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Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association  
2017 Annual Education Conference  
Annual Business Meeting  
Ypsilanti, MI  
Sunday, October 15, 2017

**Agenda & DRAFT Minutes**

1. Call to Order – Jennifer Bowen called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.
2. Welcoming Remarks - Jennifer Bowen - Jennifer welcomed attendees to the conference. She thanked everyone from MHSLA for being so supportive while she was out on leave during her daughter's heart surgery.
3. Review of Standing Rules - Mary Hanson - 1) Only members are allowed to speak at the Annual Business Meeting. 2) Members must be recognized by the President before speaking. 3) Members should identify themselves by stating their names and institutions. 4) Personal members get one vote, institutional members get one vote, dual members get two votes.
4. Archivist's Report – Alison Konieczny (not present – report was posted) – See Appendix A for Archivist's annual report. There are an overwhelming number of documents to load into the Archives – would MHSLA members be willing to “adopt a box” (receive thumb drive of digitized documents to add to the Archives – thorough documentation/guidance would be provided)? Members were encouraged to look at MHSLA Picture Archives.
5. Treasurer's Report – Kristina Olsen (not present – report was posted) - See Appendix B for the Treasurer's annual report. Checking account balance as of 10/3/2017: \$12,578.34 - there are a number of outstanding conference expenses. MHSLA's Fixed Term CD balance as of 10/3/2017: \$15,390.29.

There was a question about the report format, particularly the net income field being negative. Jennifer Barlow suggested a conference financial report would be helpful. Jill Turner said the MHSLA Board may want to consider making a projected budget for all operating expenses. Toni Janik asked about income from 2017 – does MHSLA get profit or does Midwest? Heidi Schroeder thought that any profits would be split 50/50 (after expenses) but Merle Rosenzweig was not present to answer this question. Jennifer Barlow moved that the Treasurer create and post a conference financial report for the previous conference year, summarizing net profit or loss. Seconded by Mary Hanson. Motion passed.

## 6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Audit –Diane Gardner (not present - report was posted and summarized by Melanie Bednarski). See Appendix C for the Audit annual report. A couple discrepancies were found that had to do with dates (see Appendix for more details). Diane Gardner was going to communicate with Kristina Olsen (Treasurer) about these.

b. Bylaws – Mary Hanson - See Appendix D for the Bylaws annual report and proposed Bylaws changes. There were proposed changes to Sections 3 and 4 of the Bylaws related to Elections procedures to reflect the changing nature of MHSLA elections (shift from print voting/in-person meetings to electronic voting and tabulation/virtual meetings).

Mary Hanson moved to accept Bylaws changes to Sections 3 and 4. Liz Lorbeer seconded. Motion passed.

c. 2017 Conference Planning – Local Arrangements – Merle Rosenzweig (not present – no report posted).

d. 2017 Education –Emily Ginier – See Appendix E for Education annual report. Six courses were scheduled for Midwest/MHSLA conference – one was unfortunately canceled the day before the conference. Scholarship winners included: Jessica Sender (Member Scholarship), Kristin LaLonde (New Member Scholarship), Barbara Platts (Diane LeBar Memorial Scholarship). No student scholarship applications were receive/no award was given.

e. Membership – Iris Kovar-Gough – See Appendix F for Membership annual report. Institutional members were automatically invoiced this year –renewals seemed to come in a bit earlier as a result. MHSLA has 8 new members, we lost 9 members. Total members: 128 (67 personal, 41 institutional, 11 personal & institutional, 9 students). Membership procedures were updated this year. Next year, Iris would like to work with Resource Sharing/Group Purchasing to ensure efficient and effective communication with institutional members regarding Stat!Ref consortial purchase.

f. Nominating and Elections – Barbara LeTarte - See Appendix G for Nominations/Elections annual report. The 2018 slate was as follows: President-elect: Jill Turner; Secretary: Kate Saylor; Nominations: Mike Fitzpatrick, Jessica Sender, Laura Arrick. Results were as follows: President-elect: Jill Turner; Secretary: Kate Saylor; Nominations: Mike Fitzpatrick (chair), Jessica Sender, Laura Arrick. Barbara thanked Heidi Schroeder (Secretary) for her assistance with elections.

