



Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association Annual Conference 2012
Business Meeting Minutes

Agenda:

1. Call to order

President Leslie Burke called the meeting to order at 10:35.

2. Welcoming Remarks

President Leslie Burke offered the following speech:

Welcome to MHSLA's annual business meeting. I hope that you have been enjoying the annual education conference so far and that you will continue to do so through the rest of your time here. The conference planning committees have done a great job to bring you useful information, networking and interesting side events.

3. Review of Standing Rules

Parliamentarian Mary Hanson listed the standing rules for the business meeting:

- Only members may speak.
- Members must be recognized by the chair before they speak.
- Speakers shall identify themselves with their name and institution.
- Members shall vote with voting paddles (provided in registration packets).

4. Archivist's report

See Appendix A for the Archivist's report. Archivist Alison Konieczny and Membership Chair Sharon Williams will work together to distribute the password for the Archives to members.

5. Treasurer's report

See Appendix B for the Treasurer's report.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Audit

President Leslie Burke reported that the audit was done and that everything was in order.

b. Bylaws

Mary Hanson discussed Bylaws at the end of the Committee Report section. See below.

c. 2012 Conference Planning – Local Arrangements

See Appendix C for report. Toni and Gina distributed certificates to the members who helped organize the 2012 MHSLA conference.

d. 2012 Education – The CE programming occurred on the day prior to the business meeting, while posters and additional presentations will take place on the last day. Janet Zimmerman distributed certificates to members of the Education Committee.

e. Membership

See Appendix D for report.

f. Nominating & Elections

President Leslie Burke provided the election results on behalf of Robin Sabo, Nominating Chair, who was absent.

- Merle Rosenzweig is incoming President-Elect
- Connie Bongiorno is incoming Treasurer
- Andrea Kepsel, Stephanie Swanberg, and Sandy Swanson are the three incoming Nominating Committee members. Stephanie volunteered to serve as chair.

g. Outreach & Advocacy

See Appendix E for report. Outreach Chair Melanie Bednarski concluded her talk with a passionate plea for members to volunteer in the association, which was then echoed by President Leslie Burke. Bradley Long expressed interest in volunteering.

h. Communications

See Appendix F for report. President Leslie Burke and Communications Chair Abe Wheeler are currently investigating free software to better enable remote attendance of board mtgs.

i. Research

Diane Gardner discussed the survey the Research Committee is putting together that will be distributed to all medical libraries in MHSLA. The completion date is estimated to be in 2013.

j. Resource Sharing

John Coffey spoke on behalf of Resource Sharing Chair Heidi Schroeder. See Appendix G for report. Jill Turner volunteered to handle NLM duplicates.

k. Group Purchasing

See Appendix H for the Group Purchasing report. Bradley Long volunteered to join this committee.

Doris Blauet makes motion to accept all reports. Jennifer Barlow seconds. Motion passes.

Mary Hanson returns to the subject of Bylaws. She introduces three Bylaw revisions:

1. Article 4, Section 2: Propose to change membership year from calendar year, to July 1 to June 30. The rationale for the change is to closer align with the Annual conference.
2. Article 4, Section 4B: Loss of membership would occur August 1, instead of March 1.
3. Article 7: Change Vendor Committee from ad hoc to a standing committee. The Vendor Committee would become the 10th standing committee under Article 7, Section 1D.

Mary Hanson moves that these revisions pass. Andrea Kepsel seconds. Motion passes.

7. Regional Group Reports:

a. GMR Regional Council

The annual GMR update will be presented in a session later in the conference.

b. ERHSLA

ERHSLA Rep Melanie Bednarski reported that Doris Blauet is retiring, and that there will be a celebration in December. Mel will send an invite through the listserv.

c. MDMLG

Ellen O'Donnell promoted an upcoming December MDMLG meeting on E-Books.

d. M-MHSLA

See Appendix I for report.

e. WMHLSA

See Appendix J for report.

