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President's Column

By Doris Blauet

Dear Diary,

I decided to write the President's Column as a diary this year so those folks who have not served on the Board or as an officer would know just what is entailed.

The first thing that happens is the panic you feel when you get the call that you've been elected. Your first year, as President-elect, your major responsibility is as chair of the Conference Planning Committee. With this group you spend your time asking "Can I do anything for you? Do you need help with anything?" Thank heavens, with the wonderful people we have on the Education Committee and the Local Arrangements Committee, the answer is usually "No, we've got everything covered. Oh, you do need to order the plaque for the President."

One of my first jobs as new President was to fill Committee positions. This is sometimes the hardest job of the whole year. Everyone is busy with their own jobs, but serving really isn't all that time consuming. When I did the Local Arrangements for the last meeting, I spent about one to two hours a month on this project. If I could plead with anyone about anything, it would be to ask them to agree to serve on a committee or as an officer.

Then comes the first Board meeting. At this meeting the outgoing officers and the incoming officers exchange procedure manuals, etc. As the new President, you go home from the meeting with a case of stuff. Relax, most of this is just history and you won't need to use it until it's time to hand it off to the next person.

The first Board meeting is held at the site

of the next conference. This year we met at the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort...how hard is that? The place is GORGEOUS! And the food is great! The meeting practically runs itself. The agenda is fairly simple. Committee chairs report on their committee's activities and the Board discusses any questions that arise. There is generally some good discussion, but it's never rancorous.

The next Board meeting was held at the Michigan Athletic Restaurant and Conference Center in East Lansing. We meet at this site because it is probably the most centrally located place we can meet. We had a good turnout. All but two local representatives attended. Again, the food was great...Thanks, Leslie, for the homemade cookies!

Well, Diary, that's all for now. I'll tell you more about the Board after our next meeting.

Doris

"TC-2K" MHSLA Fall Education Conference Wrap-Up

By Alexia Estabrook

The last MHSLA Annual Education Conference of the millennium, held in Traverse City, has come and gone. By all accounts the conference was a success. The theme of the conference, "TC2K--Apocalypse Not!", reflected the fact that January 1, 2000 came and went and we are still here, stronger than ever.

Kudos to Norma Powers and the local arrangements committee for handling the local arrangements so well. The location for the conference site garnered many accolades from attendees.

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Educational offerings were varied and exciting. This year three continuing education courses were held. Scott Garrison from Duke University taught a course on Building and Managing Your Digital Library. This course had mixed reviews from participants, people either loved it or hated it. Charles Wessel from the University of Pittsburgh taught Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM): Information Resources for Choices in Healing. A very energetic speaker, Mr. Wessel offered an excellent overview of resources in alternative medicine. Leslie Behm and Nancy Lucas, both from Michigan State University, engaged us with the finer points of ergonomics.

The MACHIS breakfast was held on Thursday morning, with Marge Kars and Linda Baker leading a discussion on reference interviewing techniques for the consumer health library. A video was shown of bad and good techniques and the attendees compared and gave hints from their own experience about how to avoid getting to emotionally involved, how to provide confidentiality, and how to deal with anger and high emotions in the patron.

The keynote speakers for the conference were Rich Wiggins and Charles Severance, back by popular demand. Their sardonic sense of humor and sarcastic banter made for a lively and engaging keynote speech. In addition, Wiggins and Severance offered an afternoon session that was a take-off on their cable television show *Nothing But the Net*.

Roundtables were held Friday morning and gave everyone an opportunity to share experiences and information on a variety of topics including electronic journals, getting along with your IT department, ergonomics, DOCLINE routing cell philosophy, AMECHII, GMR Update/PubMed, multimedia in the library, and OPACs. Two concurrent sessions were held Friday afternoon: Beginner's Guide to Troubleshooting: A Systematic Approach taught by Sandy Swanson and FirstSearch/Access Michigan Update offered by Kathy Cadwallader from the Michigan Library Consortium.

The special event was the highlight of

the conference for many attendees. The event was held on the Grand Traverse Dinner Train and included a wonderful meal, a trivia contest, and lively conversation. Due to an unexpectedly warm fall, the colors were still out in full force, making the scenery delightful!

