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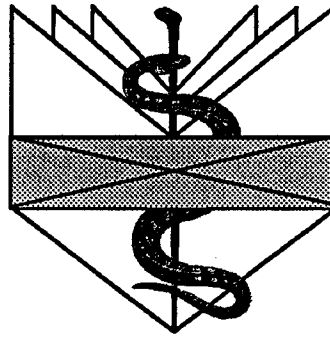
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Library Association**

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Greetings From The President

It's hard to believe that I'm really the President of GHSLA. It seems like just the other day that Frank Davis from MCG was calling, asking me if I would accept a nomination for Secretary and when I said "sure," his next question was, "and are you a member?" Just goes to show that we are always recruiting and involving new members, even before their dues check has arrived!

We Augustans were pleased to host librarians from Georgia and South Carolina at the last annual meeting. Everyone seemed to enjoy the program and comfortable facility--kudos to the committee chairs and members who worked hard to ensure a successful meeting.

Look for another excellent meeting next spring in Jacksonville as we gather together with Florida medical librarians. Planning such a meeting presents its own unique challenges and opportunities, but I know GHSLA members are capable of rising to the occasion. If you haven't volunteered for a committee yet, there's still time. Several groups will incorporate librarians from Florida, so here's a good opportunity to work with our neighbors from a little further south.

I love being a GHSLA officer and member--it's a great way to meet and work with a lot of bright, active, fun people! And if you haven't renewed your membership yet, why not do it today? I would also like to encourage all of our members to contribute news or stories to the UPDATE. If you are working on an interesting project, or have discovered a new or faster way to do something, why not tell your colleagues about it? It doesn't take long to write a few paragraphs and send them to our editor, Priscilla Carey. She is always looking for good content for the UPDATE. Do it before you go on vacation, though!

-Darra Combs

From the Editor:

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this issue of Update. I also want to encourage all GHSLA members to submit articles for publication in the Update. It is a good way of letting others know what is going on in your library.

This is the last year that I can serve as editor for the Update, so members of the Nominating and Executive Committees will be searching for my replacement throughout the year. Please let someone on either committee know if you are interested in the position. I will be happy to answer any questions regarding the position. Please feel free to call me at 912-752-2151 or email me at carey.p@gain.mercer.edu.

-Priscilla Carey

1997-98 Committee Members

Volunteers are still needed to serve on committees, especially Nominating. If you are interested in helping out, contact Darra Combs at dcombs@uh.org or call (706) 774-5078.

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Marilee Creelan (chair)

Pat Herndon

Jodi Upton

Camilla Reid

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Karalyn Kavanaugh

Marilyn Barry

Kathy Warner

Ellen Cooper

Program

Donna Trainor (chair)

Pauline Hollmann

Elaine Powers

Rosalind Lett

Membership

Dorie Kalinich (chair)

Donna Trainor

Pat Bush

Connie Ruffner

Nominating

Donna Trainor (chair)

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Continuing Education

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**Georgia Health Sciences Library Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 13, 1997**

Marilyn Barry called the meeting to order at the Radisson Hotel, Augusta, GA at 8:30 AM.

Officers' Reports

Secretary

The minutes from last year's business meeting were published in the summer issue of the UPDATE. The secretary reported that no corrections had been brought to her attention and the motion was made and approved to accept the minutes as printed.

Treasurer

Pauline Hollmann reported a balance of \$14,220.88. Expenses for the Winter issue of the UPDATE which included the preliminary meeting program were \$358.48. Moneys collected for vendor sponsorship for the annual meeting amounted to \$1,275.00. She thanked Fay Evatt and Camilla Reid for collecting the greatest monetary contributions from vendors for any annual meeting. The GHSLA Executive Committee contributed \$300.00 for the Southern Chapter/ Medical Library Association Annual Meeting which will be in Savannah on October 24-28, 1997.

Parliamentarian

Marilyn Barry thanked Nancy Bryant for keeping the Executive Committee Meetings in order.

UPDATE Editor

Priscilla Carey said that three issues of UPDATE, the organization's newsletter, had been published this year. She welcomed submissions from the membership for the Spring/Summer newsletter.

Committee Chairs' Reports

Nominating Committee

Darra Combs, Chair, named the members of the Nominating Committee: Lyn Dennison, Rosalind Lett, Kim McInnis. The following slate of officers were accepted for 1997-1998: Darra Combs, President; Donna Trainor, Vice-President; Carolyn Brown, Secretary; Nancy Van De Water, Treasurer; Fay Evatt, Parliamentarian; Priscilla Carey, UPDATE Editor.

Program Committee

Darra Combs, Chair, thanked Program Committee members (Lisa Lott Jerant, Pamela Queen, Ingrid Hendrix, Mary Fielder and Marilyn Barry). This year's meeting had 61 paid registrants and 70 total attendees. The content of this year's program was based on suggestions and evaluation forms completed by members after last year's meeting. Many members contributed promotional items for the welcome packets and door prizes. Fay Evatt and Camilla Reid also worked to secure sponsorship funds from vendors and other associations. Darra expressed her appreciation to Camilla Reid, Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee who was responsible for all contact with the hotel and conference center and the many special details that enhanced the meeting.

