



**MICHIGAN HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
September 16, 1998
Thomas Edison Inn, Port Huron**

Affiliated Groups	<u>P</u>	<u>A</u>		
Eastern Regional Health Sciences Libraries Association	P	A		
Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group	X		Ken Nelson	President; UPHSLC
Michigan Association of Consumer Health Information Specialists	X		Diane Hummel	President Elect; Conference Planning
Mid-Michigan Health Sciences Libraries	X		Deborah Adams	Immediate Past President
Northern Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Group	X		Jennifer Barlow	Secretary
Upper Peninsula Health Sciences Libraries Consortium	X	X	Rosemary Whelan	Archivist
Western Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association	X		Debbie Jankowski Porter	Treasurer
	X		Lea Ann McGaugh	Audit Committee; Research Committee
	X		Mary Hanson	Bylaws Committee
	X		Betty Marshall	Collection Development Committee; WMHSLA
	X		Mary Jo Wyels	Collection Development Committee
	X		Barbara Kormelink	Document Delivery Committee
	X		Alexander Lyubechansky	Education Committee
	X		Sandy Swanson	Education Committee
		X	Bonnie Swegles	Local Arrangements Committee
	X		Mike Simmons	Membership Committee
	X		John Coffey	Nominating Committee; M-MHSL
	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		Joan Emahiser	MDMLG
	X		Marge Kars	MACHIS
	X		Norma Powers	NMHSLG
	X		Stephanie John	GMR Regional Council

New Board Members and Guests in Attendance

Doreen Bradley, Ellen O'Donnell, Jean Sayre, Angela Taylor.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Norma Powers requested the following change in the minutes of our May 19 meeting: on page 3, first paragraph, replace the sentence "SilverPlatter has already promised \$600 toward their Lunch & Learn ..." with "SilverPlatter is picking up the bill for their Lunch & Learn." The minutes were approved as corrected.

Election Results

John Coffey announced the election results. Doreen Bradley is our new President-Elect; Ellen O'Donnell is Treasurer-Elect; the new Nominating Committee consists of Joan Emahiser (Chair), Marge Kars, and Martha Studaker. John expressed thanks to his Committee and to everyone who was willing to run.

Old Business

Ad Hoc Committee for Recognition of Distinguished Service

No report at this time.

Technology Committee's Report on Journal Club

Laura Friesen-Lynn and Mike Simmons reported on their efforts to set up an electronic Journal Club. This project is still in the planning stage. They have looked at a few software programs, but all seem to have drawbacks. AOL Messenger is a freeware program they have considered. It works with a browser and does not require AOL membership, but we would each have to manually add all the Journal Club members to our "buddies" lists. Archiving would be difficult, and this program would require synchronous participation. Board members generally felt that arranging a time for everyone to be online would not be practical.

Another option is a program called WebTalk developed at MSU. This would allow for asynchronous participation. Mike has been trying to negotiate an arrangement for us with MSU's computer department, but MSU has some qualms. They are concerned about how much CPU time we will take up with our Journal Club discussions, and they are also dubious about helping a group that is not an official MSU affiliate. (However, Barbara Kormelink pointed out that we provide a lot of assistance to their faculty, medical students and residents.) Mike will pursue the WebTalk possibility, as it seems the most likely prospect. We may still run into trouble due to the many different kinds of Internet connections our members use - WebTalk requires that participants use a new version of Internet Explorer or Netscape.

New Business

GMR Update

Jean Sayre from the Greater Midwest Region, National Network of Libraries of Medicine, introduced her new staff member, Angela Taylor. Angela is Outreach Coordinator for Michigan as well as North and South Dakota. Jean is now Acting Director following the departure of Elaine Martin. A search is on for a permanent Director.

Ken Nelson asked about the status of ELHILL. Jean has been told by NLM officials that "ELHILL will be up as long as it needs to be up." Jean believes that, while ELHILL will be coming down sometime in 1999, all essential databases will be available via PubMed before ELHILL folds. Some concern was expressed about the reliability of the Internet as a mechanism for accessing the databases. NLM is watching this closely. Use of the NLM databases has skyrocketed since they became available on the Web. Forty-five percent of this usage is coming from overseas.

In other NLM news:

- Lois Ann Colaianni will be retiring at the end of the year.
- All users who telnet to NLM must move to browser access by 1999.
- PubMed will eventually be one huge database, not separated by topic.
- Libraries will eventually be able to do their own SERHOLD updating through the Web.
- Loansome Doc use has increased since it became available on the Web. Some libraries have been overwhelmed by user requests and have stopped participating. GMR is aware of the problem that "rogue patrons" cause when they call libraries directly, demanding service, but there is little they can do to stop this behavior.
- Internet connectivity grant offers have been sent to all libraries NLM designated as "under-connected" (i.e., accessing via 14.4 modem/386 computers or less).

Jean and Angela will be presenting a GMR update to the MHSLA membership on Friday afternoon and can go into more detail on these issues if needed.

Special Reimbursement Request

Ken Nelson asked if MHSLA would be willing to reimburse him for four nights' hotel stay for this conference, instead of the traditional two nights. Ken has to travel a much greater distance than most Presidents have. As a supporting argument, he mentioned that he did not have to charge MHSLA for his lodging at the Michigan Health & Hospital Association conference. The Board agreed this was a reasonable request. Doris Blauet moved that Ken be reimbursed for four nights' lodging, Jennifer Barlow seconded, and the motion carried.

Other Discussion

Betty Marshall reported for the Collection Development Committee that she has had another computer disaster and will be submitting her report on unique journal titles a little late. The data has not been destroyed, but is inaccessible at the moment.

Mary Hanson reported for the Bylaws Committee that she and Leslie Behm would like to present a proposed bylaws change regarding the Publications Committee, but they missed the required 30-day notice to the membership. She wondered if we should table the issue for another year, or ask the membership to waive the 30-day notice requirement and vote on it tomorrow. Mary Jo Wyels moved that the Board issue a recommendation to waive the 30-day notice and settle the issue at tomorrow's business meeting. Betty Marshall seconded, and the motion passed.

Jennifer Barlow mentioned that she will miss the November Board meeting due to the impending birth of her second child. Laura Friesen-Lynn has agreed to take minutes during her absence.

Sandy Swanson announced that Carol DeJong, from Zeeland Community Hospital, is this year's conference scholarship recipient.

Mary Jo Wyels said that WMHSLA has selected a theme for next year's conference: "A Golden Bridge to the New Millenium." She distributed three draft logo ideas for the Board to review. A vote was taken to determine our preference; Mary Jo will have the winning design developed.

Diane Hummel announced the dates for the next Board meetings. All are set for Tuesdays at 10 a.m. They are: November 3, 1998 at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids; January 26, 1999 at the Michigan Athletic Club; March 23, 1999 at the Michigan Athletic Club; May 25, 1999 at the Michigan Athletic Club; July 27, 1999 at the Michigan Athletic Club. Conference Planning Committee meetings will precede the Board meetings and will begin at 9 a.m.

Norma Powers asked for suggestions regarding the location of our 2000 conference, which NMHSLG is hosting. Pros and cons of Traverse City, Petoskey, and Mackinac Island were discussed, but no consensus was reached.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Barlow
Secretary