

MINUTES APPROVED 9/20/2007

ARIHSL Annual Dinner & Business Meeting Minutes

Ribs & Company, Johnston, RI

June 20, 2007 5:00 pm

Present: Jo-Anne Aspri, Treasurer, Kent Hospital; Cheryl Banick, VA Hospital; Joyce Boyd, South County Hospital; Janet Cramer, Brown University; Javier Crespo, NNLM/NER (RML); Barbara Davis, Newport Hospital; Marybeth Edwards, Roger Williams Medical Center; Mary Farias, Retired; Ruthann Gildea, Vice President/President Elect, Butler Hospital; Pat Gorman, Past President, CCRI; Winifred Jacome, Naval Ambulatory Care Center of New England; Frank Kellerman, Brown University; Pat Padula, Landmark Medical Center; Tovah Reis, Brown University; Kay Ryan, Retired; Janice Schuster, Providence College; Hadassah Stein, Retired; Regina Swanson, Membership Committee Chair, Lifespan; Susan Warthman, Secretary, Lifespan; and Mary Zammarelli, President, St. Joseph Hospital.

President, Mary Zammarelli, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the March 8, 2007 meeting were approved

Announcements:

1. Arline Dyer has accepted the position of Medical Librarian at Memorial Hospital. Her first day on the job was Monday, May 1, 2007.
2. Tjalda Nauda has retired as Director of the James P. Adams Library at Rhode Island College.
3. MLA Annual Conference took place in May in Philadelphia, PA. The theme was "Change is in the Air." Several ARIHSL members attended and Ruthann Gildea presented a poster entitled "Bibliotherapy: Patient Libraries and Reading Programs, One Component of The Moral Treatment Revolution."
4. ARIHSL received a thank you note from Frank Kellerman for the gift he received in March at the last general meeting. He also thanked members at the dinner meeting.
5. Tovah Reis announced at the end of the meeting that The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) is in the process of a "Standards Improvement Initiative," which includes the revision of IM.4.10 (Information-based Decision Making) and IM.5.10 (Knowledge-based Information). MLA will send a letter to JCAHO expressing concerns about the changes and the ways they will adversely affect physician and patient access to knowledge-based information. Tovah reminded everyone to fill out the survey and will send the link to the ARIHSL listserv.
6. Barbara Davis reminded members the Hospital Orientation Packet and Hospital Library Advocate Toolkit, developed by Regional Advisory Council Hospital Library Subcommittee, are available online at

http://nmlm.gov/ner/services/hosp_lib_toolkits.html

President's Report:

President Mary Zammarelli welcomed and thanked everyone for a great year. She thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve a term as President and the Executive Board for helping her stay motivated and focused. Mary distributed copies of the agenda and a Summary of Activities for 2006-2007.

Treasurer's Report:

- Jo-Anne Aspri read from her report as distributed. The balance of \$2,149.82 from March 8, 2007 had a debit of \$395.00 and deposits totaling \$200.00 from four memberships. The total, as of 6/20/07, is \$1,954.82.
- Mary presented Ruthann Gildea a check from ARIHSL for MLA '07 registration.

Committee Reports:

Education: Jim Salisbury was absent, but notified Mary that he was able to contact Donna Berryman to have her come to RI and train us how to teach our library users to use Pubmed. The workshop will be held at the Johnson & Wales Harborside campus on July 19, 2007. Details will be forthcoming. Suggestions regarding areas of focus for the class are welcome. Contact Jim Salisbury at CCRI, at jfsalisbury@ccri.edu.

Membership: Regina Swanson announced that there are a total of 28 members to date, 19 institutional and 9 individual members.

Shared Resources: Pat Gorman had no report.

HELIN: Jo-Anne Aspri reported that the HELIN Hospital Libraries Group met with Bob Aspri on June 14th to discuss various issues, such as database pricing, licensing and package options for hospital libraries. Bob will be looking into Sage's Science, Technology and Medical (STM) Package of Journals, AMA's consortium pricing for journals and STATREF cooperative package of electronic books. Bob would like input on users and prices. Other agenda items that were discussed; newly purchased III modules, ERM and Encore; new interface for the circulation module; affiliate memberships; and the prices for buying scopes to limit hospital holdings when viewing search results in the catalog.

Access Services Committee: The Access Services Committee met on June 5, 2007. The minutes of the meeting were distributed via email. The committee presented a very interesting and well-attended program on copyright issues on June 7, 2007 at Bryant University. Arlene Bielefield, MLS, JD, from Southern CT State University was the guest speaker. She was both entertaining and knowledgeable.

