President’s Message

President’s Greetings
July 5, 2005

I can remember my first HSLI meeting back in 1991, back in the days when there were two meetings per year. I had just graduated from library school and was early into my first professional position in the Chicago area. I remember feeling a sense of awe while in the presence of the many medical librarians I met. Over the years, these librarians welcomed me into the fold and instructed me in the mysteries of the profession. Now, some 14 years later, I would guess that there are 50% fewer medical libraries in Illinois, and fewer medical librarians to staff them; yet the bonds which tie medical librarians together in service and commitment to our constituents is stronger than ever. Electronic communications may have changed our communication patterns over the years, and there is now only one conference a year, but I still look forward to each year’s HSLI meeting, and I hope you do too.

Professional meetings are an important part of professional identity and development. There are opportunities to network and make friends, learn new skills, talk to vendors, and nurture new ideas and goals. HSLI

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members can be proud of their accomplishments over the years. Planning an annual conference with top notch CE events and speakers year after year is certainly an accomplishment to be proud of, thanks to member’s willingness to volunteer. The Heart of Illinois Library Consortium has a great 2005 conference planned, and I hope you will plan to attend.

The HSLI board met on June 9th in Normal to discuss the fall conference plans and other agenda. Highlights of the meeting are elsewhere in this newsletter. Perhaps the biggest decision was the decision to move to online access for the HSLI newsletter. It was felt that rising costs could not justify continuing to print the newsletter and mail it out. We encourage you to sign up for the HSLI listserv in order to receive an alert when the newsletters are published.

I have several presidential goals for the coming year encircling our annual conference: One is for HSLI to provide leadership in implementing a Medline Plus GoLocal project for Illinois. The HSLI board has supported this goal, and decided that the HSLI listserv will be the public forum for discussing the planning and implementation of the project. Another goal is to plan strategically for future growth in our group purchase consortium, which Virginia Gale has agreed to continue to coordinate for this year.

Since the June board meeting, I have learned that Illinois Clicks! has received a third year of funding. HSLI members, under the coordination of Ann Phillips of the OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria volunteered to select consumer health web sites. If anyone is interested in forming a task force to continue to work on this project and re-invigorate it, please contact me. The HSLI board is open to considering proposals for establishing a more formal role for HSLI, especially if they are put in writing.

The Legislative Committee plans to roll out a web page, so watch for its appearance. A web page for the HSLI board is also being planned, for communication of board business.

Finally, would anyone be interested in planning on a collaborative project for LSTA grant support? For 2006, funds will be available for collection development. We should start early with planning work, which would include discussing how to plan for management of the grant with your business department or foundation, who needs to approve of the proposal, and so forth. Typically, a library needs to serve as the lead library agency, and only one librarian’s name can be put on the grant application for the lead agency.

Also, I wish to say “Best Wishes” to Pat Grundke of Hinsdale Hospital on her retirement, and “Godspeed” to Mary Ann Huslig as she relocates to Texas. Thank you for your many years of service to HSLI and to our profession in this state!

I hope you enjoy your summer,

Paul Blobaum, HSLI President

Legislative Notes

Visit the new HSLI Legislative Committee web page! From this page you can get updates on national and state library issues, contact your federal and state legislators, and network with other health sciences library legislative groups.

The address is: http://hsli.org/legislativecom.html

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Meeting Information

LEAD: Lead, Excel, Advance, Develop

The Health Science Librarians of Illinois Annual Meeting will be held November 2-4, 2005, in Bloomington, Illinois. Speakers, continuing education, and networking opportunities promise to recharge and stimulate us as we strive to Lead, Excel, Advance, and Develop. The program for LEAD is available on the HSLI website, as well as scholarship and stipend information.  http://hсли.org/Conference/index.html

Speakers Prudence Dalrymple and Kathryn Deiss, will address leadership topics of importance to all librarians. Pru served as Dean of the Graduate School of Library & Information Science, Dominican University, from 1997 to 2005. She is currently a Health Science Informatics Fellow at Johns Hopkins University while on sabbatical. Kathryn is Director of the Strategic Learning Center at the Chicago Metropolitan Library System.

