**Health Science Librarians of Illinois**

**Annual Business Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 25, 2023—10:00-11:00 AM CDT**

Zoom Meeting Hosted by Jonna Peterson, Loyola University Medical Center

**Attending:** Eric Edwards (Illinois State Library), President; Jonna Peterson (Loyola University-Chicago), Treasurer; Frances Drone-Silvers (Carle Health), Secretary; Holly Hudson (University of Illinois Chicago-Crawford Library); Julie Dietrich (Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing & Health Sciences); Miranda Shake (Lakeview College of Nursing); Deborah Lauseng (University of Illinois Chicago Library of the Health Sciences-Peoria); Erica Lake (NNLM Region 6); Carmen Howard (University of Illinois-Chicago Library of the Health Sciences-Peoria); Stacey Knight-Davis (Eastern Illinois University); Emily Johnson-Barlow (University of Illinois Chicago-Library of the Health Sciences-Peoria); Cynthia Reynolds (University of Illinois Chicago-Library of the Health Sciences-Rockford); LesleyWolfgang (HSHS St. John’s);Ramune Kubilius (Northwestern University);Jacqueline Leskovec (NNLM Region 6);Elizabeth "Betsy" Sterner (Northern Illinois University);Molly Horio (retired); Linda Feinberg (NorthShore University Health System); Cara Forster (Loyola University Chicago); Cynthia Snyder (Midwestern University); Linda Walton (NNLM Region 6); Evelyn Cunico (Independent consultant)

1. Call to Order – 10 AM. President Eric Edwards called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees

1. Officer Reports. Reports from HSLI Officers and Committee Chairs from Fall HSLI Board Meeting at top of [https://hsli.org/newsletter/board-meetings/](https://imsva91-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fhsli.org%2fnewsletter%2fboard%2dmeetings%2f&umid=520AAFDB-0634-2606-9325-A30F03E5250A&auth=093a4b527975060589a391772a3e2db55fc9b3cf-6061bcfbcf44c7b6059942516f22747e971bc826))
	1. President’s Report—Eric Edwards. Eric said he has enjoyed his first year as HSLI President and looking forward to year 2, as well as working with incoming President Elect Betsy Sterner. He is pleased that HSLI has been able to offer programming such as webinars, journal club and “coffee & conversation.”
	2. Treasurer’s Report—Jonna Peterson. See Treasurer’s report. Recent activity includes withdrawal of $5000 from the Vanguard account to write check to the Jira Scholarship winner (sent by registered mail). Invoices to 5 vendors. 2022 taxes filed and ATA group paid, filed 501c3 report for the state, and paid website fees.
2. Committee and Liaison Reports
	1. Archives Committee--Miranda Shake. Report on website. No action needed
	2. Bylaws Committee--Molly Horio. Committee proposed amendment for duties of treasurer, proposal, board approved, membership approved. Treasurer now responsible for maintaining tax-exempt status (501c3 status) of the organization. Job description for treasurer created – this and updated bylaws on website. Eric thanked Molly for her work on this committee and noted that she is stepping down after several years.
	3. 2023 Conference Planning Committee—Eric Edwards. Eric thanked the Conference Planning Committee and attendees. He commended the group on creativity in consolidating to a 1-day in-person conference. His overall impression was that things went well, and is looking forward to making next year’s better, after reviewing survey results. Eric thanked Ramune and Cynthia Snyder for their work on the Silent Auction.
	4. Helen Knoll Jira Scholarship Committee--Holly Hudson. Holly noted this was the inaugural year for the scholarship. The committee designed rubrics and marketed the scholarship. They gave one $5000 scholarship. Holly thanked the volunteer judges – Cara Forster, Carmen Howard, Erica Lake, Rebecca Arriola. Full report on website with links to rubric and information on the scholarship winner. Committee will have a debriefing meeting in October and re-start in December 2023 or January 2024 for year 2. Eric commended Holly and the committee for re-starting after hiatus and creating new rubrics. Ramune asked how the scholarship recipient will use the award. Holly said there are no reporting requirements other than what applicants indicated in cover letter / diversity statement. The scholarship winner had listed tuition / books / living expenses on application. We don’t have a mechanism for required reporting.

