

Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association
Executive Board Meeting
Shiffman Medical Library
Wayne State University
Friday, April 10, 1981

Report of the Education Committee

- I. The MHSLSA Education Committee met April 3, 1981 at Lansing General Hospital with James E. Crooks, Chair, leading the meeting.
- II. As a result of the April 1980 Needs Assessment Survey, a series of workshops in Effective Management Techniques for Health Sciences Librarians was sponsored through The University of Michigan School of Library Science. The third program, Performance Appraisals, was delayed because of lack of enrollment. The Chair of the Education Committee offered to the MRG/MLA Continuing Education Program Committee the Performance Appraisals workshop. This workshop will probably be included at the Conference.

- III. The Education Committee reviewed existing documents to develop new statements of purpose and activities.

The proposed Statement of Purpose is:

The MHSLSA Education Committee (i) advises and make recommendations concerning current educational interests of the MHSLSA membership to the MHSLSA Educational Conference Program Chair; and (ii) can provide information about educational programs and opportunities to local health science library groups and others.

The long-term activities under consideration include:

-to support Purpose (i):

- a. conduct periodic needs assessment survey of health science librarians in Michigan regarding their educational needs.
- b. maintain a resource file to assist the Educational Conference Chairperson.

-to support Purpose (ii):

- a. identify state and regional organizations involved in continuing library education activities.
- b. maintain resource files to assist organizations in identifying courses, workshops, and seminars.
- c. maintain liaison with local groups concerning educational activities.

Short-term activities will be identified at the next meeting this summer.

- IV. Recommendations from the Committee to the Board for action:

- 1.) Approval of Statement of Purpose for the Committee.

- 2.) Discuss and advise a change in the MHSLSA Bylaws Article III. (Committees) Section 1. (Standing Committees). no. 6 (Education Committee).

"The Education Committee shall propose and plan for coordinating educational activities (other than the educational conference) among the local groups."

-Committee thoughts:

- a.) "local groups"
Should not MHSLSA propose and plan at the State level, not the local level? All Committee members agreed that local groups most effectively could plan their own local educational programs. This does not prohibit the state organization from advising and assisting local groups through the Education Committee.
 - b.) "other than the educational conference"
Should not the Education Committee, which conducts the needs assessment survey, advise the state organization of what the membership needs are? Whom should they advise?
 - c.) "plan"
Should the Committee have a data gathering and dissemination role rather than a planning role?
- 3.) Clarify role of MICCLE representative to the Education Committee.
Should MICCLE be the responsibility of the entire Committee or of one person? What is the responsibility of the Committee regarding, for example, processing MICCLE applications from both workshop instructors and participants? What responsibility does MICCLE representative have to the Committee.
- V. Education Committee minutes of April 3, 1981 sent to MHSLSA President.
The Committee will meet in June to prepare its final report for the Board for its September meeting.

James E. Crooks, Chair
April 9, 1981