

## **ARIHSL Business Meeting and Annual Dinner**

Ferns and Flowers Teahouse, June 21, 2006

5:00 – 6:00 Cocktails, Dinner and Meeting 6:00

**Present:** Jo-Anne Aspri, Treasurer, Kent Hospital; Cheryl Banick, VA Hospital; Rachel Carpenter, RIC; Javier Crespo, UMass Med., RML; Robin Devin, URI; Ruthann Gildea, Butler Hospital; Pat Gorman, President, Memorial Hospital; Barbara Jansen, Johnson & Wales University; Francine Mancini, retired; Pat Padula, Landmark Medical; Deb Porrazzo, RI Dept. of Health; Kay Ryan, retired; Janice Shuster, URI; Regina Swanson, Secretary, Lifespan; Susan Warthman, Lifespan; Mary Zammarrelli, President-Elect, St. Joseph's Hospital.

President Pat Gorman welcomed everyone to the annual dinner meeting and thanked Mary Zammarelli for making the arrangements.

**1. Minutes:** The minutes of the March 2006 business meeting were approved with minor corrections.

**2. Announcements:** Pat welcomed retirees Francine Mancini and Kay Ryan as well as Javier Crespo, Associate Director of the Regional Medical Library. She passed around thank you cards received from Robin Devin and Ruthann Gildea for plants received as acknowledgement of professional accomplishments. She noted that she had sent a retirement card to Anne Parent of OLIS on behalf of ARIHSL. Several notes were received from retired members with regrets for not attending the annual dinner meeting of ARIHSL.

Pat also passed around a copy of the Brown Medical School Impact Newsletter that contained an article on the Consumer Health Grant organized by Mary Ann and Tovah.

Cheryl Banick informed the group that she has filled the position at the VA as the new Library Director and has also lost the technician position.

Deb announced that the flyers for the Department of Health program for learning how to retrieve/access RI-specific public health data on the web were sent out and that the program filled up quickly.

The following announcements had been sent by email:

Mary Ann Slocomb: Tovah and Mary Ann presented their poster "Rhode Island Multi-type Outreach for Health Information" at MLA in May in Phoenix, AZ. The poster was well received.

Pat Gorman: Congratulations to Deb Porrazzo for being acknowledged by two HEALTH staff authors for her work "The authors also greatly appreciate the assistance of librarian

Deborah Porrazzo for her help in conducting bibliographic searches”. (Jiang Y, Hesser JE; The Quality of Life Outcomes. 2006 Mar 3; 4:14).

Congratulations to Mary Ann Greene for her second published article this year: “Telephone Care Management To Improve Cancer Screening among Low-Income Women: A Randomized, Controlled Trial,” Allen J. Dietrich, Jonathan N. Tobin, Andrea Cassells, Christina M. Robinson, Mary Ann Greene, Carol Hill Sox, Michael L. Beach, Katherine N. DuHamel, and Richard G. Young; Annals of Internal Medicine, April 18<sup>th</sup> issue.

**3. President’s Report:** Pat reviewed the activities of the past year. There was a lot of activity with HELIN – access policy links, serials migration, input at the annual retreat and the special summit, and group purchases of Ovid journals and the New England Journal of Medicine; document delivery time was improved when all hospital libraries moved to five-day LORI delivery service; the RML offered funds for electronic document delivery equipment; advanced training workshops were held on PubMed, CINAHL, and Google; MLA President M.J. Tooley met with ARIHSL members at a breakfast meeting at Brown; the need to protect and support the health sciences libraries became apparent when two hospital libraries were made inactive by hospital administration and the Department of Health Library was told that it would close.

ARIHSL reacted with letters, telephone calls, and a meeting with administrators of one hospital.

The DOH library is still operating although no decision has been made. Eleanor Slater hospital has hired a part-time librarian. Westerly has decided to contract with the local public library.

The highlight of the year was the hosting of the annual NAHSL conference in September. Pat thanked everyone for all of their work in carrying out these many activities and she thanked the Executive Board (Mary Zammarelli, Reggi Swanson, Jo-Anne Aspri, Deb Porrazzo, Mary Ann Slocomb and Bill Anger ) for their support and work.

(ARIHSL activities list attached)

**4. Treasurer’s Report:** Jo-Anne reported that the treasury balance at this time is \$894.14 mentioned that the Treasurer’s Report did not include the dinners and that would be an additional \$700.00.

## **5. Committee Reports**

### **a. Bylaws:**

b. **Education:** Ruthann Gildea spoke about the Nursing CE proposal for the summer and noted that she had spoken with several possible speakers and all have declined, therefore nothing has been resolved as yet. There were a few more suggestions from Janet Crager and Ruthann will follow up on them. There may not be any education program until the fall.