g. Outreach and Advocacy- Merle Rosenzweig (not present – no report posted)

h. Communications – Andrea Kepsel – See Appendix H for Communications annual report. Three issues of the MHSLA Newsletter were published this year. The next issue will include Midwest/MHSLA conference reflections and reports. Andrea has had to extend submission deadlines to get newsletter contributions – members were encouraged to submit newsletter content. MHSLA is on twitter (@MHSLAnews). Andrea is working on creating a Communications

procedure manual (one hasn't existed since the Technology and Publications committees merged).

i. Research – Merle Rosenzweig - (not present – no report posted).

j. Resource Sharing and Group Purchasing – Keith Engwall - (not present – no report posted).

k. Vendor Relations—Jennifer Barlow – See Appendix I for vendor relations annual report. The committee formed in December 2016 and recruited vendors as soon as 2017 conference exhibit dates were set. They identified over 80 potential exhibitors. In June '17 Conference Planning Chair Merle Rosenzweig assumed responsibility for vendor communications and registration. There were twenty-seven paid exhibitors (28 total – MHSLA had a free table). There were eight vendors who helped sponsor events/meals.

## 7. Regional Group Reports

a. GMR – Barbara Platts

No report due to the GMR update given at the Midwest/MHSLA conference.

b. MDMLG – Jill Turner - See Appendix J for MDMLG annual report. MDMLG Rep to MHSLA attended both MHSLA and MDMLG Board meetings and communicated activities/future plans of both groups. Provided information to respective organizations concerning CE or professional development opportunities.

c. MMHSL – Jessica Sender - See Appendix K for MMHSL annual report. MMHSL has 17 members and met four times this year. MHSLA currently has \$1,151 in account. New MMHSL officers will be elected in November 2018. MMHSL is trying a new meeting format, focusing on discussions and forums led by MMHSL.

d. WMHSLA – Valeria Long - See Appendix L for WMHSLA annual report. WMHSLA has 26 members and met four times this year – three meetings had education component, one focused on 2018 MHSLA conference planning. WMHSLA has \$1,055.94 in its treasury.

8. 2018 MHSLA Conference Invitation – Betsy Williams - Betsy Williams, incoming WMHSLA president and the 2018 MHSLA Local Arrangements Chair, invited members to the 2018 MHSLA Conference at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City on October 11-12, 2018. The theme is “Health Information: Don't Leave it to Chance”. The special event will take place at the City Opera House. There was a drawing for four prizes. The winners were Mary Schleicher, Bethany Figg, Alexandra Sarkozy, and Elizabeth Bucciarelli.

9. 2018 Midwest Publicity Committee – Margaret Hoogland – MHSLA Members were invited to attend the 2018 Midwest conference, which will take place on October 5-8, 2018 in Cleveland. Attendees were shown a [publicity video/invitation](#).

10. Motion to accept all the reports.

Valeria Long made a motion to accept those reports that were submitted. Jill Turner seconded. Motion passed.

11. Old Business –none

12. New Business -

- a. Acknowledgement of retirees: Jennifer Bowen acknowledged three retirees: Mary Jo Durivage, Ellen O'Donnell, and Toni Janik.

13. President's Remarks – Jennifer Bowen - No other remarks.

14. President-Elect – Elizabeth Lorbeer - Jennifer Bowen welcomed Elizabeth Lorbeer as the incoming MHSLA President.

15. Librarian of the Year – Melanie “Mel” Bednarski was awarded the MHSLA Librarian of the Year. See Appendix M for nomination letter, which was read out loud at the Business Meeting.

16. Lifetime Achievement Award - Valeria Long was awarded the MHSLA Lifetime Achievement Award. See Appendix N for nomination letter, which was read out loud at the Business Meeting.

17. Passing of the Gavel – Jennifer Bowen passed the MHSLA gavel to incoming president Elizabeth Lorbeer.

18. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 1:53pm.

Appendix A.

Archivist's Annual Report

Oct 6, 2017

Thanks to Mark Chaffee for his assistance with loading MHSLA Board documents into the MHSLA Archives. There are an overwhelming number of documents to load into the Archives, and suggestions for making this more of a group project are welcome.