8. 2013 Conference Invitation --- WMHSLA President Alison Konieczky played the splendid promotional 2013 MHSLA conference video.

9. Old Business --- No old business

10. New Business

a. Bylaws changes vote – Discussed above.

11. President's Remarks

President Leslie Burke gave the following speech:

I want to give the rest of the Executive Board a huge thank you for all of the great work that they continually do. Our association's officers and committee members have been so dedicated, efficient, and self-less and I applaud them all. Thank you for making my time as president a valuable opportunity for me. I would also like to give a special "unsung hero" award to Heidi Schroeder, who without ever being asked (to my knowledge) arranged our board lunches with variety and good taste, allowing us to continue working and be refreshed. Heidi, here is a token of my thanks..... Now, it is my pleasure to relinquish my Presidential "hat" and gavel and duties to our next MHSLA President, Diane Gardner. Diane, Please join me.

Leslie acknowledged the work of the following individuals:

Mike Simmons as Immediate Past President

Diane Gardner as President Elect and Research chair

Mark MacEachern as Secretary

Jill Turner as Treasurer

Alison Konieczny as Archivist and WMHSLA rep

Mary Hanson as Parliamentarian and Bylaws Chair

Barbara Platts as GMR Representative

Abe Wheeler as Communications Chair

Janet Zimmerman as Education Committee co-chair

Nancy Bulgarelli as Education Committee co-chair

Gina Hug as Local Arrangements co-chair

Toni Janik as Local Arrangements co-chair

Sharon Williams as Membership chair

Robin Sabo as Nominating chair

Melanie Bednarski as Outreach chair and EHRSLA rep

Heidi Schroeder as Resource Sharing chair and lunch extraordinaire!

Ellen O'Donnell as MDMLG rep
Gayle Williams as MDMLG rep
Andrea Kepsel as MMHSLA rep
Linda Winslow as UPHSLC rep

Leslie then awarded Mary Fitzpatrick with the Librarian of the Year Award.

12. Passing of the Gavel

President Leslie Burke passed the gavel on to incoming president Diane Gardner. Diane gave Leslie a plaque for her service. See Appendix K for Diane's speech.

13. Adjournment

Mary Hanson made motion to adjourn. Leslie Burke seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:37.

Appendix A: Archives – Yearly Report - 2012

Progress is being made on the archives digitization project. Currently 550 photos have been loaded into the pictures archives, and there are 416 documents in the print archives. Both pictures and documents are password protected for member access only. As a reminder:

- The document archives are being stored on the *Ferris Institutional Repository (FIR)*.
- The picture archives are being stored on the Ferris server using *ResourceSpace*.
- Individuals/regional groups with materials that they believe should be maintained in the archives, please contact the MHSLA Archivist, Ali Konieczny.

Once you have obtained the members only password for MHSLA Archives, which will be disseminated to the members-only mailing list, please take a look at the documents and pictures that are available. Regarding the picture archives, please perform a search on *unknown* so that group knowledge can be harnessed to identify individuals, events, etc. that are not identified. All individuals with the password to the picture archives will be able to tag the photos.

Because of the time demands of the scanning project, collective wisdom is being sought regarding ways to harness the association's collective power to expedite scanning.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Konieczny, MHSLA Archivist

Appendix B: Treasurer's Report

Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association Profit & Loss

September 7, 2011 - October 16, 2012

	Total
Income	
2008 Conference Fees	400.00
2011 Conference Income	9,001.00
2011 Conference Income - Vendor	1,100.00
2012 Conference - Income	12,168.46
2012 Conference - Income - Vendor Sponsorship	100.00
2012 Conference - Vendor - Income	9,200.00
Membership Dues	4,059.92
Total Income	\$36,029.38
Gross Profit	\$36,029.38
Expenses	
2011 Conference	20,207.32
2012 Conference - Expense	933.99
2013 Conference - Expense	2,325.00
Bank Charges	0.98
Dues & Subscriptions	475.00
Education - Professional	1,135.00
Insurance	190.00
Meals and Entertainment	853.83
Office Expenses	43.00
Promotional	1,180.00
Rent or Lease	300.00
Shipping, Freight & Delivery	452.94
Stationery & Printing	110.18
Taxes & Licenses	40.00
Total Expenses	\$28,247.24
Net Operating Income	\$7,782.14
Net Income	\$7,782.14

