FROM THE PRESIDENT

This has been a very challenging and rewarding year for me as President of HSLI. There are so many miscellaneous bits and pieces I want to say that my last presidential message will be sort of a potpourri of information.

The Board challenged the Marketing Task Force to create a listserv for HSLI members and to locate the HSLI website to its own site of origin. Both of these tasks were accomplished with the help of the task force and the efforts of Fran Kovach. I want to publicly thank Fran for her support and help in working diligently on both of these projects. The listserv has already played a major role in opening up communication between HSLI members. If you have not joined the listserv you can find directions on how to join by going to the HSLI home page at http://hсли.org.

The annual meeting in Quincy was FABULOUS! Arlis Dittmer met and exceeded expectations of a conference chair. When a key speaker cancelled at the last minute Arlis, Nina, and Fran pulled together and quickly made alternate plans for conference attendees. In the end all went smoothly. The remaining CE speakers agreed to offer extra classes for conference attendees. Friday was filled with topics that ranged from how to recognize depression to what's happening at the state library. The grand finale of the conference was having Barbara Jones as our keynote speaker. Everyone that spoke was interesting and full of useful information. As an extra treat, the weather was perfect and the architectural tour was marvelous. For those who did not make it to Quincy, you missed out on a lot of good information and a lot of fun. I hope to see you next year in Rockford.

As I look back on my year as president I have a feeling of accomplishment. With the support of the Board, Committee Chairs and HSLI members many challenges were met during 1999. Next year brings more challenges and opportunities for the new president Jan Perone. Jan you have had the gavel passed on to you. If I had to give you one word of advice it would be try not to accomplish everything alone. You have a great team in the HSLI membership. Use them!

Toni Tucker

CONSORTIA NEWS

Metropolitan Consortium of Chicago

With the approval of Metropolitan Consortium members Dalia passed "the gavel" to me to become the Coordinator for the year 2000. Please make sure you update my name in place of hers. At our 25th Anniversary meeting of Metropolitan Consortium of Chicago, the business meeting was brief. We spent most of the time reminiscing of the events of the past 25 years with our retired and current members. One of the founders of the Metropolitan Consortium, Harriette Cluxton, was not at the meeting, but we honored her. Carol Strauss, one of our retired MC members, expressed her feelings, "She [Harriet] was a great help and inspiration to us all. " I hand-delivered the certificate to Harriet. She was very pleased to receive it. It was an honor to listen to her fond memories. Furthermore, she told me that she receives the HSLI newsletter and MLA news, and she enjoys reading them. Harriet can be reached at:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations

Congratulations to Arlis Dittmer for receiving the 1998-1999 Presidential Award!

Thanks!!!

I just want to thank my committee and all of those attending the conference in Quincy! The feedback I received has been positive, although, I hope to receive more written evaluations. Those “hardy souls” who made it to Quincy appreciated the town and the wonderful sunsets over the Mississippi. The weather cooperated and was gorgeous! The speakers were excellent, and the company was even better!

Arlis Dittmer, Chair of HSLI 1999

HSLI Teleconference

HSLI will be hosting the December 15, 1999 teleconference for the Illinois State Library on Consumer Health Resources. The two-hour teleconference will highlight five consumer health collections in the state with demonstrations on FirstSearch Health Reference Center, consumer health web sites, Medline Plus, and health bibliographies. The intended audience is public and school librarians. HSLI participants include:

- Arlis Dittmer
- Toni Tucker
- Paul Blobaum
- Karen Douglas
- Angela Wolf
- Carol Galganski
- Michael Wold

Other participants include:
- Helen Valantinas
- Lorna Springston
- Barbara Nathan

Bylaws Ballot

You should have received a copy of the HSLI Bylaws ballot. Please vote and return before December 15, 1999. If you did not receive it, email Toni Tucker at: ttucky@exchange1.mlbl.ilstu.edu.

Saint Anthony College of Nursing

Renovation has been completed within the Sister Mary Linus Learning Resource Center (LRC) as well as the college. Many improvements were made for ADA accessibility, a computer lab was built, additional shelving was put in, current shelving was rearranged for easier access, additional washrooms were installed, and a new skills lab with more models and equipment was added. We are now in the process of outfitting the LRC with new computers, printers, and projectors.

The college as a whole completed its NCA accreditation review and we were very happy with the results. NCA will not be returning for another 10 years, the maximum they offer.

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HSLI 2000

HSLI will hold its annual conference in Rockford in 2000. We will meet at the Clock Tower on November 9 and 10. What would you like to learn in 2000? Please take a minute NOW and complete the attached form to let us know of your interests. The planning committee will be meeting in January.