If there was an adopt-a-box program, would any MHSLA members be willing to receive thumb drives containing a box of digitized documents to add to the Archives? Thorough documentation on the process of adding materials to the Archives and metadata standards would be provided.

Please take a look at the MHSLA Picture Archives to see photos from our previous conferences. I hope that there were plenty of picture takers to capture the event for this year's conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Konieczny

Appendix B.

## Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association

### PROFIT AND LOSS

October 4, 2016 - October 4, 2017

	TOTAL
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INCOME	
2016 Conference Income - Member	3,001.80
2016 Conference Income - Vendor	638.52
Diane LeBar Scholarship	500.00
Membership Dues	3,636.55
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	215.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$7,991.87</b>
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GROSS PROFIT	<b>\$7,991.87</b>
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EXPENSES	
2016 Conference Expense	38,935.22
2018 Conference Expense	1,261.50
Dues & Subscriptions	860.00
Education - Professional	675.00
Insurance	200.00
Meals and Entertainment	80.17
Office Expenses	7.49
Rent or Lease	300.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$42,319.38</b>
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NET OPERATING INCOME	<b>\$ -34,327.51</b>
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OTHER EXPENSES	
Miscellaneous	675.00
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$675.00</b>
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NET OTHER INCOME	<b>\$ -675.00</b>
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NET INCOME	<b>\$ -35,002.51</b>
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**Note**

Checking Account Balance: \$12,578.34 (as of 10/3/2017)

Fixed Term CD Balance: \$15,390.29

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristina Olsen, Treasurer

Appendix C.

### **2017 Audit Committee Report**

September 18, 2017

The books were prepared for review by Treasurer, Kristina Olsen and sent to Diane Gardner, Audit Committee for assessment.

An audit was performed on the books from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 by Diane Gardner. The records are in order with documentation present.

Two items of note that should be reviewed and corrected:

1. The September 17-November 14, 2016 Profit and Loss Detail lists a 2010 Conference expense check number 1042 made out to Melanie Bednarski for \$89.04 but the documentation shows that this is for the 2016 conference expenses.
2. The September 23, 2015 – October 3, 2016 Profit and Loss statement lists a 2010 Conference expense of \$21.76. The 2016 set of financial books does not have any documentation regarding this expense so I was unable to verify it.

Bank statements and monthly reports, along with the 2016 Quick Book reports were used to complete the audit.

There are no outstanding checks for 2016.

IRS 990-N (e-postcard) confirmation was included in the paperwork showing filing status of 1/25/2017 for tax year end date of 10/31/2016. The organization has paid for renewals for bonding insurance, Michigan non-profit status, Survey Monkey subscription, Quick Book subscription, web-hosting agreement, domain name, and Wild Apricot. A donation was made in the name of Diane LeBar and a floral arrangement was sent for the funeral of an officer's family member. All supporting documentation was in order for the above expenses.

The 2016 audit was completed with the books being in good order with the two exceptions listed above. The board may adjust or correct the two items at their discretion.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane E. Gardner, MLIS

Appendix D.

## BYLAWS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT, 2017

COMMITTEE: Mary A. Hanson, Chair  
Leslie M. Behm  
D. Lea Ann McGaugh

In 2016 several questions were raised by the Election Committee concerning their duties. Those were discussed this year. The following changes to the bylaws have been approved by the MHSLA Board and will be presented to the general membership at the Annual Education Conference:

### Section 3. Elections Committee

- A. An elections committee shall be selected by the President.
- B. The Elections Committee shall be composed of the Nominating Committee Chair and at least two other MHSLA members. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall also be the Chair of the Elections Committee.
- C. Any member of the Association may witness the ~~count~~ tabulation.

### Section 4. Tabulation

- A. The Elections Committee shall ~~meet~~ convene at least 10 calendar days prior to the Annual Meeting for the purpose of ~~counting~~ tabulating the ballots.
- B. Candidates shall be declared elected upon receiving a simple majority of the votes. In cases where there are more than two candidates, a plurality shall suffice.
- C. If a tie occurs for any position, it shall be resolved by a coin toss at the Annual Business Meeting.
- D. The Elections Committee Chair shall report the results of the ballot ~~count~~ to the President.
- E. The President shall inform the candidates of these results at least four days before the Annual Business Meeting.

