

HSLI Board Minutes
October 12, 2011
Minutes Submitted by Miranda Shake

Board members present: Linda Feinberg, Virginia Gale, Roy Jones, Rhona Kelley, Fran Kovach, Stacey Knight-Davis, Dianne Olson, Miranda Shake, and Michael Wold.

Members present on conference call: Joyce Pallinger
Guest: Eric Edwards

Fran called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm
Review of the agenda, there were no additions.

Minutes from the July meeting were distributed. Motion made by Linda to approve the minutes, seconded by Stacey. Motion carries.

President's report: Fran distributed a President's report. In summary Fran discussed the Statewide HSLI Conference Planning Committee plan, which will be housed on our website. There will be a bylaws vote later this month, please review the proposed changes on our website. The President-elect and Secretary were nominated and elected. Donations were discussed; should we rotate MLA or support library scholarships. Exhibiting at conferences was discussed in order to recruit new members for HSLI. HSLI will keep the discussion going on Open Access. 2012 conference may be a virtual one, we will discuss and vote. President's award will be announced at the Business Meeting.

Past President report: Linda distributed a report for the boards information, no action was taken by the board. In summary Linda has contacted a few of the local consortia and will continue to work on that effort. The website will be updated accordingly.

Treasurer's Report: Diane submitted a financial report; as of October 6 we had \$12,524.69 in the bank. Our estimated conference expenses are \$10,127.17. We have not heard back from the IRS about our tax exempt status; but they do have our information.

Consortia purchasing: Virginia reported we have pricing from Ebsco. More group purchase opportunities are out there and we are looking into it.

By-Laws: Joy Kennedy submitted a report of by-law revisions to the Board for a final look before approval. October 27th is the date for our vote.

Starfish Thrower Award: Fran reported there are no nominations. A report was distributed.

2011 Conference: Virginia reported 46 registered for the conference, 7 for Nancy's reception only, 8 vendors are represented. Total income is \$10,010.00 with \$10,127 in expenses. On the report the color coding is Green are firm expenses, Pink are estimated expenses and Yellow are expenses we do not know yet. Therefore we are not going to cover all of our costs for this conference. Acteva, 10% of the revenue for the conference is being spent on Acteva. The convenience is nice however the cost is high for us. We will probably have to do it for Midwest Chapter, but we might need to consider not doing it again for our annual conference. We will look into it.

Dianne had a few additional expenses as well. The Sport Packs were \$277.23 and the folders were \$11.50.

Virginia would like to suggest a fee for the vendors, an exhibitor fee, it is not fair that we have members paying full price. She would like to see a change in the policy.

The committee has done a great job, the conference calls have worked very well. Tell Roy for Conference Planning in 2013 this process has worked very well.

Syed Maghrabi Scholarship: Stacey will report for Jerry. We will have a silent auction to help fund the scholarship. Karen Douglas, Carol Jewell and Eric Edwards are the recipients of the Syed Maghrabi Scholarship for 2011. The corrected written report is posted to our website.

2012 Conference: Fran reports about 2012 conference. Normally the previous conference planning chair trains the next person to be chair, however with the possibility of a virtual conference this coming year that may change. If our budget does not improve we won't have a lot of leeway for the conference fund in 2012.

Thoughts for 2012 include CE's, webinars, webcasting. Evidence Based Medicine makes a good CE. The GMR usually has a webinar we can sign up for. We should create a committee and see what the membership wants for CEs after our conference evaluations this year.

Newsletter Committee: Joyce reported that WordPress is working well. They are working on adding tabs to the page. For example Job Postings, CE's, etc. They are working on a 24 hour turnaround time on blog entries. Thank you to Stacey for her technical support.

Midwest Chapter/MLA Liaison: Irene couldn't make it, she is planning some exhibits, possibly at ILA but hasn't spoken to Linda about that yet.

Webmaster: Stacey reported the website seems stable and reliable. Job listings have been added to the site through the newsletter page. Usage is 3,400 page views since July 21st, 378 on the main newsletter page, 280 on the individual stories and the largest portion the conference page with 2,549 hits.

