

## MMHSL Report for 1/21/14 MHSLA Board Meeting

### 1. Potential Merger with ERHSLA:

ERHSLA approached MMHSL at the 2013 MHSLA Conference about the possibility of ERHSLA and MMHSL merging. This would mean one less rotation for the conference, although the merge wouldn't happen until after ERHSLA 2015 conference (if approved by the MHSLA Board). The group discussed implications of a possible merge. Brad Long made a motion to support merging with ERHSLA after the 2015 MHSLA conference. Mike Simmons seconded. The motion carried. Abe Wheeler will email Diane Gardner so she can move forward with approaching the MHSLA Board.

### 2. MHSLA Conference Planning:

Sheila distributed a list of Conference Planning Committees.

There was a brief discussion about the Vendors and Exhibits Committee (which is a MHSLA-wide committee, not a Conference committee), as we were approached to see if anyone from MMHSL wanted to serve as chair. The group decided since this is a MHSLA committee, the current MHSLA president should appoint a chair per the Bylaws.

MHSLA Conference Logo: Sheila Bryant made a motion to adopt the proposed 2014 MHSLA Logo as is. Robin Sabo seconded. Motion passed. Thanks to Brad long and Kari Chrenka (graphic designer).

It was decided we don't need a conference planning wiki.

Publicity: Susan Kendall requested a high quality copy of the logo for the Save the Date card. The group proposed sending an electronic Save the Date to save money. Sheila will propose this to the MHSLA Board.

Mike Simmons will see if he can get free bags again from Sparrow, but if not, the group decided we'd save money and just hand out folders.

Registration: Heidi had the idea to use a Google form for registration in addition to the PDF (for those we need to physical send). Sheila will propose this idea to the MHSLA Board.

Brad, Abe and Robin will talk about Special Event ideas soon.

AV: Mike thinks most AV can be provided by Sparrow.

Education: Proposing 4 CE courses: American Indian Health Information Resources (3CE hours), Introduction to Bibliometrics (4CE hours), Grey Lit – Google for It and More (4CE hours), Third Party PubMed Tools (4CE hours) (note: topics were a bit hard to find b/c MLA MidWest is the same week – many NLM, MLA instructors were already booked). Plan to ask people to bring laptops, as Soaring Eagle has free wireless. Sheila will ask Soaring Eagle if wireless is reliable/can handle that many people.

Lightning Rounds are planned for Friday – Melanie has volunteered to serve as the timekeeper. There will be time for group Q and A.

The Education Committee is also talking about roundtables or a “speed dating” idea – for topics. They are also trying to contact Lisa Hadden from CMU about a possible workshop for evaluating your community’s health for Wednesday.

The group talked about transportation for speakers since there isn’t an airport in Mt. Pleasant. MDS (Midland) airport is one option (hopefully there are shuttles to Soaring Eagle) although MHSLA may need to pay for speakers to rent cars and drive from Lansing (or wherever they fly into). Andrea will be talking to the Board about how to budget rental cars, etc.

3. Other:

Our next Conference Planning meeting will be in February – Sheila will send out a doodle poll.

Sherri, Mike and Sheila presented on Health Information Resources for Libraries at a CADL in-service in November. The group decided to put further consumer health courses on hold until after the 2014 conference.