Local Arrangements Committee

Camilla Reid, Chair, thanked Medical College of Georgia, University Hospital, and Eisenhower Medical Center for hosting this year's annual meeting. She also expressed her gratitude to the vendors for their sponsorship.

Continuing Education

Susan Statom, Chair, described the three CE courses offered at this year's meeting: Honing Your Homepage: Beyond the HTML Basics, Managed Care Organizations and the Health Sciences Librarian, and Serials Management. Committee members were Linda Ames, Rita Clifton, Sheila Griffin, David McCullough, Brenda Wimberly, and Judy Wojcik.

Miriam Libbey Committee

Kathy Torrente announced the Miriam Libbey speaker for 1997, Fred Roper, and his topic "Knowledge and Skills to Thrive in the 21st Century". She thanked committee members: (Marilee Creelan, Pat Herndon, Jan LaBeause, Ken Robichaux and Cathy Woolbright).

Membership

Donna Trainor has received dues for 1997 from 43 members: 6 are new members and 7 are honorary members. A list of the paid and honorary members' names, institutional affiliations, and email addresses has been provided for inclusion in the GHSLA Web Page. There were no nominees for honorary membership in the association this past year. The Membership Committee and Executive Committee will be soliciting nominations for Honorary Members to be considered by the membership at the next annual meeting in Jacksonville, Florida. Information on honorary membership criteria will be included in future UPDATE issues.

A Membership Directory containing the 1996 GHSLA members and those paid through the date of the annual meeting will be distributed via mail around the end of this month. The GHSLA recruitment brochure was revised and updated to reflect the change in committee structure and the updated version has been provided for the Web Page.

Strategic Planning Committee

Rosalind Lett, Co-Chair, stated that the committee re-evaluated the Strategic Plan that was updated in 1991. The 6 different sections were divided up among the committee members, consisting of Resource Sharing (Rosalind Lett & Marilyn Barry), Reference Referrals (Jodi Upton & Brenda Sorrow), Consumer Health Information (Carol Burns & Sharon Cann), Educational Activities (Ellen Cooper & Karalyn Kavanaugh), Consortia (Sandra Franklin & Kim McInnis) and Information Gathering Habits of Health Professionals (Darlene Kelly & Maxine Blair). The subsections were reviewed to determine which items had been addressed and which needed to be incorporated into a new revised plan.

A majority of subgroups had forwarded their preliminary results of their assessments. For the sake of assisting the Executive Committee next year, questions were extracted from each area to prepare a survey to be responded to by the membership at large. Rosalind encouraged members to complete the survey that was passed out at this Annual Business Meeting.

The Strategic Planning Committee needs to get more feedback from the membership. A question on the survey is whether a strategic planning session should be included in the annual meeting or whether activities should be kept at the Executive Committee level.

Old Business

Bylaws Revision

Sandra Franklin, Chair of the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee, stated that the proposed bylaw changes had been accepted by the membership. Her committee mailed out 80 ballots by April 16, 1996. Thirty-nine ballots were returned by the May 15, 1996 deadline. Thirty-seven were in favor of all proposed bylaws. Two ballots showed oppositions and abstentions. Results of the vote were shared at the June 1996 Executive Committee Meeting where the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee was dissolved, with thanks. The revised bylaws appeared in the Spring/Summer 1996 issue of the UPDATE. Major changes in the bylaws included referring to officers as President and Vice President versus Chair and Chair-Elect, stating Membership Committee responsibilities, eliminating Consortia and Resource Sharing as standing committees and adding Miriam Libbey and Strategic Planning as standing committees. The date of the appointment of standing committee chairs/members was changed to coincide with the UPDATE deadlines. The section on UPDATE contents and recipients was also revised. Many of the current revisions reflected current practices.

SC/MLA '97 Savannah

Mercer University Medical Library is hosting Southern Chapter's Annual Meeting. Jocelyn Rankin, Director of the Medical Library Mercer University reported that the Annual Meeting would be in Savannah Oct. 24-28. GHSLA is cosponsoring this meeting and many GHSLA members are involved in planning the SC/MLA Meeting. Meeting information is on the Web.

Martha Watkins

Marilyn Barry read a letter from Jocelyn Rankin to GHSLA about its contribution in memory of Martha Watkins. From the contribution a quilt will be made in memory of Martha that will hang in the Medical Library, Mercer University.

GHSLA Web Page

Carolyn Brown reported that the Web Page is an on-going project of Webmasters, Carolyn Brown and Ingrid Hendrix. The Web Page contains meeting and membership information and many links to other good sites.

1998 Joint Annual Meeting with GHSLA/Florida Health Sciences Library Association

Marilyn read a letter from Pat Cole, Medical Library, Winter Park Memorial Hospital, inviting GHSLA to have a joint annual meeting with the Florida Health Sciences Library Association. Donna Trainor, newly appointed Vice President of GHSLA introduced the Florida meeting by reading a poem. The joint meeting will be in Jacksonville, Florida. An exact date (probably April 98) for the meeting will be determined shortly. Marilyn asked for invitations for meeting sites for the 1999 GHSLA Annual Meeting.

