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Conference Report from Karen Voights, Scholarship Winner

Thank you so much for the opportunity to attend the MHSLA Conference this past fall as a scholarship winner. This conference was a great introduction for me into the real world of Health Science Librarians and left many lasting impressions. One was hearing Joanne Marshall's dynamic keynote address. After having read articles by Dr. Marshall for my classes, it was great to meet her and hear her presentation.

I also really enjoyed the poster sessions. At the time, I was enrolled in a research methods class, so it was meaningful to me to have the opportunity to discuss with researchers their current health science library projects.

Everyone at the conference was so friendly to me and seemed so supportive of each other! I especially liked how members' organizational efforts were recognized at the business meeting and how archived pictures and programs from the past were prominently displayed during the conference.

The planned special events were a fun way for me to meet and talk with librarians working in the many different setting - giving me an idea of the variety of career possibilities.

Most of all, the conference left me with the impression that this is an energized group of professionals, full of past accomplishments and actively working on new challenges. I look forward to the next fall conference in Lansing,

when I will be an MLS graduate and member of MHSLA.

Melba Moss' Presidential Speech

People love alliteration and I feel that is part of the reason I won, if my opponent's name had been alliterative, we would probably be having a runoff election right now.

Thank you to those who voted for me and for those who didn't, please be comforted by the fact that I can't do too much damage in just one year, especially since Chris refused to issue me a credit card.

Exposure is the focus of this conference. When I first began working with medical librarians, many reminded me of furtive men in raincoats who skulk around and give little peeks of what they are made of, ashamed to blatantly show the world what they have to offer. Of course, value is in the eye of the beholder and the displayer.

In the past year, my hospital had changed its address, not its location. The idea being that using a more familiar street name will make it easier for people to find, and understand where it is located.

In the past year, my title has changed also for similar reasons, the idea being that the new title better reflects my duties, from medical library to resource analyst. My functions, responsibilities, and location have not changed but the altered perceptions of my worth by administrations and coworkers have been an eye-opener and, I believe, a professional warning.

In the past, a small group of us were "one person libraries" and we envied our larger staffed sister

libraries. The changing healthcare environment has resulted in reductions in staff and, in some cases, in libraries. Some of us are now responsible for duties that have no relationship to "traditional librarianship" such as CME or hospital education. We might, in fact, look back on that past as "the good old days", but instead we must look to the future.

Our roles and titles in the coming years must progress along the evolutionary process with the development and enhancement of the skill of anticipation; to perceive and anticipate the needs of our employers, if we are to survive.

Libraries and library schools must transfer their allegiance from stewardship to exploration, from being storage houses to clearinghouses for informatics, to teach the ability to anticipate and identify needed changes and to use automation to access the information necessary to affect that needed to change.

We as a profession, must do what is necessary to insure that each of us has, or will be assisted, in developing the skills necessary to survive in this new knowledge-based information environment.

Helping each other to grow has been a strong focus of MHSLA in the past and must continue, the support I have received and the encouragement to earn my master's degree is, in fact, the main reason I stand before you today.

Pride in my profession and my personal ethics are based on the philosophy of nurturing the best in each of us, ignoring each other's idiosyncrasies and foibles, and working together to prove the value librarians bring to their institutions, no matter what tiles they may be given.

In the future physical libraries will no longer be the focus for information excellence, it will fall to each of us to turn that focus to ourselves and our profession.

We must reclaim and redevelop our place, and other's perceptions of us, in the new arena of information access, we must work

in concert to maintain our positions, not as the repositories of knowledge but as the expert leaders in exposing the paths that lead to knowledge's discovery.

My main goal in the coming year is to attempt to determine what our employers believe our minimum based competencies should be, what they value from us, a question which I have been told is dangerous to ask but for which we must have the answer. To determine how we can all meet and surpass those expectations together, and to work with our library schools to ensure that our future fellow librarians, whatever they may be called, are prepared with us for the realities and necessity for positioning ourselves as information leaders in order to survive and thrive.

We need to become exhibitionists in our institutions. It's time to throw off those raincoats, RAIN OR SHINE!!!

Melba Moss
MHSLA Presidential Acceptance Speech
September 28, 1995

Sandy Swanson Outgoing Presidential Remarks

On the day before our conference in 1994, Tom Van Dam sent me a fax that said, "It's time to write your speech!" I wish he had sent one this year, since I've been putting it off. As I looked through the agenda for past years' conferences, though, I see that what the outgoing president presents is not a "speech," but "remarks." I found that less intimidating -- so all you get from me today are "remarks."

The past year has presented me with some terrific experiences both as your representative and in my professional life. It has presented some challenges, as well.

