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**NOTES FROM THE CHAIR**

*by Wendy Larson*

Greetings!

This will be my final column as chair as I hand off this role to the capable hands of Judy Heeter in July.

I have been spending the past couple of months trying to view the library in a new way. It has been amazing what I have seen and thought of since I tried looking at the library as a non-librarian. I attribute this new thought process to magazine file boxes.

One of my current projects has been to replace old, tired, and torn magazine file boxes in my library with fresh and snappy new ones. I was undecided about what to do with the old file boxes so on a whim I sent an email message throughout our facility “advertising” gently used magazine file boxes free for the taking. The term “gently used” was of course a term I used in the same way a house may be called a good “fixer upper.” I did not expect much of a response. I had only hoped that I would not have to figure out how to dispose of the file boxes.

I was shocked when I did get a response - then another and another. Responses arrived by phone, email, and in person. The boxes disappeared within a couple of hours of my message. Since the library is in a new location, staff even had to take the time to ask directions to the library. It appears staff were more than willing to beat a path to the library door to get those coveted file boxes. My ballyhooed advertising of UpToDate and STAT!Ref did not even come close to comparing to what I now call The Great Library Stampede of '06.

At first I was befuddled. Then, I began to think of the possibilities. I looked at the boxes, yes, they were definitely torn, weathered, and in some cases sprayed with graffiti (well not really, but they did have notes written on them.) However, with fresh eyes, I could now see that the boxes were memo holders, mail organizers, and apparently difficult to come by without knowing about library supply catalogs. This could be my answer to a fresh idea for an October Medical Libraries event. I could advertise with the slogan, "Visit your Medical Library and receive a chance to win a free gently used magazine file box." It would not have to end there. There are probably other things that I have that are no longer useful to the library, but for reasons unknown are of tremendous value to others. I now look at my dented neon yellow book ends, bent thumb tacks, and avocado green stapler set with a new eye. I believe that I could even raid my old print card catalog for some snazzy open house gifts. Staff could trade subject cards like baseball cards. Phrases like "I'll give you one Neoplasm for two of your Infectious Diseases" would be commonplace in the cafeteria. Ah, the thought of it brings a smile to my face. A librarian can dream, can't she?

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## **HSLM NEWS**

### **Election Results and New Board Members**

HSLM election results are in! Cindy Gruwell is the new Chair Elect, Paul Elliot Dahl is the new Secretary, and Doreen Roberts continues on as Treasurer. Liz Fine was also recently appointed as the new GMR Representative. Congratulations!

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### **New HSLM Blog/Website**

*by Lisa McGuire*

The HSLM board has decided to convert its website to a blog. The new HSLM blog is available at: <http://hslm.blogspot.com/>

The decision to move the website to the blog platform was made due to the many difficulties HSLM staff had in updating the webpage through UIC. The new blog is quick and easy to update. HSLM members should be receiving an email notification of new postings. If you do not

receive this email and notice a new posting to the blog, please contact the blogmaster, Lisa McGuire ([lmcguire@umn.edu](mailto:lmcguire@umn.edu)).

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### **Photographs Wanted**

*by Karla Block*

The HSLM Board is looking for photographs to use in HSLM promotional materials (such as a bookmark or brochure). Do you have any photographs that show your library, librarians in action, or HSLM-related events or activities? It would be especially fun to have photos from a range of time periods, showing how things have changed in health sciences librarianship. Please submit photos to Karla Block ([block006@umn.edu](mailto:block006@umn.edu)) for possible use in HSLM promotional items.

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## **LIBRARY AND MEMBER NEWS**

### **Member Presentations, Posters, and Articles**

**Larry Prokop**, Reference Librarian at the Mayo Clinic Libraries, co-authored an abstract for a presentation at an upcoming meeting in July 2006:

Bardia A, Barton D, Prokop LJ, Bauer BA, Loprinzi CL. Efficacy of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) interventions for cancer-related pain: Evidence-based systematic review [abstract]. UICC World Cancer Congress; 2006 July 8-12; Washington, DC; Abstract #8393

**Elaine Challacombe**, Curator for the Wangenstein Historical Library, University of Minnesota Health Sciences Libraries, has an upcoming article in the July issue of *Minnesota Medicine*. Her article, "The Art of Anatomy," can be read online at <http://www.mmaonline.net/Publications/MNMed2006/July/Perspective-Challacombe.html>.

