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Remarks from the Chair...

The Georgia Health Sciences Library Association Annual Meeting this year will be a joint meeting with the Tennessee Health Sciences Library Association in Chattanooga, Tennessee March 21-23, 1990. The Tennessee people have graciously done the majority of the planning, and from what I have heard, I think it will be an interesting get together.

Surveys of continuing education preferences from past GHSLA meetings indicated a strong desire for an online searching course. MLA CE Course 456 "Advanced Skills for Online Searchers" should fit the bill.

Besides the CE course and the opportunity to visit with each other and several generous vendors, we will have the chance to interact with another state association. We will also have our usual business meeting, with committee reports, elections, and discussions of things accomplished in the past year and things to plan for the coming year. Please join me there—I look forward to seeing you.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year one of achievement for GHSLA.

Jett McCann

Including
GHSLA BYLAWS

From the Editors

This is the last issue of the *GHSLA UPDATE* coming from the Greenblatt Library at the Medical College of Georgia—for a while at least. Even though “editor” is an elected position, someone must volunteer to do it and have the time to put into it. That person’s boss and library must also be willing to set aside that time. Thanks to past and future institutions and directors which allow those kinds of efforts.

Sandra G. Franklin, Emory Health Sciences Center Library, is the candidate for *GHSLA UPDATE* editor. She will undoubtedly have ideas of her own—however, a one-day course on writing, editing, and producing newsletters sponsored by Clemson University gave us more than a few good ideas.

The following are a few suggestions to GHSLA members to help with Sandra’s first issue:

1. The contributor’s name should be on all articles or news. This gives reporting and authorship credit to the right individuals. In our case, we frequently knew who mailed the news but did not always know who wrote it.

2. The contributor’s phone number should also be on each article, news item, and page.

3. Each article or news item should be on separate pages with the exception of several short items for one column such as “People & Places” material.

If the item will be faxed, it may be unreasonable to do this; in any case, put the news items in neat sections so that they may be clipped apart and put your name and phone number on each part.

4. If the contributor is not the source of the information, the source needs to be identified along with the phone number for the source.

5. Use the “5 W’s” for organizing and verifying information. Who? What? When? Where? Why? If you don’t start out writing with the “5 W’s” in mind, proofread after you’ve written and look for all these points.

6. Double check spelling of names!—such as organizations with health science (or is it *sciences?*) in the title.

7. Spell out abbreviations!

Gail and Linda

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Academy of Health Information Professionals

“Window of Opportunity” Closing Soon!

The Academy of Health Information Professionals is allowing Medical Library Association members, who were certified as of December 31, 1988 and who were “grandparented” at the *member* level, to apply for a higher level at a significantly reduced fee of \$20.00 (compared with the standard fee of \$75.00). Applications must be received by June 30, 1990. Individuals seeking an upgrade must submit a portfolio and may use accomplishments from July 1, 1984 to present. (Individuals who apply after this must use July 1, 1989 forward for accomplishments.) For an application packet and forms contact Medical Library Association headquarters, 312/419-9094.

1990 GHSLA Annual Meeting Update

Announcing

Early-Bird Meeting in Chattanooga

The Consortia Committee, Resource Sharing Committee, and all instructors of the fall GHSLA interlibrary loan workshops will have a meeting on Friday morning, March 23 from 7:30 to 8:30am. Anyone in the GHSLA membership who is interested in the resource sharing or networking activities of GHSLA is also invited. We have made great strides in these areas in the last three years; however, we are looking for new ideas and additional interested persons. *So come on down!*

Martha Watkins

1990 Annual Meeting Events

Georgia Sponsors Session

The GHSLA Consortia Committee is sponsoring a short sharing session, "Sustaining Partnerships," on March 23 from 9:15am to 11:30am. A communications specialist from Erlanger Medical Center, Chattanooga, Tennessee will speak on "group dynamics in professional organizations and networks."

Attendees will then have the opportunity to participate in three different break-out groups sharing information on "uses and abuses of reciprocal borrowing," "developing and enforcing membership requirements" and a "program ideas exchange." These groups will be facilitated jointly by Tennessee Health Sciences Library Association and GHSLA members. It is hoped that this session will allow consortia members to share good ideas, to give insight to ideas that didn't work, and to pick up new ideas to try locally. *Please plan to join us.*

Martha Watkins



The Principle of Least Effort explains "the one-look-up reader, staff resistance to automation, the reliance of the scientist on colleagues rather than collections, and the rapid acceptance of CD-ROM compared to microfilm."

American Libraries, January 1990, p.18

GHSLA MEETING SCHEDULE

Friday

March 23, 1990

- 7:30-8:30 Special meeting of Consortia Committee, Resource Sharing Committee, and Interlibrary Loan Workshop instructors
- 8:30-9:00 Continental breakfast
- 9:15-11:30 "Maintaining Partnerships"—a program on group dynamics to include sharing sessions on developing and enforcing membership requirements, reciprocal borrowing, an exchange of program ideas and much more!
- 11:45-1:30 State Association luncheons
GHSLA business meeting—preliminary agenda includes election of 1991 officers, committee reports, 1991 meeting plans, ILL workshop reports, etc.
- Time tentative*
- 1:30-2:00 RML Update—visit and report from Faith Meakin, the new director of the Regional Medical Library in Baltimore.

