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Greetings from the President:

Hello everyone,

I really thought I had completed my final "Greetings" in the last UPDATE, but Vice President Pauline Hollmann could not assume the Presidency. She has accepted a new position as Head of Reference in the public library system of Florida. So at the annual meeting at St. Simons Island, I was voted in as President for the upcoming year.

Many thanks to Pauline for the all the work she did over the years for GHSLA. She served at least three terms as Treasurer and as the Vice President. This year, she was the Program Chair for this past annual meeting at Sea Palms Resort at St. Simons. With a smaller than normal treasury, Pauline and Paula Christian, our Treasurer, worked their "magic" putting on a fantastic meeting utilizing the talents of many GHSLA members. The GHSLA members are a great group of people who really unite and come through for this organization.

Just to briefly recap, this year's meeting was at Sea Palms, a golf and tennis resort, surrounded by beautiful marshes, teaming with birds on St. Simons Island. The atmosphere was very laid back with friendly resort staff. Dress was casual and lots of free time was built into the meeting schedule per members' requests from past meetings. Some of the highlights of the meeting were the trolley tour of the St. Simons Island, the Interlibrary Loan Forum, Workshop on Professional Competencies, the Miriam Libbey speech given by Carol Burns and the networking amongst members. The Continuing Education half-day classes on Docline and Electronic Journals were well attended on the last day of the meeting.

Last week, you should have received a notice from Sandra Franklin, Ad Hoc Bylaws Chair, about an amendment to the Bylaws that requires you to return a ballot. The change to the Bylaws is to change the Chairmanship of the Nominating Committee from the Vice-President to the Past President. **The deadline to return your ballot is June 30.**

Finally I would like to thank the past Executive Board who attended Executive Board meetings at different locations around the state in the planning of the annual meeting. Kudos to Roxanne Nelson, Membership Committee Chair for the increase in memberships up to 81 total so far this year; to Rosalind Lett, Continuing Education Committee Chair for two excellent C.E. classes, Jan LaBeause, Miriam Libbey Committee, Chair for the 10th anniversary celebration of the Miriam Libbey Speaker; Mia Sohn White, Newsletter Editor who produced UPDATE with great script in a very timely manner; finally Marilyn Barry, Webmaster who has updated our website with much creativity. I look forward to planning our next annual meeting with our new Executive Board in conjunction with the Alabama Health Sciences Library Association. So mark your calendars for **March 14-16 2001** for our next annual meeting in Columbus, GA.

Carolyn M. Brown



Georgia
Health Sciences Library
Association

<http://www.cc.emory.edu/WHSC/REFERENCE/ghsla/>

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From the Editor:

In the last issue of the *UPDATE*, there was a picture from the 25th AHSLC anniversary celebration. Carol Burn's name was accidentally omitted from the picture caption. The caption under the picture should have read: "Pictured above from left to right: Marilyn Barry (DeKalb Medical Center), Faye Evatt (Atlanta Medical Center), Carol Burns (Emory HSCL), Carol Dean (CDC), and Sharon Cann (formerly Georgia Baptist College of Nursing)." My sincerest apologies to Carol Burns for the omission of her name.

I would also like to apologize for how late this issue was distributed. There were circumstances beyond my control which prevented me from distribution in a timely manner.

Finally, many thanks to the Emory HSCL Reference Department secretary, Kristin Lloyd for her assistance with the Annual Meeting Registration Packet. Thanks for your great work, Kristin!

Mia S. White

Membership Committee Report:

I am very pleased to report that as of June 12, 2000, GHSLA has a total membership of 81, consisting of 8 honorary members and 73 regular members. Many thanks to the Membership Committee, especially Kristin Howard, and to the Executive Committee for their assistance, suggestions, and ideas. Let's continue to encourage our friends and colleagues to participate in this active and growing organization!

The 2000 GHSLA Membership Directory will be mailed out to all current members within the next week. Please contact me with any corrections or omissions.

Roxanne M. Nelson

BYLAWS VOTE

GHSLA members will receive a mail in ballot asking to vote on the proposed bylaws change discussed at the annual business meeting. The Executive Committee would like to move the responsibility of Nominating Committee Chair from the Vice President to the Past President. The Vice President will continue to be Chair of the Annual Program Committee. Please send in your response as soon as you receive your ballot! **The deadline is June 30, 2000.** Thank you!

