

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
APRIL 15, 1997  
in conjunction with OHA (Ohio Hospital Association)

**DRAFT**

Greater Columbus Convention Center  
Columbus, Ohio

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 P.M. by President Clare Leibfarth.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the general membership meeting on September 30, 1996 were included in the newsletter. Monica Unger moved that these minutes be approved, Judy Baker seconded.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - Clare gave a brief overview of the two Executive Committee meetings held since the last general membership meeting. During the November meeting the committee worked hard to plan this meeting with OHA, and they began to brainstorm ideas for the exhibit. In February, the committee learned of the acceptance of our exhibit grant request. Clare reported the results of her meeting with OHA program planners. Her goal was to have OHSLA in the program track for information and to plan presentations which would attract non librarians. Clare also reviewed her goals for the year. She feels that there is a need for a good solid Program Committee. The past two meetings were mostly planned by herself with help from others on the Executive Committee. The next program must be a money maker and will include a CE opportunity.

**TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP REPORT** - Debra Anderson reported a checkbook balance of \$3004.41. The donation we received from EBSCO was \$1500.00 instead of the \$1000.00 we expected. On the budget performance sheet, meeting expenses are listed as 119% expended because we had up-front costs for the exhibit which will be reimbursed when we receive the grant money from GMR. Membership is at 54 for 1996-97. We have 35 who have renewed for 97-98. A goal for next year is to get all the membership information entered into a database program so lists, mailing labels, etc. can be produced easily.

**COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER** - Barbarie Hill stated she hoped the newsletter was received by everyone in a timely manner. The next newsletter will be coming out in the fall.

**EXHIBIT** - Barbarie Hill, Mary Sprague, and Clare Leibfarth served in this capacity. The purpose of the exhibit was to make ourselves more visible and to illustrate the role we can play in providing information to our institutions. The exhibit is called "Librarians Make Connections".

The primary focus is on internet or www sites - ones that librarians have created and also others from around Ohio. Barbarie created a homepage for OHSLA. The address for it is <http://www.chmcc.org/ohsla/ohsla.htm>.

**ELECTION RESULTS** - Chris Williams reported the following election results:

President	Clare Leibfarth
Pres-elect	Mary Sprague
Treasurer	Debra Anderson
Secretary	Jodith Janes
RAC	Rose Zajac

There were 33 ballots returned. C.Williams thanked everyone who agreed to run.

**GMR REPORT** - Jean Sayre and Cara Wilhelm provided the GMR update. Cara introduced Jean Sayre as the new Associate Director. Cara then made the following announcements:

1. there are two job vacancies - one for outreach coordinator, and one for network coordinator.
2. the GMR office has awards available for outreach, internet training, exhibits, and technology awareness.
3. there are trainers available to make onsite visits.
4. new membership surveys have been sent out. Results will be posted on the GMR website.
5. a new electronic newsletter - hii-wire will be available on the web soon focusing on information about member libraries and their activities.

Jean Sayre commented that it was nice to be back among familiar faces. She is still in the learning mode and has been to NLM for training. Jean talked about the new GMR Fellow Program. This fellowship is meant for hospital librarians and will allow one to spend 2-3 weeks at a GMR resource library studying/observing a particular aspect of technology that is of interest.

RAC has been renamed the Oversight Committee. This committee met in January 1997 to begin work on a five year planning document. There are several other RAC committees. B. Hill is on the technology committee. There was a question from the floor about how our new representative will fit into the picture. Cara thought that she would just take over Barbarie's position on the technology committee.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Resource/Outreach Library Representation on Executive Committee** - Clare had asked for comments on this issue at the last meeting and didn't receive much response. So far we have been able to assure a good representation by working through the election process. Clare said that she thinks we can do this without specifically stating it in the bylaws.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Membership Structure/Vendor Representation** - There have been questions asked about the possibility of offering an institutional membership. Clare has asked Debra Anderson's

membership committee to look at this issue and prepare a recommendation. Anything we do may require a bylaws change. This group will also be looking at a possible increase in membership dues. We have been relying heavily on vendor underwriting and this must also be looked at. Many vendors have asked to display at our meeting. We need to foster our relationships with all vendors.

**Fall Meeting** - The new president elect will need to begin planning this immediately. The meeting must be a money maker for OHSLA. If you have any suggestions, please let Mary Sprague know.

There being no further business, Lisa McCormick moved the meeting be adjourned, Jo Yeoh seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Sydelko, Secretary  
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