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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



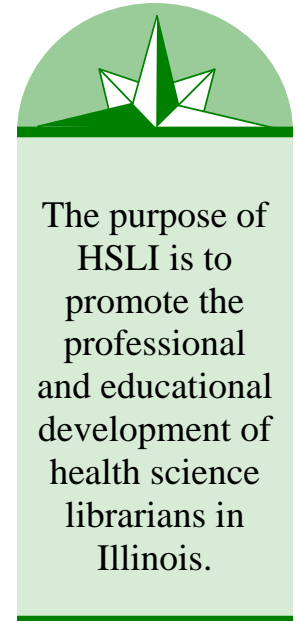
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Our first HSLI newsletter of 2007 brings us new co-editors, as Joyce Pallinger and Beth Carlin take the helm. Linda Feinberg has transitioned into her new role as President-Elect. Many thanks go to Linda for her five years as Editor, and to Joyce and Beth for taking on this new responsibility for HSLI.

I attended the Health-E Illinois Advisory Board meeting in March, and I was amazed at the amount of work that has been done so far, both by staff at Loyola University Health Sciences Library, and by other librarians volunteering to help identify health services data to enter into the Go Local database. While the project team is making great progress, they also need assistance from HSLI members. HSLI is a key partner in the project, along with many other Illinois libraries and health related organizations. Please consider helping if you can, either as an individual or even in collaboration with your local or regional

consortium. At the minimum, we can all ensure that our own institutions are represented in the database by going to the Health-E Illinois website (<http://library.luhhs.org/GoLocal>) and

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The purpose of HSLI is to promote the professional and educational development of health science librarians in Illinois.

## Kudos and Thanks to Linda Feinberg

In this issue of the HSLI newsletter, we gratefully acknowledge Linda Feinberg's five years of dedication as editor. Her work began with the Spring 2002 issue when the publication was produced only in print. Despite some technical challenges, by the Fall 2005 issue Linda had successfully pioneered the electronic format. Since that time, along with the assistance of Fran Kovach, the newsletter has been published at the HSLI Web site. The mass mailing of the print issues was phased out.

Newsletter communication plays an important role in uniting the members. We thank you, Linda, for your excellent contribution to the technological advancement of the newsletter. We hope to follow your lead and to keep our eyes toward new technology for strengthening membership communication.

Beth Carlin and Joyce Pallinger  
HSLI Newsletter Editors 2007

## Welcome New Members 2007

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## Schedule of Future HSLI Conferences

2007 - East Central, Champaign/Urbana, Oct. 25-26  
See an update inside this issue!

## HSLI Business

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entering the information identifying our institutions. In addition to entering our own institutions in the database, we can also volunteer to help identify healthcare providers from around our own areas and throughout the state, based on certain service areas that the project team is working on. Specific information about how we can assist with these tasks will be provided by the project team. This is a great opportunity to get involved in helping to improve online consumer health resources in a way that will make an impact on both health consumers and providers in our local communities.

Plans are well underway for the 2007 HSLI Annual Conference, and I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Champaign. The East Central Illinois Consortium is planning a great line-up of activities to educate and inspire us, so watch for more information to come. Looking further down the road, the Chicago and South Consortium will host the 2008 Annual Conference.

As I get ready to plan my first board meeting as president, I am looking forward to addressing the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in this new role of mine. Most of all, I am excited to have such a dynamic group of officers and committee chairs with whom to work, and there is room for more! We have a need for a Bylaws Chair, as that position is currently vacant. According to the HSLI bylaws, "the Bylaws Committee shall review the Bylaws every two years and make recommendations to the membership. The Chair of the Bylaws Committee shall serve as Parliamentarian of the organization." Please contact me at [mhorio@bromenn.org](mailto:mhorio@bromenn.org) if you are interested in volunteering.

I hope this finds all of you doing well and having a wonderful spring!  
Molly Horio

### *2007 HSLI Annual Conference*

Mark your calendars for October 25-26, 2007 and prepare to get "In the Know" at the Annual HSLI Conference. The conference hotel is the Holiday Inn, Champaign/Urbana. Reservations can be made by calling 1-217-328-7900.

