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**MHSLA**

**Executive Board Meeting Minutes, July 15, 2014**

In attendance:

Merle Rosenzweig  
Doris Blauet  
Melanie Bednarski,  
Sheila Bryant  
Mark Chaffee  
Keith Engwall,  
Diane Gardner  
Mary Hanson  
Alison Konieczny  
Ellen O'Donnell

Via AnyMeeting:

Mark MacEachern  
Barbara Platts  
Valerie Reid (guest)  
Jill Turner

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 am by President Merle Rosenzweig.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous Board meeting were approved

**President's Remarks**

Merle asked to defer her remarks to the end of the meeting.

**Bylaws Report**

Mary Hanson reported on a proposed change (undocumented) to the Bylaws that would allow Board members other than the treasurer to run for consecutive terms. Further action on this issue will be deferred until after the annual meeting

**Archivist's Report**

Alison Konieczny noted that she has placed her report on Wiki –She’s been in touch with Mark Chaffee and showed him how to submit items to the online archives. Alison will be meeting with the person in charge of the system at Ferris State in order to iron out details of Mark’s access to the system.

A related question arose about the most practical method of obtaining photos from meetings taken by persons other than Ali. The consensus was that a Flickr account should be set up for MHSLA. There was also a discussion of whether or not a Twitter hashtag would be useful for the dissemination of photos.

### **Treasurer's report**

Current account balances as of July 11 are \$25,364.06 for checking (one outstanding check) and \$15,368.57 in the CD. The CD will roll over on the July 20<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made, seconded and approved to let it roll over

### **Audit Committee Report**

This report is available on the Wiki

### **Communications Committee Report**

The latest issue of the MHSLA Newsletter is posted and available. Another issue will be published later in the fall, after the Annual Meeting.

### **Conference Planning Committee Reports**

**2014 Local Arrangements:** The menu is almost complete, and vegetarian options will be available. The question of afternoon snacks was raised, and the consensus was that these would be wanted. Plans for a special event were also moving forward. It was hoped that this could be held at the Park library at Central Michigan University. It was also hoped that bus transportation could be arranged from the conference location to the Library; the Isabella County bus system looked like the most economical option, although head count would be needed before the event. Attendees could also drive themselves, although parking might be an issue. Tentative plans were for a dinner, Jazz trio and a tour of Library

**2014 Education report:** Andrea Kepsel posted the full education report on the Wiki. She noted briefly that she was waiting for confirmation on Native American health class, and that more posters and lightning rounds were needed, as well as greater participation in the tech speed dating event. She also reported that she had checked with the staff at Soaring Eagle, and we should be able to bring any technology we need to the conference.

**2015 local arrangements:** – Members of this committee will be meeting in the near future about how to invite people to the conference.

### **Membership Committee Report**

Doris Blauet reported that there are currently 29 institutional and 56 individual members. These numbers are down considerably, and may just represent delays in renewal. We do need to remind consortia purchasers that if they don't renew by 8/1 they won't be able to use Stat!Ref as part of MHSLA's group purchase.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Currently there were nominees for all posts except President elect. This issue will be discussed at the business meeting at the Annual Conference

### **Research Committee Report**

The copyright webinar took place on June 25. There will be follow-up regarding questions about continuing use of copies of articles.

### **Resource Sharing Committee Report**

Mark MacEachern reported that all books have been distributed from the latest group of NLM duplicates. Mark also noted that a team is being put together to look into the issue of Stat!Ref renewal. Merle reported that Mike Strahan might be willing to do this

### **Vendor Relations Committee Report**

Alison Konieczny reported that she has talked to 30 vendors, but is having trouble getting people for breakfast and for the Lunch and Learn sessions at the Annual Meeting. JAMA and Ovid, have possibly volunteered for one session each.

### **Regional Committee Reports**

**ERSHLA:** ERSHLA has mostly been occupied with conference preparation

**GMR:** GMR's report is available on the Wiki; here are a few highlights:

- One current funding opportunity is available: \$1200 for conference presentation
- On July 17 a webinar will be shown on NLM's K-12 programs
- On Aug 8 a TechTalk is scheduled, topic to be determined
- On Aug 21 a webinar will be available, topic to be determined

**MDMLG:** Full report is available on the Wiki; here are the highlights:

- The Annual Meeting has been held; Andrea Eis spoke on marginalia
- The date of the fall meeting set for Sept. 11 at Oakland Hospital's Wellness Center; topic will be good data
- A CE class is planned for Fri. Nov. 14 to be conducted by Michelle Kraft at the Wayne State University Undergraduate Library on the topic of "The Evolving Librarian"
- They may not sponsor future MLA webcasts due to low participation
- Finances: Expenses were \$1300 over income
- Membership for 2013-14: 20 institutional 14 regular
- The MDMLG website had a large increase in hits
- A summer luncheon was held to honor retirees
- A proposal to make student memberships free was discussed, and received support
- Announcement: Pat Vinson has left DMC
- At a meeting of Wayne State Medical Students it was announced that WSU will be providing support for DMC residents
- New Librarian at Henry Ford Wyandotte: Kristi Crowfoot
- Courtney Mandrino has accepted a post at Oakwood Hosp.

**MMHLSA:** A proposal was made to make student memberships in regional groups reciprocal with MHSLA memberships, which is to say that a student member of a regional group would automatically be a member of MHSLA with no additional fees or registration.

**WMHSLA:** No formal report, as there has been no regional meeting since the last MHSLA Board meeting. There was one announcement, that the resource sharing position at St. Mary's in Grand Rapids had been eliminated, and that it was hoped that it could be kept open with volunteers. Any work that could not be done by volunteers would be transferred to the main library at St. Mary's.

### **Other business**

- The situation with the Stat!Ref renewal was discussed again.
- Valerie Reid reported that Diane LeBar's husband has offered \$500 per year scholarship per year for attending MHSLA annual conference. A motion was made and seconded to establish this scholarship, and the motion was approved unanimously. There was a brief discussion about the exact arrangements for handling this scholarship. Jill Turner proposed that he could send the money to the treasurer directly, or to her via Valerie.  
Diane Gardner proposed that the secretary send a letter to Diane's husband thanking him for this gift, and that this letter should give Jill's address as stable contact.  
This scholarship would be available starting in 2015, and would be awarded in June. As with other scholarships; it should be announced at Annual meeting. Nominations would be taken, and a name would be drawn.
- Midwest MLA conference 2017: Merle reported that has sent a list of quotes to Eagle Crest, is waiting for reply to see if one is acceptable to them.
- Binders status on dumping them: this discussion was deferred to a future date.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:41 by Merle Rosenzweig