New Business

SC/MLA-State Group Sponsored Sharing Round Tables

Marilyn stated that GHSLA is coordinating the Round Table Luncheon for state health sciences library associations on Saturday Oct. 25, at the SC/MLA Meeting in Savannah. A facilitator is needed from each state. As a final farewell, outgoing President Marilyn Barry passed on her "driver" to Darra Combs, the new President. Marilyn gave Darra toy golf clubs and read a poem. Darra thanked Marilyn for her fine work. Darra adjourned the meeting at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Brown, Secretary

Committee Reports

Membership Committee

Current membership as of June 5, 1997:

1997 members = 59
52 regular paid members
8 new members
1 returning former member
0 student members
7 honorary members

1996 members = 101
93 regular paid members
14 new members
1 student member
7 honorary members

Dorie Kalinich, Greenblatt Library, MCG, is the new Membership Chair. In her absence, Donna J. Trainor gave the membership report.

Membership lists were distributed to the Executive Committee members. The membership brochure has been revised for the 1997 membership year, indicating the name and mailing address of the new Membership Committee Chair. The Membership Directory is complete and will go in the mail next week.

Program Committee

Donna J. Trainor, Program Chair, reported on her meeting during MLA in Seattle with Florida Health Sciences Library Association members: Barbara Francis, Program chair, Pam Neumann, Local Arrangements Chair, and Marta Cosculluela, President. The site for the joint GHSLA/FHSLA Annual Meeting will be the Jacksonville, Florida Hilton and Towers, located on the Riverfront. The meeting date will be April 23-25.

Treasurer's Report

Nancy Van De Water, Medical Library, Mercer University School of Medicine will be treasurer for the upcoming year. The current balance in the GHSLA treasury is \$6007.79. The expenses and income associated with the Annual Meeting are as follows.

Meeting Expenses	\$11,843.12
Vendor Contributions	\$1975.00
Membership & Registration	<u>\$10,735.09</u>
Total Income	\$12,710.09

Continuing Education Committee

Susan Statom, Librarian, Colquitt Regional Medical Center will continue as chair for the upcoming year. She has been working with Susan McCullough her counterpart in FHSLA to plan some great CE courses for our joint Annual Meeting in Florida next year. They have been looking over the meeting evaluations from previous years to determine the types of CE that members want. They are also trying not to duplicate those classes that have been offered at other meetings over the past couple of years.

A Hospital Library in Solinet's SO6 Group

SOLINET, the Southeast's regional OCLC provider, has a group of members who have agreed to fill requests for photocopies for free: the SO6 group. University Hospital in Augusta is one of two hospital libraries in this group (the other is St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville).

I joined SOLINET as an associate member library in 1993 and immediately began using their interlibrary loan system. I was also using DOCLINE, but the number of loans that we needed to process that fell outside the scope of NLM's system made it necessary to use both.

As an OCLC user, I was a member of their SoLINE group, which was also set up for reciprocal loans (mostly books). SO6 is a subset of that group. I was a member, but other than including that information as a note in the loan request, I couldn't really take full advantage of it.

OCLC recently introduced Custom Holdings Groups, which enabled ILL system users to set up routing tables similar to DOCLINE cells. I decided to set up two custom groups, which I would use as my preferred resource sharing sources: SO6 libraries in Georgia, and SO6 libraries in the rest of the southeast. SOLINET had published a list of all SO6 members, so it was easy to set up the groups.

Now I can turn to SO6 libraries as potential sources of free photocopies. The custom holdings groups work best when I am trying to borrow from a journal that has many holding libraries--I am more likely to find SO6 members then. If no SO6 libraries can provide the article I need, I can always revise the request and send it to other libraries that require payment.

Of course I have provided many articles to other SO6 members, many of whom are college or university libraries. Many regional public library systems are also SO6 members, which makes it easy to borrow popular business or computer materials.

Membership in SOLINET and OCLC is not cheap by any means. But at a time when I needed to expand my library's service capabilities, I believed the cost was worthwhile, and every day I am happy that I have OCLC's vast database and the SO6 group to help me do my job.

-Darra Combs

Poetic Moments

Invitation to Joint FHSLA / GHSLA Annual Meeting Jacksonville '98

Last spring the Florida Health Sciences Library Association extended GHSLA an invitation to hold a joint meeting. Jacksonville librarians graciously offered to serve as hosts. GHSLA Executive Committee members accepted the invitation, feeling Jacksonville's plane connections, hotel accommodations and solid local arrangements support made it the best meeting site.

Following are the invitation and acceptance letters and poems read at our annual meetings. GHSLA and FHSLA have enjoyed two previous joint meetings, in 1988 and 1985. Look forward to a great networking experience and the benefits of pooled meeting budgets!

-Marilyn Barry

Poetic Moments Cont.

Marilyn Barry, Director
Health Sciences Library
DeKalb Medical Center
2701 North Decatur Rd.
Decatur, GA 30033

Dear Marilyn:

On behalf of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association (FHSLA), please inform the members of the Georgia Health Sciences Library Association (GHSLA) that we are looking forward to a joint meeting in Jacksonville.

The executive committees of both organizations are working on a date that is agreeable for the spring of 1998. Many of us have fond memories of past GHSLA and FHSLA joint meetings. The goal is for us to have another successful meeting that will be both educational and fun for all the participants.

Along with this letter I am faxing a copy of a poem I received from Pam Neumann, Director, University of Florida, Borland Library, in Jacksonville. She asked me to forward it to you to present at your spring meeting. This poem is an invitation, written by Carolyn Hall, retired Director, Borland Library.

