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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

by Judy Heeter

Leaves are falling and colors are bright. Welcome to fall, HSLM members. If your library is like mine, this is an especially busy time of year. Our statistics have consistently shown that October has the highest usage figures of any month of the year; April is second. On top of that there are conferences, journal renewals to consider, and many other tasks that must be done. But let's take a moment to think about a couple of issues your board will be considering.

One is the place of associates in our organization. Many of us have them and find them indispensable. What is their role in HSLM? What kind of educational programs would be helpful to them? What activities would appeal to them? Your thoughts would be appreciated by the board, and it would also be helpful to hear from the associates themselves. Do they want to be part of HSLM and what would they like from the organization?

The board is also considering a new logo and revisions of the bylaws, focusing on term of office for various positions. Finally, a number of HSLM members are involved in the Minnesota Go Local project (My Health Minnesota → Go Local) and the HSLM has contributed \$5000 to help the project along.

Yes, it's a busy time of year, and we look forward to an active and productive year for all of Minnesota's health sciences libraries.

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HSLM NEWS

Thank You, HSLM!

Dear Judy:

I know that Vicki Glasgow sent her thanks to HSLM (via Wendy Larson) back in July expressing our appreciation for HSLM's support of the My Health Minnesota → Go Local project, but I would like to add my formal thanks. The \$5,000 that you contributed is helping in our promotion of the project, most recently at the Minnesota Library Association meeting last month.

We have added HSLM as one of our "Project Partners" on the website for My Health Minnesota → Go Local at : <http://hsl.lib.umn.edu/golocal/> and have included the following statement on our home page:

This project was made possible by funding from the [Library Services and Technology Act](#) through the [Minnesota Department of Education, State Library Services](#) and the support of [Health Science Libraries of Minnesota](#).

We need to add to this list our latest piece of good news – we have received additional support from the Greater Midwest Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine which will help us continue to build the database towards an anticipated launch the 3rd week in April, during National Library Week. We will definitely want HSLM to be involved in that!

We look forward to partnering with HSLM members in other ways, too, including outreach, resource identification, and publicity. If you have any questions or ideas about the project, please don't hesitate to contact me or Karla Block.

Thank you again for all your help.

Sincerely,

Linda Watson

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LIBRARY AND MEMBER NEWS

Patrick Costigan Retires from North Memorial

by Donna Barbour-Talley

Librarian Patrick Costigan retired on September 1, 2006 after nearly 32 years in the North Memorial Medical Library. During that time, Pat completed thousands of literature searches on a wide range of topics for physicians, students and staff at North Memorial. Pat was an early adopter of personal computers and led the transition to automated library operations beginning with the Library's first microcomputer in 1985. In 1995, when the Library sponsored North Memorial's first domain on the Internet, Pat led "lunch and learn" sessions on how to use e-mail for professional communication through listservs.

Perhaps Pat's most notable achievement was his single-handed development of a guide to health and medical sites on the Internet. When it debuted in June 1995, it included 600 links organized by medical specialty. By the end of 1996, it had over 2000 links and was averaging 180 hits a day. The North Memorial Library website was recognized on a number of prestigious lists and was a remarkable effort for a library of our size.

For now, due to budget restrictions, the North Memorial Library will not be replacing the librarian position which Pat vacates. But then, we already knew Pat was irreplaceable!

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OPPORTUNITIES

Moving at the Speed of Byte Webcast

The November 8, 2006 MLA webcast "Moving at the Speed of Byte: Emerging Technologies for Information Management" will be available at three locations in Minnesota: University of Minnesota Health Sciences Libraries in Minneapolis, Mayo Clinic Libraries in Rochester, and St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth. For more information, see http://www.mlanet.org/education/distance_ed/technologies/sites_1_p.html#MN.

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

HSLM Board Meeting

April 21, 2006

10am-12pm

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

MTG Date: 4/21/06

Chair:

Wendy Larson

MTG Location: Bio-Med Library, U of MN

Secretary:

Cindy Gruwell

Start/Stop Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Present	Participants:	Present	Participants:	Present	Participants:
X	<i>Doreen Roberts</i>	X	<i>Michael Scott</i>		<i>Michael Homan</i>
	<i>Wendy Larson</i>		<i>Dottie Hawthorne</i>		
X	<i>Cindy Gruwell</i>	X	<i>Frances Cockrum</i>		
X	<i>C. Schulz</i>	X	<i>Lisa McGuire</i>		
X	<i>Karla Block</i>	X	<i>Judy Heeter</i>		

Agenda

1. Review of minutes from
-corrections noted, approved
2. Board reports
 - a. Chair - Judy chaired the meeting in Wendy's absence
 - b. Chair-elect – N/A
 - c. Chair-emeritus/Treasurer - Membership
 - Doreen handed out the current treasurers report – the current balance is \$19684.69
 - Discussion ensued concerning the Grants account
 - Doreen suggested closing the account and moving the money to the savings account
 - The board agreed and Doreen will follow-up
 - Membership – we currently have 54 members
 - Doreen will be sending out additional membership renewals
 - d. Secretary – N/A
 - e. Consortia
 - Report on changes I the Department of Health
 - Diane Jordan has retired
 - Paul Dahl is the new director

- Next AHSLN meeting is 5/4 – no other news
- Valley medical group is slated to meet in June – no other news

f. Newsletter

- March newsletter is ready to go
- Web version will be linked to on the website

g. Program

- Annual meeting discussion
 - Suggestions made for the meeting to take place in June if possible
 - Lisa suggested having Bryan Vogh present the “Geek Class” and an NLM update during lunch
 - Lisa will follow up and confirm MLA credit
 - It was determined that this will be a “free” program including lunch
 - Possible virtual participation?

h. GMR representative

- Current GMR contact has not been confirmed, although this should happen within the next couple of days
- NLM will have a presence at the upcoming Community Health Partnership meeting in Minneapolis that will be taking place in early June

i. Website

- Currently waiting to link the latest newsletter
- Need logos
- The board discussed and would like to add a web form for membership/renewal
- Michael is open to suggestions for the site
- Michael announced that he has resigned his position at Fairview for the palm oasis of Orlando, Florida
- We will need to explore candidates for webmaster

j. Resource library representative – N/A

k. Listserv – no current issues

3. Old Business - N/A

4. New Business

- Lisa McGuire/Karla Block made the suggestion to hold “virtual” meetings in the future
 - This would eliminate the need for long distance travel for a 2 hour meeting as well as scheduling meetings during the winter months
 - Wendy has suggested exploring meetings.com
 - Lisa mentioned that we could use the U of MN Breeze platform

- It was decided that we should explore this further
- MedlinePlus – Go Local
 - Karla Block updated us on the Go Local project
 - The Go Local group is looking to have a presence at the state fair
 - Currently considering end of December/January as the official launch date
 - Karla also discussed the funding for the project
 - The Go Local committee would like to make a formal request for a HSLM Grant
 - Karla will draft a proposal to be presented at the HSLM annual meeting
- Minnesota Library Association Meeting
 - MLA has inquired about HSLM holding a session(s) during their annual meeting
 - Suggestions were for a booth and workshop in light of the collaboration with consumer information – Go Local Project
- Elections
 - Doreen lead a discussion about the need to prepare for elections with results to be announces at the annual meeting – we will need to elect the following:
 - Chair-elect
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer/Membership
 - Francis and Connie have agreed to continue in their current capacity as GMR and Consortia Representative
 - Doreen will send nominations to the membership
 - Cindy volunteered to run for Chair-elect
 - Lisa McGuire did the same for secretary
 - Doreen will query the membership for additional candidates

5. Meeting adjourned

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