In general, the conference was well-received. 67% of the attendees who turned in an evaluation rated the overall conference as excellent. 51% of respondents rated the programming as excellent with an additional 39% rating it as good. I would like to take one last opportunity to thank my education committee, which consisted of John Coffey, Mary Fitzpatrick, Diane LeBar, Valeria Long, and Patricia Redmond, for a job well done.

MHSLA Fall Education Conference Scholarship Recipient Reports

By Misa Mi, Librarian, Children's Hospital of Michigan Medical Library

I was very lucky and felt thrilled to be selected to receive the MHSLA member first-time attendee scholarship for the Annual Education Conference. The conference programs appeared very interesting to me and I was looking forward to meeting colleagues from other health science libraries in person after seeing their names or their libraries' names appear in various places.

During the first two days of the conference, I was exposed to the world of information technology and immersed in technospeak. After that, I had the chance to step up, unplug from the "e-talk" and go to nature and get surrounded by the Northern Michigan color and bathed in the glorious sunshine. What experiences!

The scholarship offered me a valuable opportunity to pump myself for the information highway. I felt nourished and inspired by conversing and networking with colleagues and enlightened and recharged by taking the

continuing education classes and going to presentations and round table sessions. I felt motivated to rewind myself for the challenge I am facing in my daily work, to sharpen my skills and to keep on my efforts to develop electronic and Web-based services for our library customers.

MHSLA has done a marvelous job providing in-service training to its members. The education conference opened up broad prospects for us as knowledge-based information professionals and reinforced our role as leaders of information management and organization.

Salute to the local arrangements committee members for their hospitality and their great efforts to make each of us feel special. Hats off to the Education Committee members for their excellent job putting the education programs together to prepare us in many ways for the challenges of the electronic world. Their extraordinary service deserved five stars and made the conference a big success.

By Patty Scholl, Librarian, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Oakland

The Park Place Hotel in Traverse City, Michigan, was the site for the 27th Annual Conference of the Michigan Health Sciences Library Association. The conference ran from October 18-20 and we had three glorious, warm days.

The first day offered three education classes. I chose to attend "Building and Managing Your Digital Library." Scott Garrison from Duke University Medical Center did a great job of highlighting the issues which surround the creation of a library infrastructure. He also answered many questions posed by the group.

Thursday began very early with the MACHIS breakfast and presentation by Lynda Baker and Marge Kars on the "Reference Interview." There was lively discussion, despite the early hour, and I believe we all learned new things from our colleagues.

The keynote address was next on the agenda, and was given by Rich Wiggins of MSU and Charles Severance from U of M. They provided us with a futuristic glimpse of the Web and dazzled us with

their plethora of electronic toys.

The dinner train on Thursday night was the highlight of the conference! A lovely woodland view, a four-star meal and wonderful companionship made it a special night. On Friday morning I visited the Community Health Library which is located in the Munson Community Health Center. This beautiful new facility has a variety of consumer health materials including Internet access. I also discovered some new titles in the collection which I plan to purchase for SJMO.

After the round table discussions on Friday morning I drove back home, feeling that the three days had passed very quickly. My first MHSLA conference was informative and enjoyable. Thanks very much for the opportunity to attend!

Membership Update

By Debbie Porter

The Board has approved a change in the definition of institutional membership. Institutional membership will now include the following:

- * Only one institutional membership will have voting privileges.
- * Two additional institutional members may attend the annual conference at the member rate.
- * All employees of the library may attend any additional meetings at the member rate.

The membership directory will be available online only and will be password protected and searchable by name and institution. A PDF file for printing will be available in the password protected area. Printed copies will be made available upon request only.

Please continue to send in your MHSLA dues for Institutional and Personal Memberships to Debbie Porter. The deadline is February 1, 2001. Membership forms are available on the MHSLA Web site. If dues are unpaid by

March 1st, the member will lose the rights and privileges of membership including attending the conference at the member rate.

New DOCLINE Participant: Sault Area Hospital Library

Sault Area Hospital Library will soon be using DOCLINE...at long last.

Many of you have been generous and kind enough to fill our ILL requests without receiving anything back from us for many years and I do appreciate your generous sharing. We hope to be able to reciprocate although our journal collection is not very extensive.