Personally, I am looking forward to seeing old friends, and making new friends. See You All in Jacksonville!!!

Sincerely,
Patricia N. Cole,
FHSLA President

Are you tired of the wheeling and dealing?
Has the Internet sent your mind reeling?
Has E-mail exploring
Become rather boring
And Windows no longer Appealing?

If life's become boring of late
And it's all just too bland and sedate,
Then we have a deal With a lot of appeal -
Come to Jacksonville in '98!

We have sights to relieve your ennui,
And a spirit to set your mind free.
So join us here
At this time next year
To prepare for a new cen-tu-ry.

Dear Florida Health Sciences Library Association Members,

On behalf of Georgia Health Sciences Library Association members I thank you for your joint meeting invitation. We accept with pleasure and look forward to networking with our friends and colleagues to the south.

We also appreciate the Jacksonville group's gracious offer to host us. We realize local sponsorship entails a huge commitment of time and effort, from some of the same librarians who worked hard to host our wonderful previous joint meeting.

We look forward to planning and working together to make '98 great! Enclosed is an attempt to express our sentiments in rhyme, though we fear our poetic license has expired!

Sincerely,
Marilyn Barry,
1996-97 President, GHSLA

We thank and appreciate Florida
For asking us to the seashor-ed-a,
Goodbye red dirt land,
Hello ocean and sand,
Two temptations that must be ignor-ed-a.

At programs on how info flows,
We'll try to conceal sandy toes,
But don't fear fresh lobsters,
Will tempt from our jobs-sters,
Cause "Surf 'n Turf" sounds like CE we chose!

We'll see and make new friends from Florida,
And there won't be a moment we're bore-ed-a,
We can't wait to reach,
This joint meet near the beach,
We're grateful you asked us once more-ed-a!!

Separate Tables

Southern Chapter / Savannah to Include Roundtable Luncheon for State Association Information Exchange

State health science library association officers and members around the Southern Chapter region recognize they could benefit by comparing notes. To that end the state groups are planning a networking and materials exchange opportunity at the Savannah meeting. Billed as the "State Association Leadership Development Roundtable Luncheon," the first-time event will be held on Saturday, October 25. Anyone interested in a discussion topic is invited to attend.

Registrants will choose among the following state officer/function table topics:

- state association president / strategic planning / leadership
- vice-president / meeting planning
- secretary
- treasurer
- communications: newsletters / listservs / web pages, etc.
- membership
- continuing education
- outreach to health professionals, other associations, etc.

Look for publicity and registration information in your Southern Chapter meeting packet.

In a Different Light, Making Your Library Shine

You are invited to the 1997 Annual Meeting of the Alabama Health Libraries Association to learn how to make YOUR library shine!

Mark your calendars for September 4 and 5, 1997 and join us at Beautiful Lake Guntersville for the 1997 Annual ALHeLA meeting.

Our meeting begins on Thursday, September 4th with a full-day continuing education class taught by Mary Marshall, Director of Information Professionals at Lexis-Nexis. She will be speaking on marketing for health librarians.

Our meeting continues the next morning with our keynote address by Herbert S. White. Mr. White is a Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the School of Library and Information Science at Indiana University. His column, "White Papers" appears in Library Journal.

For more information contact Pat Higginbottom at (205) 934-2230 or phiggin@uab.edu. Hope to see you there!

-Pat Higginbottom

CE Classes for 1997 Annual SC/MLA Meeting

The Professional Development Committee of SC/MLA has selected the following courses for the 1997 Annual SC/MLA Meeting in Savannah, Georgia.

Friday, October 24

Under Construction: Building Your Homepage - Carol Furlong, SOLINET

This class was recommended by several hospital librarians in Atlanta whose staff attended it. This is a basic HTML (Hypertext Markup Language) class for those who want to create a home page. The class is hands-on and will cost more due to the expense of the computer lab.

Saturday, October 25

Honing Your Homepage (Beyond the Basics) - Carol Furlong, SOLINET

This course was taught in March 1997 at the Georgia Health Sciences Library Association Annual Meeting in Augusta, Georgia. I attended this class, and I thought the instructor was excellent. Participants for this class must have taken a basic HTML class. Tables, frames, and a brief description of JAVA will be discussed. This class is also hands-on which will increase the cost due to the expense of the computer lab. The class has already been approved for MLA CE credit.

Electronic Full Text Document Delivery - Patti Corbett, Ovid Technologies, Inc., and Linda Garr Markwell, Health Sciences Center Library, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia

This class will be taught for the first time at Southern Chapter. The instructors are currently applying for CE approval from MLA. Systems issues, copyright, local vs. remote access to fulltext, pricing models of biomedical electronic fulltext producers and SGML vs. PDF format are some of the key issues that will be discussed.

Health Statistics Sources - Michael Lee Neuman, Falconer Biology Library, Stanford University, Stanford, California

This course was offered as an NP course at MLA in 1995. The course will improve participants' skills in finding health sciences statistics in print and nonprint materials, online databases and Internet sites.

Tuesday, October 28

Building the Corporate Intranet Knowledge Center - Howard McQueen, McQueen Consulting Division of Black, Reilly & Associates. This course was offered at the Special Libraries Association Annual Meeting in Seattle in June. The course provides information on management and technology issues in maintaining and organizing an institution intranet.

