

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF CONSUMER HEALTH INFORMATION SPECIALISTS  
MINUTES OF MEETING, APRIL 16, 1993

The meeting was held at Borgess Medical Center on April 16, 1993, from 10:00 to 2:00. Those attending were Carol Aebli, Norma Harvey, Judy Barnes, Archie Dalglish, Robin Alanen Mosher, Joan Champion, and ?? (from Botsford Patient Education). (Secretary doesn't have attendance sheet, so this was done from memory!)

The meeting was called to order by president, Judy Barnes. Guest speaker Anne Rosewarne was not able to be present. She is asking for volunteers to work on committees for the Health Information Resource Project.

MACHIS membership is down to 18 from 40.

A survey was taken and concensus was to seek affiliation with MHSLA. Dues checks will be returned. There was some discussion about what to do with the treasury balance. It was suggested that we could sponsor a CE course at the MHSLA conference. There are a number of questions connected with the issue of dissolution or affiliation. Will MACHIS be dissolved? Will it become a section of MHSLA? Will it become an "Academy"?

Judy will meet with the bylaws committee and executive board of MHSLA.

Elections--20 ballots were mailed out. 11 were returned.

Other business:

ACCH Family Library Centers: these are family-oriented patient information. There is a core list of books for children and adults. Judy suggested putting something about this in the MHSLA News.

Norma reported on her visit to Phoenix and Scottsdale. The Mayo Clinic there was very disappointing. Very small room. No attendant. Ph.D. in charge (but not there). Mostly Mayo publications. Not many books. A few videos.

Botswell Hospital in West Sun City. Medical library under Public Relations. Large area, open browsing area, volunteer librarian, other volunteers, nurse-educator on duty. Meeting rooms for support groups. Comfortable seating for senior citizens.

#### NEW RESOURCES

Cancer Source Book  
Personal Health Reporter

Alzheimers Caregivers Guide  
Everyman's Guide to Cancer Therapy  
Cancer Answers

Wyeth patient information on floppy disks  
PDI on floppy also  
QMR program suggests appropriate cost-effective tests--Judy has  
dial-up access to this for physicians

Adjournment at 11:15

Notes on the Borgess Library:

Personnel--Manager (Norma Harvey)  
Reference Specialist  
Technical Specialist  
Consumer Health Information Librarian (Carol  
Aebli)  
Circulation desk assistant (temporary)  
Volunteers

The CD-ROM system can be accessed by modem. It has already saved  
lives!!!

The hospital library committee is a good medium for  
communication.

Belatedly submitted,

Robin Alanen Mosher  
October 8, 1993

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To <i>Judy Barnes</i>		No. of Pages <i>1</i>	Today's Date <i>10-11</i>	Time <i>1105</i>
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The Borgess Consumer Health library is growing in usage.  
 Hours are 8-6 Monday-Friday.  
 Collection is geared to patients and families.  
 No referrals needed  
 Used by students and staff  
 Ask-a-Nurse refers people  
 700 books and videos--all circulate for 3 week period  
 11 journals and index  
 InfoTrac is very popular--10-15 searches per day  
 Free pamphlets  
 Vertical File  
 Copier in Medical Library--10 Cents per page  
 Viewing room for AVs

Carol is developing written policies. May include time limits on computer usage (20 minutes)

HealthAnswers (Bronson) registers users using driver license.

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APRIL 16, 1993

TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE      LAST DEPOSIT 9-25-92      \$606.52

I DID NOT DEPOSIT ANY OF THE DUES PAID AT THE OCTOBER MEETING  
BECAUSE THERE WAS A QUESTION IF MACHIS WOULD CONTINUE AS AN  
INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION IN 1993.

SUBMITTED BY

*Glenda Evans*

Glenda Evans

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Holiday Inn Muskegon Harbor  
October 13, 1993

The group met for lunch at noon. Attendance was not taken.  
(There were about 25 people present.)

Glenda Evans passed out membership brochures for the Consumer and Patient Health Information Section of MLA and circulated a sample of their newsletter CONSUMER CONNECTIONS.