Time tentative

- 2:00-3:00 "Creative problem solving: Designing a creative environment in a healthcare setting"
Janet DiClaudio, Candler General Hospital, Savannah

Ms. DiClaudio is a medical records administrator who last made this presentation at the Second European Conference on Creativity and Innovation. She has applied creative problem-solving techniques to the management of people and systems for fifteen years. Her main concern at this time is gaining the cooperation of physicians in automating the medical record.

GHSLA NOMINEES FOR 1990/91

- Chair-Elect:** Alice DeVerno
Library Director
Sauls Memorial Library
Piedmont Hospital
Atlanta
- Secretary:** Mamie J. Bell
Librarian
Medical Library
Henrietta Eggleston Hospital for Children
Atlanta
- Treasurer:** Nancy Van De Water
Reference Librarian
Medical Library
Mercer University School of Medicine
Macon
- Editor:** Sandra G. Franklin
Associate Director
Health Sciences Center Library
Emory University
Atlanta

SE/A RML Mourns Loss of Director

With deepest regret, we at the Health Sciences Library and the Southeastern/Atlantic Regional Medical Library announce the death of Cyril C. H. Feng, Director. Cyril Feng, 53, died in his sleep on Sunday January 7, 1990 of heart failure due to complications resulting from his long bout with kidney failure.

Cyril had been director of the Health Sciences Library since 1977. From the very beginning Cyril saw the goals for the future based in the concept of creating an electronic library with an information network linking scholars' workstations to databases within the institution and to those outside. In 1984, UMAB was awarded a Phase I planning grant for IAIMS by the National Library of Medicine but the architecture of the library as an information network had long been in place.

A memorial tribute in his honor was held on January 27 on the University of Maryland at Baltimore campus. Lois Ann Colaianni, Associate Director for Library Operations of the National Library of Medicine represented NLM and the health sciences libraries in the nation's Regional Medical Library Network. A portion of her presentation is reprinted below.

"It was Cyril's leadership that resulted in the Health Sciences Library at Maryland becoming the Regional Medical Library for the mid-atlantic and the southeastern United States in 1982. Not only did he build a new RML, but he and his staff faced the additional challenge of merging two former regions into this ten-state area. This merger was accomplished with such professionalism that it appeared effortless. I know it wasn't.

Cyril was an innovator and had enough energy and enthusiasm to undertake numerous projects. He managed more RML projects than any other region director including two projects in information services in biotechnology and two projects to bring in information services in biotechnology and two projects to bring up-to-date information to health professionals in West Virginia and Mississippi. He worked hard to implement even a portion of his ideas.

The National Library of Medicine recognized his leadership and vision and appointed him to one of the panels developing the NLM Long Range Plan.

A man of remarkable abilities and clear sightedness, he leaves a legacy that includes the excellent health sciences library at the University of Maryland, excellent librarians that he counseled and encouraged to be innovators, and hundreds of colleagues who will carry on to achieve his vision.

In "Meditation," John Donne wrote that "any man's death diminishes..." each of us. That is especially so in the case of

Cyril Feng, for his leadership in medical librarianship will be greatly missed.

Cyril Feng is characterized by his colleagues as a quiet, unassuming man who had a wonderful ability to envision innovative applications of technology to biomedical information services. He pursued these visions with an infectious enthusiasm and a polite but steely determination. The combination of this vision and the ability to inspire and instruct promising new professionals made him a leader. His ability to see ideas through their conception to implementation put him in the forefront of his field.

Cyril's first formal contact with the National Library of Medicine appears to have been in 1972 when he attended one of the first training classes for searching MEDLINE online. *He was known for being one of the first.* In the late seventies he saw the benefits of integrating the automation of different library processes. NLM was developing integrated library systems and Cyril, as director of the Health Sciences Library at the University of Maryland, approached NLM to collaborate on completing this development and to implement the system at Maryland. This was the first health science library to implement the initial ILS features.

He was always seeking ways to improve services to the health professionals his library served. He realized that advances in computers permitted medical school libraries to put portions of MEDLINE on their own computers for local searching. He looked for appropriate search software and approached NLM to modify the TOXNET search software for use at Maryland and he got NLM to fund a portion of this effort."

Other speakers at the memorial service spoke of his commitment to the IAIMS project and other work in medical informatics. Diana Cunningham, acting director of the Health Sciences Library, said "Cyril was a visionary man with commitment and conviction to the highest ideals of information management and he imparted to staff that he wanted the HSL to be the finest medical library in the country. His leadership will be missed." She continued by saying, "The greatest testimony to his vision and leadership will be the completion and continuation of those projects germinated during his life and tenure at HSL."

Donations may be made in Cyril's memory to: American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 1010, Rockville, MD 20852. Cards may be sent to his wife and daughter at the following address: Chamei and Amy Feng, 34 Stillway Court, Cockeysville, MD 21030.

It's in the Bag

Newborn Babies Booked for Future

Beginning January 1 of 1990, a "Raise-a-Reader" bag was delivered to the first one-hundred babies—and their mothers—born at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital. The Dougherty County Public Library and Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital co-sponsored the project designed to help combat illiteracy and raise awareness of the importance of reading. Each bag contained t-shirts for mother and baby, *The New Read-Aloud Handbook* by Jim Trelease, a popular learn-to-read book and audio cassette, *Goodnight Moon*, plus articles on the importance of reading and how to encourage a child to read, and information about the library and hospital.