CE's for this year include "Measuring Your Impact: Using Evaluation to Demonstrate Value" with Ruth Holst and Jacqueline Leskovec and a technology oriented CE presented by Bryan Vogh. A third CE will be announced at a later date.

This year's conference will also offer "Table Talk," a venue for sharing ideas on new projects and services and to network with people facing similar issues. Table Talk will blend elements of poster sessions and round table talks. Participants may bring posters, handouts, or any other items that help spark a conversation. If you have a topic that you need to discuss but don't have time to prepare materials, just hang a sign off the table so visitors know what you want to discuss. To participate in Table Talk, please send an e-mail to Stacey Knight-Davis, [slknight@eiu.edu](mailto:slknight@eiu.edu).

## Midwest MLA

### VALUABLE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN BOTH HEALTH SCIENCE LIBRARIANS OF ILLINOIS AND MIDWEST CHAPTER MLA

Illinois Health Science Librarians are very lucky to have such a wealth of organizations that support our continuing professional development. Sometimes we have to choose which organizations to join. All of us have those questions looming in our heads when we look at these organizations, how much does it cost? and what do I get for my money? HSLI has certainly risen to the occasion when it comes to member benefits at a reasonable cost for those librarians in Illinois. Of course, HSLI focuses on benefits relating to our local state activities. The continuing education conference is closer to home in Illinois. Members you network with are in your area. You can share more just by proximity.

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## Midwest MLA (continued)

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Midwest MLA has a broader scope in terms of membership drawing members from the 8 states surrounding Illinois. It expands professional opportunities within a similar structure to HSLI membership for a reasonable cost as well. Membership in Midwest MLA includes rights and privileges exclusive to membership such as professional leadership opportunities or professional development opportunities expanded to a nine state region; knowledge growth or continuing education opportunities at the Midwest chapter annual regional conference; and networking opportunities such as *MIDLINE*, the Chapter newsletter, and *MIDWEST*, the Chapter discussion list and now blog, and the Midwest MLA online membership directory. While Midwest MLA offers the same types of benefits to its members as HSLI, there are additional benefits that I'd like to highlight here.

One is Professional Recognition. Midwest MLA offers two Awards that acknowledge our efforts as Health Science Librarians. These awards described below provide us peer recognition, compensation for our role in enriching our profession and concrete acknowledgement of our satisfaction in our life's work.

### Jean Williams Sayre Innovation Award

The Executive Board of the Midwest Chapter established the Award in 2005 to honor individuals, groups, or libraries that have displayed creativity and/or problem solving skills that have resulted in innovative methods, projects, products, organizational enhancements or publications in the field of health information management.

### Distinguished Librarian of the Year Award

The Executive Board of the Midwest Chapter established the Award in 2005 to honor a Chapter member who has made outstanding professional contributions impacting librarianship and was awarded for the first time at the 2005 Annual Meeting.

For more information about these Midwest MLA AWARDS and more review the web site. <http://midwestmla.org/awards/>

Another cumulative benefit of Midwest MLA membership stands out as participation adds to our professional portfolio. Whether we choose to go on to become a member of Medical Library Association (MLA) Academy of Health Science Professionals (AHIP) or not all our activities as members count towards enhancing our professional "tool chest" of experiences. Midwest MLA membership expands our opportunities for career advancement.

Often national membership in the Medical Library Association (MLA) is outside our financial commitment at various times in our careers. Midwest MLA membership offers us expanding professional development and continuing connection to MLA without the larger costs. Membership in this regional group is not linked to national membership as other library organizations might require.

If you aren't a member of Midwest MLA, consider joining now. I have been invited to become the Midwest MLA state liaison for Illinois. Please contact me, Beth Carlin with questions about Midwest MLA. Email [bcarlin@reshealthcare.org](mailto:bcarlin@reshealthcare.org) or phone 847-316-2460. Also, look forward to information about the MLA Midwest Chapter Annual Conference, October 12-16 in Omaha, Nebraska and more coming your way.