There were no other concerns raised that required the attention of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Hanson, M.S.L., A.H.I.P.



## 2017 Education Committee

### Annual Report

#### **2017 Education Committee**

Emily Ginier – Chair

Evan Sprague, MHSLA representative

Kerry Dhakal, Midwest Chapter representative

The 2017 Education Committee held a virtual meeting in January 2017 and completed the remainder of our business via email.

**Continuing Education Courses:** Continuing education (CE) opportunities for the 2017 Joint Meeting of the Midwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association and Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association were scheduled for Saturday, October 14.

#### **Morning concurrent sessions:**

- Perspectives of Research Data (4 credits) presented by Kevin Read, Assistant Curator at the NYU School of Medicine, and Alisa Surkis, Head of Data Services and Translational Science librarian at the NYU School of Medicine.
- Getting Started with Information Outreach in Your Community (4 credits) presented by Darlene Kaskie, Outreach Specialist at the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Greater Midwest Region.
- Advanced PubMed (4 credits) presented by Rebecca Brown, Training Development Specialist at the National Network of Libraries of Medicine National Training Office.

#### **Afternoon concurrent sessions:**

- Environmental Health Policy: Sources and Strategies for Effective Searching (2 credits) presented by Carol Shannon, Informationist at the University of Michigan Taubman Health Sciences Library, and Abraham Wheeler, Librarian for the College of Osteopathic Medicine, the Division of Public Health, and the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Michigan State University.
- Engaging Assessment to Show Value & Make Decisions: Making the Case for Your Library (3 credits) presented by Lisa Hinchliffe, Professor/Coordinator for Information Literacy Services and Instruction in the University Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- Data Management for Librarians (4 credits) presented by Caitlin Bakker, Research Services Liaison at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

**Scholarships:** The committee continued to use Google Forms for scholarship submissions as was begun by the 2015 Education Committee.

- **Student Scholarships:** The application period ran from March 31 – April 30, 2017. Announcements were placed on the student listservs for Wayne State University and University of Michigan, as well as the MSHLA and MDMLG listservs. The committee received no applications; following the MSHLA Procedure Manual for the Education Committee the scholarship was not given for 2017.
- **Member Scholarships:** The application period ran from June 1 – 30, 2017. There were 11 applicants for the three scholarships. Each scholarship had more than one applicant. Names were randomly selected using the Random Name Picker online tool.
  - Member Scholarship – Jessica Sender (Michigan State University)
  - New Member Scholarship – Kristin LaLonde (MidMichigan Health)
  - Diane LeBar Memorial Scholarship: Barbara Platts (Munson Healthcare)

**NNLM GMR Professional Development Award:** The 2017 Conference Planning and Education chairs, Merle Rosenzweig and Emily Ginier, respectively, collaborated on a successful application for the NNLM GMR Professional Development Award to support two data management continuing education courses at the 2017 Joint Meeting.

I would like to thank the members of my committee for all of their assistance in selecting and coordinating the continuing education offerings.

Respectfully submitted,  
Emily Ginier, Chair  
September 29, 2017

Appendix F.

## **Membership Committee Annual Report 2017**

In a new process this year, the Membership Chair automatically sent renewal invoices April 1 to all institutional and institutional-personal members. This appears to have made renewals for these members easier. Personal members received monthly reminders April-July to renew with invoices created upon request.

We have approximately 8 new members this year including 3 institutional and 3 student members. Unfortunately, we did lose 9 personal memberships – mostly from retirements and job changes. Overall, our membership went from 129 in 2016 to 128 in 2017.

### **Total renewals are:**

Personal Members: 67

Institutional Members: 41

Personal & Institutional Members: 11

Student Members: 9

### **Total Membership: 128**

### **Goals Completed in 2016-2017**

1. The membership committee chair's procedure manual was updated for the first time since 2004 and now reflects our utilization of an online member database.