While adaptations of "Raise-a-Reader" have been implemented across the United States, this is the first time a health services organization and an information service organization have combined efforts to focus recognition of the illiteracy problem in Dougherty County and to organize a promotion which would develop a community awareness toward finding a solution.

The project includes follow-up activities to be held at the central library in 1991 and at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital's Women's Center in 1992.

Both organizations plan to continue "Raise-a-Reader" in 1991 and to increase the number of "Raise-a-Reader" bags delivered. It is hoped that other organizations, businesses, and industries will join in this project.

Elizabeth Cox and Claire M. Miller

Hospital-Style

Bedtime Story

On November 15, 1989, an evening storytime in the Pediatrics unit of Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital was co-hosted by Elizabeth Cox, the hospital's medical librarian, and the Dougherty County Public Library. Mrs. Ann Hewett, a professional story-teller, presented the program to the young patients and their siblings to celebrate "Year of the Young Reader" Day. This first-time-ever project between the two organizations was also supported by the Albany Area Library Association and the Junior Women's Club of Albany.

People & Places

The Atlanta Health Sciences Libraries Consortium will be celebrating its 15th Anniversary on March 15, 1990 at the Academy of Medicine. Dr. Nicholas Davies, M.D., F.A.C.P. will speak at a noon luncheon.

The Clayton State College Library, Morrow, has been accepted as a supporting member of the Atlanta Health Sciences Libraries Consortium.

Effective January 15, 1990, Cobb General Hospital, Austell, changed its name to Cobb Hospital & Medical Center.

Nancy Darby has joined the staff of Mercer Medical Library, Macon, as part-time circulation assistant. In addition to her circulation duties, she will also be assisting with interlibrary loan.

Congratulations! 1990 GHSLA chair-elect Donna Flake, Memorial Medical Center, Savannah, and her husband Jerry are parents of a baby girl, Catherine Leigh, born Saturday January 13th.

Best wishes! Nancy Flockhart-Kessler, Northside Hospital of Health Sciences, Atlanta, was married September 1989.

Elizabeth Moore is a part-time library consultant for the CHEP-AHEC located at the VA Medical Center, Dublin, Georgia. She is recently retired as director of public libraries in Dublin.

Ethel McClure, Roosevelt-Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation, Warm Springs, is participating in cross training events in the education department of the institute. Kay Rozell is currently being trained in the work of the library and Ethel is working in Kay's position in the administrative office.

Bonnie Owen, Reference Services medical library specialist II at the Medical College of Georgia, will graduate May 11 from the School of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina.

Beth Poisson is the new librarian at St. Josephs Hospital, Atlanta. She was previously at Morehouse School of Medicine.

Donna Trainor is secretary and Gail Anderson is chair of the newly established Library Faculty Assembly at the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta.

Shipman Joins Staff

The staff of the Southeastern/Atlantic Regional Medical Library Services is pleased to announce that Jean Pugh Shipman accepted the position of Resource Sharing Coordinator with the SE/A RMLS effective February 5. With Jean's arrival the RML is operating at full staff again!

Jean comes to the RMLS from Greater Baltimore Medical Center (GBMC) where she was Library and Audiovisual Services Manager. Prior to her position with GBMC, Jean was with the Welch Library at Johns Hopkins University from 1980 until 1988. At the Welch Library, she began as a reference librarian. She was promoted in 1982 to access librarian and again in 1984 to Psychiatry/Neurosciences Library supervisor.

Jean is an active member of several professional library associations. She currently belongs to the Public Services Section and the Medical Informatics Section of the Medical Library Association and serves on the program committee of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter (MAC). She has served as chair of the Governmental Relations Committee of MAC/MLA and thus represented the Mid-Atlantic Chapter as ex-officio to MLA. Jean is vice president and program chair of the Maryland Association of Health Sciences Librarians and vice chairperson of programs of the Maryland Online Users Group.

The RMLS is delighted to have Jean on staff and we hope you will help make her welcome.



"When our genes could not store all the information necessary for survival, we slowly invented brains. But then the time came, perhaps ten thousand years ago, when when we needed to know more than could be conveniently contained in brains. So we learned to stockpile enormous quantities of information outside our bodies. We are the only species on the planet, so far as we know, to have invented a communal memory stored neither in our genes nor our brains. The warehouse of that memory is called a library."

Carl Sagan, (*Open System*, newsletter of the Montgomery County (Md.) Department of Public Libraries), reprinted in *American Libraries*, December 1989.

CD-ROM at MCG Greenblatt Library

Two microcomputer workstations have been installed at the Medical College of Georgia Robert B. Greenblatt, M.D. Library with three of the library's most popular databases on compact disk. Nursing & Allied Health (CINAHL)-CD™ and ERIC, both by Silverplatter®, are now available for MCG students, faculty, and staff at a workstation adjacent to the Reference Services office. These two databases are retrospective from 1983. CD Plus MEDLINE is available at an adjacent workstation and contains the entire database from 1966 to the present in four files.

The systems have already gained great word-of-mouth approval of faculty and residents. Reference staff instruction in database searching on compact disk is minimal for searchers already familiar with searching large databases via BRS Colleague, Grateful Med, etc. The Greenblatt Library is offering this service at no charge to MCG-affiliated individuals.

