

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OCTOBER 23, 1997

PRIOR HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY  
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The meeting was called to order at 12:10 by President Clare Leibfarth.

Pam Bradigan welcomed members to OSU and offered tours of the building: the first floor provides access to Reference materials and Consumer Health, the second and third floors house the journal collection, the fourth floor has books and a computer lab and the 5th floor houses the Medical Heritage Center.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** the minutes of the general membership meeting on April 15, 1997 were included in the newsletter. Sara Timmons moved that these minutes be approved. Pam Bradigan seconded. The motion was approved.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Clare gave a brief overview of the executive Committee meetings and complimented Committee members on their enthusiasm and support. She noted that dues and value are important considerations for members, and we need to keep the Treasury at a reasonable level. She suggested that if possible we keep the membership renewal notices separate from the newsletter. The Committee touched on relationships with vendors and whether OHSLA should offer corporate or institutional memberships. No decision was reached. Mary Sprague secured funding for CE functions from Directors of Regional Libraries and GMR is underwriting the cost of the Grant Workshop. OHSLA's Spring meeting will not be with OHA but OHSLA will continue to be affiliated with OHA. The Committee will try a different approach for meetings during the coming year. The July OCLIS meeting at Kent State University Library School focused upon ways to facilitate cooperation between libraries in the state. A leadership workshop in June 1998 will be a working session on how OCLIS could be stronger. The next OCLIS meeting will be November 18, Clare will represent OHSLA.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Debra Anderson reported a checkbook balance of \$2,658.98. The projected budget is based on dues from 80 members. Item #9 should be corrected to read AHEC not RAC. There is a possibility of \$800 more from other AHECs. Mailings will be sent first class rather than bulk mail because of late arrival of materials.. The decision to mail membership renewals separately will also increase postage costs. A motion to approve the 1997-98 budget was made by Mary Sprague, and seconded by Rose Zajac. The motion was passed.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** All members should have received a Directory. Renewal notices were sent to 95 members. Current membership is 102 paid members. The workshop resulted in 13 new members.

**PROGRAM REPORT:** Mary Sprague noted that the Spring meeting with OHA is expensive for members and there is not a lot of exposure to hospital administrators for members. Having

OHSLA meetings in Columbus is a plus for many members. Potential locations for the Spring meeting include OCLC, The Ohio State Library or The Historical Society, the latter being the most likely venue. Members noted that MLA credit for the CE courses at this meeting was a plus. Plans for the future include confirmation of registration for future meetings via email whenever available. AHEC money helped fund this meeting, donations were received from WSU and OSU and it is hoped that other AHECs will assist with funding. There will be no CE at the Spring meeting but there will be at the Fall Meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER:** Barbarie Hill reported that 320 copies of the newsletter were mailed in September. Barbarie seeks input from all parts of the state, so please send in your news.

**OHA EXHIBIT FINAL REPORT:** The signs around the room were part of the OHA exhibit. The intention was to highlight WEB sites, including OHSLA's, which is still up but not currently maintained. There was no charge to OHSLA because of a \$2,000 from GMR regional office. There was very little traffic in the exhibit area. It appeared that those hospital administrators who stopped were mostly from small rural hospitals looking to cut costs. Barbarie expressed mixed feelings about exhibiting again, noting that such a project was people intensive.

**RAC REPORT:** Rose Zajac noted that RAC reports can be found on the Web and in 3 Sources. She encouraged members to write proposals for the enhancement of technology. Only two proposals were submitted at the last meeting.

**GMR REPORT:** Jean Sayre reported that OSU has an outreach subcontract for public health, Indiana will begin a telemedicine program in November and the University of Illinois will host a technology expo in the spring. Kay Wagner is the first GMR Fellow. She will spend 1-3 weeks at the resource library. Evidence based medicine, with MLA approved CE will be offered May 8, 1998 in Chicago and possibly at MLA. With space for 40 people the cost will be \$50.00. The National Online training center is offering classes in various regions of the country, check NLM's Web site for locations. A survey conducted to assess the number of libraries without Internet access revealed that some 30% do not have WEB or Internet access. An effort will be made to design programs to help these libraries. Please inform Jean of anyone who needs help. There are 15 486 computers available for distribution. The Universal Service Fund subsidy for rural areas provides funds for schools and health care providers. This is a first come/first served program. Call the Chicago office for information and help in the application process.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**LOCAL UNION LISTS:** The question of local union lists for OHSLA was raised, small hospitals in central Ohio seem to be interested in local union lists as well as a state-wide list.

**SERHOLD UPDATES:** Jean Sayre noted that in the future participants in SERHOLD will need to go online to update holdings as NLM is changing its system and will not be able to accept OCLC tapes. GMR is trying to get local volunteers to do updates. It was noted that only Regions 2 and 3 are not doing online SERHOLD updates. Local representatives are needed to do online updates. The executive committee will look into this and report to the membership.

There being no further business Pam Bradigan moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ann Carlson seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodith Janes, Secretary  
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