Last spring, I attended the National Online Meeting in New York. Our keynote speaker

today has pointed out a number of trends that we need to be watching as librarians; and one of my tasks at the National Online Meeting was to try to track trends that would help us at Butterworth to try to plan for technology changes as we engage in a one-million-dollar remodeling project for the library. Back in 1982, we planned for increasing use of videotapes and accordingly built a concrete-walled audiovisual room. What happened, of course, was that the use of videotapes did increase -- but everyone checks them out for use in their home VCRs. We're trying really hard not to build an audiovisual room this time, and to build in more flexibility -- no more concrete walls.

I did see some interesting developments at the National Online Meeting. One topic that seemed to be on everyone's mind was copyright. In every session that dealt with document delivery, someone got up and asked, "How does this product track usage for copyright?" No one got up and talked about "fair use"! I think we will need to watch developments in this area.

The National Library of Medicine also presented a session on a product under development which would deliver images of articles to the physician's (or other health care provider's) desktop through the internet. Will this mean that we won't be seeing the physicians in the library any more? Should we be planning fewer seating spaces and more staff members operating scanners and fax machines? Time will tell. I was also bemused at the NLM staff member's response to the "How does this product handle copyright?" question: while he came up with an answer that I found adequate -- that copyright compliance remains the responsibility of the recipient -- he seemed surprised by the question. It led me to wonder whether our leadership is paying attention.

In June, I attended two meetings whose attendees have a radically different approach to conferences. On a Sunday, I drove down to the American Library Association conference in Chicago. It was a beautiful summer weekend, and there were hundreds of us (librarians) attending committee meetings, talking to vendors, and trying to

stay awake during educational sessions in rooms that were so cold that the hibernation response set in.

Later in the same week I attended the Michigan Health and Hospital Association annual conference at Mackinac Island. At the business meeting, the parliamentarian was asked whether a quorum was present; he responded that it was present--but it might be on the golf course. Reservation sheets showed that the workshops were full, but there were lots of empty seats. Much of the business of this conference was going on outside the formal meetings.

I was impressed at MHHA with the dynamic new leadership of the organization. You also should know that the keynote speaker gave this group of hospital and health care administrators the message that staff development and information technology should be considered investments rather than expenses. I just wish more of the administrators had been in the room to get the word!

I have enjoyed my year as president of the Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Call for Posters

The 1996 Annual Educational Conference will be upon us before we know it. Our poster sessions have been very well-received. Please consider doing a presentation in September. Now is the time to start planning!

Contact Robin Alanen Mosher if you are interested or have a question:

Voice: 616/966-8331
Fax: 616/966-8332

MISHULS Deadline

The deadline for submission of changes in holdings for MISHULS is **July 1, 1996**. This allows input agents time to get the changes into OCLC before holdings are pulled for MISHULS in early August. Your individual inputting agent may have a different deadline so you should check with the agent to see what that may be.

MHSLA Discussion List

At the Annual Conference the ad Hoc Committee on Technology for Document Delivery announced the creation of an Internet discussion list for MHSLA. The MHSLA list now has 47 members and there is room for plenty more. To subscribe to the list, you need to have an electronic mail account. Here are specific instructions for subscribing and for sending a message to the list.

To SUBSCRIBE to MHSLA

Send message to:
LISTSERV@MSU.EDU
Body of the message: SUBSCRIBE
MHSLA <first name> <last name>

Example: SUBSCRIBE
MHSLA Melvyl Dewey

To SEND a message to MHSLA

Send message to:
MHSLA@MSU.EDU

In the three months the list has been active there have been 39 messages covering the following areas:

* A hospital librarian asked about policies

for acceptable use and security with regard to Internet service in a hospital. A list of resources available on the Internet were posted to MHSLA.

* One member is reevaluating the cost-efficiency of having full OCLC membership and wanted to know if anyone is downloading records from MARCIVE or using Bibliofile or CATLINE.

* News about their libraries, changes in phone numbers and available positions

* Testimony regarding the Michigan Information Network

* How librarians are using or planning to use electronic journals

* What do medical students need to know about using the health sciences literature

If you are not yet on the MHSLA list and would like to get copies of the postings related to the above issues, contact Craig Mulder.

Internet Connections Grant

The ad-hoc Committee on Technology for Document Delivery awarded 17 grants to libraries to facilitate connection to the Internet. The maximum award was for \$500 and they are being used to purchase high-speed modems and pay for Internet service provider fees, software, and long distance costs.

Telemedicine and Rural Health Conference

Debbie Jankowski, Leslie Behm and Barbara Kormelink presented a workshop on the Internet and Telemedicine at the Rural Health Conference in Traverse City on November 2, 1995.

