

Minutes of Spring Business Meeting
April 20, 1999
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The meeting was called to order at 1:34 PM by President Mary Sprague.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Mary welcomed the new members and announced that new member Wendy Hess was the recent recipient of the Rose L. Vormelker award for student excellence in special librarianship presented by the Kent State University School of Library and Information Science.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the general membership meeting on October 29, 1998 were included in the newsletter. Marlene Porter moved that the minutes be approved. Carol Powell seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mary thanked the Program Committee, Patty Augustine and Ruey Rodman, for arranging the meeting at such a beautiful site. Mary reviewed the OHSLA's accomplishments this past year, noting the establishment of the OHSLA discussion list begun with the support of GMR. The Fall meeting offered two MLA approved course opportunities and the Spring meeting featured two guest speakers. Both meetings were well attended. The membership has increased and the treasury is in good shape. A directory of members has been produced and distributed. Two Executive committee meetings were held, one of which was a teleconference.

Mary suggested two goals for the future. 1. Establish the OHSLA Web site. Dave Blankenship of NEOUCOM has agreed to serve as webmaster and to host the web site at NEOUCOM. 2. Create a searchable database of Ohio Health Science Libraries for informational and benchmarking purposes.

Mary announced there would be a transitional executive committee meeting in June. She thanked the outgoing Executive committee for their hard work this past year.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Clare Leibfarth reported on the results of the election. Officers elected are President- Patty Augustine, President-Elect - Barbara Van Brimmer, Treasurer - Bette Sydelko, RAC Representative - Clare Leibfarth, Secretary - Ann Carlson.

Clare reported that the nominations reflected a balance among geographical areas and types of institution. The President-elect position alternates between an academic librarian and a hospital librarian. This year an academic institution librarian was elected. Debra Anderson counted the votes and said that the ballots had been faxed to her.

Clare will no longer be able to attend OCLIS meetings and requested a volunteer to take over this responsibility. Jo Yeoh volunteered.

BYLAWS REVISION: Debra Anderson moved that the bylaw regarding officers' terms of office be amended to read that the secretary shall serve for a term of two years. Rose Zajac seconded the motion. The amendment was approved. The amendment is intended to prevent the secretary and treasurer terms from expiring in the same year, thus losing continuity on the Executive committee.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Patty Augustine thanked Ruey Rodman for coordinating the program today and announced that there would be tours of the library and chapel available after the meeting. Betsy Humphreys has given us the e-mail address custserv@nlm.nih.gov to use when addressing comments or questions to the National Library of Medicine. Chris Shaffer will answer questions about Y2K problems. His e-mail address is shaffer@uic.edu.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debra Anderson reported that the balance in the treasury as of 4/16/99 was \$6702.88. Debra presented the proposed budget for 1999/2000. Luzviminda Sinha moved that the budget be accepted. Barbara Van Brimmer asked if this budget allows the board to fund future projects. Mary stated that the budget does not constrain the board from funding other projects. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Debra Anderson reported the current membership is 128 members. Membership renewal forms will be mailed July 1. Please be sure to check the boxes indicating your interest in serving as an officer, serving on a committee and being included on the OHSLA discussion list.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Barbarie Hill is departing as newsletter editor and Chris Williams will serve as the new editor.

Barbarie reminded the membership that the MC/MLA meeting in 2000 will be September 22 - 26 at the Omni Netherland Plaza Hotel in downtown Cincinnati. The theme is "Enter the Future". Leslie Schick and Barbarie Hill are co-chairing the meeting. Other chairs are Billie Broaddus and Lisa McCormick - program, Sharon Bressert - exhibits and funding, Rose Zajac - continuing education. The meeting information is currently on the Midwest chapter web site.

OHSLA SUPPORT FOR MC/MLA 2000: Mary Sprague announced that the Fall meeting in 2000 will probably be held in conjunction with MC/MLA. She proposed that OHSLA give a financial contribution to the MC/MLA 2000 meeting as was done in 1996 when the meeting was in Columbus. Debra Anderson moved that a \$500 contribution be made. Patty Augustine seconded the motion. The motion passed. The money will not come from the current proposed budget but from the budget for the following year.

RAC REPORT: Rose Zajac reported that the Technology and Education and Training committees are presenting "Exploring Technology; Collaboration between library and information technologists" at MC/MLA on 10/6/99. This unique four hour video conference that will be hosted in Grand Rapids but also have interactive video transmitting from four other locations: Loyola - Chicago, University of Iowa, University of Minnesota and University of Cincinnati.

The Technology Awareness Forum at MC/MLA will present a speaker on NLM system reinvention on 10/8/99.

The next RAC meeting will be June 21.

GMR REPORT: Jean Sayre and Chris Shaffer discussed the new MEDLINEplus database of consumer topics. MEDLINEplus topics were chosen by analyzing patron search patterns. Loansome Doc services will continue in both PubMed and Internet Grateful Med. Soon each library will be able to edit its Docline routing tables online.

The Greater Midwest Region now serves 900 libraries in ten states. GMR is in the process of recruiting a consumer health librarian to help promote consumer access to health information in the region. Requests will soon be solicited for consumer health subcontract proposals. Proposals are now being solicited for GMR Fellow, Course Development, Technology Awareness and Exhibit awards. Details are available at the GMR website at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/gmr/funding/current.html>.

The Medical College of Ohio has received GMR funding for the outreach project "Information Services Outreach to Health Professionals Serving Hispanics in Northeastern Ohio". This project will involve a consortium of hospitals, county health departments and physicians in a 200 county area in the delivery of integrated health care information.

GMR requests that any library directory changes be sent to them to help keep the directory current. Joining the GMR listserv is the best way to keep up-to-date on all of the region's news.

FLOOR: Chris Williams announced that Akron General Medical Center has opened two new libraries. One is a medical staff library and the other is for consumers.

Marilyn Roe announced that Mansfield Hospital is opening a Baccalaureate nursing program.

Sarah Timmons is retiring this summer from Wright State University Fordham Health Sciences Library. She is resigning from the GMR Oversight committee. Susan Kroll has been selected to succeed her on the committee.

There being no other business, Judy Baker moved that the meeting be adjourned, Jo Clark seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Carlson, Secretary