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Treasurer Final Report October 2012 (Part 2)

Certificate of Deposit:

10/16/12 \$15,319.77

Total in Checking Acct = \$40,012.06 (10-16-12)

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Turner
MHSLA Treasurer

Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association General Ledger

September 14 - October 16, 2012

Date	Type	Num	Name	Memo/Description	Split	Amount	Balance
Checking							
	Beginning Balance						30,430.17
09/14/2012	Deposit		Cash		2008 Conference Fees	400.00	30,830.17
09/18/2012	Check	848	Heidi Schroeder	Board lunch	Meals and Entertainment	-117.01	30,713.16
09/18/2012	Check	850	Michigan Library Association	Conference Exhibit table Outreach & Advocacy	Promotional	-1,180.00	29,533.16
09/19/2012	Check	849	Diane Gartner	printing for Outreach & Advocacy	Stationery & Printing	-85.87	29,447.29
09/21/2012	Deposit		Voided Check		2011 Conference	100.00	29,537.29
09/21/2012	Check	851	MCLS		Rent or Lease	-50.00	29,487.29
09/24/2012	Deposit		Cash		-SPLIT-	2,670.00	32,157.29
09/28/2012	Check	Bank Charge	Cash	PayPal currency conversion	Bank Charges	-0.98	32,156.31
10/06/2012	Check	Debit	Michael's		2012 Conference - Expense	-26.47	32,129.84
10/06/2012	Deposit		Cash		2012 Conference - Vendor - Income	500.00	32,629.84
10/08/2012	Check	852	MCLS		Taxes & Licenses	-20.00	32,609.84
10/10/2012	Deposit		Cash		2012 Conference - Vendor - Income	1,250.00	33,859.84
10/12/2012	Check	853	UDM		2012 Conference - Expense	-16.80	33,843.04
10/13/2012	Check	Debit	Lowe's		2012 Conference - Expense	-5.30	33,837.74
10/15/2012	Check	854	Gina Hug		2012 Conference - Expense	-135.42	33,702.32
10/16/2012	Check	855	Margaret Spilker		2012 Conference - Expense	-250.00	33,452.32
10/16/2012	Deposit		PayPal		-SPLIT-	6,559.74	40,012.06
Total for Checking						\$9,581.89	
Certificate of Deposit							
	Beginning Balance						12,500.48

Date	Type	Num	Name	Memo/Description	Split	Amount	Balance
Total for Certificate of Deposit							
Opening Balance Equity							
	Beginning						59,960.12
	Balance						
Total for Opening Balance Equity							
Retained Earnings							
	Beginning						-26,303.84
	Balance						
Total for Retained Earnings							
2008 Conference Fees							
09/14/2012	Deposit		Cash	Outstanding check from Indiana University	Checking	400.00	400.00
Total for 2008 Conference Fees						\$400.00	
2012 Conference - Income							
	Beginning						3,148.72
	Balance						
09/24/2012	Deposit		Cash		Checking	2,580.00	5,728.72
10/16/2012	Deposit		PayPal		Checking	6,439.74	12,168.46
Total for 2012 Conference - Income						\$9,019.74	
2012 Conference - Income - Vendor Sponsorship							
	Beginning						100.00
	Balance						
Total for 2012 Conference - Income - Vendor Sponsorship							
2012 Conference - Vendor - Income							
	Beginning						7,450.00
	Balance						
10/06/2012	Deposit		Cash	NEJM	Checking	500.00	7,950.00
10/10/2012	Deposit		Cash	Repayment from MDMLG PayPal acct	Checking	1,250.00	9,200.00
Total for 2012 Conference - Vendor - Income						\$1,750.00	
Membership Dues							
	Beginning						3,520.66
	Balance						
09/24/2012	Deposit		Cash		Checking	90.00	3,610.66
10/16/2012	Deposit		PayPal		Checking	120.00	3,730.66
Total for Membership Dues						\$210.00	
2011 Conference							
09/21/2012	Deposit		Voided Check	World Orphans check never cashed from 2011 conference scholarship winner #827	Checking	-100.00	-100.00
Total for 2011 Conference						\$ -100.00	
2012 Conference - Expense							
	Beginning						500.00
	Balance						
10/06/2012	Check	Debit	Michael's	foam core boards + adhesive for signage	Checking	26.47	526.47

