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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

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As I have stated previously, I believe one of the most crucial issues in any business or organization today is communication. Chris Shaffer from GMR has offered to host a listserv for HSLI at UIC. Watch for instructions on how to use it. They will be forthcoming shortly.

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*"...the most important information that top management[needs]in the future must come from OUTSIDE the organization."*

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This is both a challenging and rewarding time to be a librarian. One of the seemingly continuous challenges is justifying the existence of our libraries. I have sometimes felt that I have accomplished this at Sarah Bush. But in these times of cost-cutting, reengineering and "downsizing", I find myself repeatedly required to prove the value of my services.

Ann Lee, the President of the Illinois Chapter of the Special Library Association, reviewed a recent article by Peter Drucker in the last issue of the "Informant". The gist of the article is that the most important information that top management will need in the future must come from OUTSIDE the organization. Drucker cited the collapse of Asian markets that he says could have been predicted by anyone watching the signals from Asia, including the national debt and balance of payment data.

As Ann Lee states, external information is the type

of information librarians excel at gathering. We already research information on customers, markets, new technologies, etc. The need for outside information provides an opportunity for librarians to show top management the value of our services directly to them, not just in clinical areas. The article reviewed is "The Next Information Revolution," by Peter F. Drucker, Forbes ASAP, 24 August 1998, p.46.

The past year has been both educational and rewarding for me. As was discussed at our Board and Business meeting, I would not mind serving two years as president. I feel that I'm just getting the hang of it and now am done. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president.

*Nina Pals*

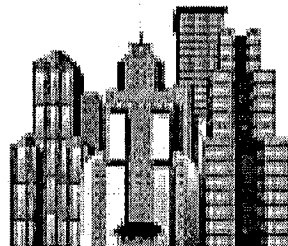
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## BOARD MEMBER NEWS

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**Minutes of HSLI Board Meeting  
November 5, 1998  
Chicago, IL**

The meeting was called to order by President Nina Pals.

**Board Members Present:**

Nina Pals, President; Toni Tucker, President Elect; Arlis Dittmer, Secretary; Karen Wark, Treasurer.

**Committee Members Present:** Jan Perone, Newsletter & Marketing Task Force; Nancy Stump, Newsletter & Nominating; Sayed Maghrabi, Archives; Sue Hollander, Newsletter; Laura Wimmer, Conference Chair.

**Also Present:** Donna Roginski & Joy Kennedy, State Council; Lynn Bierma, State Library.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the June 2, 1998, Board Meeting in Bloomington, were approved as written.

### **Treasurer's Report**

HSLI continues to operate in great financial shape, finishing the 1998 fiscal year (Oct 1, 1997 to Sep 20, 1998) with total assets of \$23,206.29. Although this figure can be misleading because it gives only our assets on one particular day, the monthly average for the fiscal year was very close to this figure (over \$13,000 in our checking account and over \$11,000 in the savings account).

During the year, the processing of the HSLI Serials Union List for members actually netted \$1,227.33 for the organization. Unless more bills surface, we appear to have broken even (+/- \$500) at the recent fall 1998 meeting in Chicago; a final Treasurer's Report on the meeting will be produced when all receipts have been paid and income deposited.

At the spring HSLI Board meeting in Bloomington, members briefly discussed ways to use some of the money the organization has accumulated. Suggestions included: 1) sponsoring one or more members to attend the annual HSLI meeting (registration and/or travel paid), and 2) inviting a high-profile (and usually more expensive) speaker to an upcoming annual meeting. We would love to hear any suggestions you have (serious ones, please - not a personal trip to Jamaica!). Please share your thoughts with me or any other board member. Thanks for your help!

*Karen Wark, HSLI Treasurer*

Addendum to Treasurer's Report:

**Update on receipt vs expenditures on the annual meeting with \$160 still not collected. Receipt of \$5230. Cost of meeting was \$5638.06.**

**Deficit of \$322.06 or after collection \$162.06.**

### **Committee Reports:**

**Archives:** Sayed Maghrabi, reported the committee has three members. They recently sent items to the archives at the University of Illinois. He also included a list of the items to save for the archives.

