

## PLANNING SURVEY RESULTS

Thirty-five surveys were filled out and returned at the forum on critical issues at the MHSLA Annual Conference in Kalamazoo.

Twenty-five issues were identified on this survey. Participants were asked to rate the priority for each for the coming year, from 1 (highest) to 5 (lowest).

The following is a listing of these issues in order by priority, as determined by their median and arithmetic mean scores, listed respectively following the issue. (Mean = average score; median is the middle response - or the one with 17 above it and 17 below it.) Some issues' scores were equal, so they are listed under the same priority number.

### HIGHEST PRIORITY

- 1: Establish a statewide ILL agreement. (1.7; 1)
- 2: Seek more special projects funding via grants (example: for microcomputers and/or MEDLINE on CD-ROM). (1.8; 1)

### HIGH PRIORITY

- 3: Seek dial access privileges to resource libraries' online catalog library systems for Michigan medical libraries. (1.6; 2)
- 4: Establish a statewide ILL agreement with specific performance goals and methods for arbitrating problems among institutions. (1.8; 2)  
  
Work to develop group purchasing discounts for library equipment (faxes, thermal paper, etc.) with MLC or solo. (1.8; 2)  
  
Provide a mechanism like this survey for individual member input each year. (1.8; 2)
- 5: Increase the visibility and voice of medical libraries with multi-type library organizations, like MLC, the Library of Michigan, etc. (1.9; 2)

### MEDIUM PRIORITY

- 6: Collect and distribute the state's ILL statistics. (2.0; 2)

Provide time for a membership open forum at each annual meeting. (2.0; 2)

Produce a policy and procedure manual listing officer and committee responsibilities, annual timetables, etc.

(2.0; 2)

7: Out-state workshops on ILL/DOCLINE. (2.1; 2)

Increase communication with and participation by Michigan medical resource libraries. (2.1; 2)

8: Sponsor a brief online update at the MHSLA conference. (2.2; 2)

9: Cooperate more with other related organizations (like HIRA and MIDBUG) to reduce duplication and increase effectiveness. (2.3; 2)

Establish a collection of sample library policies and procedures, forms, library guides, etc., for circulation to members who are developing/updating same. (2.3; 2)

Provide more programming at local sites for library paraprofessionals. (2.3; 2)

10: Increase the size or frequency of the MHSLA newsletter. (2.4; 2)

11: Participate and/or organize member participation in legislative issues like state and federal funding for libraries. (2.5; 2)

#### LOW PRIORITY

12: Establish an awards committee to recognize excellence in Michigan medical libraries. (2.5; 3)

13: Increase communication with state library schools and medical/special librarianship faculty. 2.6; 3)

14: Out-state workshops on basic hospital library skills. (2.7; 3)

Produce an MHSLA membership brochure. (2.7; 3)

15: Sponsor a brief online update at a separate time (from the annual meeting) between October and December. (2.9; 3)

16: Write a history of MHSLA. (3.4; 3)

17: Sponsor a library job swap-a-day learning program. (3.4; 4)

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