HSLM was well-represented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association. **Karla Block, Katherine Chew, and Lisa McGuire** presented a poster titled "Harold S. Diehl: Pioneer in Randomized Controlled Trials." **Sunny Worel** presented a paper titled, "Changing Measures of Madness: The Case of Winnie Ruth Judd." **Jim Bulger** presented a poster titled, "Expanding Electronic Journals Through Publisher Site License Access: You Can Do It Too!" **Lisa McGuire** and **Nicole Theis-Mahon** presented a poster titled, "Health and Medicine in the News: Linking Users to Health Information Reported in the *Star Tribune* (Minneapolis, MN)."

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**HSLM Board Member Spotlight: Judy Heeter**

*by Judy Heeter*

I'm a native Chicagoan who came to Minnesota to attend college at Carleton, where I majored in Political Science (yes, that's Paul Wellstone's department, but he wasn't there yet). Also at Carleton I met a pre-med student named Jim Heeter; we were married shortly after graduation. I'd thought of going into law or foreign service, but needed something more immediately marketable, and that's when I discovered Library Science. My first position was with the U of M Family Studies Center; later I worked in public libraries in Alexandria, Virginia (children's services, including kiddie lit and story hours) and Marlton, New Jersey before coming to St. Cloud and my present position. Here I've lived through the evolution from the printed Index Medicus and CINAHL to web-based resources.

Apart from work, there's my family consisting of Dr. James Heeter, ophthalmologist; adult son Andy, a surgical technologist, and his girlfriend; daughter Allison, a marriage and family therapist, her husband Charles Condon and their almost two year old daughter Amelia. Our family also includes our two bearded collies, Gracie and her daughter Skye, whom we train and show. I also enjoy playing tennis, piano, and travel by any means. All in all, it's a full and satisfying life.

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**Library Spotlight: R.N. Barr Library at the Minnesota Department of Health**

*by Paul Elliott Dahl*

The R. N. Barr Library at the Minnesota Department of Health assists public health professionals in protecting, maintaining and improving the health of all Minnesotans by providing authoritative, convenient, and timely materials and services. The R. N. Barr Library has two library locations--the main library location is in the Freeman State Office Building and a branch library location is in the Golden Rule Building--in the city of St. Paul.

Primary users of materials and services of the R. N. Barr Library in its two locations are Minnesota Department of Health employees, Minnesota county and city public health employees, and Minnesota K-12 school health staff (school nurses, psychologists, and social workers). Secondary users include the general public, students and researchers, and other libraries. Any Minnesota resident or visitor may utilize materials of the R. N. Barr Library on an in-house basis or secure resources via the interlibrary loan process from the public, academic, or special library that serves them.

The R. N. Barr Library is named in honor of Robert Barr, Executive Officer of the Minnesota Department of Health from 1955-1970, after his death in 1970. A substantial sum was also donated to the Barr Library in remembrance of his public health service. The library had

officially been established in 1937 by the State Board of Health. It had been operating on a temporary basis prior to that time.

An extensive collection of public health books, journals, and videos facilitates informed decision-making and sound scholarship. Any interested individual with web access may search library holdings via the ALEPH public catalog. The R. N. Barr Library strives to serve as the repository of all the legislatively mandated publications and internal publications of the Minnesota Department of Health. All MDH publications are fully cataloged and kept in a separate shelving location. The R. N. Barr Library also has a significant collection of videos (most are VHS tapes) dealing with public health themes. The videos possess brief cataloging records. There is also a cataloged historical collection of older printed books and state government publications dealing with medicine/public health housed in a separate room within the Barr Library in the Freeman Office Building. The R. N. Barr Library also has a unique feature of pre-packaged PubMed searches in its Hot Topics web site at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/library/searches.htm>. Database access to Ovid's version of CINAHL, the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, and the ELM resources is presently provided to primary library users. The web site of the R. N. Barr Library that contains many useful resources is located at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/library/>