### **Goals for 2017-2018**

1. Iris hopes to work closely with the Chair of the Resource Sharing/Group Purchasing Committee to ensure efficient and effective communication with institutional members regarding the Stat!Ref consortial purchase.

Respectfully submitted October 6 2017

Iris Kovar-Gough, Membership Chair

Appendix G.

**Nominating Committee Final Report**

**June 21, 2017**

The Nominating Committee presents the 2018 slate of candidates.

**Jill Turner-President-Elect**

**Kate Saylor-Secretary**

**Jessica Sender-Nominating Committee**

**Mike Fitzpatrick-Nominating Committee**

**Laura Arrick-Nominating Committee**

Respectfully,

Barbara LeTarte, Chair

Mike Fitzpatrick, Member

Abe Wheeler, Member

Appendix H.

**Communications Committee 2017 Annual Report**

**Submitted by Andrea Kepsel**

- Three issues of the newsletter were published this year: Winter 2016 in December, Spring 2017 in May, and Fall 2017 in September.
  - The next issue will be published after the Midwest Chapter-MLA/MHSLA joint conference and feature reports from the conference. Publication date is not yet determined but probably in mid- to late-November.
  - It is difficult to get contributions for the newsletter and deadlines had to be extended multiple times in order to gather enough content. May want to decrease how frequently the newsletter is published..
- The website domain and hosting were renewed for 2017.
  - New website platforms are being explored that will make editing and updating the site easier.
- MHSLA is now on Twitter (@MHSLANews).
  - The publicity committee for the MHSLA/Midwest joint conference is using the account for promoting the conference.
- The committee procedures manual will be updated (created) prior to the November board meeting.
  - Currently there is no procedures manual for the Communications Committee. It appears that responsibilities were merged from the previous Technology and Publication committees.

Appendix I.

## **MHSLA VENDOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

### **2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

Members: Jennifer Barlow (Chair), Jennifer Bowen, Alison Konieczny, Betsy Williams

The Vendor Relations committee was formed in December 2016. Once conference exhibit dates were set, we began to recruit vendors. We merged lists from the most recent Midwest Chapter and MHSLA conferences to identify over 80 potential exhibitors. We sent out email invitations and followed up on the phone with non-respondents. Also, Betsy worked the exhibits hall at MLA in May and made some additional contacts.

In June the Conference Planning Chair, Merle Rosenzweig, assumed responsibility for vendor communications and registration. Vendors continued to contact us, but we forwarded queries to Merle for handling.

Eight sponsors and 28 exhibitors have registered for the conference. A complete list of companies contacted is attached, with sponsors and exhibitors indicated. Exhibits are scheduled for Sunday 10/15 from 8 – 5 and Monday 10/16 from 8 – 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Barlow

Vendors Contacted for 2017 Conference (both responding vendors and non-responding vendors)

AAAS	Mary Ann Liebert
AHC Media	Matthews Medical Books Welcome Reception Sponsor
Alexander Street Press	McGraw-Hill Medical Conference Exhibitor 2017, Breakfast & Learn Sponsor
American Academy of Pediatrics Conference Exhibitor 2017	MCLS Conference Exhibitor 2017
American Association for Cancer Research	The Medical Letter
American Pharmacists Association	Medical Library Association Conference Exhibitor 2017
	Medscape Conference Exhibitor 2017
American Psychiatric Association	Merck
American Psychological Association	Michigan eLibrary <i>Contacted us late to register, please check again in 2018</i>
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	Minitex
American Society of Health-System Pharmacists	Morgan Claypool Publishers
American Society of Hematology	Nature Publishing Group
Apollo Automation	NEJM Group Conference Exhibitor 2017
Basch	NNLM – GMR Conference Exhibitor 2017
Bentham Science Publishers	Nursing Research Press
Bepress Conference Exhibitor 2017	Oxford University Press
Bioscientifica	Ovid Wolters Kluwer Health Conference Exhibitor 2017, Lunch & Learn Sponsor
Blood	Palgrave Macmillan
BMJ Conference Exhibitor 2017; CE and Break Sponsor	PCG