Information Resources in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation- Nalini Mahajan, Medical Library, Marionjoy Rehabilitation Hospital, Wheaton, Illinois

This course was offered at MLA. The class covers the basics of physical medicine and rehabilitation print materials, nonprint materials, online databases, and Internet sites. It also explains the librarian's role in the accreditation process of rehabilitation facilities by JCAHO and CARE.

-Carolyn Brown



Southern Chapter in Savannah

Mark your calendars now! Mercer University School of Medicine along with GaIN (the Georgia Interactive Network for Medical Information) and Georgia Health Sciences Library Association will be hosting the 47th Annual Meeting of the Southern Chapter of MLA. The meeting will be held October 24-28, 1997 at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront in Savannah, Georgia. Everyone is working very hard to plan an exciting meeting. For more information, surf the SC/MLA Savannah Web Page at <http://gain.mercer.edu/scmla/meeting.htm>. We hope to see you all in Savannah!

Southern Chapter Meeting Packets

If you have any items that you would like to include in the Southern Chapter meeting packets, please contact Anna-Liisa Rosner, Hospitality Committee Chair, at 912-752-2881 or rosner.a@gain.mercer.edu. This is a great way to advertise your institution, hospital, or library.

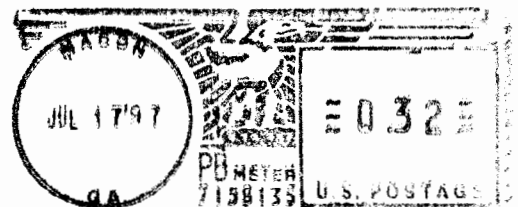
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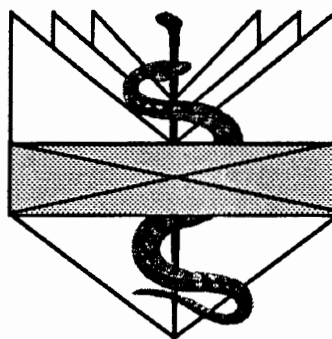


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Greetings From The President

I hope that many of you were able to take part in the SC/MLA meeting that was held in Savannah. As President of the cosponsoring organization, I would like to thank our colleagues at Mercer for their hard work. I thought it was tough when I was program chair for the GHSLA meeting here in Augusta, but you had much more to contend with than I did--not the least of which was the fact that the meeting wasn't even in your home town!

If you were not able to make it to the Southern Chapter meeting, our joint GHSLA-FHSLA meeting in Jacksonville, Florida is coming up next April 23-25. The various committee members are working hard to pack the program with lots of meaningful and enriching content, and we should have a number of interesting CE courses. Let your administration know *now* that these meetings are vital sources of education and inspiration for you and necessary for your continued professional development! And when you are reimbursed for your expenses, or given time off to attend a meeting, make sure you write a memo or speak to your administrator, letting them know exactly how you benefitted from the meeting and how you will use what you learned to positively impact your organization. Make every effort to share what you learned with your colleagues as well.

Although I have spent a lot of space here talking about meetings, I would like for our organization to try and offer other types of benefits to our members. While the newsletter and annual meeting are important benefits, we need to try and extend our efforts beyond these two. Your input is needed. Please contact a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, or your nearest officer, and give us your suggestions. Would you like a workshop? Journal clubs? Help with getting into AHIP? Give this some thought and tell us what you want. And have a great Fall season (or what passes for it here in most of the South)!

-Darra Combs

From The Editor

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this issue of Update. Also, I would like to encourage all members to submit items for publication in the newsletter. It is a great way to share information with your colleagues throughout Georgia.

As I mentioned in my last "From The Editor" column, this is the last year that I can serve as editor for the Update. The Nominating Committee has been actively seeking my replacement over the past few months. I thought that it would make their job a little easier if I would address some of the issues that make it difficult to find volunteers for this position.

I had just about completed the column when I received the news that we had a nominee for the position. I first thought that I would need to rewrite the column, but I quickly decided that I only needed to revise it slightly.

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I know that the Nominating Committee has had a very difficult time finding someone who was willing to become the editor of the Update. From what I understand, this position has always been very difficult to fill.

I think that many GHSLA members view this position as a very labor intensive one. This is a misconception. I have served on the Executive Committee for three years now, and I can honestly say that this position probably requires less work than most of the others. The majority of work is done in the week or two preceding publication, and the newsletter is only published three times a year.

Other GHSLA members let the thought of learning how to use publishing software scare them. The newsletter is currently done in PageMaker which I had never used before becoming editor. It was a little difficult at first, but I quickly mastered the basics. I am still not what I would consider an expert, but I have no trouble getting the newsletter out, and I think that any GHSLA member could quickly learn enough to put the newsletter together.

I would like to encourage all members to serve as an officer or committee chair at least once. It is a great way to become involved in the organization. If anyone has any questions about the office, they should give me a call at 912-752-2151 or email carey.p@gain.mercer.edu.