The staff of the R. N. Barr Library plays a significant role in ensuring efficient library service to users. Marie Jones, Office and Administrative Specialist for the last 6 years in the Barr Library, plays a key role in making sure that internal document delivery service maintains its excellent reputation. She also capably completes serial check-in and the normal office work. Connie Neuman, the rock of the Barr Library since she has been employed in the Barr Library for 28 years, handles Inter-Library Loan duties as well as video request fulfillment with great skill in her role as a Library Technician. Mark Smith, a brand new hire (start date of July 3, 2006) with 20 years of professional librarian experience, will be dealing with serials and cataloging as a part-time Library Technician. Paul Elliott Dahl, the recently hired Library Director (December 12, 2005) rounds out the team by assuming reference, instructional, collection development, and library web site development responsibilities.

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## RESOURCE CORNER

The Resource Corner is a new addition to the HSLM Health Informer, intended to highlight useful or interesting resources recommended by HSLM members. We're interested in hearing about websites that you find useful! Please send submissions for the Resource Corner (include a short blurb) to Karla Block at [block006@umn.edu](mailto:block006@umn.edu).

- Resources for Nurses and Nurse Researchers  
*Submitted by Paul Dahl*

<http://www.mayo.edu/education/nursing-research/index.html>

Resources for Nurses and Nurse Researchers is a website from the Mayo Clinic Libraries. It includes a selected list of resources on nursing-related topics such as nursing organizations, conferences, hot topics in nursing, and nursing instruments and measurements. The listing of resources is intended to be a starting point for further research.

- My Health Minnesota → Go Local  
*Submitted by Karla Block*

<http://hsl.lib.umn.edu/golocal/>

This website is the temporary home of My Health Minnesota → Go Local, which is Minnesota's Go Local project that is currently in development. Once the project is launched, the official website will be available through the National Library of Medicine. Please visit this temporary site to find out more about the project and learn how you can participate by suggesting sites to be included.

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## **OPPORTUNITIES**

### **The NLM National Training Center Presents: PubMed & NLM Gateway**

*by Cindy Gruwell*

Take this opportunity to upgrade and update your searching skills! Both PubMed & NLM Gateway training will take place in both Duluth (live) and in Minneapolis (as a webcast – via Breeze).

Dates: September 18-19, 2006

Registrations will be taken on a first-come-first-served basis. More information and registration is available at the following website:

<http://nmlm.gov/ntcc/request.html>

You may also contact the local contacts for more information:

Minneapolis: Cindy Gruwell  
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gruwell@umn.edu

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## **Position Announcement, University of Minnesota**

### **UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LIBRARIES—TWIN CITIES CAMPUS**

<http://www.lib.umn.edu>

In response to The University of Minnesota's recent strategic positioning process, the University Libraries plan to develop a new model of support for scientific disciplines, focusing on academic partnership and exploration of innovative services to the University's scientists and their undergraduate and graduate students. We seek three innovative, analytic, service-oriented professionals who have both subject knowledge (such as engineering or the life sciences) and digital expertise. They will form a cohort with other librarians from the University Libraries Physical Sciences & Engineering Department; the Agricultural, Biological, and Environmental Sciences Department; and the Health Sciences Libraries.

Responsibilities include developing collaborative relationships with academic departments; creating new tools, programs and initiatives that respond to trends in scientific research; promoting new modes of scholarly communication; seeking opportunities to partner with researchers in projects or grants that require intense information and data management; and establishing disciplinary and interdisciplinary information literacy programs.

Required qualifications include a Masters' degree from an ALA accredited library school or equivalent combination of advanced degree and relevant experience, facility with technology and its application in academic contexts; demonstrated analytical skills; excellent communication, presentation and interpersonal skills; demonstrated creativity, initiative and self-direction; ability to work collaboratively with colleagues and library users in a service-oriented, research intensive environment; and demonstrated knowledge of science research and publication trends. A degree in engineering or life sciences, or significant discipline-specific experience in an academic library is preferred.

