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**MHS LA Technology Committee (Ad Hoc)**

**1986 Annual Report**

**Committee Members:** Tom Van Dam (Chairman) - Grand Rapids  
Mollie Lynch - Pontiac  
Kay Kelly - Petoskey

The MHS LA Technology Committee is an outgrowth of the 1985 Ad Hoc Committee on Electronic Mail. The Committee recommends to MHS LA members that the Technology Committee be made a standing committee (see Bylaws Committee proposal Article IV., Section 1, D, 10).

**1986 Activities**

Committee members published articles in each issue of the Association Newsletter.

Committee members are providing two workshops at the Annual Conference:

1. R:Base - Building Library Applications
2. Fidonet: Hospital Perspectives

Additional Committee objectives are to:

1. Maintain a list of hardware/software at member libraries
2. Advise the Executive Board on the automation of Association functions



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Committee Members: Judy Barnes  
Nancy Dingman  
Marilyn Schleg  
Barbara Shipman  
Mollie S. Lynch, Chairman

GOAL: To identify computer technology being utilized by health science libraries in Michigan and to produce and distribute a directory of this technology.

A survey was used to identify the computer hardware and software and telefacsimile machines being used in health science libraries. NUTSHELL database software was purchased by MHS LA and was used to compile the surveys and facilitate the production of the directory.

The technology directory contains:

- library profiles
- software grouped by type and library application
- computer and telefax hardware
- telefax machines listed by OCLC code and library name

The directory was distributed free of charge to libraries which have a MHS LA member on the staff.



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Updated information for the Technology Directory was requested in the Spring issue of MHSLA News. By August 19, 1988, the data had been entered into the database for production of the Directory. A final draft of the new edition was printed on August 21, and sent to the print shop at Lansing General Hospital. The final product was assembled for mailing along with the MISHULS directory.

Although two revisions of the Technology Directory were planned, only one was produced thus far. The volume of revisions to the directory were such that it made it necessary to virtually re-do the entire directory. Hopefully, next year will see two revisions to make the information more timely. At the very least, the telefax section will be revised twice yearly.

This year, the Committee is pleased to have one of its members participate in the leading of a workshop on CAI software at the Annual Conference. We hope you will have an opportunity to attend.

An article appeared in the Special Retreat issue of MHSLA News about a program for transferring data from one word processor to another, called Swap. Hints for transferring data via telephone lines were also given.

This past July, the Chair had hands on experience using both Swap and the telephone transfer of files. When a small hospital library learned that the Fax grant had not been awarded, they called the Chair to ask assistance in writing a grant proposal to be mailed to the local ROC for delivery the next day. The Chair used Swap to transfer a recent Fax grant proposal from Wordperfect to Multimate; dialed up the smaller library and transferred the file to them by telephone modem. With a minor modification, the file was usable on the other end to be edited and submitted. The grant was awarded.

Each issue of MHSLA News has seen input from the Committee. We are pleased to have brought you "The Comparison Shopping Librarian", a few "Fax facts", two

articles on CD ROM, a section on "Dial Up in Michigan", and other pieces of technical information via this forum.

The Committee also secured a 10% discount for MHSLA members on a program called Quickdoc, a front-end for Procom to access Docline, when it was finally marketed in Michigan. A review of this program also appeared in MHSLA News in the Fall issue. To get the discount, you must mention having read the article.

Although a piece appeared in MHSLA News about creation of the DEMO disk library, there were no responses to the request for sharing this type of information. To stimulate interest, a list of demonstration software appeared in the Fall issue of MHSLA News and was formatted for pull out and inclusion in the Technology Directory.

Because the telefax grant was not awarded by Kellogg, the committee suspended its search for the perfect machine. Sections of the "Comparison Shopping Librarian", however will continue to deal with articles on Fax machines.

Two libraries were the site of multiple CD Rom installations this past year. Both Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals Library and Ingham Medical Center's John W. Chi Memorial Library hosted librarians throughout the state who took the opportunity to view the products first hand. Additionally, in an article reviewing Small Computers in Libraries Conference in Chicago in March of this year, the Chair outlined her views of the products she saw while at the conference.

