

MINUTES OF THE SPRING BUSINESS MEETING  
APRIL 1, 1998

OHIO HISTORICAL CENTER, COLUMBUS, OHIO

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 by President Clare Leibfarth.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the general membership meeting on October 23, 1997 were included in the newsletter. The word 'grant' needs to be inserted after \$2,000 in the third paragraph. With this correction noted Jo Clark moved that the minutes be approved. Ann Carlson seconded. The motion was approved.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Clare noted that the structure of this meeting allowed for flexibility. In reviewing the past year she noted that the goal of greater geographic representation of attendees was clearly reflected in the attendance at this meeting. Also accomplished was an increase in membership and a replenishment of the treasury. Alternative funding, including AHEC funding of continuing education activities, also contributed greatly in the financial health of OHSLA. The vitality of the organization is reflected in the good ideas and different program formats that have been/are being tried. None of this would have occurred if members had not acted and responded. Fewer Executive Committee meetings took place this spring but there was lots of e-mail back and forth.

**NOMINATION COMMITTEE:** The requirement that there be only one candidate for each office made the job of the Nomination Committee easier. Officers elected for the 1998-99 fiscal year are President - Mary Sprague, President-Elect - Patty Augustine, Secretary - Jodith Janes. 60% of the votes were cast via fax. Many thanks to Shirley Sebald-kinder for agreeing to run for President-Elect.

**NEWSLETTER:** No report.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** Mary Sprague noted that this was her last meeting as Program Chair and she wished to thank Committee Members Michelle Foss and Ruey Rodman for all their work. Clare expressed heartfelt gratitude to Mary and the Program Committee for all their hard work. Working with them had been a great pleasure.

**OCLIS REPORT:** There will be a invitation-only symposium June 18-19 at Fawcett Center, The Ohio State University entitled "PUTTING IT TOGETHER" that is aimed at all types of libraries. Library leaders from public, academic, school and special libraries throughout Ohio are being invited to this Symposium which will have sessions on topics such as Resource and Personnel Sharing, Collaborative Ventures, etc. A general session followed by a reception with open the meeting on Thursday which will then continue all day Friday.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Debra noted that the report did not reflect costs incurred for today's meeting, nor any monies received today.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Debra reviewed the President's charge to the Membership Committee. The Committee was charged with reviewing 1) a possible increase in membership fees, 2) a change in membership categories, and 3) formalizing vendor relationships with OHSLA. The genesis for this review was a suggestion from a member that OHSLA should offer institutional memberships and the problem of where delegation of responsibility for vendor participation at meetings should lie. In formulating their report Debra and Committee members Ann Carlson and Marilyn Roe surveyed national, state and local organizations for information on their dues structure and membership categories. The Committee's proposals were as follows:

1. Recommend leaving membership dues at \$15.00/yr.

2. Suggested the creation of two new membership categories:

A) Student membership at \$5.00/yr. Member must be a library student with a two year maximum.

B) Institutional membership \$50.00. Membership would include up to three people, all would have voting privileges and there would be only one mailing per membership

3. Recommend allowing vendor representative to choose to become members of OHSLA through categories - Personal or Institutional

Recommend that vendors exhibiting at OHSLA meetings be separate from membership.

Suggest that exhibiting issues and fees be handled by the program committee.

Debra noted that the cost of and time limit for student memberships was typical of state organizations. It was noted that in today's world many students take longer than two years to complete a MLS/MSLS degree work. Also suggested was that the student membership category not be restricted only to MLS/MSLS students but be open to any student working in the library environment. Comments by members concerning the institutional level category suggested that a number of problems could result if specific persons were not designated by the institution. One mailing per institution could pose a problem. The question on this meeting's evaluation form regarding payment of dues may help answer this question for the committee. The current renewal form does not include mention of an institutional membership. Clare noted that the bylaws do not include mention of institutional membership to a change in the bylaws would be needed. The consensus of the membership present indicated no advantage was to be gained from the formation of an institutional membership category. Marlene Porter moved, and Mary Sprague seconded the motion that the Membership Committee report be referred to the Executive Board. The motion was carried.

OHSLA has 113 paid members with at least 5 new members as a result of today's meeting. Clare expressed thanks to Debra and the Committee for their work on this report.