**Bylaws:** Walter Wilkins sent a report with his advice on the two issues before the Board. The first issue is extending the term of the President to two years. The second issue is deleting Article VI, Section G, from the bylaws. ILA does not have any mention of political activity in its bylaws and the question is why should we? The Board voted to recommend the changes to the business meeting, requesting ballots be sent to the membership to change the bylaws.

**Legislative:** Legislative committee reported on the three laws that will affect libraries. They sent action alerts and monitored lists. Ann Glenn is the committee chair. She was unable to attend the meeting.

**Marketing:** Jan Perone reported that the task force had designed a new brochure. She reported on the April meeting of that group. She recommended a survey be done of members who do not attend the meeting.

**Membership:** We have 111 renewed members. Total paid members is 121.

**Newsletter:** Jan Perone will be stepping down as co-editor in January. Sue Hollander and Jeanette Gawronski, also of the UIC Library of the Health Sciences at Rockford, will be the new co-editors. There will be three issues in 1998. The publishing schedule will be changed to publish the last issue of the year after the annual conference.

***Nominating: Health Science Librarians of Illinois Election Report 1998***

One hundred and forty-seven ballots were sent out in September 1998, and 68 ballots were received back. The following people won the election. The race was very close and a special thank you on behalf of HSLI to those who ran for positions.

**President Elect:** Jan Perone, Illinois Office of Rehabilitation, Springfield

**Treasurer:** Karen Wark, St. Anthony Medical Center, Rockford

**Illinois State Council:**

***Resource Representative:***

Don Lanier, University of Illinois at Chicago, Library of the Health Sciences at Rockford

***Consortia Representatives:***

Mary Howery, Provena Medical Center

Joy Kennedy, Northwest Community Hospital

Non Aligned: none....there were no write ins and no nominations.

Respectfully submitted:

***Nancy Stump***, University of Illinois at Springfield  
October 21, 1998

***Past President:*** There was no report of the Past President, as Rhona Kelley was sick and unable to attend the conference.

***Conference Report:*** Laura Wimmer, chair of the Conference Committee, announced there were 65 conference attendees. The evaluation form for the conference was accidentally left out of the packets; a copy is attached to the newsletter.

***Meeting Task Force:*** Toni Tucker presented a newly designed conference planner.

***Illinois State Library Report:*** Lynn Bierma reported on the upcoming Interlibrary Loan Conference. She also talked about the various email

groups the State Library has set up, and improvements to the web page. She mentioned the new round of grants available from the State Library.

***Illinois State Council:*** Donna Roginski presented a report of their November 5, 1998 meeting. (SEE *Illinois State Council*)

***Old Business:***

SEE Bylaws Committee report.

***New Business:***

Chris Shaffer, from the GMR office, has offered to set up a listserv for HSLI. We need to investigate to see if we can have HSLI as a domain name.

A task force will be appointed to look into duplication of effort between the HSLI Board and the Illinois State Council.

It was suggested that we have a student conference rate in the future.

Gerry Dujsik is looking for volunteers to help with MLA in Chicago. HSLI could have a presence by having a sticker on our badge and/or working as a group one day during the conference.

Laura Wimmer asked about doing a Y2K edition of SILO.

The meeting was adjourned.

***Arlis Dittmer, Secretary***

**HSLI Business Meeting**

**November 6, 1998**

**Chicago, IL**

The meeting was called to order by president, Nina Pals.

**Attendance:** 45 members and guests attended the business meeting.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the November 7, 1997, HSLI business meeting in Matteson were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer reported a balance of \$23,206.29. The report was approved. (SEE Minutes of Board Meeting for full report.)

**Committee Reports:** All were approved as presented. (SEE Minutes of Board Meeting.)

**Old Business:** There was no old business.

**New Business:**

The membership approved the Board recommendation that a ballot be sent to members for the bylaws change in the presidential term (two years) and for removal of Article 6, Section G on political activities.

The next HSLI Conference will be held in Quincy, Illinois on November 4-5, 1999.

Chris Shaffer of the GMR office offered to set up a group list for HSLI members on their server.

Nina Pals presented the President's Award to Toni Tucker.

The gavel was passed from Nina Pals to Toni Tucker, the new HSLI president, and the meeting was adjourned.