Southeastern Conference of Hospital Librarians

Under the Big Top

The Southeastern Conference of Hospital Librarians will meet in Atlanta April 29-May 2, 1990. The program theme for this year's meeting is "The Greatest Show on Earth—Your Hospital Library."

Please don't stop reading! Even non-hospital librarians won't want to miss the spine-tingling and electrifying acts and receive bonus CME's to take home!

Our circus stars are well known to librarians and include such great performers as—the ringmaster who manages three rings at one time—the lion tamer who handles the voracious information needs of medical professionals without getting scratched—the incredible sword swallower who ingests burned budgets with a smile on his face—the marvelous plate-spinner—a solo performer who shows how to balance it all, never dropping a disk. And there will be much more!!

Get your tickets while they last by calling Mary Fielder at 912/356-6011 or Marilyn Barry at 404/297-5638.

Southern Chapter/MLA

Destination Atlanta

"Arrivals and Departures: Making Connections for the 90's" is the theme for the Southern Chapter annual meeting November 2-6, 1990 in Atlanta Georgia, home of the New Georgia Railroad and the newly revamped Underground Atlanta. The meeting will be held at the downtown Omni Hotel near some of the city's fine restaurants and cultural and historic sites. Special events are being planned for celebrating the Southern Chapter's 40th anniversary. Plan now to join your colleagues and friends in November. Don't get side-tracked! Make Atlanta your destination for this exciting professional event.

Mamie J. Bell
Publicity Co-chair, Southern Chapter

SLA Georgia Chapter

Fourth Annual Information Happening

6:30PM
TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH
HOUSTON MILL HOUSE
849 HOUSTON MILL ROAD

hors d'oeuvres and cash bar
no RSVP necessary

Come to the Fourth Annual Information Happening sponsored by the Special Libraries Association Georgia Chapter with the support of PREDICASTS. Nancy Pearse of PREDICASTS, marketing representative for the mid-atlantic/southeast region, will be available to discuss industry information needs.

Join us in renewing acquaintances, welcoming newcomers, and broadening contacts. Meet librarians, information specialists, records managers, and archivists from 14 national, state, and local organizations.

For more information call Linda Jackson at 404/246-2501.

CALENDAR

March 20
Special Library Association Georgia Chapter
Atlanta, Georgia
"Fourth Annual Information Happening"

March 22-23, 1990
Georgia Health Sciences Library Association
with the
Tennessee Health Sciences Library Association
Chattanooga, Tennessee

March 26-27, 1990
14th Annual BRS User Meeting
McLean, Virginia
Washington, D.C. area

April 29-May 2, 1990
Southeastern Conference of Hospital Librarians
Atlanta, Georgia
"The Greatest Show on Earth—Your Hospital Library"

May 18-24, 1990
Medical Library Association
90th Annual Meeting
Detroit, Michigan

June 9-14, 1990
Special Library Association's
81st Annual Conference
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
"The Informational Professional: An Unparalleled Resource"

November 2-6, 1990
Southern Chapter/Medical Library Association
40th Annual Conference
Atlanta, Georgia
"Arrivals and Departures: Making Connections for the 90's"

"Moore's Law—An information retrieval system will tend not to be used whenever it is more painful and troublesome for a customer to have information than for him not to have it!"

American Libraries, January 1990, p.18

GHSLA Committee Reports

Resource Sharing Committee Report

Five Workshops Net 93!

Five interlibrary loan workshops sponsored by the GHSLA Consortia and Resource Sharing Committees in the fall drew a total of 93 participants. Workshops were held in Atlanta, Dalton, Savannah, Macon, and Augusta. Participants came from diverse situations (varying from 10 loan requests per year to 120 requests per month), professions (nurse educators, medical records librarians, law librarians, public librarians, etc.) and experience (none to forever). Evaluations indicate the workshops were very well received. GHSLA gained twelve new members among registrants. A resource sharing directory including institutions identified through the workshops and other Georgia health science libraries is in process.

A tremendous amount of assistance with workshop expenses enabled the committees to set workshop fees low. Eleven instructors and site coordinators and their institutions donated many hours as well as travel, telephone, postage, refreshment and some lunch costs. Instructors and coordinators were: Donna Flake, Michael Greer, Judy Krivanek, Rosalind Lett, Kim McInnis, Kathie Mosner, Camilla Reid, Susan Seay, Karen Waters, Martha Watkins, and Marilyn Barry. Mercer University School of Medicine Library prepared slides. Majors Scientific Books, Inc. donated folders, notepads, and pens. Jett McCann and the GHSLA Executive Committee authorized more than \$1200 in GHSLA funds to pay for the training manuals, publicity mail-outs, and miscellaneous expenses. *GHSLA sponsorship was one way of honoring the memory of Miriam Libbey.* Betty Clements graciously handled the considerable additional workload as GHSLA treasurer.

Instructors and coordinators have been asked to evaluate the experience and to consider the desirability of offering the workshop on a regular basis. Standardized content and instructional materials would facilitate presentation of the workshops when and wherever needed in the state. Evaluation results and status of the workshop project will be reported at the business meeting in Chattanooga. GHSLA's continued sponsorship of the workshops to fulfill GHSLA goals of resource sharing and consortia promotion as well as member support for a ongoing interlibrary loan training role will be discussed.

Consortia Committee Report

Finishing an Active Year

The GHSLA Consortia Committee has had a very successful year with three major accomplishments and another event in the works.

