

President's Report

6/26/2013

This report includes some items requiring Board action

## **Update of items for President Elect Report, October 2012**

Policy Documents Update:

Revised policy documents are attached to this report.

*These documents require review by the board.*

Partnering with other library organizations:

In late January, the proposal listed below was sent to the Illinois Library Association Committee.

As the current president of the Health Science Librarians of Illinois, I have been authorized by the HSLI board to strengthen ties between HSLI and ILA. I noticed this year that ILA is offering \$25.00 co-memberships for ISLMA and SLA Illinois. I know that there are many HSLI members that would be very interested in a similar arrangement for co-membership with a flat rate for ILA membership for HSLI members. I have spoken with several of our members that are interested in joining ILA, but they have limited resources for dues. A flat co-membership rate would allow them to be active in ILA as well as HSLI.

The membership committee has reviewed this proposal and has forwarded it to the ILA Executive Committee.

I have also made contact with the Steering Committee for the One for All Conference planned for 2016. The All For One Conference is planned to be a gathering of all library organizations in Illinois. I have no further information on this conference at this time.

I am in contact with a member of the Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries planning committee regarding their 2014 conference, which will be in March. The current plan is for the conference to cover Open Access issues in anticipation of SB 1900 being signed into law. I have suggested some sessions that are approved for MLA CE credit. If these are not accepted, I will investigate the possibility applying for MLA CE credit for a session

### **New items:**

In February I posted a form for HSLI members to check out the digital video camera. So far, no one has checked out the camera. I will post information about the camera again before National Medical Libraries Month.

I am working to form a 2014 conference committee. So far I have recruited one member, Amber Loos, for the programming committee. Unless someone volunteers to chair, I will chair the committee and seek a venue in Champaign-Urbana.

Jeanne Sadlik has volunteered to chair the Bylaws Committee. A Bylaws review is required this year.

Donald Nagolski has volunteered for the Marketing Committee.

### **Additional Items Requiring Board Action**

SB 1900, Higher Ed Open Access, is awaiting action from Governor Quinn. While the spirit of the bill is in line with the mission of HSLI in improving access to information, concerns have been raised by HSLI member Paul Blobaum that this bill is an unfunded mandate that puts a burden on underfunded state institutions.

*Should a letter in support of Open Access initiatives that recommends additional funding to support those initiatives be sent to Governor Quinn from HSLI?*

Several HSLI members have reported to me that Decatur Memorial Hospital does not plan to replace Karen Stoner's position. This leaves no professional librarian at DMH.

*Should a letter in support of retaining a professional librarian be sent to Decatur Memorial Hospital administration?*

After the 2012 Fall meeting, Fran Kovach donated \$12,000 in memory of her mother, Helen Knoll Jira. I propose that this donation be the start of an endowed scholarship, the Health Science Librarians of Illinois Helen Knoll Jira Scholarship, to support graduate education in library science or a closely related field of benefit to the profession of librarianship. This would require a commitment to fundraising to raise additional principle to provide a higher annual return. Based on an online calculator, \$12,000 invested at a 5% return with 3% of the principle reinvested would generate \$240.00 per year.

*A vote on this motion is requested.*