Phyllis Nathan and Sue Hollander, Co-Chairs

BOARD NEWS

MINUTES
HSLI Board Meeting
November 5, 1999
Quincy, IL

The meeting was postponed from 8:00 PM, Thursday, Nov. 4, 1999 and held at 7:00 AM on Friday, Nov. 5, 1999.

Board Members Present:
Toni Tucker, Jan Perone, Karen Wark, Arlis Dittmer, Nina Pals

Committee Members Present:
Syed Maghrabi, Ann Glenn, Sue Hollander, Michael Wold

Guests: Phyllis Nathan
Approval of Minutes:
The minutes of the June, 1999 Board meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:
The treasurer's report was approved. The issue of putting some money in CD's was discussed and a report will be presented at the next board meeting. The treasurer presented a report on annual meeting profit and loss. Beginning with the 1999 conference, each chair will be asked to submit a final report with data on income, expenditures, attendance, CEU's, location, and sponsors.

Committee Reports:

Archives:
Syed Maghrabi submitted a written report.
Syed has served with distinction for four years, and he wishes to retire from the position.
Karen Douglas of Passavant Hospital in Jacksonville will be the new chair.

Bylaws:
There was no report but bylaws issues will be discussed later in this meeting and at the general business meeting.

Legislative:
Ann Glenn was praised for the job she has done or the last two years in keeping the board and membership informed on legislative issues. The president elect needs to find a new chair.

Marketing:
There was no report.

Membership:
There was no report. There are 166 people on the mailing list but not all have renewed memberships in the last year. Angela Wolff of Memorial Medical Center in Springfield is the new chair.

Newsletter:
Sue Hollander and Jeanette Gawronski will do the next issue. Nina Pals and Molly Horlo are the next newsletter editors.

Nominating:
Michael presented the new slate of officers. Arlis Dittmer is president-elect, Joy Kennedy is secretary and Paul Blobaum is Illinois State Council representative. 71 ballots were cast for the election.

Past President:
Nina reported she is working on questions for phone survey of the membership who did not attend the conference. Her second project this past year was finding locations for upcoming meetings. Rockford will host in 2000, Champaign in 2001, and Springfield in 2002.

Conference Report:
Arlis gave a brief oral report but will present the final written report at the next board meeting.

Illinois State Council:
There was no meeting and only two state council representatives were in attendance. There was no agenda or meeting report. The Board moved to disband the group and replace it with a liaison either elected or appointed. The motion was approved.

Illinois State Library:
Lynn Bierma did not attend but sent a written report on state library activity.

Old Business:

Bylaws Change:
The board will send a ballot to the membership on removing the statement prohibiting political involvement. The other proposed bylaws change is expanding the president-elect, president, and past president terms to two years each.

Listserv:
The president urged the board to subscribe and use the listserv. The board uses the listserv to communicate with HSLI members.

New Business:
HSLI is hosting a teleconference at the State Library on "consumer resources." The desired audience is public and school libraries.

The new state librarian has appointed several HSLI members to state task forces.

The Customer Service CEU that was canceled due to a medical emergency will be rescheduled. Perhaps the speaker would consider doing a statewide teleconference. Library systems will be contacted to put this possible presentation on their CEU calendars.

Issues from the Floor:
The question was raised as to whether we are doing another print Silo list. Jan Perone thought Laura Wimmer was doing the list.
MINUTES
HSLI Business Meeting
November 5, 1999
Quincy, IL

The meeting was called to order by President Toni Tucker at 10:15 AM with 30 members and guests present.

Approval of Minutes:
The minutes of the November 6, 1998 business meeting in Chicago were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:
The treasurer reported a balance of $26,304.87. The report was approved.

Committee Reports:
SEE Board Meeting Committee Reports.

Old Business:
Two proposed by-laws will be mailed to the membership.

Last year's President's Award plaque was presented to Toni Tucker by Nina Pals.

New Business:
President Toni Tucker announced this year's President's Award recipient was Arlis Ditmer.

The next meeting will be in Rockford on Nov 9-10, 2000.

Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Archives Committee

Archival materials were submitted to the University of Illinois Archives Depository on October 4, 1999. Thus far, no acknowledgement of the receipt of this report has been received. Jan Perone, president-elect, recruited Karen Douglas, Medical Librarian at Passavant Area Hospital in Jacksonville, IL as the Archives Chair from November 1999 to November 2000. I submitted all of the archival material to Karen. Upon receiving a letter of acknowledgement from Joann Jacoby, I will turn that over to Karen as well. In addition, I received a telephone call from Gerald Dujisik, Director, Learning Resources, Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, IL. He would like to donate a copy of the HSLI Newsletters from 1986-1995. I picked up these newsletters, incorporated them into the HSLI Archives binder, and turned the binder over to Karen. She will have to check the Archives Depository for any missing newsletters.