- The committee will update the *GHSLA Consortia Directory* with a one-or-two page "additions and corrections" handout to be distributed at the annual meeting and by mail. (If you do not receive a copy, contact Martha Watkins, 912/752-2516.)
- The committee and the consortia it represents have successfully sponsored, participated in, and taught in five interlibrary loan workshops across the state of Georgia this fall.
- The committee is sponsoring a program event "Sustaining Partnerships" at the GHSLA joint meeting in March with a speaker on group dynamics and breakout groups facilitated by GHSLA and Tennessee Health Sciences Library Association members.
- Plans are underway for an organizational meeting at Hamilton Medical Center for a consortium in North Georgia.

For Sale

- Region 2 Manual:
Principles of Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery. 1989.
5 copies available @ \$10.00 each.

- Participant packets for the GHSLA workshop:
"Making New Connections: Local Networking Through Interlibrary Loan." 1989.
Contains handouts on ILL etiquette, additional document delivery sources, components of an ILL policy, etc.
5 copies available @ \$5.00 each.

Make checks payable to: Georgia Health Sciences Library Association

Contact: Martha Watkins
Medical Library
Mercer University School of Medicine
Macon, Georgia 31207
912/752-2516

Ask Miss Information...

An Interlibrary Loan Workshop Instructor Fills These Requests

Q. Dear Miss Information:

I heard through the FAXvine that the GHSLA workshops called "Making New Connections" were attended by members of the Society of Electrical Engineers. Somehow they got their wires crossed?

A. Au contraire! These workshops were, however, attended by quite a varied group. Participants were from academic medical, hospital, public, college and even law libraries. One nurse educator was just handed library responsibility. Others had had years of experience and still learned something new. Even instructors, myself included, learned a great deal more than it would be prudent to admit.

Q. Dear Miss Information:

What is ILL? This is my first day on the job and I have been asked to obtain an article from *Georgia Alpine Medicine (Helen)*. I feel so a-loan up here!

A. You may be in luck! It is more likely than ever that "Making New Connections" will be offered sometime soon near you. Since workshop content, handouts, and slides are already available, you have only to wait until instructor and coordinator exhaustion subsides. Also there may be other GHSLA members who wish to coordinate or instruct a workshop in their area.

Q. Dear Miss Information:

What are "ill-gotten gains" in relation to GHSLA? Are they legal?

A. It's written: ILL-Gotten GaINs. This is the new name for the interlibrary loans received from Georgia Interactive Network (GaIN) at Mercer University Medical School Library. The name was originally used by the ILLinois Health Sciences Library Association. They legally conform to copyright guidelines.

Q. Dear Miss Information:

If you have a minute, tell me all you know about putting on an ILL workshop?

A. Certainly! Speaking only from my own ILL workshop experience, observation and personal style, I find that adherence to these simple rules will insure success (I hope you find them ILLustrative!):

The Rule of the ILL-Conceived Manual — You don't like the previous course manual? Produce your own. Then set the date of the workshop after publication. You'll find it works better in that order.

The Rule of the ILL-Equipped Classroom — Anticipate the playfulness of audiovisual equipment—overhead and carousel projectors love playing dead. Of course, computers love practical jokes at your expense—their favorite tricks are usually in league with fellow equipment like modems and phone lines. Be prepared to use teaching aids of the past (1950s and 1960s)—blackboards and hand gestures—in place of high-tech aids.

The Rule of the ILL-Humored Computers — Plan on at least an hour to set up the computer demonstration and another hour for a backup plan. Develop stand-up comedy for time slots freed up by the breakdown of those merry electronic pranksters.

The Rule of the ILL-Timed Registrants — Due to last minute registrants, you will need to make name tags in the final hours before the workshop. Since you will be mentally practicing your lessons plans as you write names, chances increase that your subconscious will alter names and locations of even your closest friends.

The Rule of ILLumination — Maintain room lighting which allows registrants to make out the figures of humans seated beside them. Though dark classrooms offer good cover to shy instructors, participants will be hesitant to speak out into the dark at one another. They may think no one else registered.

The Rule of ILLustration — Make sure all slides and transparencies project large and clear images. Don't have too much on each screen. The near-sighted will appreciate your far-sightedness.

The Rule of ILL-Iterating — Want your students to remember all those points you worked so hard planning? A basic rule of teaching is repeat, repeat, repeat! Or give them "deja vu, all over again."

The Rule of the ILL-Natured — Never underestimate the undermining of the attention span caused by hunger, thirst and a host of other bodily discomforts. Let them have breaks!

The Rule for the ILL-At-Ease Instructor — Practice, practice, practice! Document your delivery on videotape.

The Rule of the ILL-Suited Instructor — Never wear new shoes or any other clothing you haven't tried out before—or you may have to wear a forced smile on your face the rest of the day.

The Rule of ILL-Wind — Wind (or snow or rain) may delay your appointed rounds. Have a "rain date" planned if bad weather creates a rain out of the original date.

Disclaimer: These are the personal opinions of Miss Information and are neither those of the newsletter editors nor of any responsible person.

Proaction

DATE: 6 February 1990

TO: All librarians

FROM: Fay E. Evatt, Member, SC/MLA Governmental Relations Committee
Georgia Baptist Medical Center Medical Library

SUBJECT: Legislation on Modem Use Surcharge

The FCC is thinking of allowing a \$6.00 surcharge on each modem used to transmit information to and from terminals which are using phone lines. This amounts to a tax on the transfer of information.