GHSBA Officers, and Committees, 2000-2001

President: Carolyn M. Brown
Health Sciences Center Library, Emory University
Atlanta

Vice President: Cathy Woolbright
Simon Schwob Medical Library, The Medical Center & Phenix Regional Hospital
Columbus

Secretary: Michael Shadix
Professional Library
Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation
Warm Springs

Treasurer: Paula Christian
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St. Joseph's Health System
Atlanta

Parliamentarian: Beth Poisson
Family Practice Center
Morehouse School of Medicine
Atlanta

Webmaster: Lee McCarley (Chair)
SOWEGA AHEC Outreach Library
Southwest Georgia AHEC
Albany

Web Committee:

Marilyn Barry
Health Sciences Library
DeKalb Medical Center
Atlanta

Rhonda Everett
Branch Library
Emory University School of Medicine
Atlanta

Ingrid Hendrix
Health Sciences Center Library
Emory University School of Medicine
Atlanta

GHSLA Officers and Committees 2000-2001

Consumer Health:

Jan LaBeause (Chair)
Medical Library & Learning Resources Center
Mercer University School of Medicine
Macon

Committee:

Carolyn M. Brown
Health Sciences Center Library
Emory School of Medicine
Atlanta

Rebecca Fehrenbach
Library Information Center
Greenblatt Library
Medical College of Georgia
Augusta

Mary Fielder
ThreeRiver AHEC
Columbus

Pat Herndon
Noble Learning Resource Center
Shepherd Center
Atlanta

Lee McCarley
SOWEGA AHEC Outreach Library
Southwest Georgia AHEC
Albany

Roxanne M. Nelson
Medical Library & Learning Resources Center
Mercer University School of Medicine
Macon

Beth C. Poisson
Family Practice Center
Morehouse School of Medicine
Atlanta

Annette J. Sheppard
Professional Library
Candler Campus
Savannah

GHSBA Officers and Committees (Continued)

Lisa P. Smith
Magnolia Costlands AHEC
Georgia Southern University
Statesboro

Rita B. Smith
Medical Library
Mercer University School of Medicine
Macon

Kathy Torrente
Health Sciences Center Library
Emory University School of Medicine
Atlanta

Linda Venis
Wellstar Health System
Kenneston/Cobb Medical Library
Marietta

Beth M. Wescott
NN/LM/Atlantic Region
Health Sciences & Human Services Library
Baltimore, MD

Mia Sohn White
Health Sciences Center Library
Emory University School of Medicine
Atlanta

Cathy Woolbright
Simon Schwob Medical Library
The Medical Center & Phenix Regional Hospital
Columbus

Continuing Education:

Lynette Ralph (Chair)
Georgia Baptist College of Nursing Library
Georgia Baptist College of Nursing
Atlanta

Committee:

Susan Poorbaugh Medical Library Crawford Long Hospital Atlanta	Tara Douglas-Williams Greenblatt Medical Library Medical College of Georgia Augusta
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GHSBA Officers and Committees (Continued)

Membership:

Roxanne Nelson (Chair)
Medical Library
Mercer University School of Medicine
Macon

Members:

Patricia Bush
Greenblatt Library
Medical College of Georgia
Augusta

Rhonda Everett
Hospital Branch
Emory University School of Medicine
Atlanta

Jan Hobb
Medical Center of Central Georgia
Macon

Margaret Truitt
Greenblatt Library
Medical College of Georgia
Augusta

Linda Venis
Wellstar Health System
Kenneston/Cobb Medical Library
Marietta

Program:

Cathy Woolbright (Chair)
Simon Schwob Medical Library
The Medical Center & Phenix Hospital

Members:

Beth Poisson
Family Practice Center
Morehouse School of Medicine
Atlanta

Michael Shadix
Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation
Warm Springs

Mary Fielder
Three River AHEC
Columbus

GHSLA Officers and Committees (Continued)

Nominating: Carolyn M. Brown (Chair)
Health Sciences Center Library
Emory University School of Medicine
Atlanta

Members:

Fay Evatt
Medical Library
Atlanta Medical Center
Atlanta

Rebecca Fehrenbach
Library Information Center
Greenblatt Library
Medical College of Georgia
Augusta

Strategic Planning: Donna Trainor (Chair)
Greenblatt Medical Library
Medical College of Georgia
Augusta

Carolyn M. Brown
Health Sciences Center Library
Emory University School of Medicine
Atlanta

Lisa P. Smith
Magnolia Coastlands AHEC
Georgia Southern University
Statesboro

Miriam Libbey: Pamela Queen (Chair)
Medical Library
Athens Regional Medical Center
Athens

Members:

Elizabeth Christian Jackson
Swilley Library
Mercer University
Macon

Sheila Griffin
Foothills AHEC
Gainesville

Mary C. Lynch
Health Sciences Center Library
Emory University School of Medicine
Atlanta

Current/Honorary GHSLA Members 2000

Abbey, Eugenia
Honorary Member

Adams, Marianne
University Hospital

Allred, Beth
The Medical Center & Phenix
Regional Hospital

Barry, Marilyn
DeKalb Medical Center

Bartlett, Opal
Honorary Member

Bell, Mamie
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Scottish Rite

Benevich, Lauren
Solvay Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Bonney, Karen
Mercer University School of Medicine

Brown, Carolyn
Emory University School of Medicine

Burns, Carol
Emory University School of Medicine

Bush, Patricia
Medical College of Georgia

Cann, Sharon
Honorary Member

Charles, Alex
Emory Healthcare

Christian, Paula
Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta, Inc.

