

**ARIHSL Annual Dinner
Business Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2009
Greenwood Inn, Warwick
6:00 p.m.**

Minutes approved 9/16/2009

Present: Barbara Davis, Newport Hospital; Mary Ann Slocumb, Rhode Island Hospital/Lifespan; Patricia Padula, Landmark Medical Center; Susan Warthman, Rhode Island Hospital; William Anger, Miriam Hospital; Frank Kellerman, Brown University; Ruthann Gildea, Butler Hospital; Mary Zammarelli, St. Joseph Health Services of R.I; Arline Dyer, Memorial Hospital; Jo-Anne Aspri, Kent Hospital; Rachel Carpenter, Rhode Island College; Marybeth Edwards, Roger Williams Medical Center; Cheryl Banick, VA Hospital; Regina Swanson, Rhode Island Hospital; Nancy Ross, Women & Infants Hospital; Mark Goldstein, NN-LM/RML; Kay Ryan, retiree.

President Barbara Davis called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of March 18: Minutes approved.

Announcements:

Marybeth Edwards' hours at Roger Williams Hospital have been decreased by 8 hours. She will be working four days. Her assistant's hours have also been cut. There will be coverage for the library five weekdays.

Nancy Ross' hours at Women & Infants Hospital have been increased to 40 hours per week.

ACRL has started a Health Sciences interest group.

Revised Rhode Island *Rules and Regulations for Licensing of Hospitals* became law on May 14, 2009.

President's Report:

ARIHSL's 55th year was a busy one! Here are some highlights from 2008-2009:

Personnel

Deaths

- a) Chet Ham passed away July 3, 2008.

- b) Molly McGetrick passed away June 23, 2008.
- c) Anne Toll passed away October 27, 2008.

Retirements

- a) Winnie Jacome retired from Naval Ambulatory Care Center, and the library was closed.
- b) Carol-Ann Rausch retired from Memorial Hospital of Pawtucket.

Staff Changes

- a) Eleanor Slater Hospital closed the library, and Nicky Pallotti was laid off.
- b) Roger Williams Hospital reduced librarian by 10 hours and library assistant by 5 hours.
- c) South County Hospital Library closed, Joyce Boyd was laid off.
- d) Westerly Hospital hired a part-time MLS librarian for eight hours per week
- e) Women and Infants' Hospital increased librarian's hours from 20 to 40.

Bylaws

- a) Bylaws and Policy and Procedures Manual were both revised on September 17, 2008 to reflect all changes that were in the minutes but not changed in the Manual.
- b) As a result of Bylaws changes, the following Standing Committees were eliminated from the Executive Board: Bylaws Committee, Electronic Communications Committee, and Shared Resources Committee. It was decided that these topics would be placed on the Agenda on an "as needed" basis.

Continuing Education

- a) PubMed Update – Held on March 4, 2009, the class was taught by Lauri Fennell of NN/LM.
- b) Evidence-Based Nursing for Librarians – Held March 18, 2009, the class was taught by Janene Batten of Yale University and 6 MLA CE credits were awarded.

Legislation

Members of ARIHSL gave testimony before the RI Department of Health on October 22, 2008 and February 26, 2009 in support of changes to *Rules and Regulations for Licensing of Hospitals*. The law became final as of May 14, 2009. The new law retains all of the wording from the previous law, and it adds a statement about computerized information sources. The following ARIHSL members attended the hearings: Barbara Davis, Pat Gorman, Pat Padula, Tovah Reis, and Mary Zammarelli. Donna DiMichele of OLIS attended both meetings, and Cherine Whitney of Special Libraries Association attended the first meeting.

Marketing

- a) An ARIHSL bookmark was created and will be used at future marketing events.
- b) ARIHSL's poster board was used by Jo-Anne Aspri and Barbara Davis for events at their hospitals. The ARIHSL bookmark was displayed, along with various NN/LM pamphlets.
- c) Mary Ann Slocomb used ARIHSL's poster board for a display for the Library Director's Meeting at Cumberland Public Library on February 4, 2009. The ARIHSL bookmark was also displayed.