Please write to the three listed chairmen protesting this regulation. There is a letter attached for an example. **Please send copies of your letters to Karen T. Warren, SC/MLA Government Relations Chairman, University of South Carolina, School of Medicine Library, Columbia, SC 29208.** This information is required by MLA so that they can see how much further action may be required.

Thank you for your help and concern.

Here's a suggested letter to send:

Dear Sir,

Please allow me to express my displeasure with the FCC proposal which would authorize a surcharge for the use of modems on the telephone network. This regulation is nothing less than an attempt to restrict the free exchange of information among the growing number of computer users. Calls placed using modems require no special telephone equipment, and users of modems pay the phone company for use of the network in the form of a monthly bill. In short, a modem call is the same as a voice call and therefore should not be subject to any additional regulation.

Sincerely,

Your Signature
[Your Name
Address]

Send a signed copy of your letter to each of the following:

Chairman of the FCC
1919 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Chairman, Senate Communication Subcommittee
SH-227 Hart Building
Washington, DC 20510

Chairman, House Telecommunication Subcommittee
B-331 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

AHSLC Report

Gearing Up for Southern Chapter/MLA

The Atlanta Health Sciences Libraries Consortium (AHSLC) is gearing up to meet the challenge of joint sponsorship with Emory University of the Southern Chapter/MLA meeting to be held in Atlanta November 3-6, 1990. Committees have been formed and plans are taking shape for the professionally enlightening event.

The January 18, 1990 meeting of the AHSLC was held at Henrietta Eggleston Hospital. Some rewording of some statements in the Minimum Standards was recommended by the Executive Committee. Some institutions currently not satisfactorily meeting the standards were identified and plans to take appropriate actions to correct this were initiated.

The business meeting time was adjusted to precede the educational program. This will allow for more efficient use of time and more effective business meeting results.

A panel consisting of Carol Burns, Barbara Martin, Faye Evatt, and Sharon Cann presented an excellent program on "moving a library."

New officers began their term of office. Chair is Rosalind K. Lett, Kennestone Hospital; vice-chair is Jack Booth, South Fulton Hospital; secretary is Jane Clark, Georgia Retardation Center; and statistician is Sharon Scott, State Health Planning Agency. Committee appointments were changed to two-year periods rather than one year.

The bylaws committee is addressing the issue of full members charging other full members for interlibrary loan transactions.



SEGHSL Report

Compact Disk Technology Shared

The Southeastern Georgia Health Science Libraries Consortium members are being introduced to various software programs available in the coastal area. At the November meeting, Memorial Medical Center Health Sciences Library staff demonstrated the CD ROM systems that are being used by their medical staff and residents. The next meeting will be at the Chatham County Public Library to see the newly acquired compact disk programs available to the public.

Anyone interested in attending, please call Mary Fielder for details at 912/356-6011.

NGHSLC Report

Just Getting Started

What will become the North Georgia Health Science Libraries Consortium got off to a great start February 5, 1990 in Dalton. The preorganizational meeting was attended by three professional librarians and one senior clerk from four different institutions. Six other institutions expressed interest in developing the consortium.

Anyone needing more information should contact Susan Seay at Hamilton Medical Center, Dalton, at 404/272-6056.

Susan Seay



*What Are the Best Databases on Human Nutrition?
"A combination of MEDLINE and at least one other database is recommended. The results of this study suggest that for most human nutrition questions, AGRICOLA is the best file to complement MEDLINE."*

Nixon, J. M. "Online Searching for Human Nutrition: An Evaluation of Databases." 1989 Fall, Medical Reference Services Quarterly 8(3):27-35.

Georgia Health Sciences Library Association Bylaws

ARTICLE I. Name

The name of this association shall be the *Georgia Health Sciences Library Association (GHSLA)*.

ARTICLE II. Purposes

The purposes of this organization are exclusively charitable and educational within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, including the promotion of health sciences in Georgia through activity, communication, and interaction among those persons involved or interested in health sciences librarianship.

ARTICLE III. Registered Office

The registered office of the Association (to satisfy the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code) shall be the Health Sciences Library, Emory University, 1462 Clifton Road NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30322. The registered office shall serve as depository and archive for the papers and records of the Association, and all significant papers and records shall be deposited there when no longer required by officers and committees.

ARTICLE IV. Membership and Voting

Section 1. Members

Individual membership shall be open to all persons active or interested in health sciences librarianship and the purposes of the Association. Institutional membership shall be open to all libraries affiliated with the health sciences and/or health professions.

Section 2. Authorized representative

One authorized representative of an institutional member shall be a person designated in writing by the institution at the time of payment of dues or later designated in writing by the institution at least two weeks before a Business Session or a mail balloting in which the representative is to vote. Only the authorized representative may cast the institutional member's vote.

Section 3. Voting

Each individual member shall have one vote, as shall each institutional member. The authorized representative of an institutional member may be entitled to two votes if s/he is also an individual member. Absentee voting shall be allowed by proxy.

ARTICLE V. Officers

Section 1. Officers/Executive Board

The officers of the Association shall be a Chairman, a Chairman-Elect, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Parliamentarian, and an Editor for the Association's newsletter. These officers shall comprise the Executive Board.

