



Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association

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Affiliated Groups

Flint Area Health Sciences Library Network

Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group

Mid-Michigan Health Sciences Libraries

Northern Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Group

South Central Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association

Upper Peninsula Health Science Libraries Consortium

Valley Regional Health Science Librarians

Western Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association

MEMBERSHIP

On August 18, the Association received the resignation of Pearl Ann Miller as Chairperson of the M.H.S.L.A. Legislative Committee. Brian Simmons was appointed as Chairperson to complete her term.

LEGISLATION

The Medical Library Assistance Act was reauthorized at \$7.5 million. The cost recovery amendment attached to the bill was defeated. The defeated amendment would have required the NLM to recover full cost for its information services. The private information industry will continue to attempt to reduce the government role in providing bio-medical information to the public. The MLA and this committee will oppose legislation that attempts to limit the role of the National Library of Medicine in providing health care information.

In the state capitol, the committee supported two bills now pending in the House. One bill would transfer control of the state library from the Executive to the Legislative branch of government. The other bill would provide a method for funding a state library-museum-archives building.

On May 19, committee members participated in the Michigan Library Association's Legislative Day in Lansing. This event gave members the opportunity to meet and lobby legislators on important library related legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Simmons