Miscellaneous

- a) NN/LM Site visit – Barbara Davis, Tovah Reis, and Mary Ann Slocomb attended the NN/LM site visit at University of Massachusetts in Shrewsbury, MA on July 24, 2008. This was a mid-cycle visit to assess how NN/LM is fulfilling its service contract for the region.
- b) HELIN Hospitals met on November 6, 2008 to discuss resource sharing issues.
- c) Templates were developed for ARIHSL Executive Board and Business Meeting agendas. These should save time for future presidents.
- d) Tovah Reis attended the Medical Library Association conference in Honolulu, Hawaii in May 2009.

NAHSL

- a) Barbara Davis presented a poster at NAHSL in October 2008 in Lowell, MA. The presentation displayed the use of the ARIHSL poster board as a marketing tool for ARIHSL libraries for hospital events, health professional meetings, or consumer health events.
- b) ARIHSL donated a basket with a Rhode Island theme for the Scholarship Table at the NAHSL Annual Conference in October 2008.
- c) NAHSL celebrated its 25th anniversary at the meeting in October 2008. A number of ARIHSL members attended the meeting.

NAHSL 2010 Planning Committee

- a) Susan Warthman and Reggie Swanson are Conference Co-Chairs.
- b) The Planning Committee met for the first time in November 2008. There have been several meetings already, and the program is well underway.
- c) Hospitality Committee has selected for the Easton's Beach and Carousel for the Opening Reception.

Program

Emergency Preparedness –Three speakers gave presentations on emergency preparedness prior to the November ARIHSL meeting: Penny Glassman of NN/LM, Lori Foley of Northeast Document Conservation Center, and Eileen Warburton of Protecting the Past – RI.

Professional Associations – The following members represented ARIHSL at state and regional associations:

- a) Coalition for Library Advocates – Ruthann Gildea
- b) HELIN Access Services Committee – Mary Zammarelli
- c) Library Board of Rhode Island – Mary Ann Slocomb
- d) Karla Harry Commission – Mary Ann Slocomb
- e) NAHSL Continuing Education Committee – Pat Gorman
- f) NAHSL Executive Board – Mary Ann Slocomb
- g) NN/LM RAC Consumer Health Advisory Board – Mary Ann Slocomb
- h) NN/LM RAC Hospital Library Subcommittee – Barbara Davis

Professional Development

- a) A list of both NAHSL and ARIHSL professional development awards that were given to members has been placed on the ARIHSL web page.
- b) Mary Ann Slocomb received a professional development award from ARIHSL so that she could attend Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C., in May 2009.

Barbara expressed her thanks to everyone for all their support and for the opportunity to participate with them in “this eventful ARIHSL year!”

Treasurer’s Report:

Marybeth Edwards distributed the Treasurer’s Report. Balance as of today is \$2,367.92. Report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education: No report.

Membership: Reggie Swanson reported that there are currently 12 individual and 13 institutional memberships. All information is on the ARIHSL homepage.

Library Board of Rhode Island (LiBRI): (report submitted by Mary Ann Slocomb)

LiBRI meeting for April 20, 2009 was cancelled.

Monday, May 18th Chair’s Report - Board members who attended the ALA Library Legislation Day in Washington D.C. on May 10-12 gave a brief report. Howard Boksenbaum, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Joan Ress Reeves, Mark McKenney and Mary Ann

Slocomb attended. Christopher LaRoux, Director Greenville Public Library, and RILA President also attended in D.C. All felt that it was a very worthwhile trip and much was accomplished by meeting face-to-face with our congressmen. Our two Representatives, Langevin and Kennedy, were unavailable, but we met with their Legislative Assistants. We met with our two senators, Whitehouse and Reed, strong library supporters and their Legislative Assistants and they provided us with the photo ops below. All four offices were very receptive to our group and listened attentively and asked questions. Our group felt I had an impact talking about authoritative health care information.



Picture at left. left to right: Howard Boksenbaum, Mark McKenney, Joan Ress Reeves, Senator Jack Reed, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Mary Ann Slocomb, Christopher LaRoux.



Picture at right, standing left to right: Mark McKenney, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, Howard Boksenbaum, Christopher LaRoux; seated left to right: Joan Ress Reeves, Mary Ann Slocomb.

Chief Library Officer's Report - Personnel: 1. Library Program Specialist I to run the OLIS library – Alicia Waters was hired. 2. Library Specialist III, Youth Services – is in progress. 3. There were 117 applications for the Information Services Technician position.