I would like to bring to your attention that, effective immediately, there are no members on the Archives committee. The task of forming a new committee now lies with Karen. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Karen at kdouglass@csj.net.

Submitted by Syed A. Maghrabi

See "Board News" for other Committee Reports.

THIS...AND THAT...

Reflections on the Conference in Quincy

The Annual HSLI Conference was held on November 4-5, 1999 at Quincy Holiday Inn in Quincy, IL. The conference's theme was "Embrace the Past & Plan for the Future." Arlis Ditmer and her crew organized the conference meticulously. It was, indeed, a time consuming task, and they did a wonderful job organizing all the programs.

On Thursday, November 4, we attended two CE
courses. The first course was "Teaching the Adult Learner" by Carla Morrison. The second was a very constructive course called "Technology Troubleshooting" at the Alliance Library System by Kay Cloyes. We learned the step-by-step basics of technology troubleshooting by using hands-on exercises on the computer. This course was aimed at those who seek help for minor problems that can be taken care of without the help of the Information Service Department. After the CE courses, we took an architectural tour of Quincy. The one hour tour took us to see 19th century homes, as well as other landmarks. With the cooperation of the weather, we were able to observe a beautiful sunset overlooking the Mississippi River. After the tour, we attended a reception at the Gardner Museum of Architecture & Design, another historical site. We all enjoyed the nostalgic displays in the museum, and the historical information provided by the curator.

On Friday, November 5, 1999, Eric Schultz's lecture on "Recognizing Depression" was very engaging. He was able to bring a little humor to the talk, despite the seriousness of the topic. Following the lecture, Kitty Wrigley and Iris Nelson presented a historical panel on librarians and historical research. Ms. Wrigley co-authored Memorial Days: A History of Community Partnership, 1897 - 1997. At the end of the session, she presented 12 copies of her book to audience members; I happened to be one of the lucky ones who received one. The Centennial Celebration 1894-1994 Poster project, coordinated by Arlis Dittmer and Sharon Wharton, was a historical piece presented for the Blessing Hospital Training School for nurses.

NNLM/GMR's, Jean Sayre, Associate Director, and Lorna Springston, Consumer Health & Outreach Librarian, updated the new Docline system and Consumer Health including Medline Plus. They urged us to check the website for latest information. Our members had a few questions, of which Jean Sayre will follow up on soon.

Jean Wilkins' session was on "The Illinois State Library Today." She highlighted VIC, the Virtual Illinois Catalog of Illinois Library, resources. She advised us to visit the website http://findit.sos.state.il.us for governmental and library information. She also reminded us about the HSLI Teleconference, Illinois State Library, on December 15, 1999.

The day concluded with the HSLI Annual Business meeting. At the end of the meeting, Toni Tucker passed the gavel to the president-elect, Jan Perone, to adjourn the meeting. Jan Perone reminded all members to get ready for the HSLI Fall Meeting in Rockford, IL, which will be held on November 9-10, 2000.

Submitted by Syed A. Maghrabi

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MAKE ME LAUGH!!!

Twas the night before Y2K,
And all through the nation
We awaited the Bug.
The Millennium sensation.

The chips were replaced
In computers with care,
In hopes that ol' bugsy
Wouldn't stop there.

While some folks could think
They were snug in their beds
Others had visions
Of dread in their heads.

And Ma with her PC,
And I with my Mac
Had just logged on the Net
And kicked back with a snack.

When over the server,
There arose such a clatter
I called Mister Gates
To see what was the matter.

But he was away,
So I flew like a flash
Off to my bank
To withdraw all my cash.

When what to my wandering eyes
Should I see?
My good old Mac
Looked sick to me.

The hack of all hackers
Was looking so smug
I knew that it must be
The Y2K bug!

His image downloaded
In no time at all,
He whistled and shouted,
Let all systems fall!

Go Intel! Go Gateway?
Now HP! Big Blue!
Everything Compaq,
And Pentium too!

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All processors big,
All processors small,
Crash away! Crash away!
Crash away all!

All the controls
That planes need for their flights
All microwaves, trains
And all traffic lights.

As I drew in my breath
And was turning around,
Out through the modem,
He came with a bound.