Collection Development Committee: Janice Schuster sent minutes of all the collection development committee meetings via email. ARIHSL still has no representation on this committee or the Reference Committee. Mary asked for volunteers for these positions. She is on the Access Services Committee and feels Helin needs our perspective on Helin issues.

RI Library Board: Tovah sent in the following report.

I attended the April 23, 2007 meeting, and the following are highlights from the meeting:

1. Mark McKenney, chair of the Board reported that the group appointed to deal with the Providence Public Library continues to meet and that he is in touch with the Governor's office to try and move ahead the appointments to the Board.
2. Sheila Carlson, OLIS staff, is retiring. Chaichin Chen will be assuming the bulk of Sheila's work. Administration will allow OLIS to fill the vacant position.
3. L-TV (Library TV sponsored by RILA) will be doing a series of interviews with people in the library community. It airs on Sunday at 12:30 pm, Mondays at 2:00 pm, and Wednesday at 9:00 pm on Channel 13.
4. OLIS is having budget problems.
5. The Board has gone on record in support of the legislation for funding of statewide databases and one catalog, which the Karla Harry Commission had proposed.
6. Background information was given out about 2-1-1, an easy to remember telephone number that connects people to community services. The United Way is spearheading it. The database includes information on 2776 state and local agencies.

I was unable to attend the May 21st but the following are some of the meeting's highlights:

1. In regards to the Providence Public Library, all remain hopeful that an agreement will be reached between the city and the library. Discussions are ongoing.

2. Frank Iacono will be honored at ALA. A resolution will be read at the conference.
3. Work was completed on the LSTA Five-Year Plan and it will be voted on at the June Board meeting.

I was unable to attend the June 18th Board meeting. The minutes from all the Board meetings are posted at: <http://www.olis.ri.gov/aboutus/lbri/index.php>

RI Library Commission: Mary Ann Slocomb was absent, but expressed that Senate Bill 390 and House Bill 5589, the two statewide databases bills, are going before The House Finance Committee on Wednesday, June 20th, in Room 35 of the State House. This is a very good sign that the bills will be passed this year.

NAHSL: Mary Ann Slocomb emailed Highlights of the NAHSL Executive Board Meeting held on June 8, 2007 and the individual state reports to the NAHSL Board. She wanted the ARIHSL membership to know that they should book rooms early for the NAHSL annual conference. Saturday night reservations are becoming limited.

COLA: No report.

RML: Javier Crespo, Associate Director of the National Network Libraries of Medicine/New England Region reported

- A. Awards- This is the second year of a five-year contract and an announcement of awards will be forthcoming. There is less funding this year, but still a strong commitment to outreach and education.
- B. Berryman- Donna Berryman resigned. Her last day at NN/LM is August 3rd.
- C. Committees- Committees are having a regular advisory council meeting August 9, 2007 and RI will be represented.
- D. Distance Learning- NN/LM coordinators from across the regions are beginning to offer distance-learning classes. Michelle Eberle (michelle.eberle@umassmed.edu) is also offering classes and she will announce when classes will be offered.

Old Business: Status of RI Medical Society Continuing Medical Education (CME) efforts: Pat Gorman sent a message to Catherine Norton of the RIMS CME Committee asking whether the Committee had a chance to meet and whether they had discussed our recommendations. Catherine responded that the Committee wouldn't be meeting until August and she asked Pat for fresh copies of the materials we had previously given her.

New Business: ARIHSL would like to submit a proposal to the RI Department of Health (DOH) for a revision to the Professional Library Section (14.0) of the Rules and Regulations for Licensing of Hospitals. The Executive Board has drafted the revisions and would like to send them with a cover letter in hopes that the DOH will consider our

proposal the next time the Rules and Regulations are opened for amendment. Mary distributed the proposed revisions and cover letter via email.

Installation of Officers: Pat Gorman asked if the secretary, Susan Warthman, would cast the first vote for officers. The slate of officers, Jo-Anne Aspri- Treasurer; Pat Padula – Secretary; Barbara Davis – Vice President/ President Elect; Ruthann Gildea – President was voted on and accepted in its entirety.

Ruthann presented Mary with a bouquet of flowers and stated that she looks forward to working on the ARIHSL executive board as president.

Mary Zammarelli adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Warthman, MLIS
Secretary