**Health Science Librarians of Illinois**

**Fall Board Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 2, 2024—10:00-11:30 AM CDT**

**Zoom Meeting Hosted by Holly Hudson, UIC Library of the Health Sciences – Rockford**

**PRESENT**

Eric Edwards, Holly Hudson, Frances Drone-Silvers, Ramune Kubilius, Betsy Sterner, Linda Feinberg, Jonna Peterson, Lesley Wolfgang, Carmen Howard, Miranda Shake, Cara Forster

ABSENT – Joyce Pallinger, Deborah Lauseng, Melissa Hudak, Stacey Knight-Davis

1. Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by President Eric Edwards
2. Review of Agenda – No changes / agenda
3. Motion to approve minutes of June 4, 2024 meeting, by Holly Hudson; Betsy Sterner seconded. No objections / abstentions – motion carried.
4. Officer Reports
   1. President’s Report—Eric Edwards. Eric thanked Stacey for posting committee reports to the website. He also thanked the group for the opportunity lead HSLI, noting only 27 people have had this privilege. He has been a member since 2011 and called HSLI his favorite professional organization; with opportunities for networking, growth, and work with other members. He thanked the Conference Planning Committee for their work and noted that sponsorships should make up for deficit from last year and help with future conference planning. Eric thanked the membership as a whole for active engagement in planning and attending ad hoc webinars, Coffee & Conversations. He thanked Betsy for willingness to serve organization as incoming President and noted she has been highly active since joining in 2019, including serving on Nominating and Elections Committee, and as President-Elect.
   2. Treasurer’s Report—Jonna Peterson. See report.
      1. Ramune asked if the Charitable Trust Bureau issue was related to the Jira Scholarship fund. Jonna said no – has to do with the amount in the Vanguard fund.
5. Committee and Liaison Reports
   1. Archives Committee--Miranda Shake. See report.
   2. Bylaws Committee—Deborah Lauseng. See report.
      1. Deborah cannot attend – asked if anyone has proposed changes? Ramune suggested sending a request via listserv with a due date to see if any members have a suggestion.
   3. 2024 Conference Planning Committee—Eric Edwards – see President’s Report.
   4. Helen Knoll Jira Scholarship Committee\*--Holly Hudson. See report.
      * 1. Holly made a motion requesting approval of up to $12000 to be withdrawn from Jira Scholarship fund, to be disbursed as applicants complete their requirements. Betsy seconded. Motion carried.
   5. Legislative Committee—Cara Forster and Carmen Howard. See report.
   6. Listserv Committee--Linda Feinberg. See report.
   7. Membership Committee--Jonna Peterson. See report.
      1. Discussion regarding July virtual meeting about growing membership and engagement. The group had talked about benefits, reaching out to MLA members who are in IL region. Outreach to library schools is another option. Value is a strong benefit -- even doubled, HSLI membership ratewould be a bargain. Ramune hoped HSLI members would feel interest / responsibility to recruit. Betsy noted that she learned about HSLI from a colleague who is now retired and solos may not have someone who could invite them. Jonna and Betsy will pursue the membership question in 2025. Ramune noted that within MLA Midwest – some groups partnering with their State Library or state association. Linda recalled that in the past, joined with NNLM Region 6 and helped staff booths/ had flyers at ILA. Carmen checked – NNLM not exhibiting at ILA This year. Eric asked – is there any minimum we need to maintain for financial purposes? Jonna said in-person meetings would require a base level of membership / involvement. Ramune will look into counterparts in MLA Midwest. RAILS IHLS and IACRL have booths – we could ask if we could work with them next year. Miranda noted that we have an existing file that could be updated.
   8. MLA Midwest Chapter Liaison--Ramune Kubilius. See report.
   9. *Newsletter* Committee--Eric Edwards and Joyce Pallinger. See report.
      1. Working to have more posts related to health sciences and medical librarianship. Please share content.
   10. NNLM Region 6 Liaison--Melissa Hudak – See report. Eric shared NNLM training site in chat. <https://www.nnlm.gov/training/schedule>
       1. JacquelineLeskovec – emailed notification of upcoming survey
   11. Nominating and Elections Committee—Lesley Wolfgang. See report.
       1. Jonna Peterson re-elected as Treasurer. Had 62% participation. Lesley expressed gratitude for Betsy’s previous work making it very easy to take on this role. Next year – President-Elect and Secretary up for election.
   12. Syed Maghrabi Scholarship Committee--Miranda Shake. See report.
       1. Ramune asked – how do we determine how many are given? Miranda responded that it varies based on: Silent Auction income, other funding, conference costs and number of applicants.
   13. Website Committee--Stacey Knight-Davis. Absent, report coming soon to website
6. Old Business
   1. Statewide Database Package. Suzanna Jones [sjones[at]ilsos.gov and Ryan Franklin rfranklin[at]@ilsos.gov are contacts. Training for academic libraries has been offered. Weekly “office hours” are available.
   2. Ramune asked if HSLI will have a page to link to the list. Eric responded – probably after things are more established – still very new.
   3. Updates from Other Library Organizations
      1. Ramune suggested HSLI consider a joint virtual workshop w/ SLA OR IACRL in 2025.
7. New Business
   1. Business Meeting on Thursday, October 24, 12:45-1:15 PM. Be prepared to give 1-2 min update. Starfish Thrower and President’s Awards announcements.
   2. Eric Edwards thanked the Board Members for their service to the organization.
   3. Comments from incoming President Betsy Sterner. Betsy will take over the role of HSLI President on October 25, 2024. Betsy thanked members for their trust and said it’s an honor to serve. She has appreciated the learning opportunities and hopes to continue building a community that is supportive, inclusive, adaptive, and noted “I’m a better librarian today because of HSLI.”
8. Open Forum - Ramune noted that the Starved Rock outing is tentatively Friday,Nov 8. Contact her to be on the email list for this event.
9. Adjournment at 11:20 AM. Miranda Shake made motion; Holly Hudson seconded.