He was covered with fur,
And slung on his back
Was a sackful of virus
Set for attack.

His eye-how they twinkled!
His dimples-how merry!
As midnight approached, though
Things soon became scary.

He had a broad little face
And a round little belly,
And his sack filled with virus
Quivered like jelly.

He was chubby and plump,
Perpetually grinning,
And I laughed when I saw him
Though my hard drive stopped spinning.

A wink of his eye,
And a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know
A new feeling to dread.

He spoke not a word,
But went straight to his work,
He changed all the clocks,
Then turned with a jerk.

With a twitch of his nose,
And a quick little wink
All things electronic
Soon went on the blink.

He zoomed from my system,
To the next folks online,
He caused such a disruption,
Could this be a sigh?

Then I heard him exclaim,
With a loud, hearty shout,
Happy Y2K to all,
This is a helluva a night!

Submitted by Toni Tucker

Report by Nina Pals

Jean Wilkins spoke to attendees at the HSLI Conference in Quincy. She expressed her desire to work with HSLI.

Teleconference

The first result of this collaboration will be a teleconference. HSLI will present a consumer health program geared to public and school librarians on December 15. This will be part of the series of teleconferences that the State Library broadcasts on Wednesday of every other month.

Committees

The Illinois State Library recently appointed three committees. Toni Tucker from Illinois State University will serve on the Delivery Committee. A consultant recently evaluated the state's delivery system. In light of upcoming changes, especially with VIC (Virtual Illinois Catalog) coming online, the consultants recommended no changes, but instead to reevaluate the system in two years.

Kitty Wrigley from St. John's Hospital in Springfield will serve on the Interlibrary Loan Committee. This committee will update the interlibrary loan code which has not been revised since 1992. It will also evaluate methods of gathering statistics on interlibrary loans and how to share that data with libraries.

Ardis Dittmer from Blessing Hospital in Quincy will serve on the Automation/Technology Committee. This committee will deal with technology issues including the new Illinois Century Network.

Find-It! Illinois

Jean introduced this new Web portal to Illinois government and library information. Its purpose is to increase access to information for Illinois citizens. Resources on it include VIC - databases of all 12 library systems searchable in various combinations, IGI - the Illinois government information Websites, and First
Search. (SEE Toni’s column under “Library Systems”)

**Project Next Generation**

This demonstration project is for young people, some of whom may have problems with school or the law. It will be sponsored through public libraries in nine communities. It involves working with young people by providing mentoring and technology tutoring.

**Legislative Issues**

The State Library is working with ILA to increase the equalization rate for libraries. It is also working on funding for the Illinois Information Initiative to provide a permanent source of funding for technology, i.e. the new backbone Illinois Century Network, and LANs and computer equipment in libraries.

**Literacy**

The Secretary of State’s Office spends $7-8 million dollars annually on literacy. In the thinking phase is partnering with the medical community for literacy. This might include helping people who speak another language or with a low reading level to understand their diagnosis, tests, or prescription information.

**Jesse White Fellow Program**

This involves recruitment of minority librarians to 2-3 year positions at the ISL to gain experience.

Jean asked all of us to recruit people to the library field. Many librarians will be retiring in the next few years. Last year the ISL provided 16 grants of $7500 for individuals to attend library school (can be an out-of-state school). Persons receiving the grants must agree to work in an Illinois public library or the ISL after completing their degree.

government partners. Members pledge from $500,000 to $1,000,000 annually. Network applications under development include distance learning, digital libraries, video teleconferencing, and virtual laboratories. The first connections, the Abilene network, were rolled out in February, 1999 between thirty-seven universities.

**Next Generation Internet (NGI)**

This project is a complement to Internet 2. The key difference is NGI’s focus on the needs of federal agencies (National Science Foundation, the Defense Department, NASA, the National Institute of Health, etc.). The federal government announced NGI in 1997 with a $300 million commitment over three years. Its next generation applications include telemedicine and health care, national security (star wars?), energy research, environmental monitoring and manufacturing.

Both projects have the development of a super-high-speed infrastructure to support current and new applications that the current Internet is too slow to support. We are talking gigabits (Gbps) as opposed to the kilobytes (Kbps) that data travels on the current Internet. According to my calculations, data will travel one or more million times faster on the next two Internets.

What does this mean for current Internet users? The movement of university research projects and government applications to the new Internets should speed up the current Internet. While the new Internets are not being designed for public use, most likely they will migrate to commercial and public use as did their predecessor. Can you imagine the possibilities?

