

Health Science Librarians of Illinois
President's Report
Fall Board/Business Meeting

October 29, 2021

This has been a challenging year, not only with COVID-19. It was discovered that HSLI's tax-exempt status had been revoked and that efforts to reinstate it had not been successful. In August, with Board approval, we hired ATA Group to help us with this endeavor.

Planning for a virtual conference is a lot of work and the committee worked very hard to put this together. The committee is also looking into holding virtual coffee hours to discuss topics of interest. The contract with Starved Rock Lodge & Conference Center was again shifted to the following year and the conference is scheduled to take place in person on September 7 – 9, 2022, at Starved Rock. Our deposit remains with the Lodge.

In April, HSLI held a community-gathering event at which Jacqueline Leskovec presented on the NNLM Regional Update.

The board, via an online survey, approved changing corporate (vendor) membership fees to the regular membership fee level.

Ideas were requested for the new HSLI logo with a couple of ideas presented. A small committee was formed to work on the Logos to present to the membership. One of the committee members had to withdraw, so it is on hold.

Geoff Petty resigned as treasurer and Laura Wimmer was appointed interim.

Kirstin Duffin stepped down as Legislative Committee co-chair as of June 30, and Lesley Wolfgang has volunteered to fill that position.

Ramune Kubilius served as short term liaison to Special Library Association – IL

Task force appointed for the Jira Scholarship Fund to determine how to market the scholarship, develop an application process, and set the amount of the initial award.

CARLI received a \$1.08 million award for the Open Textbooks Pilot Grant. The grant period is three years. HSLI had offered support of this endeavor and our responsibilities include dissemination of project information through established channels, and representation on Illinois SCOERs Advisory Committee. I sent out a request to the membership for someone to represent HSLI on the advisory board. Frances Drone-Silvers has volunteered to take on this role.

Royden Jones is finishing his year as Immediate Past President of HSLI. I am very thankful to him for his counsel and support during this challenging year. I also want to thank JJ Pionke for his service as secretary for the past four years. I look forward to welcoming and working with our new secretary and president-elect.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Reynolds
HSLI President