

MHSLA - RESEARCH COMMITTEE  
12/89

The Research Committee is an ad hoc committee charged with investigating the need for and possible roles of a committee on research within the organizational structure of MHSLA. We ask you, the membership, to share with us your views on such a committee by completing the following short questionnaire and returning it to us. We appreciate your taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Should MHSLA maintain a committee on research?

 YES NO

If YES, please answer the following questions.

The functions of the Research Committee should include:  
(Check as many as you think appropriate)

education about research \_\_\_\_\_  
support of research \_\_\_\_\_  
screening of research \_\_\_\_\_  
coordination of research \_\_\_\_\_  
initiation of research \_\_\_\_\_  
performance of research \_\_\_\_\_  
other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Listed below are some broad content areas for research in libraries / information services. Subsumed beneath each are examples of approaches to research in this area. Please indicate by assigning a number from 1 - 15 to the following choices. One (1) indicates highest priority.

users

1. who uses us and why \_\_\_\_\_
2. who does not use us and why \_\_\_\_\_
3. user / librarian interface \_\_\_\_\_

patron services

4. status of current services \_\_\_\_\_
5. evaluation measures \_\_\_\_\_
6. unmet needs for services \_\_\_\_\_
7. impact of services \_\_\_\_\_
8. cost / benefit analysis \_\_\_\_\_
9. quality assurance \_\_\_\_\_

technical services

10. cost / benefit analysis \_\_\_\_\_
11. collection development \_\_\_\_\_

management

12. personnel \_\_\_\_\_
13. financing \_\_\_\_\_
14. organization \_\_\_\_\_
15. planning \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have other areas which you feel should be studied and / or any comments on the general concept of a research committee within MHSLA, please comment below.

Please return this questionnaire by March 1, 1990 to:

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Thank you for your response.

MHSLA Ad Hoc Research Committee

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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

Thumb Area Medical  
Information Consortium

Upper Peninsula Health  
Science Libraries  
Consortium

Valley Regional Health  
Science Librarians

Western Michigan Health  
Sciences Libraries  
Association

The Research Committee met twice. A Mission Statement was written, and a list of Goals was established. Both were approved by the MHS LA Board. The Committee conducted a survey of the membership regarding its interest in research. The results indicated that MHS LA should be engaged in research and that members are interested in research demonstrating the value of the library to the parent organization. The Committee also contacted the MLA Research Committee which provided a list of recently completed and current research activities in the libraries of MLA members.

The Committee prepared a bibliography to assist members with in-house research. It will be available at the MHS LA Annual Fall Conference.

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MISSION

The mission of the Research Committee is to facilitate and conduct systematic inquiry into the nature of health sciences libraries; to support the Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association's commitment to contribute to the professionalism, growth, and development of its members and the profession; and to contribute to the knowledge base of the discipline.

GOALS

- o To encourage research among the MHSLA membership
- o To contact members regarding research interest
- o To sponsor/conduct appropriate research projects
- o To act as a clearinghouse for research projects
- o To sponsor appropriate informational and educational activities in support of research
- o To compile bibliographies on research methods in libraries
- o To make members aware of current research projects