Submitted by Nina Pals

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**INTERNET**

**Internet X 3**

Do you feel comfortable and competent on the current Internet? Good! Then you are ready for the next generation. There are two projects currently under way to promote the development of the next generation infrastructure and the next generation of network applications for internets.

**Internet2**

Internet2 started in 1996 to develop an "unclogged" research network. It currently has 160 member universities plus corporate and federal

**FIND-IT! ILLINOIS**

At ILA in October Jessie White unveiled the new web site Find-It! Illinois. On November 3rd the Illinois State Library held a satellite teleconference describing what exactly Find-It! Illinois will do for your library. It is described as “Your portal to Illinois governmental and library information on the Web!” Find-It! Illinois brings together Illinois Government Information, FirstSearch, and VIC (Virtual Illinois Catalog).

[http://findit.sos.state.il.us](http://findit.sos.state.il.us)

- Illinois Government Information provides access to
State of Illinois Web pages in one location. By word matching and subject category browsing in the same search site, IGI will give users improved results in finding government information.

- FirstSearch is the FirstSearch Basics offered by the Illinois State Library across the state. You may access from this point using your library's FirstSearch authorization and password.

- Virtual Illinois Catalog, otherwise known as VIC, is the one site from which you can search the holdings of 600 libraries in the state of Illinois. For the first time Illinois residents have access to millions of items in Illinois Libraries. VIC is accessible from any computer that has Internet access. Eleven of the twelve library systems in the state have provided their holdings for this project along with Illinet Online (DRA System). VIC is still in its beginning stages, so there are still many bugs to be worked out along the way.

Submitted by Toni Tucker

NNLM / GMR

Report by Nina Pals

Jean Sayre, Associate Director of GMR, provided an update on NLM projects at the HSLI Conference in Quincy.

DOCLINE

The new DOCLINE system is scheduled for release on February 12, 2000. This date is subject to change.

During the week of February 7-11, 2000, all users can update their DOCUSER and SERHOLD records in the new system.

NLM has developed a new test site at: www.nlm.nih.gov/docline/test. Librarians are encouraged to visit this site and ensure their browsers work with the system.

A major snag to interacting with the new DOCLINE may be hospitals' firewalls. If your firewall does not allow information in from the Internet except from approved IP addresses, you may not be able to interact with DOCLINE. GMR staff will check this and respond to the issue, including providing DOCLINE’s IP address as needed. If you have a modem and a dial-access Internet provider, there should not be a problem.

PubMed Central

This NIH-operated site will be unveiled January 1, 2000. It will provide electronic distribution of life science research reports.

PubMed Central will archive, organize, and distribute peer-reviewed reports from journals, as well as reports that have been screened but not formally peer-reviewed by independent organizations. Non-peer reviewed material will be clearly distinguishable from the peer-reviewed content of PubMed Central. The Web address is: www.nlm.nih.gov/welcome/director/ebiomed/ebiomed.htm.

Multiple Congenital Anomaly/Mental Retardation Resource

At present this system includes structured descriptions of 700 out of 1600-2000 syndromes of congenital abnormalities known to be associated with mental retardation. The Web address is http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/jablonski/syndrome_db.html.

Announcement from Chris Shaffer:

The current issue of eBMJ is devoted to the topic of "New technologies in medicine and medical journals." It makes for interesting reading. [Of particular interest, "Are we providing doctors with the training and tools for lifelong learning?] See (http://www.bmj.com/content/vol319/issue7220/) for the full text of the journal.

You may also be interested in the following if you have not already seen it: "Regents Chart New Course Regarding Consumer Health Information" in NLM Newsline 1999 54(2-3) Apr-Sep: 5.

FROM THE EDITORS

We have enjoyed working with those of you who have contributed to the HSLI Newsletter over the past two years. We pass on editorial responsibilities now to Nina Pals and Molly Hario. Please give them your support. Remember, this newsletter is what you, the readers, make it. Make it a point to take a few minutes every three months to report your activities to Nina or Molly. Good luck, Nina & Molly!

Sue & Jeanette
The program and continuing education committees for HSLI in 2000 are interested in what educational programs you would like presented at the next annual meeting, in Rockford. The ideas below are the result of committee brainstorming, but we need YOUR ideas too!

Mark below any of the topics that you would have an interest in, and indicate if you would be interested in instruction (CE), a lecture (program), or a roundtable discussion on the topic. Feel free to mark more than one format 😊. Also write in any comments that might help us in targeting your interests. Then, add some new ideas in the space provided. We welcome any suggestions, general or specific. If you can recommend an instructor or speaker, let us know!

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Other Suggestions:

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