-Priscilla

Georgia Health Sciences Library Association Program Committee

By gracious invitation of our colleagues in Florida, the 1998 meeting will be a Joint Annual Meeting of GHSLA and FHSLA. It will be held at the Riverfront Hilton and Towers, in Jacksonville, Florida, from April 23 through 25, 1998. By scheduling our meeting into the weekend, we can take advantage of lower hotel and airline rates. Double rooms will be \$90 per night. The meeting dress will be resort casual.

The theme for the 1998 Joint Annual Meeting of GHSLA and FHSLA is "Collaboration for the 21st Century." We will kick off our meeting Thursday with a CE course. That evening we will enjoy a pool-side, dock-side banquet at the Riverfront Hilton.

After an invigorating Majors walk Friday morning, the respective associations will have their business meetings during a breakfast buffet at the hotel. Following brief welcoming remarks, our Keynote Speaker, K. Ann McKibbin, Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, McMaster University, Ontario, Canada, will address us. Next, hear the "inside scoop" on getting a grant. A panel of Georgia and Florida hospital and academic librarians will tell us how they collaborated with NN/LM and other sources to receive grants and will answer our questions about grant seeking.

The eighth annual Miriam H. Libbey Address will be given by joint speakers, Ken Robichaux of Majors and Bob Holder of ReadMore. That afternoon a panel of our Georgia and Florida colleagues will discuss consortia efforts, including present initiatives and future possible roles for librarians, followed by a panel discussing collaborative efforts dealing with Distance Education. Friday evening we will enjoy a dine-around of local restaurants with our Florida hosts, then return to the hotel for a dessert tasting and social.

On Saturday, two CE courses will be offered, as well as an opportunity to visit St. Augustine for those not taking a course. Please plan to join us in Florida for an informative and entertaining meeting. Watch for the preliminary meeting schedule in the next issue of Update.

-Donna Trainor

Georgia Health Sciences Library Association CE Committee

Currently, three continuing education courses are being planned for the 1998 meeting. We are planning to have one half day course on the Thursday before the meeting and have two full day courses on the Saturday after the meeting. The specific courses are yet to be announced, but we are trying to provide the new course about PubMed and Internet Grateful Med (on the Saturday after the meeting) that the Region 2 office recently created.

-Susan Statom

Association Nominating Committee

We have had a number of members who have graciously volunteered or accepted a nomination to hold office next year in GHSLA. We are, however, still in need of people to fill a few key positions next year. If you are interested in serving as a GHSLA officer, please contact Donna Trainor at 706-721-3444 or dtrainor@mail.mcg.edu.

-Donna Trainor

Association Membership Committee

We have 63 paid 1997 members as of November 10, 1997. We have one new member.

-Dorie Kalinich

Library and Information Services in the Statewide AHEC Network

Concern over the shortage of primary-care physicians in rural areas led the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education in the 1970's to recommend that the federal government initiate the development of a system of Area Health Education Centers (AHECs). The goal of the AHEC program is to improve access to quality, primary health care in medically underserved areas through educational activities designed to recruit, train and retain community-based health care personnel where they are most needed. AHECs are collaborations among colleges, universities, federally funded community and migrant health centers, public health departments, primary-care centers and sites serving rural and other underserved populations. The federal government, through competitive grants, makes seed money available to establish AHEC programs and centers. AHEC programs have been established in over forty states.

The system links communities, particularly rural, remote and underserved areas, with academic institutions to increase access to educational programs for health care professionals throughout the state. Through the Georgia AHEC system, these programs can be offered:

1. Community-based training opportunities for students in varied health professions .
2. Information services and continuing education opportunities for practicing health-care providers.
3. Health career information for middle and high school students.

The Georgia Statewide AHEC Network is a partnership coordinated by the Medical College of Georgia(MCG) and the Mercer University School of Medicine(MUSM). The program office at MCG will coordinate the statewide effort as MCG and MUSM become an integrated statewide AHEC program under the management of MCG. MCG will coordinate and manage this diverse partnership of schools, provider organizations and clinical practitioners.

One of the Georgia AHEC system's specific objectives is to increase the access to library and information resources in an effort to assist isolated health care practitioners to stay current in their respective fields. The following describes the ways in which the Georgia AHEC system is striving to meet that objective.

Atlanta SPCC AHEC

The Southeastern Primary Care Consortium (formerly the Atlanta AHEC), was established by the Morehouse School of Medicine in 1984 as the first community-based center in Atlanta. This center serves three counties in the metropolitan Atlanta area. Through satellite locations, the Learning Resource Center provides students and area health professionals with easy access to needed reference material. Educational aids, including books, journals, tapes, and video cassettes assist in the learning process. The Learning Resource Center is designed to aid in the retention of health manpower by enhancing the attractiveness of the community to the professional.

Magnolia Coastlands AHEC

The Magnolia Coastlands AHEC is a Georgia CHEP Incorporated program which was opened by Morehouse in 1987 and serves 39 counties in central and southeast Georgia. The Magnolia Coastlands AHEC has two site offices, one at the Carl Vinson Veterans Administration

Medical Center in Dublin and the other as a result of partnering with Georgia Southern University(GSU) is located within the Center for Rural Health and Research(CRHR) in the College of Health and Professional Studies on the Statesboro campus. This center office has been a member of the Georgia Interactive Network for Medical Information (GaIN) Network since September 1988. The Dublin office has a video collection used primarily by physicians for obtaining CE credit. The collection and check out system is maintained by the CHEP staff.

