

MICHIGAN HEALTH SCIENCE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
July 17, 2001
Michigan Athletic Club, East Lansing

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by President Doris Blauet. A quorum was present.

Approval of minutes

After corrections, a motion was made by Betty Marshall and seconded by Mike Simmons that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Archivist's report

Maureen Watson will develop a poster for the 2001 Conference. Approved.

Treasurer's report

Cathy Eames provided the financial report. A motion was made by Mary Jo Wyels and seconded by Betty Marshall that the treasurer's report be accepted. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit

Lea Ann McGaugh noted that there was no report.

Bylaws

Mary Hanson had no report.

Conference planning

Mike Simmons noted that the committee met at 9am that morning.

Education committee

Mary Fitzpatrick noted that letters had been sent to presentors, contracts were in place, and audiovisual equipment ordered. Mary wondered if mentors were needed for the scholarship recipients. Discussion began as to room sharing. A name change to 'pathfinders' was suggested. Mary will draft a proposal for consideration. Joan Emahiser noted that a support staff class in book repair was planned.

Local arrangements

Leslie Behm reported that a brochure will be available shortly. A 'passport' will be generated for conference attendees requiring them to explore the art and culture of the resort as a trivia game.

Collection Development

Betty Marshall provided the disks for the MISHULS database minus university holdings. The Board applauded her efforts in this time-consuming task.

Document delivery

Diane Hummel noted that the list was soon to be available on the website.

Membership committee

Debbie Porter noted that our membership had increased by six. She provided a list of current numbers of individual and personal memberships.

Nominating committee

Mary Jo Wyels provided a copy of the official ballot. Betty Marshall and Mary Hanson will assist in ballot counting.

Publications committee

Leslie Behm noted that revisions to the web page were pending. This would include improved searching of the membership directory. The web site will be moved to a commercial site soon.

Research committee

No report at this time.

Technology committee

Harvey Brenneise reported on the ATLAS project for State-wide document delivery. The group met last week and is awaiting a consultant report. With an intent of patron-initiated interlibrary loan and a concept of a State-wide union catalog, sensitive circulation issues must be resolved. With regard to NetLibrary, contributions were received at the last minute but there was not enough time for MHSLA to become involved. It was determined that the Collection Development Committee and the Document Delivery Committee will evaluate the situation and advise the Board on what may be appropriate for MHSLA to sponsor at a later time. The grants for ARIEL workstations and CLIO software were submitted on time. A September notification is pending.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mary Jo Wyels and seconded by Betty Marshall that a web or paper survey be conducted to poll the members as to which products they would be interested in for group purchase. Motion carried.

Harvey noted that the StatRef purchase will be handled by MPHI as the fiscal agent. It will be available to all libraries in the State with 72 simultaneous user licenses. After discussion, a motion was made by Diane Hummel and seconded by Mary Hanson that this initiative be named MELhealth (Michigan Electronic Library for Health) to provide consumer recognition. Motion carried.

Harvey also reported on authentication issues and a pending survey of other library resource needs. Harvey also needs feedback on a cooperative purchase of drug-reference materials. Phone conferencing issues were discussed. Videoconferencing proved to be too expensive. The room would be changed to provide phone conferencing. Lea Ann McGaugh provided an analysis of mileage costs if the Board elects to pay mileage to those traveling more than a specified mileage. After discussion, it was decided to try a phone conference at the next meeting which will be September 18th.

Regional group reports

ERHSLA--Doris Blauet noted that the group is beginning preliminary work on the 2003 conference.

GMR Regional Council--no report

MACHIS--no report

MDMLG--Ken Nelson remarked on the success of the Summer Luncheon. He noted that Joan Emahiser will become the new representative. Audrey Bondar is planning a transitional Board meeting.

M-MHSL--Sheila Bryant reported on the conference.

NMHSLG--no report.

UPHSLC--no report.

WMHSLA--Richard Perrin was welcomed to the meeting and he stated that he felt fine.

Old business

None

New business

Leslie Behm reminded the group that annual reports are due by August 15th to be mounted on the website. Mary Hanson noted that care must be taken with e-mail communication. It was decided that a two or three day 'town meeting' could take place in e-mail where issues are discussed within a designated time frame. Discussion centered on the question as to how much money the Board can spend without member approval. Mary Hanson will draft a proposal for an e-mail vote. Leslie Behm is planning the conference mailing for after Labor Day. It was noted that conference subsidies should be discussed at the next meeting.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 1:10pm. Next meeting, Sept 18, 2001 at Michigan Athletic Club, East Lansing.

Respectfully submitted,



Diana Balint, secretary