Legislative Committee—Cara Forster and Carmen Howard. Carmen noted this has been a year of transitions with a new Secretary of State / State Librarian, Alexi Giannoulias, who appears to be a library advocate. The big Illinois legislative news is the law banning book bans, the first in the U.S. Secretary Giannoulis has been active in promoting the law. Other actions include: lead pipe replacement, clinical trial participation, and hospital vaccination rules – further information in report on website. Within the committee there has been transition – Lesley Wolfgang stepped away and Cara Forster has stepped into Federal legislative role. Cara asked Carmen to give federal report – highlights included: baby formula act, federal mental health matters act, Inflation Reduction Act, some large allocations to Covid-19 and MPOX, and Dept. of Labor funds dedicated to Nursing education. See full report on website.

* 1. Listserv Committee--Linda Feinberg. Feinberg. See report. Linda is updating members – 127; removing inactive – expect final number to be ~80. 194 postings this year. Linda is working with Jonna to ensure new members are on the listserv. Linda will be stepping away from the listserv moderator role by end of 2023. Miranda Shake will take it over.
	2. Membership Committee--Jonna Peterson. As of end of August, 81 members were paid for 2023; 11% less than September 2022 (may be due to online conference last year – membership was required). We have one additional lifetime member. Some new in September, not added in yet. Jonna added fields to directory to indicate lifetime membership or multi-year payments with paid through year noted. She has the NNLM Region 6 list from Jacqueline to solicit new members. She will send renewal reminders in Dec. Eric encouraged those on the call to invite / encourage new librarians, or those new to the state to join HSLI.
	3. MLA Midwest Chapter Liaison--Ramune Kubilius. She posts items of interest to the HSLI listserv. The state group meets quarterly, and it is interesting to see how other state health library associations operate. Some are in danger of closing/merging due to low membership. Some associations are in « deserts » for CE courses / speakers. The group has asked MLA Midwest to create a repository of CE speakers / courses. MLA Midwest will be virtual for the next 2 years and is surveying membership about future meetings – should they be virtual / onsite / rotate ? The 2023 conference is Oct. 11-13.
	4. *Newsletter* Committee--Eric Edwards and Joyce Pallinger. Eric reported as Joyce was unable to attend the meeting. He noted they are trying to make entries as relevant as possible. Watch the newsletter blog for updates and especially member updates.
	5. NNLM Region 6 Liaison--Melissa Hudak. Melissa was not on the call. Linda Walton (NNLM Region 6 PI and Associate Director) noted they are receiving questions about the possible government shutdown on Oct. 1. Region 6 staff will be working. It may take longer to receive responses from NLM if there is a shutdown.
	6. Nominating and Elections Committee—Molly Horio. Election was held in August for President-Elect and Secretary. Candidates: Betsy Sterner ran unopposed for President-Elect. For secretary: Deborah Lauseng (University of Illinois Chicago Library of the Health Sciences-Peoria) and Frances Drone-Silvers (Carle Health). 57% of membership voted. Betsy received 46 votes for President-Elect. For secretary: Deborah received 18 votes; Frances 28. Molly offered congrats to new /returning officers. Next year we will be voting for Treasurer. Note: Betsy Sterner is committee chair, but stepped aside to avoid any conflict of interest, as she was running for office. Eric thanked Molly for stepping in and announced– Deborah Lauseng will become new chair of Bylaws Committee.
	7. Syed Maghrabi Scholarship Committee--Miranda Shake. 5 applications were received (1 later retracted). Scholarship awarded to Amber Burtis, SIU-C. Her first year at conf. Unfortunately Amber was unable to attend and will not be doing a conference report. Miranda thanked Ramune & Cynthia Snyder for coordinating the Silent Auction, which funds this scholarship.
	8. Website Committee--Stacey Knight-Davis. Website is almost completely switched to WordPress and Dreamhost (new server). Almost at a point where others can step in to help with the site. Stacey welcomes volunteers and would especially appreciate a liaison with the journal club, as there is a fair amount of activity related to that. Eric noted that the site is more user friendly and visually appealing and it is easier to post to the blog. He thanked Stacey for her continued website work. Holly asked about alerting members about scholarship winner – listserv and website – she will send to Linda and Stacey for dissemination.

10:45-11:00 AM – Recognition and Awards

1. 2023 Conference Planning Committee Eric thanked the committee members for their work. He thanks Michelle Nielsen Ott for creating the certificates of appreciation that were sent to planning committee members on September 25. He commended the subcommittees for working together, making the new 1-day in-person format work.
2. Starfish Thrower Award 1 nomination received. Jonna Peterson is the 2023 recipient.Eric will work with Michelle for certificate.
3. President’s Award: Royden Jones, not on the call today. Eric will email him and send certificate.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 with a reminder that updates from various state and regional organizations will begin at 11.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Drone-Silvers