**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:**  HSLI Board

**FROM:** Newsletter Committee (Eric Edwards and Joyce Pallinger)

**SUBJECT:** Report

**DATE:** November 2, 2016

The number of posts in the 2016 five-month intervals of January through May and June through October remained almost equal; they were 211 and 209 respectively. The total number of posts for January through October 2016 represents a 150% increase in the total number of posts for the full year in 2015 (see table below). Batched alerts to the HSLI discussion list about *Newsletter* posts continued to be sent.

The table below shows activity since the introduction of the newsletter blog in July, 2010.

**Year (Months if less than a full year)**  **# of Posts**

2010 (July through December) 21

2011 34

2012 28

2013 37

2014 59

2015 167

2016 (January through October) 420

The content focus for posts remained the same to cover subjects of interest to HSLI members.

Posts were authored and/or published primarily by Editor and *Newsletter* Committee member Eric Edwards. Publishing rights remain available to other HSLI Board members, and the Committee will publish on behalf of others.

In continued support of communication and collaboration with IACRL, the Committee sent notifications about newsletter blog posts to the IACRL listserv.

The Committee finalized and published on the organization website, *Guidelines: Health Science Librarians of Illinois (HSLI) Newsletter Website*. The guidelines cover purpose, content scope, site structure, governance, content management, and promotion.

Work on the categories for indexing the posts continues to support efficient and accurate access to the archive of posts. This project includes work on category titles, their taxonomic relationships and their assignment to posts. It is expected this project will be completed by the end of 2016, with ongoing maintenance necessary to ensure usefulness for accessing posts.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Edwards

Joyce Pallinger