

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF
CONSUMER HEALTH INFORMATION SPECIALISTS
Friday, September 30, 1988
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by temporary Chair, Dave Keddle at 10:15 am. The following members were in attendance:

Melba J. Moss - Fort Huron Hospital
Carol Reusch - Oaklawn Hospital
Bill Nelson - Mich. Dept. Public Health
Judy Barnes - Lansing General Hospital
David Keddle - Ingham Medical Center
Glenda Evens - Health Answers

Those present agreed to establish a formal group for the purpose of resource and information sharing independent of MHSLA because of the diversity of the prospective membership. Possible members include persons who are not limited to Librarians and may not have an interest in joining MHSLA. Those present agreed that there could be a cooperative association with MHSLA for the purpose of promoting programming appropriate to Consumer Health Information at the MHSLA annual conferences.

Members present agreed to the following officers: Dave Keddle will remain as Chair, Judy Barnes agreed to remain Recording Secretary and Glenda Evans agreed to serve as Treasurer. It was agreed that term of office would be one year and that elections would be held in September.

Those present agreed that the name of the organization should be the "Michigan Association of Consumer Health Information Specialists."

Members present agreed upon an annual dues of \$10.00 for individual membership to be collected in January of each year.

In order to foster growth of the Association, members agreed to target the following special interest groups for mailing announcements of the formation of the Association and of meetings:

Women's Health Centers
Departments of Public Health
Nutritionists
Health Educators
Diabetes Educators
Gerontology Services
Cardiovascular Rehabilitation Centers
Digestive Disease Centers
Trauma Centers

Bill Nelton agreed to send the Secretary a list of the 48 health educators at the Public Health Departments. The Secretary has lists of members of MHSLA, and Women's Health Centers. All members agreed to forward names of interest persons to the Secretary for inclusion in a database of prospective members.

The members agreed upon the following meeting schedule for the next year:

November 18, 1988 - Ingham Medical Center
March 24, 1989 - Library of Michigan
June 23, 1989 - Oaklawn Hospital, Marshall
Sept. 22, 1989 - Health Answers
Nov. 17, 1989 - Port Huron Hospital

The next meeting will formalize plans for 1989 and provide an opportunity to follow-up on strategies to market MACHIS.

Bill Nelton said that he would approach Ruth Dukelow to speak at the meeting to be held at the Library of Michigan.

Judy Barnes agreed to modify a consumer health information poster for display at the MHSLA meeting announcing the formation of MACHIS and giving information on joining the Association. She will also design a membership form to be mailed with the announcement of the next meeting. Checks for membership should be made out to MACHIS and mailed to Glenda Evens at Health Answers.

It was decided that a mass mailing would be organized to announce the next meeting and the formation of the Association. This will be coordinated by the Secretary for mailing before the November meeting.

Glenda Evans agreed to write an announcement for printing in the next issue of Connections (the MLA section for Consumer Health Information).

David Keddle will write an announcement to appear in MHSLA and MDMLG's newsletters.

Judy Barnes will contact Karen Arndorfer about an announcement in the Women's Health Center newsletter.

Judy Barnes will make the announcement at the next M-MHSL meeting and write an announcement for SLA.

Because all of these members have telefax capabilities, the information will be shared between them.

Judy Barnes agreed to send the Treasurer a copy of the current mailing list.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Barnes
Recording Secretary