Robin Alanen Mosher read the minutes of the April 16, 1993, meeting at Borgess. Minutes were approved as read. (Moved, Ken Nelson; seconded Carol Aebli)

We discussed petitioning MHSLSA for affiliation as a special interest group. Advantages would be less paperwork, elimination of the Treasurer and Secretary offices, representation on the Board, being on the MHSLSA calendar. It would be ok to have our own meetings, if desired. However, we have had scant attendance at meetings.

It was moved by Carol Aebli and seconded by Kathy You that MACHIS petition the MHSLSA Board for group affiliation. Judy Barnes will write the petition and submit it.

In discussing what to do with our treasury of some \$600, we decided that some sort of continuing education course on a consumer health topic would be appropriate. Only 3 or 4 of the members have taken the Reese class (based on the book: The consumer health information source book / by Alan M. Rees and Catherine Hoffman, Oryx Press.), so that is a possibility. There are several instructors who regularly teach this. There was some discussion about who is who. Someone thought that the syllabus was in the process of revision. Other ideas were a panel discussion on consumer databases and a book fair. We considered a separate CE course sometime in the Spring of 1994, but too many people have difficulty getting away and very few liked the Saturday option. Therefore, it was decided that the best time to have a consumer health CE course would be before, during, or after the MHSLSA conference. Robin Alanen Mosher will bring this matter before the Education Committee.

It was moved by Barbara Kormelink and seconded by Glenda Evans that if MHSLSA accepts our petition to affiliate, the MACHIS treasury will be turned over to MHSLSA with the stipulation that there be a consumer-related CE course during the 1994 conference.

Assuming that our petition will be accepted, we elected Glenda Evans to be our representative to the MHSLSA Board. Barbara Kormelink will be the alternate.

## PEOPLE PRESENT AT MACHIS MEETING OCT. 13, 1993

Carol Aebli  
Robin Alanen Mosher  
Judy Barnes  
Glenda Evans  
Janice Heather  
Elizabeth Iles  
Viju Karnik  
Barbara Kormelink  
Ken Nelson  
Norma Powers  
Janette Ransom-Bergstrom (?was she there?)  
Susan Sues  
Tom Van Dam  
Linda Winslow  
Kathy You

Judy, Glenda: We should have had a sign up sheet at the MACHIS meeting so we know who is interested in consumer health. I went through the registration list and came up with these names, but I don't know everyone and I'm sure there were about 25 people at that meeting (at least 20, anyway). Can you help fill in the list? One thing I'll do with this list is send everybody info on the Dial 800 book. Anything else I should include while I'm at it?

Thanks,  
Robin

P.S. for Judy: Please take a quick look at the minutes and make any additions or changes by tomorrow. I'll be gone on Monday and I'd like to give a copy to Marge on Tuesday (WMHSLA meeting). Thank you. Thank you.

Business being completed, we lapsed into a discussion of the self-help database at Judy Barnes' library. It is in the process of being updated. Several people were interested in getting copies of the database from Judy. It is mounted on her remote access terminal and contains about 1000 records from the Self-Help Agencies directory, Encyclopedia of Associations--Midwest, the AMA self-help directory, and the Directory for people with disabilities.

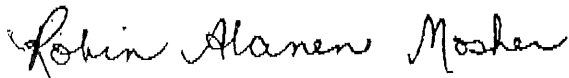
There was some discussion about usage of and referral to the Consumer Health collections. Some libraries are starting new collections--some are separate, some are integrated.

One new book was mentioned: Dial 800 for health / compiled and tested by the People's Medical Society, Allentown, PA. This is a "comprehensive listing of medical, nutritional, and general health-related hotlines, services, and advice, all FREE to call." The book is available from Login Brothers at 20% off. List price is \$5.95.

Judy mentioned the shopping mall consumer health center concept being developed by the Michigan Health Council. She and Anne Rosewarne are going to Louisville to look at a program there. Anyone interested in this type of program should contact Anne at 517-337-1615.

Meeting reluctantly adjourned at 1:30 p.m. so that we could go on to the Medical Terminology and CD workshops.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Alanen Mosher  
MACHIS Secretary