broadcast

The National Library of Medicine has announced its satellite broadcast of the Annual Online Update on Friday, January 21, 1994 from 12 Noon to 2 PM Eastern Time. The agenda includes: MeSH topics; MEDLINE topics; Health Services Research Information; AIDS databases; Toxicology databases; National Center for Biotechnology Information; Grateful Med; NLM & the Internet; New programs & services; New MEDLARS databases.

Ellen Marks of Shiffman Medical Library invites us to attend the broadcast courtesy of Wayne State University Libraries Media Services at 110 Kresge, Purdy/Kresge Library on the Wayne State campus. Please RSVP to Nan Blackwell at (313) 577-1088 by January 7, 1994 if you wish to attend the program at Wayne State.

Ellen also suggests that it may be worthwhile to check with university libraries closer to home to see whether the broadcast will be shown there. You may also wish to check with your local area group as at least two groups are planning to either view the program on January 21 or record it for showing at a later meeting.

*Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the
Position of MHSLA in MLA,
October 8, 1993*

Norma Powers, Marge Kars, Chairs

MHSLA explored the possibility of seeking MLA Chapter status in 1979 and again in 1981. The current committee was formed in 1992/93 to determine whether MHSLA should seek MLA chapter status as the Michigan Chapter or as part of a smaller chapter, separate from the current MC/MLA (Midwest Chapter/MLA) which includes nine states. The membership of MHSLA needs to discuss whether becoming a chapter would have a negative impact on services or ideas identified by MHSLA membership as advantages to being members in MHSLA.

In the 1992 survey the MHSLA membership said that the advantages of benefits to being an MHSLA member included:

- ♦ Professional contacts with local experts
- ♦ Local forum for issues
- ♦ Less costly alternative to MC/MLA, MLA, SLA
- ♦ DOCLINE
- ♦ CE courses
- ♦ Networking
- ♦ MISHULS
- ♦ Annual educational conferences
- ♦ Good dues structure and rate

The membership identified the following as areas of interest that could be explored further by the association:

- ♦ More varied educational opportunities
- ♦ Creation of an "Academy" for local support
- ♦ Creation of a support staff division
- ♦ Speakers' Bureau
- ♦ Hands-on help
- ♦ Mentors
- ♦ Vendor demonstrations
- ♦ Basic skills training
- ♦ Networking

The following were identified as disadvantages to being MHSLA members:

- ♦ Annual meeting conflicts with MC/MLA
- ♦ Not enough educational opportunities for support staff
- ♦ Some people identified the annual conference as too expensive, too far away to travel

A fact sheet called "Should MHSLA apply for MLA chapter status" was developed by a committee in 1982. Some of the issues discussed are relevant to our discussion today. A copy of the fact sheet is included here:

**FACT SHEET
SHOULD MHSLA APPLY FOR MLA CHAPTER STATUS?**

1. MLA REQUIREMENTS FOR CHAPTER RECOGNITION

PRO:

The Michigan Chapter will have an open channel to the MLA Board in the form of the Council Representative who can communicate its concerns for Council consideration and referral to the Board as necessary.

CON:

Since the Chapter's Constitution and Bylaws must be consistent with MLA's stated purposes in the Association's Certificate of Incorporation, Bylaws and Constitution, there is no allowance for meeting the particular needs of this State Association.

2. FORMATION OF NEW CHAPTERS

PRO:

The Michigan Chapter can gain recognition and stature as a distinct, unique entity representing health science libraries in Michigan and not be "lost" in the present nine-state Midwest Chapter.

MLA can become more knowledgeable about matters of concern to Michigan health science libraries and librarians because of input given by the Michigan Chapter Council representatives.

Budget restrictions on educational and travel expenses will limit the participation of some Michigan health science librarians in Midwest Chapter activities; with a Michigan Chapter, high caliber programs with national recognition would more often be available closer to home.

MLA will be able to communicate more effectively its national concerns to Michigan health science librarians through the Michigan Chapter Council representative

CON:

A new chapter can only be formed if the needs of the proposed chapter area cannot be met reasonably or serviced by an existing chapter. Application for chapter membership presupposes that the Midwest Chapter is not meeting the needs of the members. Has it been substantiated that MHSLA is not meeting the needs of its members? Some MHSLA members are not familiar with the role of MC/MLA, and therefore, are not certain as to whether or not MC/MLA can meet the needs of MHSLA members.

3. RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER MICHIGAN GROUPS

PRO:

MHSLA, if it became Michigan Chapter/MLA, could serve as the single focus point for all interests of Michigan health science libraries and librarians. It would have automatic credence conferred by its being an official chapter of the only national professional organization widely recognized as representing health science library concerns.

Projects concerning the whole state would be possible without duplication and with input from all, e.g., ULOSSOM and MASH could merge and a mechanism to update standardized.

CON:

In addition to MHSLA, Michigan does have other active and well organized local library groups that already meet the needs of their members. MHSLA must gain credence as being representative of all Michigan health science libraries and librarians in the state before applying for chapter status.

4. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

PRO:

Personal MLA members who also belong to the Michigan Chapter would have a proving and training ground where they can demonstrate their abilities through being active at the Chapter level.

MLA members in the chapter are more likely to be considered as MLA Committee members of chairmen or national officers because of experience gained through Michigan Chapter activities.

Non-MLA members could work as committee members of Michigan Chapter/MLA

CON:

Officers of chapters and sections must be regular members or fellows of MLA; Chairmen of chapter and section committees must be regular members, representatives of institutional members, or fellows of the Association. This precludes non-MLA members from serving in any leadership function in their chapter association. No non-member can be an officer or committee chairman of the Michigan Chapter.

5. VOTING PRIVILEGES

PRO:

Michigan Chapter members would have direct impact on MLA activities through their elected representative to the Chapter Council. This person will be able to submit names of qualified Michigan members for consideration as Chapter Council candidates for the national Nominating Committee, vote on all matters the Council wishes to bring to the attention of the MLA Board, and, if elected Chapter Council Chairman, serve a 3-year term as a voting member of MLA's Board of Directors.

CON:

Only voting members of MLA may vote for chapter representative, alternate chapter representative and candidate for the MLA nominating committee in their primary chapter's election.

6. NON-MLA MEMBERS IN THE STATE CHAPTER

PRO:

Michigan Chapter members who are not members of MLA will be able to participate in the activities of a strong Chapter that recognizes and represents their local and state-wide concerns.

Non-MLA members would become more aware of the benefits and importance of joining MLA, such as being able to vote on and participate in MLA activities as well as hold office in the Michigan Chapter.

CON:

Non-MLA members, for whatever reason, who have not become individual or institutional members of MLA, are relegated to a subsidiary position in the state chapter.

7. DUES

PRO:

As a dues-paying MLA member, you will have all the privileges and benefits of membership in a national professional organization. You will have democratic representation of your concerns through your Chapter Council Representative and the opportunity to become an officer or chairman of a committee in the Chapter or with MLA. Any MLA member who now belongs to MHSLA pays dues to both organizations.

Michigan Chapter/MLA members would pay local dues to only one organization, e.g., HIRA members, if HIRA is a special subgroup of Michigan Chapter/MLA, would pay dues only to Michigan Chapter/MLA.

CON:

MLA members in the Michigan Chapter will have to pay dues to MLA in addition to the state chapter dues. This could be a hardship for librarians in institutions with limited budgets.

8. PRESENT STATUS OF MLA CHAPTER COUNCIL

PRO:

The mission of the Chapter Council in the coming year is to develop criteria for the basis of the formation of new chapters. If MHSLA were to become the Michigan Chapter/MLA, it would have the opportunity to participate in the policy and decision making process, and therefore, "shape our future destiny."

CON:

Since the Chapter Council met for the first time in Montreal this year, many issues are unresolved and will be studied by the Council in the future. Perhaps MHSLA should wait until the criteria for the bases of forming new chapters has been clearly defined by the Chapter Council.

This Fact Sheet has been prepared by the Committee to Study MLA Chapter Application: Carole Colter, Chairperson, Barbara Coe Johnson, and Jeanne Hartenstein.

Announcements:

On Saturday, September 18, 1993, Michigan Affiliated Healthcare System Inc. adopted the name Michigan Capital Medical Center. The Medical Center comprises two campuses: the Greenlawn Campus, formerly Ingham Medical; and the Pennsylvania Campus, formerly Lansing General.

Congratulations to David Keddle of Michigan Capital Medical Center, Greenlawn Campus,

who was elected treasurer of the Medical Library Association's Consumer Health Section at the May conference.

The Medical Library at Hurley Medical Center is pleased to announce its new Public Services Librarian, Laura Friesen-Lynn. Laura comes to the Hamady Library with experience in library information systems. She previously worked at UCLA for ten years.

Greater Midwest Region
Ellen Marks, GMR Representative

What's new at the RML?