*Arlis Dittmer, Secretary*



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Job Opportunity/Job Opportunity/Job Opportunity

**VACANCY: LIBRARY OF RUSH  
UNIVERSITY  
REFERENCE MANAGER / COLLECTION  
DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST**

The Library of Rush University is seeking an enthusiastic, innovative, and experienced Reference Services Manager/Collection Development Specialist. This combined position manages and supervises the planning and daily operations of the Reference Section, and makes decisions regarding the selection and retention of print and electronic materials and the allocation of publication acquisitions funds.

The Reference Services Section staff provides reference desk services, end-user education and orientations, mediated and end-user database searching to a large academic medical center. Section staff are also responsible for the Library's homepage and for hardware and software maintenance of public workstations.

The position supervises a staff of 3 reference librarians, monitors \$900,000 collection development budget, and reports to the Associate Director for Information Services.

**Qualifications:** ALA-accredited MLS; 3 years supervisory experience; 5 years professional reference experience in an academic library setting (health sciences library experience preferred); experienced computer database searcher; end-user database training experience; excellent interpersonal and communications skills; understanding of the increasing role of technology

in the delivery of information service; demonstrated understanding of the mechanisms and strategies for print and electronic collection management in the literature of the health sciences; firm understanding of the issues of access vs. ownership of information, attendant copyright issues, and familiarity with library rights regarding electronic contract requirements; experience with online library systems; experienced microcomputer user. Salary range: \$40,000-\$48,000, commensurate with experience. This is a non-tenured staff position. A comprehensive benefits package, includes four weeks vacation and a tuition reimbursement program. A review of applications will continue until a suitable candidate is found. Send letter of application, resume and names of 3 professional references to Christine Frank (address follows).

Rush University is the academic component of Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center. Founded in 1972, the University has expanded from one college and fewer than 100 students to four colleges and over 1,400 students. It includes Rush Medical College, the College of Nursing, the College of Health Sciences, and The Graduate College. The main campus of the University/Medical Center is located on the west side of Chicago not far from the Loop.

The Library of Rush University, although the oldest health sciences library in Chicago, maintains an up-to-date clinical collection of books and journals (approx. 115,00 volumes) and 1997 journal subscriptions. The Library serves the entire University and Medical Center. There are 32 FT Library staff. The Library utilizes the Library Information System (LIS) from Georgetown University Medical Center Library as its integrated automated library system, and provides networked access to the following databases via the OVID system: MEDLINE, Cancerlit, HealthSTAR, CINAHL, Current

Contents/Life Sciences, PsycINFO and AIDSLINE, in addition to 84 full-text journals.

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I have one copy of the SILO List left to sell. People can contact me at 773-792-9938.

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## COMMITTEE NEWS

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SEE Minutes of HSLI Board Meeting.

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## LEGISLATIVE NEWS

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HSLI members may be glad to know the Illinois Library Association Legislative Updates website is back. The URL for the chart of bills, sponsors, summary, status, and ILA action is:  
[http://www.ila.org/legislative\\_updates/chart.html](http://www.ila.org/legislative_updates/chart.html)

According to the narrative, the General Assembly will reconvene on November 17th for the Fall Veto Session and will be in session on November 17-19 and December 1-3. There are several bills on Internet use that might be of interest, and two bills

that have been signed into law are House Bill 2696 (creating the Advisory Commission on Internet Privacy Act) and Senate Bill 1674 (amending the Legislative Information System Act).

At the federal level, S. 505, the Copyright Term Extension Act of 1997, has become Public Law 105-298 with the President's signing on October 27, 1998. Information on the law can be found at <http://thomas.loc.gov> by following the Public Law links from the THOMAS homepage.

**Ann Glenn**  
*Legislative Committee*

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## INTERNET

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### MEDLINE Plus

The National Library of Medicine recently announced MEDLINE Plus, a resource developed by the NLM to assist the consumer in finding health information on the Internet.



