**REPORT TO HSLI BOARD**

**June 4, 2024 meeting**

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**Notes from the May 1, 2024 meeting of the Midwest/MLA state liaisons**

**HSLI representation:** Updated liaison group on HSLI 2024 virtual conference dates (October 23-25), on HSLI virtual events (coffee chats and special sessions such as one on LibGuides). Other news is shared with the group as it is released, requesting that state liaisons post on their state organization lists.

**State liaisons “speaker” project** *(begun December 2023):*

Collecting state groups’ conference invited keynote speakers’ list for the past 8 years. (*Project to be concluded before Stephanie Henderson finishes her term of office as Midwest MLA State Liaisons Committee chair - Midwest/MLA Representative at Large.*)

**Conferences-**

* **Midwest / MLA virtual conference 2024: October 9-11—**share publicity toHSLI list as released.
* **Midwest/MLA 2025: virtual conference + local listening sessions:** dates not yet announced

More information:

* ***Virtual +local listening sessions:*** Member poll (overturns planned on-site 2025 meeting)

***Recommendation:*** A virtual conference as in recent years, additionally incorporating different host sites across the chapter offering an in-person option. Novel format: a lot to figure out. Idea: individual sites could apply to host people from across the chapter to view virtual conference as a group. There would be centralized guidance from the Chapter on content of the in-person experience; individual sites could offer unique experience (in physical space; in-person networking).

Possible impact on HSLI & other state groups:

* Dates of the 2025 Midwest/MLA conference vs HSLI (both traditionally are in the Fall)
* Will state groups (like HSLI) have/want to have a role in organizing on-site viewing sessions?
* TBD: What will the fee structure for group viewing be?
* The state liaison group will need to keep close watch on developments as 2025 gets closer.

**Midwest/MLA state liaisons- updates from those on the call:**

* **KENTUCKY** (Stephanie Henderson): Sponsored CE meeting featuring a MLA webinar (April). TheKentucky Medical Library Association is still in the process of transition from a formal organization to an informal one (by Jan 2025).
* **MINNESOTA** (Andrew Crow):The Minnesota group recently offered MLA webinar – 3 pillars of effective instruction. Upcoming annual meeting (June/July) with speaker on graphic medicine.
* **WISCONSIN:** (Kathy Koch):Conferences are held every 2 years (last held Sept 29, 2023). Continue to stay in touch with periodic virtual “Wisdom Chats” (sharing sessions). Offer professional development grants as an incentive to get folks to run for leadership positions in their state organization. They also earn AHIP points.
* **IOWA** (Mindwell Egeland after the call):Invited Midwest Chapter / MLA 2023 presenters on AI  (Amanda Wheatley and Sandy Hervieux) to speak to the Iowa Health Sciences Librarians Association (IHSLA) on April 23; group was joined by the Polk County Biomedical Consortium and 14 people attended virtually. About 6 IHSLA members have membership in both groups. Annual IHSLA business meeting (October)-- date tbd.

**Next Midwest/MLA liaisons’ meeting**: tentatively planned for August 2024.