Section 2. Chairman

The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Association and at all meetings of the Executive Committee. The Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

Section 3. Chairman-Elect

The Chairman-Elect shall, in the absence of the Chairman, preside and assume all duties of the Chairman. S/he shall be the non-voting ex-officio Chairman of the Nominating Committee and Chairman of the Program Committee. S/he shall succeed to the office of Chairman. As Program Chairman s/he shall be responsible for appointing a committee to plan, organize, and conduct the regular meeting(s). This includes, but is not limited to,

local arrangements, program content, and registration. S/he shall coordinate continuing education opportunities at these meetings with the Continuing Education Committee.

Section 4. Secretary

The Secretary shall be responsible for reporting all Association activities and the keeping of all records, including the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings and Business Sessions. Copies of all minutes shall be sent to the Executive Committee within 30 days following an Executive Committee meeting. Minutes of the Business Sessions shall be distributed to the membership within 60 days following any Business Session and/or submitted for inclusion in the Spring/Summer issue of the Association's newsletter. Any Business Session Minutes shall also be distributed at the next Business Session for approval by the membership.

Section 5. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipt, recording, custody, and proper disbursement of the monies of the Association. S/he shall prepare an annual financial report. S/he shall maintain an accurate and current listing of the Association's membership. Treasurer works closely with the Membership Committee.

Section 6. Parliamentarian

The Parliamentarian shall advise the Association Chairman and the Standing Committee Chairmen on the conduct of meetings in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

Section 7. Editor

The Editor of the Association's newsletter shall be responsible for the content, format, and production of the newsletter. S/he shall accomplish this within the limits of a budget and the Association's purpose. S/he shall produce three issues per year, one issue each for Winter, Spring/Summer, and Fall. Editor shall appoint an Associate Editor.

Section 8. Terms of Office

Officers shall serve a term of one year beginning at the close of the springtime Business Session.

Section 9. Vacancy of Office

If a vacancy should occur in the office of Chairman, the Chairman-Elect shall become Chairman for the remainder of that term and for his/her elected term. All other vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee. The appointee shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which the predecessor was elected or appointed.

ARTICLE VI. Executive Committee

Section 1. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Executive Board and the chairmen of the standing committees.

Section 2. Duties of Executive Committee

The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to conduct the business of the Association in accordance with the Bylaws and with action taken at meetings by the membership.

ARTICLE VII. Standing Committees

Section 1. Appointment of Chairmen

Chairman of the Association shall appoint the chairmen of the standing committees.

Section 2. Committees

The standing committees shall be:

A. Membership Committee.

The Membership Committee shall be responsible for recruitment of members and identification of potential members.

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The committee shall consist of a chairman and two (2) other members appointed by the committee chairman. The committee works closely with the Treasurer in order to ensure accurate and up-to-date listings of members and potential members.

B. Program Committee.

The Program Committee shall be responsible for planning, organizing, and conducting the regular meeting(s). [See also Article V, Section 3.] The committee shall consist of the Chairman-Elect of the Association serving as chairman and at least 4 other members appointed by the chairman.

C. Consultants Committee.

The Consultants Committee shall establish and maintain a register of GHSLA Library Consultants. The committee shall consist of a chairman and no less than two (2) other members who may be volunteers or appointees of the chairman.

D. Consortia Committee.

The Consortia Committee shall promote development of consortia, to include multi-type libraries; cooperation among existing consortia; consortia participation in union lists; any other cooperative activities as deemed appropriate. The committee shall consist of one representative from each consortium in existence in the state of Georgia.

E. Resource Sharing Committee.

The Resource Sharing Committee shall promote participation in the Region 2 Union List, use of DOCLINE and electronic mail network(s), and cooperative acquisitions. The committee shall consist of a chairman and no less than two (2) other members who may be volunteers or appointees of the chairman.

F. Continuing Education Committee.

The Continuing Education Committee shall promote continuing education by providing appropriate educational opportunities through the following activities which are not meant to be inclusive but representative:

1. Conferences
2. Continuing education courses
3. Workshops
4. Seminars.

The committee shall liaison with other related organizations and associations within the state and/or region. The committee shall provide at least one accredited continuing education course each year in conjunction with the regular meeting. The committee shall conduct surveys, verbal and/or written, to determine from the Association's membership their continuing education needs and/or interests. The committee shall consist of a chairman and no less than two other members who may be volunteers or appointees of the chairman.

G. Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for recruitment of candidates for Association offices. The Chairman of the committee shall submit a slate of eligible candidates, who have agreed to serve if elected, to the Executive Committee no later than October 1 of each year. The committee shall consist of the Chairman-Elect of the Association, who serves as the non-voting ex-officio chairman, plus three other members appointed by the Association's Chair. [See also Article VIII, Sections 2 and 3.]

H. Any other committee deemed necessary to perform the business of the Association.

Section 3.

All committee chairmen and members shall be appointed or otherwise in place by April 30 of each year.

ARTICLE VIII. Elections

Section 1. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee members names shall be announced in Fall issue of the Association's newsletter and at the Business Session.

Section 2. Nominating Committee Duties

The Nominating Committee shall nominate one candidate for each office of Chairman-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Editor of the Association's newsletter.

