

MINUTES OF THE FALL BUSINESS MEETING, DRAFT
THURSDAY OCTOBER 29, 1998

PRIOR HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS,
OHIO

The meeting was called to order at 12:17 by President Mary Sprague, who thanked Barb VanBrimmer, Curator of the Medical Heritage Center and her staff for their assistance in arranging the meeting and Susan Kroll, OSU Health Sciences Library Director for her support.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the general membership meeting of Spring 1998 were included in the newsletter. One correction was noted: Susan Kroll (**Mary this is where I am in need of help re my email of Friday**)

Marlene Porter moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Fern Ch seconded. The motion was approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The Executive Committee Met twice, on June 1, and August 5, both times at the OSU Health Sciences Library due to geographical convenience. In order to support attendance at these meetings Mary suggested and the Committee agreed, that the OHSLA treasury pay for lunch and reimburse long distance travellers for their mileage at the rate of \$0.05 per mile. This support is a small way to recognize the contributions Executive Committee members make to OHSLA.

At the Spring Meeting the membership referred the Membership Committee recommendations regarding membership categories to the Executive Committee. The committee agreed that membership fee will remain at \$15.00 per year. with a student membership category at \$5.00 per year. A student can be a student member for as long as it takes. No institutional memberships will be offered. Vendors may become personal members.

The newsletter will be sent only to members. Membership forms and meeting announcements will go to all names on our larger mailing list.

A proposal to change the byelaws to change the term of secretary from one year to two years will be presented at the Spring meeting. The election for treasurer, also a two year term, and secretary would take place in alternate years. This change is recommended to improve the continuity of decision making on the Executive Committee.

A large majority of members checked the box on the membership form for the addition of their names to the OHSLA listserv. The listserv will be hosted at OSU and Mary will be the listserv owner. It will be a closed list, i.e. only people the owner adds can send messages to it and it will be unmoderated. The plan is to set up the listserv in November. Preliminary guidelines will be issued and suggestions will be welcomed. This will be an excellent communication tool for the organization.

Mary extended heartfelt thanks to Barbarie Hill for her creation of a wonderful web page for OHSLA for the Spring meeting at the OHA convention. Best wishes to Barbarie for the new responsibilities in preparing for the 2000 MC/MLA meeting in Cincinnati. We need a volunteer with some web page development experience to lead this effort and to work with the Committee.

Contact Mary if you are interested in this position.

Over the years, including this year, the Executive Committee has looked at bonding for the Treasurer. Bonding is expensive and does not appear to be appropriate for such a small treasury, and most bonding agencies are not interested dealing with small amounts. We decided not to bond the Treasurer but rather to identify an OHSLA member to conduct an annual year end audit of our books. Please contact Mary if you would be willing to audit.

The focus for the coming year will be communication and membership. The creation of a listserv and revitalization of the web page will enhance communication. When Barbarie ends her term as newsletter editor with the Spring issue Michelle Foss will step into her place. Deb has really outstanding news to report about membership. When calling around the state to try to identify underconnected libraries for GMR it became apparent that there are a lot of Ohio health sciences librarians who are not OHSLA members and no one has a good grip on the status of Ohio health sciences libraries. The Executive Committee plans to study these issues and truly find out how to be the 'VOICE' for Ohio Health Sciences Libraries.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Patty Augustine expressed thanks to Ruey, Michelle Mary and Deb for their assistance and support, with especially warm thanks to the staff of Medical Heritage Center. The Spring meeting with feature Betsy Humphreys of NLM and a Y2K presentation. Members were urged to fill in the meeting evaluation form as these are vital help in planning future meetings. Today's classes are in direct response to suggestions from past evaluations.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debra Anderson presented a report for 1997-98 and a proposed budget for 1998-99. There were no questions concerning the 1998-99 report. Regarding the proposed budget for 1998-99 Deb noted that postage has been lower because costs have been 'underwritten' by members, but we cannot assume that this will always be so. OHA membership has been dropped. Executive Committee expenses are higher because of lunch and \$0.05 per mile for members for 3 meetings. Dues income assumes 110 members. There was no discussion. A motion to approve the proposed budget for 1998-99 was made by Bobbie Connelly, and seconded by Barb VanBrimmer. The motion was approved.

NEWSLETTER: No report. A round of applause was given to Barbarie in thanks for all her hard work.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: As of 10/29/98 OHSLA has 121 members.**RAC REPORT:** Rose reported that the Lexington meeting was most informative. The Docline manual is online. SERHOLD holdings will soon be available. There is discussion about subgroups, individual updates, and coordination with OCLC. An updated SERHOLD fact sheet is available. The Regional office with re-survey for connectivity. OldMed is now back to 1962. PreMed has not been sold to vendors but OldMed has.

OCLIS and Ohio SERHOLD Update: Clare reported that along with Jo Yeoh, Patty Augustine she attended the OCLIS symposium. The goal was to keep an ear open and see how medical librarians can be more involved in state-wide institutions. The next OCLIS board meeting is November 17. OLA meetings are available at the OLA member rate to OHSLA members. A letter regarding SERHOLD was sent to health sciences libraries.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Anyone willing to run for office please contact Clare.

GMR REPORT: Jean Sayre introduced Cathy Davies, new to GMR and the Ohio liaison. Cathy is teaching today's PUBMED class. AVLINE, CATLINE and SERHOLD will go away and Voyageur implementation proceeds. Members were encouraged to read through the Fact Sheets in the program. GMR's web site has been redesigned, with services for different groups. The Grateful Med PUBMED interface will remain, but IGM will be searching PUBMED. CancerLit and PDQ will be discontinued but NCI will provide access to these databases. TOXLINE, etc will be available via a separate web site.

Consumer health will be the big push at NLM. Consumer health journals are being added to PUBMED. 40 public libraries are to be part of a project in conjunction with NLM in a consumer health project. Jean urged us to look at NLM's webpage for more on MedlinePlus, a consumer health interface.

Two outreach proposals are currently in process of being funded. One is here in Ohio: Marlene Porter in Toledo is working on a project to reach the Hispanic population.

3 Sources has been redesigned.

Betsy Humphreys, is Acting Associate Director at NLM, taking the place of Lois Ann Co, who has resigned.

GMR offered to host the OHSLA listserv and web page.

Mary thanked Jean for her presentation and for the offer to host the listserv and the web page.

There being no new business Linda Bunyan made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Carol Howe seconded. The motion was carried. Meeting adjourned 1:25pm.

Respectfully submitted

Jodith Janes, Secretary