Elaine R. Martin was appointed Assistant University Librarian for the Health Sciences at the Library of the Health Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago, effective October 25th. Martin joins UIC following her experiences as Associate Director for Education, Clinical and Research Services at the University of Washington Health Sciences Library and Information Center, and with Paul Himmelfarb Health Services Library at the George Washington University Medical Center. Her research interests are in the creation and delivery of microcomputer-based health sciences information to health care professionals. She will manage a staff of over 60 librarians, academic professionals and support staff, and will have responsibility for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Greater Midwest Region.

Lisa Jacob has been named network communication coordinator at the GMR and will be in charge of national and outreach exhibit programs; Internet activities; publications and database development.

Before 1993 ends, watch for these Internet developments:

- ♦ GMR Listserv;
- ♦ 3 Sources available on the Internet;
- ♦ Internet survey results;
- ♦ List of regional Internet providers;
- ♦ List of regional OPAC and ARIEL addresses.

Forthcoming regional publications include a newly revised Region 3 Document Delivery Manual (one free copy to all region 3 DOCLINE participants), a ten-minute promotional video titled "Why Grateful Med?" and a regional membership directory in 1994.

Region 3 will exhibit at the Radiological Society of North America Nov. 28 - Dec. 3; American College of Healthcare Executives Feb. 21-25, 1994; and the American Gastroenterology Association meeting May 14-19.

Online Training schedule for Region 3:

Fundamentals of MEDLARS searching

Mar. 14-16, Detroit; July 18-20 & Sep 20-22, Chicago

Cancer databases

Mar. 17, Detroit

CHEM/TOX/TOXNET

Jul. 21-22, Chicago

AIDS databases

Mar. 17, Detroit; Sept. 19, Chicago

MEDLARS: Refresher & Review

Jan. 27, Cleveland; Mar. 18, Detroit

**GMR Regional Services Plan Objectives,
Year 3**

GMR has an ambitious 6-page list of objectives for the year, ranging from working on the network structure to continuing its outreach programs. Some highlights:

work with NLM and OCLC to improve SERHOLD updates;

- ♦ provide a timely response to calls or refer callers to the appropriate library or information center;
- ♦ communicate with the Region 3 constituency;
- ♦ complete and review various subcontracts and outreach programs;
- ♦ organize a one-day technology awareness showcase/forum for health sciences librarians;
- ♦ increase DOCLINE participation, and poll the libraries that decline to join DOCLINE as to their reasons.

MHSLA Executive Board Meeting,
Lansing, November 11, 1993

A revised tentative schedule of Executive Board meetings was issued.

Meetings will be held in Lansing on:

Thursday, January 13, 1994;
Wednesday, March 23;
Tuesday, May 3; and
Thursday, July 28.

The final meeting will be held on September 27, 1994 at Frankenmuth in conjunction with the Educational Conference.

Contact MHSLA Secretary Mary Jo Wyels at Mercy Hospital (Muskegon) for reservations to Board meetings.

*Michigan Association of Consumer Health
Information Specialists (MACHIS)*

At the November 11th Board meeting, MACHIS members petitioned for group status in the Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association. MACHIS will require its members to become MHSLA members; will turn over its treasury to MHSLA; and will forward notifications of its meetings to the MHSLA Publications Committee for publication in the MHSLA News.

MACHIS asks in return for permission to hold a two-hour meeting each year in conjunction with the MHSLA Annual Conference and that the treasury funds turned over this year be used to sponsor an MLA CE program on Consumer Health Information at the 1994 Educational Conference at Frankenmuth.

As an MHSLA-associated group, MACHIS also requests a representative seat on the MHSLA Executive Board, with group representative privileges including one vote and the right to elect an alternate.

The MACHIS petition was accepted by the Executive Board. Since no provision for group status other than local area representation is currently included in the MHSLA Bylaws, the Bylaws Committee will draft the appropriate language and will submit it for approval by the MHSLA membership at the September 1994 Business Meeting.

*Ad-Hoc Committee on Technology for
Document Delivery and Interlibrary Loan*

This new Committee was appointed by MHSLA President Judy Barnes to investigate new technologies and services for document delivery and interlibrary loan such as Ariel, CARL's Uncover, and Faxon's new service. The Committee's charge includes determining MHSLA members' needs; determining evaluation criteria for the technologies and services; identifying libraries in Michigan using the services; creating a directory identifying services available to MHSLA members, including vendors' services and charges; and exploring options for linking MHSLA members electronically. Committee members are Craig Mulder (chair), Peggy Zorn, Marge Kars, and Tom VanDam.