## Go Local

In the fall of 2006, Loyola University Health Sciences Library announced its intention to create a “Go-Local” project for Illinois, titled Health-E Illinois. Since this announcement, the Health-E Illinois project team has been busy gathering and inputting information for health service locations throughout Illinois and is pleased to report over 3,000 completed records are now included in the database. To date, most of these records concentrate on senior health topics, emergency preparedness, and drug/substance abuse. The project is on track to go live September 1st of 2007 and will include over 8,000 records.

Despite the advances made, there are still a vast number of unrepresented health service locations. To assure that the database is as comprehensive as possible by the go-live date, the project team is encouraging participation from the health sciences librarians of Illinois. A list of health services that have little or no representation in the database has been published online. Librarians can select a service from this list, find locations that provide that service, and e-mail their findings to the project. In addition, librarians can provide information regarding their institutions for inclusion in the database. For more information visit <http://library.luhs.org/GoLocal> and select the “How to participate” link on the left.

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## Illinois State Library

### Ask Away - Illinois Virtual Reference

Ask?Away is an online reference service developed by the Illinois State Library. Based on OCLC's QuestionPoint reference management service, it provides Illinois Libraries with the tools they need to interact with their users in multiple ways, using email and chat. This statewide, multitype partnership includes public, special, school, medical, college and university librarians working together to offer the broadest possible Internet help service. Medical libraries can form their own group within the cooperative to help answer medical questions and participate in the 24/7/365 cooperative.

The Internet can be difficult to navigate, and good information can be hard to find. Sometimes reliable information is available only from a library resource. Libraries are implementing Internet help desks in response to the ubiquity of online resources and Internet access. Many librarians are providing virtual reference services in addition to telephone, fax or in-person requests for information.

Ask?Away was established in November 2005 and is going strong in Illinois with #230 participating libraries.

During February 2007, #520 email questions and #2,872 chat sessions were conducted.

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### IOUG ANNUAL MEETING - DePaul University, Loop Campus - May 16, 2007

Join us for the IOUG (Illinois Online Users Group) Annual Meeting on May 16, 2007. The annual meeting will begin with registration and a continental breakfast at 8:00 am in Room 8005 of the DePaul Center located at 1 East Jackson Boulevard in Chicago. Opening remarks will begin at 9:00 am and the day's events will conclude at 3:00 pm.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$40.00

Hotel information: A limited number of rooms are available at the Hotel Blake, located at 500 South Dearborn Street in Chicago, just a few blocks from the DePaul Center. Be sure to mention the IOUG Annual Meeting when you call 312-986-1234 to reserve your room. Depending on availability a special rate may be available.

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## Illinois State Library (continued)

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### Presentations include:

Chip Nilges, Vice President, Business Development, OCLC - will discuss the latest developments in the WorldCat.org Service, designed to expand web exposure to local collections.

Lisa Barnhart Project Coordinator for LibraryU and Dawne Tortorella, Technology Consultant and President, BellCow - will provide a presentation on the WebJunction Community Partners Program and the implementation and development plans for the Illinois WebJunction site.

Robin Buser, Cataloging Partners Product Manager, OCLC - will provide a presentation on the WorldCat Selection Service, as well as, an overview of the new WorldCat Cataloging Partners service, which combines the PromptCat service and the Cataloging Partners program.

Jan Ison, Executive Director, Lincoln Trail Libraries System - will discuss the important implications of the Illinois Universal OPAC Project and the WorldCat Local pilot project.

Tamiye Meehan - Executive Director, Indian Trails Public Library District and President, Illinois Library Association and Bill Pardue, Virtual Services Librarian / NorthStarNet Arlington Heights Coordinator of the Arlington Heights Memorial Library, will provide a presentation on exciting innovations in Reference Service

Susan Singleton - Executive Director, CARLI, will provide an update on CARLI and I-Share activities.

Other reports include IOUG, ISL, Illinois OCLC Members Council, and Statewide Cataloging Standards/Cataloging Maintenance Center Update

For more information about Ask?Away or IOUG Annual Meeting, contact:

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