

HSLI 2011 Summer Board Meeting President's Report

Thank you officers and committee members for your dedication and hard work! As we study ourselves, our value to the institutions and people we serve becomes evident. The conversations about proving our value are taking place in our consortiums and institutions. Using video animation tools, movies were developed about the value of medical librarianship. Another marketing video will be released during October Medical Librarians month. Currently a marketing opportunity to revitalize our non-profit is available with WICS 20 media.

The conversations with Ruth Holst are ongoing in regards to proving our worth. We have had one telephone conversation and one face to face meeting about researching whether it is a legal requirement for a hospital to have a library. Our library colleagues at the Supreme court library were able to determine the answer to that question. Sadly no, it is not a requirement for a hospital to have a librarian in Illinois. The Illinois Hospital Association conducts a survey that counts the number of employees in hospitals. Librarians are not on the list nor is there a question about whether a hospital has a library. I have written to Maryjane Wurth, President of IHA, asking about the reason this is so and what would be required to include such questions. Future exhibit opportunities were requested as well.

Since the end of the annual conference, we have kicked off a very busy ten months of activity. The conference structure was based on the Statewide HSLI Conference Planning Committee policy that was approved by the board, 10/24/07. Some revision of the President-Elect's role in conference planning is necessary because of the absence of an elected President-Elect in odd numbered years. Once finalized, this document will reside on the HSLI intranet. Current planning of the 2011 annual conference is underway.

In December 2010, we donated \$500 to the MLA Disaster Fund. The money was used in collaboration with an ongoing project that the University of Miami has with supporting libraries in Haiti.

HSLI made a stand with other library organizations such as ALA and MLA urging state and federal legislative support of restoring funds and eliminating budget cuts to libraries, library systems, and library materials such as the Statistical Abstract. We also sent thank you letters and often candid letters to Governor Quinn, Sen. Mark Kirk, and Sen. Richard Durbin and other Representatives. Virtual conference and online courses were available this year.

I am participating in the MLA Rethink 2011 online conference. This resource will be available for the next year. I also finished the Evidence Based Practice online course that was offered to HSLI members as a pilot study for 21 MLA Credits.

The National Library of Medicine celebrates its 175th anniversary this year. We developed a congratulatory video and sent this to Betsy Humphreys at the National Library of Medicine. Thank you Beth Robb for your idea and script.

The tax laws for non-profit organizations changed in 2006 and we did not have to file in three years. In 2010, we did not receive the postcard notice informing us that we needed to file to retain our non-profit status. In 2011, we were informed that our organization was on the list of non-renewals. A \$400 fee is required for us to be reinstated plus complicated paperwork. The banking, tax reinstatement, and travel policies were updated by Dianne Olson.

At the Joint Consortium meeting in Springfield at the SIU School of Medicine, the HSLI exhibit booth was placed in the room and promotional materials were distributed during the meeting. The program flyer for our annual conference, Reach, Balance, Achieve was given to 23 librarians.

At the Illinois Library Association annual conference GMR and HSLI will share an exhibit booth. HSLI will reimburse an exhibit volunteer for travel to the Rosemont, IL meeting October 19-20.

The publications, presentations, and posters presented by HSLI members appear on the HSLI website. Thank you Stacey Knight-Davis for developing this site.

At the conclusion of the summer board meeting, I will be conducting the Consumer Health course with public librarians at La Salle Public Library.

After the summer board meeting, the nominating chair, Molly Horio, will fill the ballot with nominees for the positions of President-elect and Secretary. The election will take place as scheduled before the Annual Conference.

A conference committee for 2012 needs to be assembled so the work may begin in November.

Other follow-up is to see about interest in developing HSLI LinkedIn.

In studying the organization this year, I have found white space. The one thing that we lack is an opportunity for giving to the organization. An addition of an address or page on our website and promotional materials would allow for this option. Some trust funding has opened up for the organization. The board needs to decide on how to manage the funds.

Respectfully Submitted Fran E. Kovach, July 26, 2011