BodyViz	Pepid
Brodart	Preservation Technologies
Cambridge University Press	Primal Pictures
Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press	Proquest Conference Exhibitor 2017
CoLibri Systems North America	Quertle
Doody Enterprises	Radiological Society of North America
Dove Medical Press	Recorded Books
e-Image Data Corporation	RefWorks
Ebsco Health Conference Exhibitor 2017, Welcome Reception Sponsor	Ristech Company
Elsevier Conference Exhibitor 2017, Lunch & Learn Sponsor	Rittenhouse Books Distributor Conference Exhibitor 2017
Endocrine Society	Rockefeller University Press
Evidence Partners	Sage Publication Conference Exhibitor 2017
Future Science Group	Springer
Gideon	STAT!Ref Conference Exhibitor 2017
HS Talks	Taylor Francis Group Conference Exhibitor 2017
Impelsys	TDNET Inc./OpenAthens Conference Exhibitor 2017
Independent Scholarly Publishers Group	Thieme Publishers Conference Exhibitor 2017
Indus MIS, Inc.	Third Iron Conference Exhibitor 2017
IOS Press	Thomson Reuters
Isabel Healthcare Conference Exhibitor 2017	Unbound Medicine
JAMA Network, The Conference Exhibitor 2017, Welcome Reception Sponsor	VisualDx Conference Exhibitor 2017
JoVE	Wiley (Hoboken NJ)



<b>Conference Exhibitor 2017, Breakfast &amp; Learn Sponsor</b>	
<b>Karger Publishers Conference Exhibitor 2017</b>	<b>Wolper</b>
<b>LibLynx Gateway Conference Exhibitor 2017</b>	<b>WT Cox Information Services</b>
<b>LM Information Directory Conference Exhibitor 2017</b>	<b>YBP Library Services</b>

**Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group  
MHSLA Representative  
Annual Report to the Membership  
2016-17**

**Goals and Objectives**

- To represent the Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group on the Executive Board of the Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association.
- To serve as an MHSLA board member and participate in the decision making process of MHSLA.
- To provide a communication link between MHSLA and MDMLG members.
- To assist Education chair of MHSLA and other area groups in staying abreast of MDMLG CE offerings and programs to avoid date and topic conflicts.

**Accomplishments**

- Remotely attended most MHSLA and MDMLG Board meetings.
- Provided reports of MDMLG activities and future plans at each MHSLA board meeting.
- Provided reports on MHSLA activities to the MDMLG Board and membership at the Board meetings and general membership meetings.
- Concerns, suggestions and input were relayed to each respective organization.
- Continued communication was provided concerning plans for upcoming MHSLA conferences.
- Provided information to respective organizations concerning upcoming CE or professional development opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Turner

MDMLG Co-Representative to the MHSLA Board

September 27, 2017

Appendix K.

**Mid-Michigan Health Sciences Library Association**  
**MHSLA Representative**  
**Annual Report to the Membership**  
**2016-2017**

The 2017 MMHSLA Board Officers are:

Abe Wheeler (President)

Susan Kendall (Treasurer)

Jessica Sender (Secretary/MMHSLA Representative to the MHSLA board)

Andrea Kepsel (Webmaster)

MMHSLA has 17 members. We have met four times since our last annual report.

MMHSLA currently has \$1151.00 in our account.

We hosted the MLA Webinar “Scoping Reviews: Mapping Your Course to Success.” We had 14 people attend, including a number of librarians from outside the health sciences.

MMHSLA will elect officers for 2018 in November.

MMHSLA also decided to change our meeting format, and instead focus on discussions and forums led by individual members within MMHSLA. We have met in this manner three times, and it has so far garnered positive feedback. We intend to continue to this meeting format, as well as enter a discussion about what MMHSLA means to our members, and how we can better meet the needs of our members.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Sender

## Appendix L.

# Western Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association

## 2017 Annual Report

### Activities

The WMHSLA met four times during 2016-17. All but one meeting featured an educational component.