Date	Type	Num	Name	Memo/Description	Split	Amount	Balance
10/12/2012	Check	853	UDM	UDM School of Architecture printing of conference signage	Checking	16.80	543.27
10/13/2012	Check	Debit	Lowe's	Mums - table decorations for Opening Reception	Checking	5.30	548.57
10/15/2012	Check	854	Gina Hug	gift card + candy	Checking	135.42	683.99
10/16/2012	Check	855	Margaret Spliker	Band - Odd Enough - Opening Reception	Checking	250.00	933.99
Total for 2012 Conference - Expense						\$433.99	
2013 Conference - Expense							
Beginning Balance							2,325.00
Total for 2013 Conference - Expense							
Bank Charges							
09/28/2012	Check	Bank Charge	Cash		Checking	0.98	0.98
Total for Bank Charges						\$0.98	
Dues & Subscriptions							
Beginning Balance							475.00
Total for Dues & Subscriptions							
Education - Professional							
Beginning Balance							395.00
Total for Education - Professional							
Insurance							
Beginning Balance							190.00
Total for Insurance							
Meals and Entertainment							
Beginning Balance							458.14
09/18/2012	Check	848	Heidi Schroeder	Board lunch	Checking	117.01	575.15
Total for Meals and Entertainment						\$117.01	
Office Expenses							
Beginning Balance							43.00
Total for Office Expenses							
Promotional							
09/18/2012	Check	850	Michigan Library Association	Conference Exhibit table Outreach & Advocacy	Checking	1,180.00	1,180.00
Total for Promotional						\$1,180.00	
Rent or Lease							
Beginning Balance							200.00
09/21/2012	Check	851	MCLS	9/18/12 Board mtg	Checking	50.00	250.00
Total for Rent or Lease						\$50.00	

Date	Type	Num	Name	Memo/Description	Split	Amount	Balance
Shipping, Freight & Delivery							
	Beginning Balance						358.87
Total for Shipping, Freight & Delivery							
Stationery & Printing							
09/18/2012	Check	849	Diane Gardner	printing for Outreach & Advocacy	Checking	95.87	95.87
Total for Stationery & Printing						<u>\$95.87</u>	
Taxes & Licenses							
10/08/2012	Check	852	MCLS	non-profit filing fee	Checking	20.00	20.00
Total for Taxes & Licenses						<u>\$20.00</u>	

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Appendix C

MHSLA Annual General Meeting 2012 Local Arrangements Report

The Local Arrangements preparations for the Annual Conference are complete. As of the latest report from the Registration Subcommittee Chair, Ellen O'Donnell, there are 70 registrants. As of the latest report from the Vendor Subcommittee Chair, Mike Simmons, there are 17 exhibitors.

Thank you to the Education Committee for the informative CE that was very well received yesterday.

We were glad to see so many attendees at the Welcome Reception last night. There was great food, great music, and great company.

Preliminary comments about the hotel have been positive.