Three four-hour MLA-approved continuing education courses will be offered:

Emotional Intelligence -- Daniel Wiseman
Develop a next step plan on how to apply emotional intelligence in your life and work.

Grant Writing: Hands-on Version -- Ruth Holst
Basic tips and techniques for writing and organizing your grant proposal.

Super Searcher -- Bryan Vogh
Hands-on focus on advanced search features of web search engines.

Round Table Discussions will provide additional opportunities for networking with colleagues.

The meeting will be held at The Chateau Hotel & Conference Center -- you'll feel like you've been transported to a French country estate. Continue the experience at the Ewing Cultural Center for a wine tasting, vendor exhibits, and time to tour the beautiful grounds. The brand new Shoppes at College Hills -- a unique shopping experience -- is within walking distance of the hotel. Bloomington-Normal, Illinois, is easily accessible by interstate, Amtrak, or air.

Looking forward to seeing you there -- register by October 12 and save $25!

SIU / GSU to host Changing the Face of Medicine exhibit

The Southern Illinois School of Medicine library, Springfield; and Governors State University Library, University Park, were successful recipients of the American Library Association grant competition to bring the “Changing the Face of Medicine” of the National Library of Medicine to their campuses, it was learned in January. The response to the grant offering was so overwhelming, ALA secured additional funding in order to increase the number of exhibit sites from 30 to 60 nationally.

The exhibit celebrates the accomplishments of women physicians from the first American woman to receive a medical degree, Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell in 1849, to the present. SIU Springfield will host the exhibit from March 31- May 14, 2010, and GSU will host the exhibit from April 25 – Jun 8, 2007. Connie Poole and Paul Blobaum attended the exhibit training workshop at NLM on April 1st. This exhibit will be an exciting opportunity to highlight the themes of the exhibit locally, and to partner with regional institutions in providing programs of interest to the community.  The exhibit will begin its tour in September 2005 in Tennessee, and Pennsylvania. The exhibit’s web site is at  http://www.nlm.nih.gov/changingthefaceofmedicine.
“Of Note”

The OSF Saint Francis Library & Resources Center is pleased to announce it has been awarded a $40,000 grant from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Greater Midwest Region for the period Dec. 1, 2004, through March 31, 2006. Through this grant, healthcare professionals will be taught how to effectively search MedlinePlus and ClinicalTrials.gov at four of our OSF Healthcare System independent affiliates: Mercer County Hospital in Aledo, Memorial Hospital in Carthage, Mendota Community Hospital in Mendota and Perry Memorial Hospital in Princeton.

This project will provide initial hands-on training at each hospital through the use of a portable electronic classroom, with follow-up support provided both in person and via virtual reference software. Training also will be offered to representatives of community agencies and public library personnel in those four communities.

This project has been funded in whole or in part with federal funds from the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, under Contract No. NO1-LM-1-3513.

HSLI Newsletter to go Electronic!

Starting with this issue, the HSLI Newsletter will “mostly” be electronic. The HSLI board voted to begin this format because of escalating photocopy charges.

Notice will be posted on the HSLI listserv when each new issue is available on our web site.

If you are one of the few people who are not on the HLSI listserv please notify me.

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Membership Note

Attention HSLI Members!

If you know of a newly hired health science librarian in your consortia or library system, please let me know, and I'll be happy to send them our HSLI brochure and membership application form.

Please give me a call at (309) 655-2268, or send me an email - carol.j.galganski@osfhealthcare.org

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Library Closing

The IRC/Library at First Health will be closing effective Jan. 28, 2005. We will be removing our symbol & holdings from OCLC and holdings from SERHOLD/DOCLINE. If you'd like to keep in touch, my home e-mail contact is mahuselig@hotmail.com My home phone is: 708-352-2749. Thanks to all of you for the cooperation and support throughout the years.

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Next deadlines tentatively set at: (notice will be posted on discussion list closer to actual time)

September 30, 2005
November 18, 2005

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