Carol Abli, treasurer, provided a list of current members on disk which she transferred from Framework to an ASCII file. The file will be used to create a current membership file in Nutshell for use by the Association. It is possible that the MHSLA directory, Technology Directory, and MISHULS directory will all be extracted from the same database in 1989.

The Committee will work with the Ad-Hoc Collection Development Committee in the near future to compile a list of journals requested outside Michigan for the purposes of adoption by Michigan Libraries. The data that was solicited earlier this year will be entered into the database and a list created and published in the MHSLA News.

*Judy Barnes, Chair*

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## 1988 Technology Committee Charges

1. Create a "Demo Disk" library and catalog of demonstration software for use by MHS LA members. *from various vendors*
2. Continue to provide articles concerning current technology to the MHS LA Newsletter. *CDROM bibl.*
3. Provide revisions of the MHS LA Technology Directory at regular intervals.
4. Pending approval of the MHS LA Telefax Grant, evaluate and recommend appropriate equipment.
5. To solicit temporary use of CD-ROM equipment and software (MEDLINE on CD-ROM) to evaluate and review for the MHS LA Newsletter.

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TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Barnes, Judy (Chair)	1989
Barnes, Richard	1989
Kingsbury, Mildred	1990
Lynch, Mollie S.	1989
Marshall, Donna	1990
Schleg, Marilyn	1989
Shipman, Barbara L.	1989



Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association  
Technology Committee  
September 21, 1988

1989 Goals

1. To set up a combined database for production of the MISHULS, MHSLA, and Technology Directories.
2. To work with the Ad-Hoc Collection Development to create a database of journals requested outside Michigan.
3. To work with other committees to select software for specific MHSLA functions.
4. To continue to provide articles for MHSLA News.
5. To produce updated editions of MHSLA Technology Directory at appropriate intervals.



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In January of 1989 the Committee began the task of creating a combined database to handle the production of the MISHULS Directory, the MHSLSA Technology Directory and the MHSLSA Membership Directory. Information for the MISHULS Directory was made available by the Document Delivery Committee and information for the Membership Directory was supplied by the Treasurer.

In May, the information from the combined database was used to produce the 1989 MHSLSA Membership Directory. The database was also used to create the MISHULS Directory. Label sets are also being produced from the database and supplied to committees for distribution of official MHSLSA communications.

The Committee worked in conjunction with the Ad-Hoc Collection Development Committee this year to create a database of interlibrary loan of journals not owned within the state of Michigan or owned by charging libraries in Michigan. Information concerning all serials requested in the Midwest region on Docline was made available from the National Library of Medicine. Those requests not supplied through the use of Docline were entered into a database. Titles appearing on the NLM list will be checked against holdings of Michigan libraries to determine availability. Following this process, the titles most requested, which are not owned in Michigan will be added to the database to create an "adoption" list for publication in MHSLSA News.

Members of the Committee have also consulted on the selection of software for specific library or business applications on behalf of MHSLSA members. The Committee also continues to write articles discussing new technology for the MHSLSA News.

An Executive Board decision was made to cancel publication of the Technology Directory for 1989 based on MHSLSA Budget restrictions and limited interest in the product. The Committee will work with future survey committees to develop the technology section of the survey and to coordinate information into the master database for production of another Technology Directory.

The Demo Disk Library continues to grow. Members are encouraged to send copies of demonstration disks, freeware or shareware for cataloging and inclusion in the Library. A catalog will be published annually from the Library's database.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Barnes, Chair

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This year the Technology Committee worked in conjunction with the Publications Committee, the Treasurer and the Bylaws Committee to produce the Membership List; together with the Document Delivery Committee to produce statistical reports printed in MHS LA News, and with the Publications Committee to produce articles for MHS LA News. This Committee also worked to revise the Technology Survey for the purposes of compiling a new edition of the Technology Directory.

Because the Membership List was to include a copy of the MHS LA Bylaws, that Committee was responsible for providing a copy of the document in magnetic format for reprinting. The Treasurer was responsible for gathering data from membership applications. This was no easy task given the change from strictly individual membership to institutional and individual memberships. As a result the Membership List was produced late in the year.