You can still buy extra tickets to the Special Event at the Tin Fish until 1 pm today. After the Special Event, there will be an afterparty in Suite 269. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

Finally, thank you to the Local Arrangements Subcommittee Chairs and members for all of the hard work they have done to bring you this year's conference.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gina Hug & Toni Janik
Local Arrangements Co-Chairs 2012

Appendix D

2012 Annual Membership Report

Total Memberships as of October 9, 2012

50 - Institutional Memberships

64 - Personal Memberships

14 – Dual Memberships

128 - Members

Respectfully submitted October 17, 2012

By Sharon Williams

2012 MHSLA Membership Chair

Appendix E

Outreach & Advocacy Annual Report 2012

The committee included Melanie Bednarski as chair, Diane Gardner, Mary Fitzpatrick, and Heidi Schroeder. This year Melanie and Diane exhibited at the Flint Area Medical Education day in downtown Flint, the MHSLA poster that was used was the same one from last year only fixed up a bit.

Also this year in November, Melanie has made arrangements to exhibit at the Michigan Library Association in Dearborn. I received an Exhibit award from the GMR, so I will be featuring NLM services as well MHSLA advantages. Mary Fitzpatrick has agreed to come and relieve me from my table in between sessions she is attending. I will be highlighting our membership advantages, our past consumer health offerings, and telling everyone how wonderful MHSLA members are.

Finally, we worked really hard to get the survey of the membership out this year. We had 44 people answer some of the questions, of those 44, only 38 people completed the survey and. Here are some of the highlights, 68% of the respondents were not AHIP members nor were they interested in being a mentor. The Education committee was the most popular choice for membership; it was tied with NO committees at 33%. A resounding 71% said no to serving on multiple, simultaneous committees. As for being a chairperson 59% said no. One possible reason for these responses is that 75% of the members said they have served on a committee in the last 5-10 years.

A majority of participants were not interested in any elected positions (63.9%), nor were they interested in any appointed positions (78.4%). Of the 63.9%, 50% answered were not interested in running for any office ever. These responses could be as such because 62.9% have held elected positions in the last 5-10 years.

Travel for board meetings, institutional support, and communication barriers did not seem to influence their decisions. For those people who commented at the end of the survey, time was the biggest hindrance to participation.

The survey told us pretty much what we already knew. People who have been participating for years are getting burned out and the newer people haven't felt comfortable enough to step up.

MHSLA is an organization set up by librarians, run by librarians, for librarians, so if more librarians do not try to get involved then MHSLA will no longer exist. Many current board members are on multiple committees, including being the chair, it is not about greed or egotism, what it is about is necessity. The longer members hold multiple positions, the quicker they could burn out.

Outreach & Advocacy is doing what it can to promote the organization and try to recruit new members. If anyone has any ideas about what Outreach & Advocacy could be doing please let one of us know.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Bednarski, Outreach & Advocacy Chair 2011-2012

Appendix F

Annual Communications Report 2011

This year the communications group edited and published 3 issues of the MHSLA newsletter. Our group also maintained and updated the MHSLA website. Mike Simmons has stepped aside as webmaster for MHSLA, and is training his replacement Andrea Kepsel.

Respectfully submitted,

Abraham Wheeler

Communications Chair 2012

Appendix G

**RESOURCE SHARING COMMITTEE
2012 ANNUAL REPORT**

2011-2012 Resource Sharing Committee:
John Coffey, Heidi Schroeder (Chair)

MHSLA DOCLINE Group

The Committee has continued to support free resource sharing by maintaining the MHSLA DOCLINE Group (for institutional members of MHSLA). There are currently 51 MHSLA institutional members included in the MHSLA DOCLINE Group.

NLM Duplicates

This year, the committee distributed over 245 NLM Duplicate Books from three shipments (as well as leftover titles from previous shipments) to many MHSLA member libraries for free. The NLM Duplicate Books Program has continued to be very well received by MHLA Members.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heidi Schroeder, Resource Sharing Chair

Appendix H

GROUP PURCHASING SUBCOMMITTEE 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

2011-2012 Group Purchasing Subcommittee Members:

Marilyn Kostrzewski

Susan Kendall

Nadia Lalla, Chair

Janet Zimmerman

Status of MHSLA/MCLS Stat!Ref Renewals

Our sole project this year was to negotiate the 2012-2013 MHSLA/ MCLS Stat!Ref renewal.