RAC REPORT: Rosalie encouraged members to submit proposals to NN/LM GMR for the Technology Awareness Program Award. Possible topics include technology to enable the clinical practice of Evidence-Based Medicine, transmission of video, audio and images in clinical medicine, telemedicine applications in home health care and technology applications in public health. RFQs for this program whose aim is to improve health professionals' awareness of new

information technologies are due June 1, 1998. Awards will be announced on or before July 15, 1998. Members were also reminded about the GMR Fellow Award which provides opportunities for primary access librarian to obtain technology training. Two awards with a combined total of \$5,000 each are available. Rosalie encouraged members to join the NN/LM GMR list. To subscribe send a message to <listerv@uic.edu> in the body of the message type: subscribe

gmrlist Your Name. Also check out hii wire the GMR online publication which can be found at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/gmr/hiiwire/>.

GMR REPORT: Jean Sayre introduced Charniel McDaniels, contact person for Ohio at GMR. Charniel announced PubMed Training for Librarians and Library Staff will be offered by GMR. She encouraged members to consider applying for either a Technology Awareness Program Award or for a GMR Fellowship. Other awards offered include a Course Development Award for training health science librarians that can be packaged for other trainers in the region. Jean then talked at some length about NLM's reinvention project. The computers are more than 15 years old and rely on technology that is outdated. NLM staff members who built and understand these systems are gradually retiring. The programming language and database systems lack flexibility and are increasing difficult to maintain. NLM is under a Congressional mandate to move to a new system architecture. One result of this mandate is the development of PubMed.

the creation of the PubMed access created challenges for GMR. The 800 number for Loansome Doc resulted in more than 400 calls in February, some of them international. The access database which is searchable with multiple

points allowed staff members to refer calls to local providers. Some bugs still need to be taken care of, but the system is generally working well. Rose Zajac asked how to deal with unaffiliated users. Jean agreed that this is an area that still needs work. It was agreed that there are lots of misconceptions on the part of the public about just what can be obtained. Desktop delivery, free copies and immediate full-text transmission are wide spread misconceptions. Currently there is no PubMed training class scheduled in Ohio. Jean Sayre offered to work with interested Ohio groups to provide training in the state A Loansome Doc package is available for GMR for setting up accounts, tracking, etc. See the 3 Sources article "Why be a LD provider?" Internet GratefulMed will be merged with PubMed as the ILS Voyager system is implemented at NLM.

DOCLINE will move to a WEB based system but not before the 2000 problem has been solved.

SERHOLD has had a long standing problem with holdings statements. Many of which are Level X. Part of the problem is the NLM/OCLC interface which was never a good match. Now that OCLC has changed to a different standard the problem is even worse. NLM cannot easily read the tapes from OCLC. One more tape load will take place in October 1998. Only GMR and one other region do not do direct SERHOLD updates. The advantage of direct SERHOLD updates is that the update is instant whereas the OCLC tape load may be at least a year old. In Kentucky the two Resource libraries will input/correct data for all Kentucky libraries. Agents for Ohio are still being sought. NLM has released four codes for Ohio. A meeting with potential agents took place Tuesday but no firm commitments were forthcoming. In some states agents charge 25 cents/record to update holdings. In response to Sara Timmons' suggestion that codes could be shared. Jean replied that this could be possible with the caveat that careful coordination of usage of the codes would be necessary. In summation Clare noted that there is currently no central agency willing to serve as an agent. Resource libraries want to be helpful but face their own problems. Larger libraries will probably be served but smaller ones may have difficulties over when their holdings are updated. The major problem to be overcome is the Level X. In response Jean thought that this is an interim snag that will be resolved. Clare suggested that OHSLA's Executive Board write to HSL Directors requesting that they 'look out' for smaller BHSLs. Ann Carlson urged that the letter include the many concerns and suggestions from today's meeting. In particular the move to a fee-based service could be disastrous to small libraries. Jim Buchman, State Library of Ohio, noted that updating holdings is very time consuming and changes usually reach his office at the last minute. As one more tape load will take place he urged libraries to send updates to him as soon as possible.

Prior to Jean's presentation and the discussion which followed Barbarie Hill presented Clare with a gift of appreciation for her hard work and dedication to OHSLA.

There being no further business Debra Anderson moved that the meeting be adjourned, Pam Bradigan seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:13.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodith Janes, Secretary  
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