Statistics for the year 1988 were provided to the Technology Committee by the Document Delivery Committee. These statistics were incorporated in the Statewide MHS LA database and compiled for publication in the MHS LA News. The 1989 statistics are being compiled for publication in the January 1991 MHS LA News.

The Technology Survey has also become part of the Statewide MHS LA database and will be used to produce the Technology Directory in early 1991.

Also this year the Technology Committee provided an article on Computer Viruses and a bibliography on Troubleshooting Computer problems.

Committee members this year were:

- Judy Barnes, Chair
- Richard Barnes
- Diane Dustin
- Metta Lansdale
- Mollie Lynch
- Donna Marshall
- Millie Kingsbury



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COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Doris Blauet, Chair  
David Keddle  
Metta Lansdale

The Committee chair met with the chairs of Publications, Document Delivery, Membership and Education to determine what the goals for each committee were and to reduce duplication of activities. The Committee and the Board reviewed the charges to this committee and found that the only unique activity was the production of the Technology Directory.

Discussion as to the relative merit versus required labor to produce the Directory resulted in a decision not to revise it this year. All other charges to the committee were duplicating work done in other committees.

In an effort to reduce number of committees to reflect the reduction in numbers of members willing to work on committees, it was recommended that this committee be discontinued.

The Technology Committee recommends a bylaws change to reflect the decision of the Board.

Submitted by

Doris M. Blauet  
Chair

Date: Thu, 30 Mar 1995 16:40:08 -0500 (EST)  
From: Barbara Platts - Bon Secours Hospital <plattsb@mlc.lib.mi.us>  
To: Jill Van Buskirk - Grace Hospital <vanbuskj@mlc.lib.mi.us>  
Subject: Re: MHS LA Technology Directory

Hi Jill:

Hope things are going well at Grace. We are not sure what is going to happen at this end with the merger, however new VP's are being selected at this time and everything else should be in place by July 1. In response to your inquiry concerning the technology directory: The information is interesting but I have not had a reason to consult it. Could be useful in problem solving or trouble shooting.

On Wed, 22 Mar 1995, Jill Van Buskirk - Grace Hospital wrote:

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> 3. Which information do you use the most?  
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**MHSLA 1995 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORY**

The Ad Hoc Committee for the Technology Directory conducted an informal survey over the Internet. The conclusion, based on the responses was that the Technology Directory was not utilized by the MHSLA membership.

The consensus was that the paper copy of the directory was out of date before it was printed and that if it was used at all, it was used by new members to locate individuals for software information rather than hardware information. The existing mentor list could be used in a similar way.

Exploration of an automated directory resulted in the conclusion that the updating of the directory in order to make it a viable resource would be too labor intensive for MHSLA to maintain

Attached are some of the comments by the MHSLA members that led us to the above conclusions.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Van Buskirk  
Chair, Ad-hoc Committee for the  
Technology Directory



Date: Tue, 28 Feb 1995 14:33:15 -0500 (EST)  
From: "Sandra Studebaker - Medical Library St. Joseph Mercy Hospitals"  
<studebas@mlc.lib.mi.us>  
To: Jill Van Buskirk <vanbuskj@mlc.lib.mi.us>  
Subject: MHSLSA Technology Directory

Are you heading up this endeavor? Thought I heard that announcement at the January MDMLG meeting. What kind of timeframe are you looking at? Have a need for such information, but may not be able to wait for a comprehensive survey. May need to do my own data collection from Mercy hospital libraries. Sandra Studebaker (studebas@mlc.lib.mi.us)

Date: Tue, 28 Mar 1995 15:02:04 -0500 (EST)  
From: "Nardina Mein - Sladen Library, Henry Ford Hospital"  
<meinn@mlc.lib.mi.us>  
To: Jill Van Buskirk - Grace Hospital <vanbuskj@mlc.lib.mi.us>  
Subject: Re: MHSLSA Technology Directory

Jill:

I don't use the MHSLSA Technology Directory. Seems like as soon as you write down what you have, it changes.

Thanks, Dina.

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* Henry Ford Hospital                           *  
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