**MLA Midwest Chapter Liaison Report**

September 2023 meeting

Report prepared by Ramune Kubilius, HSLI liaison to Midwest/MLA, who will not be at the September 8, 2023 HSLI board meeting

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**Notes from the August 2, 2023 meeting of the Midwest/MLA state liaisons- updates from those on the call:**

* **IOWA (Gina Schlesselman-Tarango)**: Iowa HSL is a section of their larger state library association. They held a joint spring meeting with the Polk County Biomedical Consortium. They are unsure of what the future holds for their organization.
* **KENTUCKY (Stephanie Henderson):** Kentucky Medical Library Association held a joint spring conference with Kentucky academic and the special libraries associations, and is in the process of switching from a formal organization to an informal one.
* **NORTH DAKOTA (Erika Johnson):** North Dakota's HSL section is a part of the broader North Dakota Library Association. There is only one medical school in North Dakota. Due to problems between the state library association and the state legislature, the health sciences group has informally joined the HSL of Minnesota, a situation that is still in flux.
* **OHIO (Mary Pat Harnegie):** TheOctober in-person meeting will be in Columbus-- meetings are twice a year (April/Oct): virtual business meetings, educational meetings in spring. Guest speakers for Ohio, on Chat GPT/AI Hallucinations by Amanda Wheatley and Sandy Hervieux, will be a CE for Midwest / MLA 2023.
* **WISCONSIN: (Kathy Koch):** Conferences every 2 years- next conference (virtual) will take place Sept 29, 2023. About 25-30 attendees, have difficulty finding speakers.

**HSLI:** updated group on HSLI 2023 in-person conference plans, keynoter, CEs. Shared the conference site URL invited anyone interested to attend. (RK)

**State liaison communications to Midwest/MLA board:**

* *Recommendation*: The State Liaisons Committee would like for Midwest to investigate the possibility of creating a repository (or spreadsheet) of speakers. Several state representatives say that it has been hard to find keynote and continuing education speakers. (for CE, the reps are aware of and have been using the MLA CE list.)
* *Inquiry:* Reps would like to know the status of the rotation of Midwest / MLA conferences through the Midwest MLA states (after conclusion of 2023 and 2024 virtual meetings): The Midwest/MLA Conference Committee is aware of need for state groups to know and plan in advance, are still discussing, and will inform the state liaison group.

**Reminder: Midwest / MLA virtual conference will take place October 11-13, 2023**

[Midwest Chapter - Medical Library Association - 2023 Virtual Conference (wildapricot.org)](https://mcmla45.wildapricot.org/conference2023)

Ramune Kubilius is on the conference committee (Publicity), as is Stephanie Henderson (Midwest/MLA representative at large), and Riley Samuelson, chaired by Caroline Allen. Publicity e-mails are shared to various lists, including the state groups’ lists.

* **State Liaisons Committee / State Organizations:**

<https://mcmla45.wildapricot.org/state-liaisons-committee>