We deleted the following titles due to low use:

Environment of Care Essentials for Health Care

Meeting the Joint Commission's 2012 National Patient Safety Goal

We added the following titles:

Lippincott Manual of Nursing Practice

Lippincott's Nursing Procedures

The Washington Manual of Medical Therapeutics

Delisa's Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation: Principles and Practice

Greenfield's Surgery: Scientific Principles & Practice

All other titles remained the same.

This year, one library joined (Oakland University) and four libraries cancelled or were merged:

Mount Carmel Health Science Library

Northern Michigan Regional Hospital

St. Joseph Mercy (Oakland)

St. Mary Mercy (Livonia)

The renewal price was ultimately split among 45 libraries. After some wrangling, the per library price was \$2656.22 or \$148.69 increase over last year. The savings are substantial. The total cost per library for these titles would be over \$14,000. As it is, we share 25 concurrent users.

Invoicing was sent to all libraries.

Anticipated Difficulties for Next Year's Stat!Ref Negotiations

1. Teton's new pricing model is to solicit a list of titles, then offer pricing for an entire package. This resulted in a lot of back and forth between the Committee and Teton as we proposed title changes and then had to wait for pricing. Teton's position is that this model prevents customers

from price-hopping, i.e., seeing if another vendor can offer a better price. The Committee reiterated that this was not a common nor welcome practice and that we didn't like it.

2. Individual hospital libraries are becoming part of larger health system libraries. This reduces the number of institutional members who can participate. The MHSLA Board is exploring alternative solutions that can offer equitable pricing for all participants.

Composition of Committee 2012-2013

Effective with the end of the 2012 MHSLA Annual Meeting, Nadia Lalla will no longer be chair or a member of the Group Purchasing Committee due to professional activities elsewhere. Janet Zimmerman has likewise decided to withdraw from the Committee after several years of service. Marilyn Kostrewski has also indicated that she will end her participation by the end of 2012.

To ensure continuity and a smooth transition, Nadia will remain on the Committee through December 2012. If you are interested on serving, please notify Nadia (nadiamar@umich.edu) or the MHSLA Board.

Appreciations

I would like to thank Janet, Marilyn, and Susan for

- their tireless participation and willingness to review "just one more" list of titles and pricing options.
- their sense of humor throughout at least one eyebrow-raising conference call
- their unwavering commitment to arrive at the best package possible for MHSLA members.

I would like to single out Marilyn and Janet who have served on this committee for many, many years. Their expertise will be missed.

Respectfully submitted,
Nadia Lalla
Group Purchasing Chair

Appendix I

M-MHSLA Rep Report
Annual Meeting 2012
Submitted by Andrea Kepsel

The last M-MHSLA meeting was held September 14, 2012.

- In the last year 4 new members have joined, for a total of 14 members.
- Elections are being held for 2013 for President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Representative to the MHSLA Board. Results will be announced at the November meeting.
- The MMHSLA website is up to date and is available at <http://mhsla.org/mmhsl/>.
- Planning for the 2014 conference has begun. Considering 3 different venues – the Kellogg Center in East Lansing, the East Lansing Marriott, or the Comfort Inn in Mt. Pleasant.
- Some M-MHSLA members have expressed interest in establishing a consumer health program. In August 6 members met to share ideas and begin plans for the program. Will start small with groups we already have contact with, and try to expand as need and interest grow. Currently interested in hearing from those who have successfully implemented similar programs in the past.
- The next M-MHSLA meeting will be held November 16, 2012.

