

**MICHIGAN HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
September 27, 1999  
Michigan Athletic Club**

<b>Affiliated Groups</b>	<b><u>P</u></b>	<b><u>A</u></b>		
Eastern Regional Health Sciences Libraries Association	X		Diane Hummel	President
Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group	X		Doreen Bradley	President-Elect; Conference Planning
Michigan Association of Consumer Health Information Specialists		X	Ken Nelson	Immediate Past President
Mid-Michigan Health Sciences Libraries	X		Jennifer Barlow	Secretary
	X		Ellen O'Donnell	Treasurer
Northern Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Group		X	Maureen Watson	Archivist
		X	Lea Ann McGaugh	Audit Committee; Research Committee
Upper Peninsula Health Sciences Libraries Consortium	X		Mary Hanson	Bylaws Committee
Western Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association	X		Betty Marshall	Collection Development Committee
		X	Mary Jo Wyels	Collection Development Committee
		X	Barbara Kormelink	Document Delivery Committee
		X	Stephanie John	Education Committee; GMR Rep
	X		Valeria Long	Education Committee
	X		Sandy Swanson	Local Arrangements Committee; WMHSLA
	X		Mike Simmons	Membership Committee
	X		Joan Emahiser	Nominating Committee; MDMLG
	X		Leslie Behm	Publications Committee
		X	Leona Williams	Research Committee
		X	Laura Friesen-Lynn	Technology Committee
	X		Doris Blauet	ERHSLA
	X		Alexia Estabrook	MDMLG
	X		John Coffey	M-MHSL
		X	Marge Kars	MACHIS
		X	Norma Powers	NMHSLG

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the previous two meetings needed to be approved. Sandy Swanson moved that the minutes of our May meeting be approved as distributed. Joan Emahiser seconded, and the motion carried. Alexia Estabrook moved that the minutes of our July meeting be approved as distributed. Doris Blauet seconded, and the motion carried.

**Archivist's Report**

Doreen Bradley shipped the MHSLA archives (in twenty-two boxes!) to the new Archivist, Maureen Watson.

**Treasurer's Report**

Ellen O'Donnell distributed her annual report. Our bank balance as of August 25, 1999 was \$37,674.70. Alexia Estabrook moved to approve the report as submitted, Valeria Long seconded, and the motion carried.

**Audit Committee**

No report at this time.

**Bylaws Committee**

Leslie Behm drafted and distributed the proposed bylaws revision. This amendment would allow Board members to designate an alternate for a specific Board meeting in writing, in advance of the meeting. The intent is to improve attendance at Board meetings so we don't have problems establishing a quorum. The membership will vote on this proposal at the business meeting next month.

**Collection Development Committee**

Betty Marshall has revised the unique holdings database again. She printed lists of unique titles for Mercy General (Oak campus) and St. Joseph's in Mt. Clements. Betty sent the database to Leslie Behm for mounting on the MHSLA web site.

**Conference Planning Committee**

Doreen Bradley reported that we are at 134 registrants for the conference, which is a good enrollment. Twenty-four vendors have registered as well, and the block of hotel rooms we reserved has been oversold.

Mike Simmons asked for a copy of the vendor list to put up on the conference web site.

**Education Committee**

Valeria Long reported a switch in speakers for Friday lunch at the conference. We now have a speaker on nutraceuticals lined up. Also, the session on "Deciphering the L's" will now be presented by James Droscha from the Library of Michigan. Valeria will be doing a trial run of the videoconferencing equipment tomorrow with staff at the remote sites. This teleconference continuing education course is a first for us and Valeria hopes it goes well.

Regarding other Education Committee projects, they are discussion co-hosting NLM's Molecular Biology class, perhaps in Ann Arbor. There are two versions of this class available, one geared for scientists and the other for librarians.

#### **Local Arrangements Committee**

Sandy Swanson said that at this point the Committee is dealing with details. An EOS Users' Group breakfast meeting has been added for Friday. Attendees will reimburse MHSLA. Let Anne Shaner in Saginaw know if you want to come.

A sample conference bag was passed around for the Board to see. The Greater Midwest Region made a contribution toward the cost of the bags, and their logo appears on one side.

#### **Document Delivery Committee**

Barbara Kormelink has retired. A new Chair for the Document Delivery Committee is being sought.

#### **Membership Committee**

Mike Simmons said he is still trying to make the electronic membership database work properly on the web site. He's updating the file with the latest data and he is looking at revising the membership form.

Valeria Long inquired if MHSLA has a presence at the Michigan Library Association annual meeting. Public librarians who deal with health questions might be interested in joining, or at least participating in our conference. Mike said the current president of MLA works at Michigan State University, it would be easy to contact her to explore opportunities for collaboration. MHSLA could offer programming geared for public librarians at our conference, or we could make a presentation at their conference.

#### **Nominating Committee**

Joan Emahiser reported on the election results. One hundred three ballots were returned and counted by the committee, consisting of Joan, Nancy Bulgarelli and Jean Gilbert. Our new President-Elect is Doris Blauet. Diana Balint is the new Secretary. Nominating Committee will consist of Norma Powers, Alexia Estabrook, and Melba Moss (Chair).

#### **Publications Committee**

Leslie Behm sent out the final newsletter of the year last month. It included the membership directory. The committee is still working on a marketing project, to be pursued next year.

#### **Research Committee**

Leslie Behm reported that half of the survey data has been entered onto the computer. She hopes to tabulate the data and have a preliminary report ready for the next Board meeting.