Barbara Kormelink spoke about Grateful Med and Loansome Doc and explained how these services of the NN/LM and NLM could be helpful to rural practitioners. She passed out sample Grateful Med disks and handouts provided by Region 3.

Debbie Jankowski discussed providers of access to the Internet and how to get started. She provided an annotated list of service providers with information on the services they have and ratings of the various services.

Leslie Behm informed the large and enthusiastic audience of some of the medical and health care sources on the Net. She also mentioned some of the more useful publications which new net surfers might want to obtain and use.

After a lengthy question and answer period, the audience lined up to get the sample disks and handouts.

Reported by Barbara Kormelink

Board Meetings

The Board meets at the M.A.C. in East Lansing at 10:00 am. The dates are:

January 16

March 19

May 21

July 16

The September Board meeting will be September 11 at the conference.

Interlibrary Loan Services at Michigan Capital Medical Center

The consolidation or rightsizing of Michigan Capital Medical Center's Chi Library, Greenlawn Campus (ECI - formerly Ingham Medical Center) and Baker Library, Pennsylvania Campus (ECJ - formerly Lansing General Hospital) has begun.

Both collections have had reductions in the number of subscriptions. However, **NO MEDICAL TITLES WHICH ARE UNIQUE TO EITHER CAMPUS WERE ELIMINATED.** Reductions were made in the number that were held by both libraries and many popular reading titles, like *Cosmopolitan* and *GQ* were eliminated.

Changes are being made to the OCLC holdings to reflect current holdings for both libraries. You may continue to leave Penn Campus Library in your DOCLINE cells at this time. Requests will be picked up at the Greenlawn site and filled if there or forwarded to Penn if not. LIBID for the Greenlawn site is **48909B** and Penn Campus is **48909A**.

We ask that any requests for urgent interlibrary loans from Michigan Capital Medical Center (ECI or ECJ) be routed to Barbara Shipman or Sue Glassbrook at the Greenlawn site (517) 334-2270 (fax 334-2551). Requests will be routed to, filled and faxed from the holding library. From the borrower's perspective, this should not be a problem.

The Baker Library on Penn Campus will continue to be staffed 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Interlibrary Loan Services, please

feel free to contact Judy Barnes, Information Resources Coordinator, at (517) 334-2270.

Institution News

Wayne State University

Effective January, 1996, I will assume the position of Director of the Wayne State University Undergraduate Library. As such, I will lose my last connection with the health science library world. I will miss all of you! Hope to run into you from time to time.

--Lynn Sutton

Butterworth Hospital Amberg Health Sciences Library:

Main number: 616-391-1655

Nursing library (through 2-15-96 only):
616-391-1779

Manager Sandy Swanson: 616-391-1265
Interlibrary loans Jill Reyer:

616-391-2061

Fax: 616-391-3527

Providence Hospital has received an Internet Connection Grant from NLM.

Hurley Medical Center

The number for Interlibrary Loan is wrong in MISHULS. The correct number is 810/257-9911.

Burns Clinic

Jill VanBuskirk will be the new librarian at Burns Clinic.

Ross University

David Keddle has accepted the position of Director of the Veterinary Medical Library at Ross University.

Saginaw Cooperative Hospital Health Sciences

Judy Eastland has left the Saginaw Health Sciences Library's St. Mary's branch for the

Midland Molecular Institute. Alison Bookmyer has taken her place as Branch Librarian. Alison worked at SCHI as a library clerk, left to get her master's degree at the U of M, and worked for the Thomas Township library as its director until being invited to return. Becky Jerome, who began in the library as a volunteer interested in library work, has been hired as St. Mary's library clerk. Becky is interested in public library work and hopes to attend library school after completing her bachelor's degree at SVSU in the fall. We'd also like to report that we finally got rid of the orange carpet installed in 1978!

St. Lawrence Hospital

The LIBID for St. Lawrence is 48915A. Please correct the entry in your MISHULS directory.

Marquette General Hospital

Journals prior to 1980 with the exception of New England Journal of Medicine and JAMA are unavailable for interlibrary loan. Please make a note of this. Ken Nelson is working on updating OCLC to reflect this change.

Missing in Action

The Secretary's notebook for 1990-1994 has been declared "Missing in Action". If anyone knows its whereabouts, please send it to Laura Friesen-Lynn. Thank you.

Pictures

Bill Nelton, Archivist, would be interested in any pictures members may have of the conferences and/or other MHSLA meetings.

Book Donations

The Board approved a sum of money for shipping books overseas. Leslie M. Behm is working with someone to send books to Uganda. Please contact her for more information: Voice: 517/353-3037, e-mail: behm@pilot.msu.edu .

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