In October of this year the Magnolia Coastlands AHEC submitted Project INFORM, a grant to the National Library of Medicine. Project INFORM (Information for Rural Medicine) would establish an electronic health care information and education network linking the two offices of the Magnolia Coastlands AHEC, the Henderson Library of GSU, the CRHR also at GSU, the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center Library and thirteen community hospitals in Southeast Georgia. Through this project an Outreach Librarian would be hired to provide Library and Information Services. Computer workstations would be added to provide Internet connectivity and access to resources statewide by means of the GaIN Network. Training would be provided to the site contacts and health care professionals by the Outreach Librarian both on-site and via distance education technologies.

SOWEGA AHEC

The Southwest Georgia (SOWEGA) AHEC Center located in Albany was established in 1990. It is coordinated by the MUSM program office and serves 38 counties. The SOWEGA AHEC Center works to improve the recruitment, training, placement, and retention of health care professionals in Southwest Georgia. The accessibility of health information resources to health care professionals and students in health related career programs is of critical importance in accomplishing these objectives. The Southwest Georgia Information Delivery through Electronic Access (IDEA) Project was devised to enhance the delivery of health related information among these populations. With funding from the National Library of Medicine, forty-five health and education centers throughout Southwest Georgia have been equipped with a computer, printer, telephone modem, and fax machine. By using modern computer and communications technology to connect to various information networks, rural health care professionals and students have rapid access to current health information resources and specialized medical library services regardless of their location.

Tim Lammers, M.S.L.I.S., served as the Outreach Librarian and administrator of the IDEA Project from January 1993 until August 1997. Library services include document delivery of books and journal articles, answers to basic reference questions, tailored searches of online databases, or demonstrations and training in locating health information using the GaIN Network and Grateful Med. Internet and e-mail training is also provided. An electronic bulletin board service was also established which included current literature alerts and announcements of Southwest Georgia AHEC programs and activities. Users can order articles and register for continuing education classes online. Records for books, journals and other materials housed in the forty-plus library collections can be found in the online catalog available within the IDEA and GaIN networks. Tim was also responsible for the development of the SOWEGA WWW Home Page which is located on the Internet at "<http://gain.mercer.edu/sowega/index.html>". In August Tim accepted the position of Director at the Memorial Medical Center Health Sciences Library in Savannah, Georgia. At present the SOWEGA Outreach Librarian position has not been filled.

Three Rivers AHEC

The Three Rivers AHEC located in Columbus was established in 1994. This Center serves 28 counties in west central Georgia and is also coordinated by MUSM. The Three Rivers AHEC also provides an Outreach Librarian to support training for on-site electronic access to medical information at rural and remote locations. In August 1996, Three Rivers AHEC was awarded an Information Access Grant from the National Library Of Medicine for a project, entitled Training, Resources, Information and Delivery (TRIAD). This was designed to provide training and electronic access to the medical literature for health care professionals in its 28 county service area. The TRIAD Project Network to date consist of thirteen sites. These sites include three rural hospitals, one psychiatric hospital, five family practice sites, and a migrant health center offering primary care to rural communities.

Mary Fielder, M.L.S., A.H.I.P. has served as the Outreach Librarian since November 1996. Mary is responsible for the administration of the TRIAD Project and under her direction this center has most recently applied for two additional grants from the National Library of Medicine to increase the network by an additional thirteen sites. All of these sites will be connected to an electronic network and have access to the Internet. The backbone of the network is Mercer University's GaIN. Other projects by the Three Rivers AHEC Outreach Office and TRIAD staff include faxing Current Literature Alerts from the GaIN Network Bulletin Boards to health professional student preceptors each week, performing literature searches and document delivery upon request, and circulating a video collection to be used for patient education and consumer health programs. Mary also publishes the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Current Literature Alert which can be accessed through the GaIN Network or from the Three Rivers AHEC WWW Home Page at "<http://gain.mercer.edu/threerivers/>". The Outreach Office also sponsors and assists with training residents at the Medical Center of Columbus in the use of the Internet and Windows95 computer operating system.

New AHEC Centers

The Medical College of Georgia (MCG), in partnership with MUSM, received a grant in 1996 to operate as a federally funded AHEC. This funding will support the development of two new centers in Northwest and Northeast Georgia as well as overseeing the maturation of the Three Rivers AHEC. The program office at MCG will coordinate the developing Blue Ridge AHEC in Northwest Georgia, serving twenty counties, which was established in the spring of 1997 and the development of the Northeast Georgia AHEC, serving thirty-one counties, which will open in 1999.

Blue Ridge AHEC

Based in Rome, the Blue Ridge AHEC Center plans to provide information services in new and exciting ways to the region. Gretchen Forsell M.P.H., R.D., L.D. is the Learning Resources Coordinator for the Center. Working through the Floyd Medical Center located in Rome, Ga, the Blue Ridge AHEC will work with Medical Librarian Jodi Upton, M.L.S., to provide searches and article retrieval for students and preceptors in the area. Blue Ridge AHEC will also have a presence on the Internet with its web page at "<http://www.blueridgeahec.rome.ga.us/>" which will provide information regarding its programs, staff, and continuing education opportunities. Currently the needs of the 20 county area are being assessed by meeting with professionals in the area, and through surveys. Continuing Education programs ranging from teamwork skills needed for mid-level providers to a week long seminar for Health Occupations Teachers and counselors are being planned. Blue Ridge AHEC will also be providing computer and Internet training to enhance skills in locating needed information on the Internet.

