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Dear Carole:

Per our conversation of last week, I would like to agree to serve as MHSLA liaison to the Continuing Education Program of the University of Michigan's School of Library Science. I will plan to contact Professor Joan Durrance regarding the development of programs which are planned.

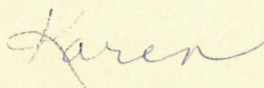
In addition, I would like to ask for Executive Committee direction regarding the role of the Education Committee to: 1) the annual MHSLA Education Conference; and, 2) the Medical Library Association and its continuing education courses. According to the original charge, the activities of the Committee excluded the Association's educational conference and concentrated on the local groups. While I do not suggest that the Education Committee formally work with the Conference Committee on this year's course planning, I would suggest that future Conference Committees utilize the work of the Education Committee in at least an advisory capacity. One of our goals is to seek affiliation with organizations involved in continuing education activities. It seems logical that any Committee accomplishments should service the entire Association, especially when the Conference presents a greater number of people with the opportunity to attend educational activities. My concern regarding the point is simply that I would like the Committee's statement of objectives to accurately reflect the Association's intentions.

I also would like the Executive Board to consider what role the Education Committee should have in relation to MLA. I am not familiar enough with MLA structure to know whether a mechanism exists within MLA to work with educational advisory groups at the state level. I would be happy to consider any suggestions regarding MLA.

I also appreciate the Board's approval to expand the size of the Committee, and its recommendations of candidates. Our membership now includes Michael Homan, Beth Knox, Janet Parsch, and Robin Rand, ex-officio. I hope also to add one more member by mid-January.

Please feel free to contact me if you need more information. I hope to have a firm committee in the very near future so that we can conduct the needs assessment survey soon after February 1 as the first phase of our activities.

Sincerely Yours,



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