#### **Technology Committee**

Mike Simmons reported that there are currently four electronic discussion groups underway. They are going along nicely. Mike has not followed up on getting the increased licensure for Web Crossing, but will do so after the annual conference.

## **Regional Group Reports**

ERHSLA – Doris Blauet said they have not met since Barbara Kormelink's going-away party.

MDMLG – Alexia Estabrook reported that their first business meeting of the year took place last week. They had Dorothy Hill speak – her first public speaking engagement since Alfred Brandon passed away. Ms. Hill made some powerful analogies regarding books vs. bytes. She doesn't like the Internet because it is not peer-reviewed or quality-filtered.

MDMLG is no longer producing a print newsletter, but instead will mount an electronic version on its newly revamped web site. Alexia continues to tweak the web site and would welcome any feedback. The new URL is <http://www.mdmlg.org>; it offers links to DOCLINE, TYMNET and QuickDOC. MDMLG will also be relocating their listserv.

Their November speaker will be Judy Field, giving a talk on "Marketing the Library."

MACHIS – Mary Hanson reported that Marge Kars got an electronic journal club going.

M-MHSL – John Coffey reported that their last meeting took place on September 16. Michael Seale talked about copyright issues. Doris Asher is retiring from Sparrow; she has been Secretary of M-MHSL and plans to continue with the group. Their next meeting takes place on November 3 at Ingham.

John also mentioned that Michigan State University will be providing Web access to MD Consult and STAT!-Ref for anyone with MSU pilot IDs. Ellen O'Donnell added that St. John is doing a one-year trial of MD Consult for a research project. MD Consult contains all the W.B. Saunders *Clinics* titles in full text from 1995 on.

NMHSLG – Norma Powers sent word that she has met with the new librarian at Northern Michigan Hospital, Anne Foster. Anne is coming from Indiana University and is new to hospital librarianship. She went through high school in Petoskey, and her parents recently retired there, so she has ties to the area.

UPHSLC – No report.

WMHSLA – Sandy Swanson said they have all been working on the conference. Betty Marshall reported an area code change for Muskegon County and areas directly north. The area code is now 231.

GMR – No report at this time.

### **Old Business**

No old business was raised.

### **New Business**

Leslie Behm announced that MSU Libraries have received a Technology Awareness grant. They are planning a conference for June 1-2, 2000 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. This will be a joint effort with the Michigan Osteopathic Association. The focus is on communication mechanisms for practitioners (e.g. e-mail, chat rooms). It will be similar to last year's "Bridging

the Millennium” conference held in Minneapolis. Leslie hopes MHSLA would be willing to contribute some money toward the conference. They anticipate about 100 attendees.

Diane Hummel raised the question of discounting MHSLA conference and membership fees. We have had inquiries from students, poster presenters, and emeritus members (MHSLA members recently retired from their positions) regarding a discounted conference rate. Several Board members observed that this issue has been raised before and is covered in the Education Committee handbook. We have never offered student rates for the conference, and poster presenters do not get a discount either. Leslie Behm thinks that panelists may be entitled to a reduced conference rate. She will check her copy of the Education Committee handbook for guidelines. Valeria Long mentioned that she has never seen the Education Committee handbook; it would have been very useful to her in planning the conference. No one seems to know where the handbook is. Diane Hummel will ask Maureen Watson to check the archives. The handbook needs to be located, then we will check the guidelines and determine if they need to be revised.

For this conference it is too late to offer discounts, but this question could be a topic of discussion for the business meeting. There are a number of arguments against offering discounts: “emeritus” could be hard to define, and conference and membership fees are already very low.

The Board discussed ways to promote student development and encourage their participation in the Association. Mike Simmons suggested that the annual conference may not be the best venue for students’ professional development. Better results would come from one-on-one mentoring relationships. Several MHSLA members indicated on their membership form that they are willing to mentor; perhaps we could contact Lynda Baker at Wayne State to set these mentors up with students. Leslie Behm observed that MDMLG would have to bear the brunt of this responsibility. Students don’t want to have to travel very far from Detroit to do their work. Lynda Baker does have good systems in place for putting students into internships and mentoring situations around Detroit. Perhaps the best MHSLA could do is offer a list of locations outside the metropolitan Detroit area that are willing to sponsor interns. The question was referred to the Publications Committee’s Marketing Subcommittee (Leslie and Diane) for further recommendations.

Doreen Bradley announced the 1999-2000 committee chairs who have been selected so far:

Bylaws – Mary Hanson

Collection Development – Betty Marshall

Conference Planning – Doris Blauet

Local Arrangements – Norma Powers

Membership – Mike Simmons

Nominating – Melba Moss

Publications – Leslie Behm

Openings are still available to chair the Audit, Education, Document Delivery, Research, and Technology Committees.

Doreen Bradley then set the date for our next meeting. It will take place in Traverse City at the Park Place Hotel, Friday, November 5, 1999. The Conference Planning Committee will meet at 9:00 and the Board will meet at 10:00. Rooms are available at the Park Place for \$65 a night.

Diane Hummel and Leslie Behm reported on the Access Michigan Electronic Community Health Information Initiative (AMECHII). This group, convened by Harvery Brenneise, met at the Michigan Public Health Institute in July, August, and September to brainstorm. They want to provide full-text access to health information. They're working on a planning grant to be submitted to the Kellogg Foundation in November. The project will be very costly. It complements the "Life Sciences Corridor" project which is focusing on technological infrastructure for a narrow band across the state. AMECHII focuses on information resources and its mandate is state-wide. Diane will present an update on AMECHII at the MHSLA business meeting next week.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Barlow, MHSLA Secretary