MEDLINE Plus includes links to MEDLINE, NIH consumer health information, medical dictionaries, clearinghouses, health-related organizations, and

clinical trials. MEDLINE Plus also allows users to link to and search the MEDLINE database. Check out MEDLINE Plus at: <http://medlineplus.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus>

### Practical Information for Healthcare Management

Cut to the Chase Inc. announces the opening of a Web site providing healthcare management information. It includes articles about accreditation, reimbursement, disease management, human resources, information technology, and many other healthcare management topics. Career development

information includes networking tips and tools, advice about job interviews (from both sides of the desk) and links to management information. Registration is free. Take a look at: <http://www.cuttothechase.com>

### NLM Current Bibliographies in Medicine

Each year the National Library of Medicine (NLM) prepares a series of bibliographies in medicine. Each bibliography in this series covers a distinct subject area of biomedicine of current popular interest. Most are prepared in support of a specific National Institutes of Health Consensus Development Conference, for each of which a Consensus Development Statement is also available. Topics for 1998 include: *Zinc and Health*, *Diagnosis and Treatment of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder*, and *Rehabilitation of Persons with Traumatic Brain Injury*. Paper copies of recent bibliographies prepared for these Conferences can be purchased individually from the Government Printing Office (GPO). These bibliographies can be found at: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/cbm/>

### HealthWeb Reference Resources: Publication Aids

HealthWeb, jointly sponsored by the Greater Midwest Region of the National Library of Medicine and the Committee on Institutional Cooperation, has organized a valuable set of resources to assist authors. This site includes the following resources: *Citing Electronic Resources*. Many people want to know how to cite information that they find on the Internet in papers, theses, etc. There are real standards. This site contains recommended electronic information citation guides.

*Elements of Style* By William Strunk, Jr.

*Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals*

*Instructions to Authors*. Contains links to Web sites which provide instructions to prospective authors for

hundreds of different journals in the health sciences. All links are to "primary sources," that is, to sites of publishers or organizations having editorial responsibilities for particular titles.

*Journal Title Search.* This online service converts a journal title to an abbreviation and abbreviations to titles. Uses data from the National Library of Medicine's "List of Serials Indexed for Online Users."

These publication aids can be found at the HealthWeb site (<http://www.healthweb.org>) under "Subjects--Reference Resources."

### Medical Acronyms

If you find your-self regularly looking for the full wording for health related acronyms, you may find the web site, ACRONYMS AND INITIALISMS FOR HEALTH INFORMATION RESOURCES, compiled by Marie-Lise Shams, quite helpful. This site is located at:

<http://www.geocities.com/~mlshams/acronym/acr.htm>

### Web Based Consumer Health

#### INTEL TOUTS "E-HEALTH"

Intel plans to jump-start Web-based consumer health services by investing in about a dozen companies that use the Internet to manage chronically ill patients, sell vitamins and baby supplies, and distribute health-related information to consumers.

"It's one area that touches the lives of virtually everyone, and at the same time it's under represented on the Net,"

says Intel VP Steven McGeedy. "Consumers are champing at the bit to get access to health information and services online." McGeedy points out that the cost savings from eliminating unnecessary doctor's visits would be enough to cover the cost of a PC for every patient. "Everybody in this country knows the phrase 'e-commerce,' but nobody knows the phrase

'e-health.'"

(LA Times 26 Oct 98)

### Travel Tips

Are you planning to travel this winter? Need information on weather and road conditions throughout Illinois? Take a look at this Web site: <http://www.icepack.org/>

### Useless Knowledge

UselessKnowledge.com is the most Useful site on the net for Useless Knowledge! Trivia, Quotes, Quizzes, Useless Facts and More - stop by for the Fact of the Day, the Word of the Day and the Quote of the Day. You can search our database of over 2,500 factoids and quotes or take the Useless Knowledge Challenge and enter your name in the Useless Hall of Fame. <http://www.uselessknowledge.com>

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**MAKE ME LAUGH☺☺☺**

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My wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to our six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," she replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," my wife said. Our daughter bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

*I'll have my bourbon straight!*

A professor of chemistry wanted to teach his fifth-grade class a lesson about the evils of liquor, so he produced an experiment that involved a glass of water, a glass of whiskey and two worms.

"Now, class. Observe closely the worms," said the professor, putting the first worm into the water. The worm writhed about, happy as a worm in water could be. The second worm, he put into the whisky. It writhed painfully, and quickly sank to the bottom, dead as a doornail.