- c. **Electronic Communications:** Bill Anger was not present and did not send a report.
- d. **Membership:** Mary Ann Slocomb was not present but submitted the following report regarding 2006 memberships: 18 institutional and 12 individual and noted “I am stepping down as chair, but will remain on the committee.” Regina Swanson, RIH/Miriam, will be the new chair. Tovah Reis is also resigning from the committee. Special thanks to committee members Jo-Anne and Tovah for their work on the committee and to Penny for her prompt attention and assistance in posting membership lists.
- e. **Shared Resources:** Mary Z. is still waiting to hear from one member if she will take over as chair and asked anyone interested to join. She doesn’t want to continue as chair since she will be president for the coming year.

**6. HELIN:** Mary Ann Slocomb was not present but submitted the following report: The HELIN Director’s Retreat will be held on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at the Coastal Resource Institute, on the URI Pell Campus, from 9:30AM to 3:00PM. “I will be attending the morning session to present an annual ARIHSL report. I will be using Pat G.’s annual summary and Jo-Anne’s HELIN Excel stats as a basis for my report. If there is anything else you want me to present please contact me.”

**HELIN Reference Committee:** Barbara Davis was not present but submitted the following report: HELIN Reference Committee Searching - Two vendors have given presentations; two additional demos are still to be completed. There will be a HELIN-wide trial to compare their performance with a set of uploaded data: this is projected for mid-to-end of October. Libraries will be able to choose different systems; connections are institution-specific, and HELIN will process the agreements. For example, an EBSCO user may want to use EBSCO federated searching systems.

**UPDATE BY BOB ASPRI -**

1) June is budget cycle, and there are a lot of renewal notices. 2) Migration of Wheaton data has added 300,000-plus records and over 14,000 unique records. Testing of the patron load begins this week. 3) HELIN is putting in a new server and moving equipment from six separate buildings. The new server will be put in on June 27, and system down time is probable. Watch for announcements. 4) Migration of CRIARL records is complete. 5) Statewide databases - Bob got a quote from EBSCO for statewide databases. HELIN libraries want Academic Search Premier and Business Source Premier. The committee discussed the potential and cost savings for this possibility. LibFutures recommended a bond issue for the project. Some people approached Betsy Dennigan, and she put together a bill for \$2.5 million; \$1.3 million for merging CLAN into INRHODE and \$1 million for statewide databases. This has been tacked onto a higher education bond issue. It is a very political issue. Stay tuned for more information! 5) Web options - Bob got pricing from Innovative for updates to the HELIN OPAC. July is devoted to testing. The committee was asked to look at several proposed

enhancements by June 30 and to make recommendations. Committee adjourned to the computer room to see demos of other institutions' OPACS that show what some of these enhancements would include. 6) Access Services Committee has developed a brochure and bookmarks. These will be distributed to libraries.

Agenda for the next meeting: 1) standards for print vs. electronic sources for reference collections; 2) reports - who is using which ones, and training in their use; 3) My Millennium; 4) other suggestions as emailed to Chair. Please forward feedback from colleagues regarding the need for a refresher for HELIN.

**Collection Development Committee:** Deb noted that the meeting was to be held on Tuesday but postponed and rescheduled she will get some insight into LOCKSS (Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe) for clarification.

HELIN Stats – Jo-Ann handed out an Excel sheet with total activity from Year 1 and 2 (attached).

Jo-Anne also handed out a new HELIN pamphlet and bookmark and will send everyone copies through the LORI delivery system.

## **7. Representative Reports**

a. **COLA:** Deb Porrazzo submitted the following by email:  
Deb Porrazzo attended the June 6, 2006 COLA meeting at Cranston Public Library. The dates of 2006 Board meetings are:  
September 5, October 3, November 14, December 5.  
All meetings will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the Cranston Public Library, Sockanosset unless notified otherwise. The COLA Annual Meeting for 2007 is being chaired by Joan Retsinas. The scheduled date is February 13, 2007 (confirmed)

Planning activities are underway for the Friends Group's "Share & Shmooze" gathering to take place on October 14, 2006, at the Warwick Public Library. The purpose of this gathering is to have award-winning friends' groups share their experiences and expertise in promoting library and community activities taking place at their respective libraries. Mary Frances Kiernan is chair of this committee.

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- Speaker: Eric Widmer to be contacted. He has moved to Providence as Director of the John Carter Brown Library.

COLA has been busily working on the new Membership Brochure and its distribution and Deb will distribute membership application forms at ARIHSL's June dinner meeting. Ann Parent was in attendance and gave an OLIS report, her last before retiring from State Service on June 9, 2006. Ann told the group that she had made recommendations to Administration that a national search be conducted for replacing her and she also

recommended that her replacement have a MLS or MLIS library degree. The interim chief at OLIS will be Beth Perry.

