

MAHSLIN Committee Reports
2005-2006
April 28, 2006

Archives Committee

The archives are in the process of being removed from the library of the Massachusetts Medical Society. After they are weeded and re-organized, they will be stored in archival quality boxes. The retention policy is being examined and updated. We are pursuing a permanent location for the storage of the materials.

Submitted by Melinda Saffer
Archives Committee Chair



Education Committee

The MAHSLIN Education Committee would like to thank the MAHSLIN Executive Board, the Regional Medical Library and the MASHLIN membership for your suggestions and support during this past year.

For 2005-2006, the MAHSLIN Education Committee-sponsored programs include:

PubMed Updates (2 Locations):

Monday, June 6, 2005, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Hosted by Children's Hospital Library, Boston
Donna Berryman, NN/LM

Tuesday, June 7, 2005, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Lamar Soutter Library, UMass Medical School
Donna Berryman, NN/LM

Thanks to Donna Berryman who provides these classes and keeps us up-to-date on PubMed developments throughout the year!

Introduction to Blogs and Feeds

September 9th, 10:00AM-1PM
Jessica Baumgart, Harvard University & Garrett Eastman, Rowland Institute (Harvard)
Hosted by Children's Hospital, Boston

Introduction to Blogs and Feeds Featuring Hands-on Blogging!

September 12th, 10:00AM - 1:30PM
Jessica Baumgart, Harvard University
Hosted by UMass Medical, Center, Worcester, MA

Keeping Patients Safe: Roles for Information Professionals

November 16, 2005, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. CT

MLA Webcast, Hosted both by at Children's Hospital, Boston and UMass Medical Center, Worcester, MA

The Boston Webcast site also included a wrap-around session with Chris Fleuriel, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, and Julie Whelan, Mass. General Hospital, describing their roles in patient safety at their respective institutions.

The Care and Feeding of Your PC and an Introduction to Foxfire

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Penny Glassman & Mary Piorun, UMass Medical Center

Copyright in a Digital World

Tuesday, November 29, 2005

Hope Tillman, Director, Libraries, Babson College
Minot Room, Countway Medical Library

We would like to thank the Countway Medical Library, and the Harvard-affiliated hospital librarians who hosted and also sponsored this program.

LinkOut Implementation for Hospital Libraries

Thursday, March 30, 2006

Mark Goldstein, NN/LM
Hosted by Children's Hospital Library, Boston

Other Committee Activities:

We have begun collaboration with NAHSL Education Committee and other folks working on state-level health science library education committees. Our first meeting was April 7th to discuss our upcoming programs on focus groups/surveys and link resolvers. Our intent is to share the work and resources to maximize programming for health sciences librarians in Massachusetts and throughout New England.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Clapp and Nathan Norris
Education Committee Co-chairs

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Membership Committee

Membership Annual Report

As of April 10, 2006, membership for MAHSLIN is 117 members.

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We welcomed 19 new members to MAHSLIN membership since the last annual meeting in 2005.

Fred Allen	Rehabilitation Hospital / Cape & Islands
Elaine Alligood	Dept. of Veterans Affairs (ITT)
Cecile Bianco	UMASS Medical Ctr
Magret Branschofsky	Tufts Univ School of Veterinary Med
Brenda Collins	Cape Cod Community College
Louise Collins	Simmons GSLIS
Robert Demanche	Simmons GSLIS
David Flynn	Dept Veterans Affairs (IIT)
Judith Lipson	Mass General Hospital
Olga Lyczmanenko	NE Baptist Hospital
Kathy Krathwhohl	Mass College of Pharmacy
Jennifer Mann	MDPH State Laboratory Institute Medical
Nell Mone	Brigham & Women's Hospital
Meaghan Muir	Brigham & Women's Hospital
John Newton	Altus Pharmaceutical
Judith Nordberg	UMASS Medical Ctr
Adrienne Racz	Franklin Medical Ctr
E. Hatheway Simpson	U Mass Medical Center
Ed Sperr	NELINET

2006 Membership Directory is an electronic only publication and is updated with any new members or changes on a regular basis. The previous year directory will be retained on the web for information purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Hutchison
Membership Chair
April 10, 2006

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Publicity Committee

MAHSLIN Network News Report

The newsletter has been published on a quarterly basis by editor, Michelle Eberle. Special thanks to Penny Glassman for publishing the winter issue. Michelle will be resigning as editor after the spring issue. The new editors of the MAHSLIN Network News will be Dorothy Barr of the University of Massachusetts Medical School and Meghan McNichols of the Faulkner Hospital. Thank you to all the MAHSLIN members who have contributed articles for the past year making the newsletter an interesting read.

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Publicity Co-Chair
Michelle Eberle

Website

Hi, I'm Ed Sperr, and I'm delighted to be the new webmaster for the MAHSLIN web site. Since starting in mid-year, I've been responsible for routine file updates. In the future, I plan to streamline the codebase of the MAHSLIN site and bring it into line with current web standards.

Publicity Co-Chair
Ed Sperr

Resource Sharing

Two topics have dominated MAHSLIN's Resource Sharing efforts this past year: inter-library loan statistics and a group purchase of resources for our members. The Board has continued the debate on the value of the annual gathering of ILL statistics from our members. You will see from the attached report, that we have again completed this process for another year. We had 49 institutional members plus 2 medical schools participate this year. However, there are many libraries that don't send in their statistics which make yearly comparisons less valid. The Board would like to know how members feel about continuing this process.

There are 3 possible options:

1. Continue the ILL statistics as is
2. Simplify the ILL reporting form considerably to only include:
 - Total counts for Borrow/Loan
 - Paid/Free
 - MA/ Other
 - E-Delivery
3. Discontinue the process of reporting

A vote will be taken at this meeting.

A MAHSLIN group purchase of STAT!Ref Resources has moved forward and hopefully will be implemented soon. An online survey of our members this winter indicated that 31 institutions would be interested in taking part. We have asked for a definite commitment from institutions that will be joining this group purchase, and final pricing and titles will be based on the number of responses. We are hoping that this initial offering of a group purchase of STAT!Ref resources will prove successful and make similar cooperative projects possible in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanie Vander Pyl/ Resource Sharing Chair
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