Listserv Committee: Fran reports 123 people on the listserv. A total of 71 posting between January and September, postings tend to go up around conference time. The HSLI directory has been updated. Listserv archives are printed and given to the archives chair.

Membership Committee: Roy reported that membership is currently 121, that is down 13 members for 2010. Roy has spoken to many of the non-renewals and most have left the library or retired. A written report was distributed.

Archives: Miranda reported there is no written report at this time. No activity since July, as reported in July, I was given 5 xerox boxes from Karen in June. We hope to have those boxes opened and accessioned by the next meeting.

Regional Advisory Committee: Rhona submitted a written report to the board. She reported the GMR contract was renewed by MLA for 5 years (through 2016). Rhona discussed the new 20 member RAC, consisting of 10 state representative (one from each state) and 10 other members representing other constituencies. Their next meeting is in December at the Library of the Health Sciences in Chicago.

She has included a poster to help tell people what the GMR is.

Legislative Committee: Michael submitted a written report to the board for information purposes. Michael mentioned the cuts of state funding and the merger of the library systems. Also funding issues, budget cuts, funding of the GPO and LSTA.

State Library Report: The Illinois State Report was distributed. Anne Craig will be at the conference Friday. The only comments were Linda is glad they are continuing the Try It Illinois program. And Michael is glad the OCLC Firstsearch is available even if the price has risen, he feels it is still reasonable.

Old Business: Fran reports our old business is open access which we tabled at the last meeting. Beth Robb is the person who brought it up, and since our last meeting we have not had any discussion on the listserv about open access. Fran suggests continuing to table the topic at this time.

Michael asked what open access is. Fran discussed.

Stacey thinks venturing into open access would be very valuable for HSLI. However her knowledge with the EIU institutional repository has been that it can be very costly and time consuming. Maybe we should start by putting an open access license on our newsletter. Or perhaps we can join another institutional repository. As an organization we could begin a campaign to inform our members about open access. Those type of educational efforts could be very helpful and in the spirit of what HSLI does, however Stacey does not feel we are there yet financially to begin our own open access venture.

Michael suggests a sub-committee be formed to inform us at the summer meeting. Linda wonders if a taskforce should be formed. Fran will see if Beth is interested.

Michael motions to form a taskforce to look into what it would encompass and cost HSLI to start an Open Access project. Linda seconds. Motion carries. To inform ourselves what the funding of "such an animal" would be.

New Business: Fran reports on the Conference Planning Committee Policy. One of the things is the incentives to volunteer. The President serves as the chair of the committee; however there was some question about whether that person should always chair given their location in the state verses the location of the conference. However with conference calls this seems to be working well. Then it was brought up that the president-elect could be on the committee as well and could serve as chair if they wanted to.

There is also the 50% discount on registration for sub-committee members. Are there too many members getting a discount? Stacey thinks the discount is good, and helps us get people to participate, if we can keep it within reason. Virginia recommends a 25% discount instead of 50%.

Fran suggests we need a motion to make the changes. Stacey asked if we collapse some of the committees, Linda thinks it's too much work for one person.

Stacey moves to give a 50% discount for the Conference Planning chair and 25% discount for subcommittee chairs. Virginia seconds.

Linda amends the motion to change the wording to "serves on" instead of "assumes responsibility". Fran says the amendment will be "the President Elect will serve on the committee." "And will receive a waiver if they are a conference chair, and will be a 50%."

Virginia “HSLI President Elect serves on the conference committee, however they choose to, define that role they can. The conference chair will receive a 50% discount on registration to the conference and sub-committee chairs will receive 25% discount. Our expectation is that the president elect will serve on the committee in some form.”

If we don’t have a President Elect the Past President can perform that same function. Linda suggests we say “President Elect or Past President”. Fran thinks this will clear up a lot. Conference chair will receive 50% discount, and sub-committee chair will receive 25% discount. Motion carries. All voting members are here.

Nominating Committee: Molly isn’t here about the nominating committee. Stacey is the President Elect and Miranda is Secretary for 2012.

Stacey motions to adjourn, Fran seconds. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15