



The last M-MHSLA meeting was held September 14, 2012. Topics discussed included:

- Sherri McConnell from CADL-Okemos recently joined MMHSLA.
- Elections are being held for 2013. There is one candidate for each position. The ballot will be distributed prior to September 30.
- The MMHSLA website is up to date and is available at <http://mhsla.org/mmhsl/>.
- Planning for the 2014 conference continues:
  - Currently we are considering holding the conference at the Marriott in East Lansing September 24-26, 2014.
  - We were sent the contract and there are a few points we are unhappy with, including the costs of parking, vendor tables, and no storage space available. If the Marriott is unwilling to negotiate than we will take our business elsewhere.
  - Brad Long from Central Michigan was able to discuss some options available in Mount Pleasant, and this is looking like an attractive alternative.
  - Sheila Bryant volunteered to chair the Local Arrangements committee. She will send out a list of the other committees and recruit members to volunteer.
- Abe Wheeler, Mike Simmons, Susan Murphy, Sherrie McConnell, Andrea Kepsel, and Eunice Borrelli met at the Okemos branch of the Capital Area District Library (CADL) to discuss holding a consumer health program.
  - We want to start out with some small single shot or one off classes with specific populations to tune the content and get feedback. Some potential audiences discussed are seniors, parents with children, and boomers.
  - To being with we will rely on our in-house talent (the members involved with the project) to hold the programs. As the program grows we may explore involving outside speakers or groups.
  - We will contact the GMR to see if any previous grant or award winners have tried something similar, which will hopefully give us contacts to talk to about some best practices for the program.
  - Program proposals need to be developed to give to respective administrations for potential approval of organizational name and branding.
  - Sherri is already working with the Okemos Senior Center on programming, so this is an excellent first audience to focus on and work with.



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- The downtown Lansing branch of CADL will have a table for the Michigan Libraries for Life program on October 2 and 3, 11am-5pm. They believe they will have enough volunteers to staff the table, but if anybody is interested in helping out they can contact Eunice Borrelli. The Okemos and Haslett branches will also have tables and they will be fully staffed.
- The next MMHSL meeting will be held in November.