We will be using DOCLINE as soon as I get the routing cells established and activate our DOCLINE account with CISTI, the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information, National Research Council Canada. CISTI handles DOCLINE accounts for Canadian Libraries.

We have entered our journal holding into SERHOLD via the Web.

Our LIBID is ONCASN and I will notify you as soon as our account becomes active. At that time those of you who have been filling our ILLs free of charge may add our library to their routing tables.

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Call for Posters

MHSLA Annual Education Conference
It's the time of year to think ahead to the annual Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association Annual Education Conference. We are looking for people to present posters at this year's meeting. The conference will be held at the

Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in Mount Pleasant. If you are interested in presenting a poster, please contact me by August 24, 2001.

I hope to hear from SEVERAL of you!

Submitted by
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Joint Conference of the MC/MLA and Wisconsin Health Science Library Association

The Program Committee for the joint conference of the Midwest Chapter/MLA and the Wisconsin Health Science Library Association is currently seeking entries for the contributed paper and poster sessions at the October 5-9 meeting.

Abstracts of 250 words describing the paper or poster must be submitted by the April 16, 2001 deadline. Paper abstracts are submitted to Karen Hanus at khanus@mcw.edu; and poster abstracts are submitted to Dick Carr at rcarr@mcw.edu. For more information, please contact Karen Hanus at khanus@mcw.edu or 414-456-8326.

Personnel and Institutional News

The Borgess Library (Kalamazoo) staff have been distinguishing themselves. Timothy Ezell, Reference & Systems Technician, was the keynote speaker at our annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Day celebration. Sharon VanderKlok, Library Assistant, recently received a Service Excellence award for exemplifying our values and performing beyond the call of duty. The entire library team has embarked on a "research crusade" to raise awareness of our services, and especially to spotlight the outstanding resources we've assembled on our intranet site. Staff members are traveling to Borgess Health Alliance affiliated sites in the region to offer instruction in the use of the intranet. These presentations are being very well-received.

Submitted by
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Attention Webmasters!

The staff at the Saginaw Health Sciences Library is responsible for the entire corporate Web site(www.schi.org).

We're also planning the uses for the corporation's intranet, currently in its infancy. We'd love to hear from other medical librarians with similar responsibilities as well as those using Dreamweaver or Fireworks.

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Book Reviews

Marge Kars suggested that book reviews would be a valuable addition to the MHSLA News. We will not be able to get books from publishers, but if you've selected a book for your collection and would like to share its features, both good and bad, consider submitting your review to MHSLA News. Book reviews earn points toward AHIP certification, and if you've never done a book review this is a great way to start!

State of the Heart: The practical guide to your heart and heart surgery. Larry W. Stephenson, M.D. Florida: Write Stuff, 1999. 288 p. Illus. Softcover. \$29.95

This book has two strengths. The first strength is the amount of information about the heart and heart surgery. The fifteen chapters cover the history of heart surgery, the normal heart, signs and symptoms of heart problems, diagnosis, cardiac catheterization, coronary artery disease and treatment options. There's a short section on what to expect when you visit a cardiologist.

The second strength is the illustrations. This book is full of beautiful color drawings and photographs that illustrate almost every other page of this

informative book. Many of these illustrations, the drawings of the heart in particular, are half and full-page in size. The figures are brilliantly colored and clearly marked. I think this is an excellent resource for patients who want a "picture of the heart."

The author, Larry W. Stephenson, is the Ford-Webber professor of surgery and chief of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery for Wayne State University. There is an impressive list of contributors in this volume.

The book includes a glossary of terms and a list of drugs used by heart patients. Definitions of new terms are provided whenever a new term is introduced but no attempt is made to help the reader pronounce the difficult vocabulary. I would recommend this text for consumer health collections because of the strength of the illustrations.

By Marge Kars

Thanks to the Outgoing MHSLA News Editor

By Arlene Weismantel

Leslie Behm can't even remember how long she was the editor of *MHSLA News*. "At least since 1996," Leslie mused, "but not before 1994." On behalf of the MHSLA membership, I would like to thank Leslie for her many years of service to this newsletter.