Section 3. Slate of Candidates

The Nominating Committee shall submit the slate of candidates to the Executive Committee by October 1 for the names of the nominees to be distributed by mail in the springtime meeting's registration packets. Candidates shall also be announced in the Winter issue of the Association's newsletter.

Section 4. Election

The slate of candidates shall be formally presented to the membership at the springtime Business Session. At this time, nominations shall be accepted from the floor provided the nominee has agreed to serve if elected. The election shall be held at the Business Session by voice vote, except in the case of more than one candidate for any office. In this event, the election shall be by ballot within 30 days following the Business Session. A plurality shall elect.

Section 5. Taking Office/Terms of Office

Officers shall take office at the close of the session in which they are elected. An officer, with the exception of the Editor, may succeed him/herself for one term. The Editor may succeed him/herself for up to three terms.

ARTICLE IX. Meetings

Section 1. Number of Meetings

There shall be a minimum of one meeting a year and there shall be a Business Session at this meeting. Every effort shall be made to avoid a conflict with any national, regional, academic, or religious observance likely to effect the ability of the membership to attend.

Section 2. Invitations to Host Meetings

Invitations from a library, group of libraries, or individuals to host a meeting in their city shall be extended by an official representative in writing to the Executive Committee at least six (6) months before such a meeting is to take place. The Executive Committee shall decide whether to accept an invitation and/or select between invitations if two or more are received. If no invitation is received, the Executive Committee shall assume responsibility for finding a suitable host and location for the next regular meeting.

Section 3. Business Session

The Business Session shall include the report of the Secretary (minutes of the previous session); the financial report of the Treasurer; the annual reports of the standing committees, including the Program Committee; the annual election of officers; and other such business as shall be properly presented to the Business Session.

Section 4. Quorum

A majority of the membership, with at least two members of the

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Executive Committee present and voting, shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Meetings

As soon as it has been determined, the Executive Committee shall publicize the date and place of the next regular meeting. Sixty (60) to ninety (90) days before the scheduled regular meeting, registration packets shall be mailed to the membership.

ARTICLE X. Funds

Section 1. Dues

Annual dues are \$5.00 for individual membership and \$10.00 for institutional membership. Membership renewal shall be payable on January 1 of each year and must be received by the Treasurer no later than March 1 of each year. New memberships paid before July 1 shall be the full annual fee; new memberships paid after July 1 shall be half of the annual fee. Membership runs with the calendar year (January 1 through December 31).

Section 2. Meeting Fees

A registration fee shall be paid by all persons attending the regular meetings. The Program Committee shall set registration fees for the regular meetings. These fees shall provide enough revenue to defray the costs of that meeting.

Section 3. Payment of Financial Obligations

The Treasurer shall pay all bills and meet all financial obligations of the Association with Association funds provided that such bills and obligations have been incurred with the consent of the Chairman and/or the Executive Committee. The financial report prepared by the Treasurer shall be audited by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XI. Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

ARTICLE XII. Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular Business Session by a majority vote of the members present, provided an announcement of any proposed amendments have been submitted in writing to the membership sixty (60) to ninety (90) days in advance of the meeting. Proposed amendments shall also be distributed at the Business Session in which the vote is to take place. Or, the proposed amendments may be submitted to the Executive Committee and mailed out to the membership with a ballot to be returned within thirty (30) days.

ARTICLE XIII. Tax Exempt Status

Section 1. Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501 (c) (3) and 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding section of any prior or future law; or to the Federal, State, or local government for exclusive public use.

Section 2. Activities

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this Association will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by: (a) an association exempt from Federal Income

Tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, or (b) an association, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code 1954 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

ARTICLE XIV. Newsletter

Section 1. Name

The name of the Association's newsletter shall be *GHSLA UPDATE*.

Section 2. Frequency

The newsletter will be published three (3) times per calendar year, one issue each for Winter, Spring/Summer, and Fall.

Section 3. Content

Content is the responsibility of the Editor and Associate Editor with exception of items designated below and/or elsewhere in these Bylaws. Exceptions include:

Winter issue:

1. All pertinent information on upcoming regular meeting
2. Slate of candidates for Association offices

Spring/Summer issue:

1. All standing committee chairmen and members excluding the Nominating Committee
2. Minutes of the last Business Session, including reports of the standing committees and the Treasurer
3. List of current members

Fall issue:

1. Membership renewal form/information
2. Members of the Nominating Committee

Section 4. Budget

Executive Committee shall allocate a budget for production and publication of the Association's newsletter. Editor and/or Associate Editor shall submit a proposed budget to the Executive Committee for this purpose by May 15 of each year. All bills are to be mailed directly to the Treasurer for payment. It is the responsibility of the Editor to not exceed the amount allocated for publication, or to notify the Executive Committee if the funds are not sufficient.

Accepted by membership: May 1988

GHSLA Membership Form 1990

The Georgia Health Sciences Library Association (GHSLA) was founded to promote the health sciences in Georgia through activity, communication, and interaction among those persons involved or interested in health sciences librarianship. Our membership includes librarians who work in hospitals, clinics, special libraries, medical, dental, allied health and nursing schools, as well as physicians and their associates. We share information through the publication of a newsletter, the *GHSLA UPDATE*, and at an annual meeting each spring. Our meetings include discussion of timely topics and continuing education courses to keep the membership abreast of changes in this field. Membership is available on either a personal basis (\$5 per calendar year) or an institutional/business basis (\$10 per calendar year).

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