

REPORT TO HSLI BOARD

October 2, 2024 meeting

Report prepared by Ramune Kubilius, HSLI liaison to Midwest/MLA (9/25/2024)

Notes from the September 18, 2024 meeting of the Midwest/MLA state liaisons (*)

State liaisons "speaker" project:

Concluded collecting the state groups' conference invited keynote speakers' lists for the past 8 years. (Stephanie Henderson will send to Jason Lily for uploading to the Midwest MLA wiki, as she rounds out her term of office as Midwest MLA State Liaisons Committee chair - Midwest/MLA Representative at Large. Midwest/MLA elections are underway through October 9.)

Conferences-

- **Midwest / MLA virtual conference 2024: October 9-11**
- **Midwest/MLA 2025: virtual conference + local listening sessions:** *no more information was shared about this earlier Midwest/MLA idea.*

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

- **ILLINOIS** (Ramune Kubilius): Sent update to the liaison group on HSLI 2024 virtual conference dates (October 23-25) and invited them to share information with their states' library group members. Provided other updates on our regularly scheduled and ad hoc online events in the past quarter (ie. CINAHL, Grant proposals).
- **IOWA** (Mindwell Egeland): Jul 26, 2024, their state library association held a meeting with good attendance. 21 in person and 15 online. Their featured speaker was MK Czerwec, who gave a talk on Graphic Medicine. No fall meeting for Iowa HSL Association. (The IA state libraries meeting is at the same time as the Midwest MLA conference.) The hospital library (now with increased staffing) and academic HSL meet to jointly plan National Librarian's Month activities in October (they are bringing their Bone Box to story time).
- **KENTUCKY** (Stephanie Henderson): September meeting: viewed a MLA Continuing Education webinar about Chat GPT/AI. Winter meeting is scheduled for November. KMLA will be dissolving as a formal group with bylaws at the end of 2024. They will have a chair and vice chair lined up to take over in 2025, calling meetings 3-4 times a year to keep the medical librarians in KY engaged and exchanging ideas.
- **MINNESOTA** (Andrew Crow): Health system (Mayo?) reports increase in library staff (after 2023 severe cuts), and patient education unit has been rebuilt.
- **NORTH DAKOTA** (Sara Westall): Several of the ND librarians have informally joined the MN organization and attended their conference. There is no interest in health sciences from the larger state association.
- **OHIO** (Mary Pat Harnegie): OHSLA has good leadership with a new president and second term secretary- leadership (president, past president, and president-elect) meets every two weeks for planning. OHSLA is hosting monthly coffee hours, the 3 presidents rotate hosting duties each month with various topics. About 1/3 of the membership participates. Co-sponsoring a session with ALA-O (the academic organization in Ohio) on Nov 7th. They hope this partnership will let other academic librarians see what a medical librarian does.
- **WISCONSIN:** (Kathy Koch): This is the off year for WHSLA conference. There will be a virtual business meeting in November.

**Excerpts from notes of the meeting which Ramune Kubilius was unable to attend.*

Next Midwest/MLA liaisons' meeting: date not yet set.