"Now, what lesson can we derive from this experiment?" the professor asked. Johnny, raised his hand and wisely responded, "Drink whiskey and you won't get worms."

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## NN/LM GMR

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*Hello Network Members!*

A librarian asked about accessing CANCERLIT and PDQ at the Illinois Health Sciences Library Association Annual Meeting. The text below explains how to access the databases and is reposted from the September 1998 *NLM Technical Bulletin* ([http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/so98/so98\\_technote.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/so98/so98_technote.html))

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**Reminder:** CANCERLIT and PDQ will be removed from the NLM Databases, effective Dec 14, 1998. Direct MEDLARS access to CANCERLIT and PDQ will no longer be available.

PDQ information and the CANCERLIT database are

available on the NCI's CancerNet (TM) Web site at: <http://cancer.net.nci.nih.gov>. Closed clinical trials are not available on the Web version of PDQ. Users who have an infrequent need for the closed trials data have two options. Health professionals may call the PDQ/CANCERLIT Service Center (800-345-3300) to have a search run in the Closed Trials file. Patients may call the Cancer Information Service (800-4-CANCER) to have a search run in the Closed Trials file. If you have an ongoing need for access to

this data, it is available through the NCI Information Associates Program at:

<http://cancer.net.nci.nih.gov/jnci/iapinfo.html>, and via the Office of Cancer Information, Communication and Education (OCICE) licensing partners at: [http://cancer.net.nci.nih.gov/market\\_2.htm](http://cancer.net.nci.nih.gov/market_2.htm).

Searchers do not need to wait until December to acquaint themselves with the search features that CancerNet offers for these databases or to find alternative access methods. You can visit the CancerNet Web site now. For more information on how to search PDQ or CANCERLIT call the NCI's PDQ/CANCERLIT Service Center at 1-800-345-3300, fax to 1-800-380-1575, or e-mail [pdqsearch@icic.nci.nih.gov](mailto:pdqsearch@icic.nci.nih.gov).

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## DEAR EDITOR

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Well, it is time for me to hang it up. Sue is doing a great job, and with the assistance of new HSLI member and coeditor Jeanette Gawronski will continue to expand and improve the HSLI Newsletter. I have certainly enjoyed putting out the newsletter, and couldn't have done it without #1, Stump, and #2, all the rest of the contributing individuals. Remember: this newsletter is what you make it. You've made it a good source of information. Keep up the good work!



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*Happy Holidays From the Editors*

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Toni Tucker, Librarian at BroMenn Hospital in Peoria, was named the recipient of the 1998 President's Award by outgoing President Nina Pals at the Fall Meeting in Chicago. In case you've forgotten, this prestigious award was first presented three years ago when then President Laura Wimmer wanted to thank an individual for outstanding contribution to the organization throughout the year. She presented the first award to Nancy Stump. Subsequent awards have been presented to Nina Pals and Jan Perone.

**Congratulations**, Laura Wimmer! Once again, you and your team put on a great conference. The CE's were informative, the topics were timely, and we all love the city, don't we?! Thanks for all your hard work. I had a great birthday in spite of the fact that Nancy Stump tried to fix me up with a cab driver. David Letterman would have been proud.

*Name withheld*

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# HSLI 1999

## Quincy, Illinois!

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The 19th Century will meet the 21st Century on  
November 4-5, 1999.

We hope you will come to share the past and think about the future with your colleagues in HSLI for our Annual Meeting in historic Quincy, Illinois

- How was 19th century medicine practiced?
- What were the major medical breakthroughs of the 20th century?
- What contributions did libraries fit into this future picture?
- Can we love the technology of the future and still say sane?
- What challenges will the 21st Century librarian face?



*The HSLI newsletter is published quarterly as a service to HSLI members. All contributions are welcome. Please submit typed articles (on disk in WP format is good, too!) to Sue Hollander at (815) 395-5655 (fax) or sholland@uic.edu (e-mail) NEXT DEADLINE: FEB. 1, 1999. We rely on our members for contributions; please help make this newsletter an effective tool for communication.*

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