Appendix J

Western Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association Annual Report 2012

WMHSLA will be hosting the 2013 conference, and most meetings in the past year have focused on this event. Much progress has been made on the conference planning, and the following has been determined:

- **Conference Dates:** October 16 – 18, 2013
- **Conference Hotel:** Holiday Inn Grand Rapids Downtown
- **Meeting Rooms:** Eberhard Center

Additionally, the keynote speaker has been determined and many ideas have been provided to the 2013 Education Committee for conference programming.

Conference committee assignments are as follows:

- **Education Committee:** Mary Fitzpatrick, Andrea Kepsel, Connie Bongiorno
- **Accommodations Committee:** Brett Powers, Lois Dye, Sandy Swanson, Judy Schroeder, and Mary Hanson
- **Hospitality Committee:** Brett Powers, Lois Dye, Judy Schroeder
- **Registration Committee:** Jennifer Barlow, Barb Platts, Diane Hummel
- **Publicity/Publications Committee:** Sandy Swanson, Leslie Burke
- **Vendor Committee:** Standing committee members (Ali Konieczny, John Coffey, Jill Van Buskirk), and Leslie Burke

WMHSLA met five times during the past year:

- January 26 (Wege Center – 2013 Conference Planning)
- March 20 (Wege Center – 2013 Conference Planning)
- April 18 (Wege Center – Webcast - *Leveraging Mobile Technologies for Health Sciences Libraries*)
- August 3 (Traverse Area District Library – Unconference & 2013 Conference Planning)
- September 21 (Wege Center – Conference Planning with a focus on educational planning).

The “Unconference” coordinated by Sandy Swanson was a great success and provided a wonderful format for sharing ideas and learning.

Our next meeting is not currently scheduled, but it is time for elections to determine the President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer – all two-year terms.

Current officers of WMHSLA are:

President – Alison Konieczny

President-Elect – Mary Hanson

Secretary – Leslie Burke

Treasurer – Sandy Swanson

Connie Bongiorno has volunteered to be our Webmaster.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Konieczny

WMHSLA President

Appendix K - Diane Gardner Speech

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent MHSLA for the next year.

At a workshop I attended about two years ago we were asked to come up with a slogan that describes us and I came up with “creates order out of chaos”. Not too bad for a librarian. But you need to understand that at a past MHSLA conference we were asked to name a song that could be our personal theme and mine was “another one bites the dust”. I am not sure how it all ties together but it works for me.

In the past we have had the person standing at the podium talk to us about leadership and volunteerism as well as other topics. I would like to talk about change. I believe change is inevitable. But in the next few years we could see some interesting changes in healthcare. Will they be good or bad – that will depend on the individual. We have already seen the initial change of information being provided from print to electronic resources and the chaos that comes about when the power grid or internet goes down. But we have also seen the good that comes when a local surgeon deployed to a field hospital in Iraq uses his internet time to request a literature search from his local hospital library back home. He notified us later that the information he received from Michigan helped save the eyesight of one of our servicemen in Iraq. It is those stories that help remind us that we are just one spot on this web of information. As change occurs being part of MHSLA becomes even more important, especially if you are a small library, because you have this entire network of people to assist you.

So I am not going to stand up here and ask you to volunteer more of your time. I am not going to ask you to be a leader for your organization. But I am going to ask you to pay your dues on time. Give the person doing membership the courtesy of not having to track you down at the last minute. Give our Group Purchasing committee the ability to say we have this many current members rather than having to guess on who will be renewing. Give the people who have taken the time to be on a committee the ability to do their jobs with the least amount of trouble. So mark your calendars, make a note in your planners, set a goal to – pay your MHSLA dues by June 1, 2013. I would love to see a report at the July board meeting that 100% of the renewals have been received.

By doing just that one small thing you will have helped this organization and our committees work more effectively towards supporting our Medical Libraries.

Thank you again for giving me this opportunity to represent MHSLA and I look forward to seeing the board members at the November meeting and the rest of the membership in Grand Rapids next year.