Deb Porrazzo thanked the COLA group for their warm welcome to COLA as ARIHSL's representative for the past year and reported that the ARIHSL representative will be Pat Gorman of Memorial Hospital Library after June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**b. NAHSL:** Mary Ann Slocomb was not present but submitted the following report by email:

- The NAHSL Executive Board met on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Lamar Soutter Library of UMass Medical School in Worcester. In addition to the meeting the board members were able to view the traveling display "Changing the Face of Medicine" at the library. The exhibit celebrated American Women Physicians.
- Conference 06 – Hartford Hilton – October 15-17. Registration form is on the web. All info about the conference will only appear on the website, no registration packets will be mailed out. Note the CE offerings. Some scholarship items can be purchased on the web with the logo imprinted. Proceeds will go to sponsor a library student to attend.
- Conference 07 – Woodstock Inn, Vermont – October 28-30, 2007.
- Conference 08 – Massachusetts – Andy Dzaugis, Memorial Hospital, Worcester will be the conference chair.
- Ruthann Gildea and Susan Warthman received NAHSL Professional Development Awards to attend MLA 2006 in Phoenix.
- Credentialing – Results of the recent survey about AHIP were sent to all NAHSL members.
- Membership – From RI in 2006, there are 16 members in NAHSL, this is down one from 2005.
- Chapter Council –
  1. MLA Disaster Fund has collected \$14,000 and MLA matching an additional \$14,000 to the fund. NAHSL donated \$1,000.
  2. Medical Librarianship career recruitment DVD has been produced by MLA. Javier and Michelle Eberle appear on the DVD.
  3. Three new MedSpeak brochures are available from MLA – breast cancer, diabetes, and heart disease. Purchase from MLANET.
  4. Future MLA meetings:
    - 2007 – Philadelphia
    - 2008 – Chicago
    - 2009 – Hawaii
    - 2010 – Washington, DC
  5. 33% of MLA members belong to AHIP = 1,180 AHIP member

**c. RML Hospital Task Force: Barbara Davis was not present but submitted the following report by email.**

The Hospital Library Subcommittee now has a Hospital Library Orientation Packet ready for use. If anyone knows of new librarians, please let Mark Goldstein know and he will send a packet. The packet includes a welcome letter and NN/LM brochure, a fact sheet from NAHSL, a fact sheet from ARIHSL, a list of mailing lists, links to education and training opportunities for Sciences Librarians, the Role of the Professional Librarian, MLA Standards for Hospital Libraries (with 2004 revisions), a bibliography for the new librarian, and a list of regional library acronyms.

The Hospital Library Advocacy Toolkit is also ready for use. If anyone is leaving a medical library in RI or is faced with the question of losing hours or staff, please contact either Mark Goldstein at the NN/LM and/or the current ARIHSL President

**d. RI Library Board:** Tovah Reis was not present but sent notice that she was not at the last meeting and that the June meeting has been cancelled.

**e. LibFutures Steering Committee: Mary Zammarelli**

Mary Ann Slocomb represented ARIHSL at the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and sent the following report: Still looking to fund the \$2.3 million for the one-catalog and the state-wide databases. Looking at available options for the funding. The legislation to form the Library Commission should pass through both houses this week. So, decided to set a date for a joint LibFutures Steering Committee and Library Commission meeting for Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at Cranston Public Library. I will attend as Commission rep for the hospital libraries.

President Toby Rossner and Joan Reeves reported on the May 10, 2006 hearing on Library Futures Testimony before the Finance Committee. The Panel of people who testified at the hearing included Toby Rossner, Joan Reeves, Mark McKenney, and State Librarian, Tom Evans. The testimony was positively received. Tom Evans suggested to the Committee that if monies were not going to be available, that the issue be brought up as a bond issue which he said that Reps. Dennigan and Roberts were open to. Toby is very interested in following up with the appropriate people on this issue and it was suggested that she contact David Macksom of the Library Futures Committee to ascertain status

Jo-Anne announced that the library bill did not get passed but they are encouraged for next year.

8. **RML Update:** Javier Crespo gave a brief report of what was happening with the RML, that the deadline for the new ILL equipment grant was extended until August and that as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, UMass Worcester was beginning its 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-year term as RML.
9. **New Business:** There was no new business at this time.
10. **Installation of Officers** At this time the Slate of Officers for the coming year was presented by Deborah Porrazzo: Mary Zammarelli, President; Ruthann Gildea as Vice President/President Elect; Susan Warthman, Secretary and Jo-

Anne Aspri as Treasurer. The slate of officers was voted upon and was accepted in its entirety.  
Deb presented to Mary a Librarian Action Figure.  
Mary Zammarrelli presented outgoing president Pat Gorman with a plant.

Mary Zammarrelli adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Swanson  
Secretary