Karla Harry Commission: (report submitted by Mary Ann Slocomb) Howard Boksenbaum met with the representatives from the small public libraries. Each has a report to submit to the commission as a result of the meeting. Commission will meet on May 27th.

OLIS Activities

1. WebJunction is doing well and has 400 RI members.
2. AskRI- EBSCO will provide geographic authentication and go live with this in the summer. Tutor and World book already do this. Heritage does not.
3. Protecting the Past – There has been good response to the RI dPlan classes and all types of libraries and historical sites have attended.

Committees

Public Relations – The committee created a handout “Do libraries help you when you’re down and out?” from a survey they performed. This information will be used as a press release.

Legislative – Rose Ellen, chair and David Maksam, Director-Cranston Public Library, will meet with Elizabeth Roberts, Lieutenant Governor and a strong library supporter, on May 27th. They want her to blog about libraries, because she is an active blogger; have her make libraries an issue when she runs for governor; and discuss libraries on Facebook, where she is very active.

There is a legislation link on the OLIS site for those interested in what is currently happening.

Other

I mentioned the DOH Rules & Regulations for accrediting hospitals results of the hearings. The Board was glad that the R&Rs were not reduced for the hospital libraries.

Next Meeting: June 15th.

NAHSL: (report submitted by Mary Ann Slocomb) The next NAHSL Executive Board meeting is June 12th.

COLA: (Ruthann Gildea) This week was the final meeting until September. In the fall, they will be in sync with ARIHSL’s new officers.

NN-LM/RML Update: (Mark Goldstein)

Mark stated that they are expecting a revision of Docline 4.0 within 4-6 weeks. There will be a revamp of the Docline serials holdings module. Updates will be posted to the ARIHSL and NAHSL listservs.

Updates have been made to PubMed updates as well as improvements to MedlinePlus. An Emergency Preparedness class was held this spring with another planned for the fall. The focus will be on service continuity.

There is new funding for outreach in educational programming.

Penny Glassman is now acting head of the Lamar Soutter technology group. New developments will be linked to the NER website.

There will be a 2-1/2 day E-Science web camp program at UMass-Dartmouth at the end of June.

An All-RAC (Regional Advisory Committee) meeting will be held on July 30.

Hospital Library subcommittee: Elaine Martin did a study with librarians interviewing their hospital administrators in their hospitals. Once the data is compiled, it will be compared with the data from the same study done at the Mid-Atlantic region.

The subcommittee provides advocacy for hospital libraries and will assist anyone who wants to do the Valuing Library Services Calculator. In conjunction with this initiative, MLA has a Vital Pathways page.

There are now part-time librarians staffing the previously closed Westerly Hospital and Dana Farber libraries. There is no word yet on the status of South County Hospital library which closed in February.

Javier Crespo attended the Rhode Island GoLocal meeting. A possible proposal may be made for NLM to be involved in GoLocal.

There will be more online classes to make it easier for those in 1-person libraries to attend.

Old Business:

The new RI Department of Health *Rules and Regulations for Licensing of Hospitals* will go on the ARIHSL website.

NAHSL 2010: (Sue Warthman) The conference will be held in Newport. The title is “Libraries in Balance: Preserving Our Past, Conserving Our Future.” There will be a blog linked to the NAHSL website. The planning committee decided to forego the Monday night banquet so attendees can go out and enjoy Newport, and will instead have an extended cocktail hour. Four speakers are lined up to date. There will be a panel discussion on evidence-based nursing vs. evidence-based medicine. The committee is working on this year’s promotional material.

New Business:

Election of officers: Ruthann Gildea announced the following slate of officers for 2009/2010: President – Arline Dyer, Memorial Hospital; Vice-President/President-Elect – Janet Crager, Brown University; Secretary – Patricia Padula, Landmark Medical Center; Treasurer – Marybeth Edwards, Roger Williams Medical Center; Past-President – Barbara Davis. **A motion was made and seconded in favor of the new slate. The secretary cast a vote for the new slate.**

Arline Dyer presented Barbara Davis with a gift of an ornamental garden pole and flag. Arline thanked the membership for coming and adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia M. Padula, MLIS, Secretary