Policy on Reduced Conference Rates

A policy clarifying the relationship between dues payment and reduced conference rates was accepted by the MHSLA Board. In brief, the policy states that members who renew their membership by paying their dues later than the March 1 deadline will not be permitted to take advantage of member discounts on that year's Educational Conference, while new members who join at any time prior to the Conference will be entitled to the discount.

Treasurer's Report

Peggy Zorn reports a balance, on November 12, of \$38,231.78. While all bills and payments have not yet been processed, it appears that the 1993 Conference expenses exceeded income by about \$1300.

Membership Committee Project

The Membership Committee, led by Janet Zimmerman, will be adding people to the database including the names of past members, rosters of the University of Michigan / Wayne State University library school programs, and local group members. These names will not be included in the Membership Directory but will be available for mailing lists and inquiries.

Traveling Exhibit to be Developed

Robin Alanen Mosher, the new Education chair, reported on an opportunity presented by the Sisters of Mercy to present library information, in the form of exhibits/display tables, to an educational conference for nurses. From this report, the Board determined to create an ad-hoc committee to develop a traveling display to present as a marketing device at local educational conferences. Included in the charge is to look at the possibility of purchasing a laptop computer, with modem, to be made available with the exhibit for demonstrations.

Software for MHSLA Officers

Another topic under consideration is whether to standardize or purchase additional software for Association business. The Association purchased Quicken last year for the use of the Treasurer, and has in the past purchased the Nutshell database used by the Membership

Committee. The difficulties of purchasing a suitable word processing package, and installing/uninstalling it from the secretaries' hardware, were discussed. Using standard formats such as ASCII text to exchange data seems preferable.

Secretary Mary Jo Wyels will look into whether her hardware is sufficient to upgrade to Word Perfect (she currently is using PFS:Write). The laptop computer, if purchased for the exhibit (above), is another option for making better quality word-processing available to the Secretary for Association business.

Members are encouraged to become familiar with transferring data in ASCII format.

Conference Planning Committee

The Conference Planning Committee for the 1994 Educational Conference at Frankenmuth had its initial meeting immediately after the Executive Board meeting. The Committee put together the suggestions of the 1993 and 1994 Local Arrangements committees, Board members, survey respondents, and others who have contacted them to develop a "first draft" for the 1994 program. It looks like an exciting conference (and we even allowed time for shopping!).

The Document Delivery Committee announces that the 1993 MISHULS order forms are being mailed in mid-November. If you do not receive your order form VERY SOON, please contact Barbara Kormelink at Bay Medical Center Library.

*Executive Board Policy:
Honoraria for Presenting MHSLA Research at National or Regional Conferences
August, 1993*

The Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association wishes to encourage its members to actively conduct research that would bring recognition to MHSLA. To further that goal the Executive Board decided at the June 10, 1993 Board meeting to accept requests from MHSLA members for honoraria for participation as a presenter at appropriate national or regional professional conferences/meetings.

The following guidelines must be met for submission of an honorarium request:

- ◆ Anyone requesting an honorarium must be a personal member or an institutional representative in MHSLA;
- ◆ the requester must actively participate in the presentation at the appropriate professional meeting;
- ◆ the research being presented must be MHSLA based research and have the potential to bring national recognition to the Association;
- ◆ the request should be made prior to the presentation.

To submit a request:

- ◆ Only one request should be submitted per project/presentation (i.e. if there are three persons involved in the presentation only one request needs to be made to cover the project).
- ◆ The individual of project coordinator should submit a written request for an honorarium to the President of MHSLA.
- ◆ The request should include information about the research, the outline of the presentation, type of presentation (i.e. poster session, round table, panel, keynote speaker etc.), location/name of the meeting or conference, and how the presentation will highlight MHSLA as well as the name(s) of persons involved in the presentation if it is a group project.
- ◆ The requester should include name, institution, and telephone number so any Executive Board member may call and ask questions about the research prior to voting at the Board meeting.

The President of MHSLA will:

- ◆ make the honorarium request an agenda item for the next Executive Board meeting;
- ◆ provide a copy of the request to the Secretary to be mailed with the agenda and meeting notice.

The Board will:

- ◆ review each project separately;
- ◆ discuss the recognition the presentation will bring to MHSLA;
- ◆ decide to approve or disapprove the request;
- ◆ decide the amount of the honorarium.

The Secretary will convey the Board decision, with explanation if negative, in writing within one week after the Board meeting.

Revised following the August 10, 1993 Executive Board meeting.

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