AHEC Program Offices

Library and Information Services are also supported from both of the AHEC program offices. Two Appointments have been made to the recently established AHEC Learning Resource Center at the Greenblatt Library in conjunction with the Statewide AHEC Network Program Office located at MCG. Dorie Kalinich, M.L.I.S. was appointed March 13, 1997 as Instructor and Associate Director of Learning Resources. She divides her time between this position and Education Librarian in the Greenblatt Library. Dick Woodring served as Administrative Assistant from February through September 1997. One of their initial projects was the development of the web site for the Statewide AHEC Program Office located at "<http://www.mcg.edu/AHEC/>" on the Internet. Dorie has also assisted in Internet training sessions through the AHEC Center Offices. Future projects will include assisting other AHEC Center sites around the state with web site development and assessing education and technology needs of rural health care practitioners.

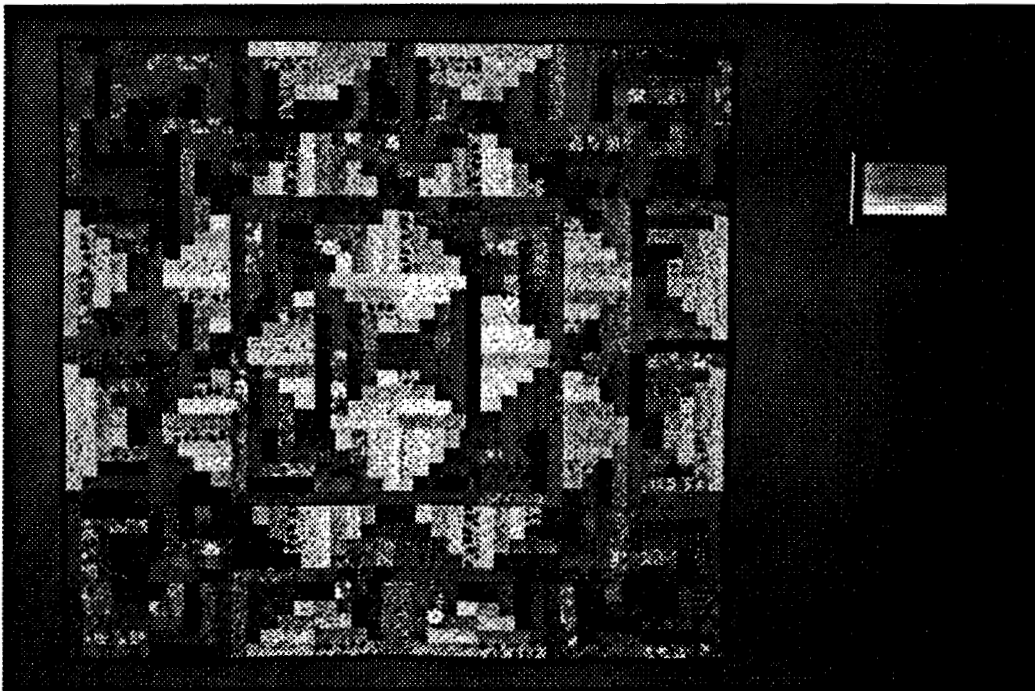
Providing consultation to the program office at MUSM is Jan LaBeause, M.L.S., A.H.I.P. She is Associate Director of the Medical Library & LRC. As Coordinator of the GaIN Network, Jan works closely with those AHEC Center Librarians where GaIN serves as the electronic back bone to the information resource networks set up through the NLM grants. As the network coordinator she is directly responsible for GaIN Network training and the content, layout and design of the GaIN Internet Home Page at "<http://gain.mercer.edu/>".

The Rural Health Information Clearinghouse (RHIC) hosted at MUSM is another example of the AHECs efforts to meet the information needs of its grass roots focused and community based initiatives designed to improve health care to the medically underserved of this state. The purpose of RHIC is to provide information to health care planners and providers as well as others interested in Georgia rural health care delivery system issues. Electronic access to RHIC is at "<http://gain.mercer.edu/www/rhic/rhic.html>". Sheila Griffin, P.T., M.L.I.S., is responsible for the administration of RHIC.

AHEC LRC Collaboration

In August of this year Jan, Sheila, Dorie, Mary and Tim attended the AHEC National Workshop in San Antonio, Texas. Tim and Sheila both made presentations in the Information Access Track Session. All participated in the AHEC Outreach Librarians Meeting at which Jan offered to coordinate the compilation and publication of the 1997-1998 National AHEC Health Sciences Library Directory. Statewide AHEC Network Staff Meetings are held periodically at which time the Learning Resource Center component meets to discuss potential collaborative projects.

-Sheila Griffin



The Georgia Health Sciences Library Association's gift to Mercer Medical Library in memory of Martha Watkins helped support the design and creation of this quilt. Martha's Windows, by Robin Nason-Hatfield, hangs in the newly refurbished Mercer Medical Library Conference Room. GHSLA members are invited to visit and see the quilt wall hanging.

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