- November 10 2016 – held at GVSU’s Center for Health Sciences in Grand Rapids. Seven members attended in person and three participated remotely. Most conversation revolved around the 2018 MHSLA conference which WMHSLA will be hosting in Traverse City. We viewed the MLA Medical Informatics Section webinar *Applying Data Management Strategies*.
- March 22 2017 – held at the WMU Homer Stryker School of Medicine in Kalamazoo. Seventeen attended in person and two participated remotely. Revisions to the WMHSLA bylaws presented by the bylaws review committee were approved. Planning for the 2018 MHSLA conference continued with the establishment of subcommittees. Following this part of the meeting, those present participated in a journal club discussion and viewed the webinar, *Finding Grey Literature for Systematic Reviews*.
- June 30 2017 – held at Frederick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park café in Grand Rapids. Twelve members attended, and the focus of the meeting was conference planning. .
- August 15 2017 – held at St. Mary’s Hospital in Grand Rapids. Eight members attended in person and two participated remotely. Again, conference planning dominated the meeting. Those present viewed the MLA webinar *Scoping Reviews: Mapping Your Course to Success*.

### Membership and treasury

There are currently 26 members of WMHSLA, up two over last year. As of October 5 the treasury balance is \$1,055.94.

Respectfully submitted,

Valeria Long, MLIS - 2015-17 WMHSLA president

Other WMHSLA officers:

President-elect: Betsy Williams

Treasurer: Caralee Witteveen-Lane

Secretary: Jennifer Barlow

Appendix M.

### MHSLA 2017 Librarian of the Year Nomination

For: Melanie Bednarski

Submitted by: Jill Turner

Melanie, aka "Mel" has been a very active member of MHSLA for at least the past 12 years. (I have been a member for 12 years and she was a member when I joined). Mel has supported MHSLA and been active in a multitude of positions. She volunteered and served as President in 2015-16 when no one else would step up. Sure, she made us sweat and waited until the business meeting at the annual conference but she took on the responsibility to keep our organization moving forward. She has served on numerous annual conference committees, more times than I can remember. She's held the position of Local Arrangements Chair and Education Committee Chair, each more than once, acted as Outreach & Advocacy Chair, and for years was the ERHSLA representative to the board. In her capacity as Outreach and Advocacy, she has represented MI-ISLA with a poster at the Flint FAME conference several times. Within her institution, Melanie is the manager of the Genesys Regional Medical Center Health Sciences Library. She played a major part in establishing the consumer health library within Genesys.

Melanie can always be counted on. Not only is she a leader that gets things done, she is fun to work with. It has been an honor working alongside of her. As she finishes her term as Past President, in honor of all that she has done for our organization, I would like to nominate Melanie Bednarski for Librarian of the Year.

## Appendix N.

Valeria Long  
Liaison Librarian to the Kirkhof College of Nursing,  
Department of Public Health, and the Department of Diagnostic & Treatment Sciences  
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Grand Valley State University 301  
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I would like to nominate my esteemed colleague, Valeria Long, as MHSLA's Librarian of the Year. I've known Val for nearly twenty years, through our participation in WMHSLA and MHSLA. She's an exemplary professional, and highly deserving of this honor.

Val and I have worked together on numerous conference planning committees. She brings creativity, enthusiasm, and common sense to the work. She's well-organized and dependable \_always an asset to the team. Val served several stints on MHSLA's Education Committee; I remember her efforts to help put together a program for 1999 's joint conference with the Midwest Chapter in Grand Rapids. That was a big success. Again in 2004, she played a key role as the Education Committee's liaison with Local Arrangements when the conference was held in Kalamazoo.

Val has been an active participant in our Western chapter, hosting meetings at the Van Andel Institute when she was employed there, and more recently at GVSU. Since 2015 she has served as WMHSLA's President. She's been energetic in this role — meetings have been frequent, and full of valuable content. Val has been an advocate for reaching out to other librarians in our communities. We've gained new members thanks to her overtures.

I admire Val for her intelligence and curiosity. I appreciate her warmth, humor, and willingness to pitch in. Val expects to retire in the near future; she can look back with satisfaction on all her contributions. We will miss her cheerful presence at our meetings, but we wish her every happiness in this next phase of her life.

Submitted by Jennifer Barlow, Borgess Library  
July 11, 2017