**President’s Report**

**Health Science Librarians of Illinois Summer 2024 Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 4, 10:00-11:30 AM CDT (Online)**

**Past and Current Activities**

My main priority has been leading the 2024 Conference Planning Committee. Even though we have a smaller group than we did for last year’s meeting, the Committee is still making steady progress toward putting together three days of speakers, poster sessions, and other activities for the 2024 meeting, from Wednesday, October 23, to Friday, October 25. I appreciate everyone’s willingness to think creatively about what has worked well for past online conferences and what we might want to do differently this time.

Member engagement outside of the Annual Conference remains a priority. I am glad we are having a regular turnout for the monthly “Coffee & Conversation” online networking events. For educational opportunities, we continue to hold “ad hoc” webinars on a variety of topics approximately quarterly, and these have drawn not just current HSLI members, but also people from outside of the organization. We are tentatively planning the next webinar for July or August, with the topic “Best Practices to Apply for Grants from MLA, NNLM, and Other Organizations in Medical Librarianship".

The Board has witnessed several changes recently, with Deborah Lauseng replacing Molly Horio as Bylaws Committee Chair, and Lesley Wolfgang replacing Betsy Sterner as Nominating and Elections Committee Chair. I want to thank the outgoing chairs for their service and the assistance they have given the new chairs with taking on these responsibilities, and I really appreciate the new chairs’ willingness to step into these positions and learn their respective roles.

**Future Activities**

I look forward to working with Besty Sterner as she prepares to take over as President in October. Depending on whether or not next year’s Annual Conference will take place in person, we may need to start the planning process, or at least selecting a location for an on-site meeting, during the summer.

Respectfully submitted by Eric Edwards, 2022-24 HSLI President, on May 23, 2024.