For complete description, qualifications and application instructions, see  
<http://www.lib.umn.edu/site/ul215.phtml>

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## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**HSLM Annual Business Meeting** (Unapproved minutes)

June 16, 2006 12:30pm

Bio-Medical Library, University of Minnesota, 555 Diehl Hall

**MTG Date:** 6/16/06  
**MTG Location:** Bio-Med Library, U of MN  
**Start/Stop Time:** 12:30 – 1:30 Part of Annual Meeting

**Chair:** Wendy Larson  
**Secretary:** Cindy Gruwell

| <b>Present</b> | <b>Participants:</b> | <b>Present</b> | <b>Participants:</b> | <b>Present</b> | <b>Participants:</b> |
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| x              | Doreen Roberts       | x              | Lisa McGuire         |                |                      |
|                | Wendy Larson         | x              | Dottie Hawthorne     |                |                      |
| x              | Cindy Gruwell        | x              | Frances Cockrum      |                |                      |
| x              | Karla Block          | x              | Connie Schulz        |                |                      |
| x              | Judy Heeter          |                | Michael Homan        |                |                      |

In the absence of Wendy Larson this meeting was convened by Judy Heeter

1. Minutes from 2005 annual meeting

-corrections noted (Cindy has a few slight changes), approved

2. Board reports

a. Chair

N/A

b. Chair-elect

Judy announced for Wendy that the election results were as follows:

|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| Chair-Elect | Cindy Gruwell  |
| Secretary   | Paul Dahl      |
| Treasurer   | Doreen Roberts |

c. Chair-emeritus

N/A

d. Treasurer/Membership

Doreen handed out an update of the current treasury

Latest changes will be the expenses for the annual meeting and the Contribution for the MLA table registration

e. Secretary

No report

f. Newsletter

A new edition will be available soon.

g. Program

No report

h. GMR representative

Frances acknowledged Bryan Vogh as giving an update.

- A New GMR site is now available [nmlm.gov/gmr](http://nmlm.gov/gmr)
  - a. There is detailed information GMR staff along with contact info
- The site now focuses on the members
- Bryan mentioned that there several items available for NLM/MedlinePlus.gov promotion. Please feel free to make your request at the Web site.

i. Consortia representative

No report

j. Resource library representative

N/A

3. Old Business

a. Election result

Election results noted above

b. Website

Lisa brought forth the discussion concerning updating and moving the HSLM website to “Blog” status. This type of site would make information quick and easy to post and allows some degree of file sharing. Quick changes can be made and we wouldn’t be dependent on a webmaster to input information.

It was agreed that we will move into such a format.

4. New Business

a. Go Local Minnesota Request

- Karla Block submitted and led a discussion about the Go Local project and their request for monetary support to assist in covering the expenses for establishing the site, entering items into the database in some detail.
- A hearty discussion ensued about future possibilities and collaborative efforts for the service to the state of Minnesota.
- Questions were raised about the specific dollar amount to be granted. Concern was expressed that we should not deplete the treasury too much as there will be future projects and activities that HSLM will want to participate in.
- Paul Dahl motioned for the membership to approve \$5000 for the Go Local Project. This money will come from the Gates Grant and regular checking accounts.

b. There was also a discussion concerning a vendor fair. A majority of the membership agreed that having vendors attend and participate in the HSLM annual meeting would not be practical, but that perhaps a joint meeting with the Wisconsin librarians which would have a larger audience would be an appropriate venue. This will be considered in the future.

*Meeting Handouts*

Minutes from 6/5/06  
 Treasury Report  
 Funding Request for My Health Minnesota – Go Local

*Key Dates, Future Meetings (sort by most recent date first)*

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Time</b> | <b>Room</b> | <b>Description</b>                       | <b>Key Contact /Chair</b> | <b>Minute Taker</b> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 7/06        | TBA         | TBA         | HSLM Board Meeting                       | Wendy Larson              | Paul Dahl           |
| 9/27/06     |             |             | Minnesota Library Association Conference |                           |                     |

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