Cooper, Ellen
Solvay Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Dean, Carole
Centers for Disease Control

Dennison, Lyn
Medical College of Georgia

Douglas-Williams, Tara
Emory Health Care

Duke, Lucy
Honorary Member

Ellis, Stephen
Mercer University School of Medicine

Evatt, Fay
Atlanta Medical Center

Fehrenbach, Rebecca
Medical College of Georgia

Fielder, Mary
Three Rivers AHEC

Franklin, Sandra
Emory University School of Medicine

Free, David
Life University

Grant, Rhondia
Southeast Georgia Regional Medical Center

Gray, Arlen
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Griffin, Sheila
Foothills AHEC

Harbin, Elaine
Children's Health Care of Atlanta at Scottish Rite

Hardwick, Denise
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida

GHSLA Members 2000 (continued)

Hendrix, Ingrid
Emory University School of Medicine

Herin, Dorothy
Honorary Member

Herndon, Pat
Shepherd Center

Hobbs, Jan
Medical Center of Central Georgia

Hollmann, Pauline
Georgia State University

Howard, Kristin
Medical College of Georgia

Hudgins, Miriam
Mercer University School of Medicine

Hughes, Stephanie
Univ. of FL Health Science Center Jacksonville

Jackson, Elizabeth
Mercer University

Johnston, Elizabeth

Kavanaugh, Karalyn
EBSCO Subscription Services

Keefer, Elaine
Honorary Member

LaBeause, Jan
Mercer University School of Medicine

Lacy, Edie
Piedmont Hospital

Lee, Susan
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston

Lee, Tamera
Medical College of Georgia

Lett, Rosalind
Emory Healthcare

Lynch, Mary
Emory University School of Medicine

Mazzocchi, Brenda
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

McCarley, Lee
Southwest Georgia AHEC

McCullough, David
Georgia School of Professional Psychology

McCullough, Susan
University of Florida Health Science Center

Mims, Dorothy
Honorary Member

Nelson, Roxanne
Mercer University School of Medicine

Parthasarathy, Kalyani
Emory University School of Medicine

Patterson, Shelley
Eisenhower Army Medical Center

Perry, Nena
Honorary Member

Poisson, Beth
Morehouse School of Medicine

Poorbaugh, Susan
Medical College of Georgia

Puckett, Jimmy
Mercer University School of Medicine

Queen, Pamela
Athens Regional Medical Center

GHSLA Members 2000 (continued)

Ralph, Lynette

Georgia Baptist College of Nursing

Rankin, Ph.D., Jocelyn

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Robichaux, Ken

Majors Scientific Books, Inc.

Rosner, Anna-Liisa

Mercer University School of Medicine

Schneeman, Erika

Rittenhouse Book Distributors, Inc.

Shadix, Michael

Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation

Sheppard, Annette

Candler Campus/St. Joseph's- Candler Health

Smith, Lisa

Magnolia Coastlands AHEC

Smith, Rita

Mercer University School of Medicine

Statom, Susan

Colquitt Regional Medical Center

Stephens, Kristy

Medical College of Georgia

Stilley, Bettye

Naval Hospital

Thaxton, Mary

Georgia State University

Torrente, Kathy

Emory University School of Medicine

Trainor, Donna

Medical College of Georgia

Truitt, Margaret

Medical College of Georgia

Venis, Linda

Kennestone Hospital

White, Mia

Emory University School of Medicine

Williams, Shirley

Medical College of Georgia

Woolbright, Catherine

The Medical Center & Phenix Regional Hospital

Business Meeting Minutes from the Annual Meeting

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING SEA PALMS GOLF & TENNIS RESORT; ST SIMONS, GA MARCH 16, 2000

CALL TO ORDER Carolyn Brown called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

The Executive Board was introduced:

Carolyn Brown, President; Pauline Hollmann, Vice President, Program Chair, Nominating Chair; Paula Christian, Treasurer; Donna Trainor, Immediate Past President, Strategic Planning Chair; Cathy Woolbright, Secretary; Marilyn Barry, Webmaster; Roxanne Nelson, Membership Chair; Jan LaBeause, Miriam Libbey Chair; Rosalind Lett, Continuing Education Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Sharon Cann made a motion that the minutes of last years GHSLA Annual meeting at Unicoi be approved; Carol Burns seconded the motion.

OFFICER REPORTS

SECRETARY

Cathy Woolbright reported that the only correspondence was to respond to a Y2K compliance survey from the state in the nature that our association did not meet the criteria for a needs assessment of our Y2K compliance. Thanks to the generosity of Paula Christian and St. Joseph's Hospital, Atlanta, GHSLA has new stationary with our new color logo.

TREASURER

Paula Christian reports that GHSLA has \$11,000 currently in the Treasury, which will be enough to meet this annual meeting's expenses.

UPDATE

Carolyn Brown reported for Mia Sohn White, UpDate editor, in Mia's absence. The UpDate was printed at approximately \$40 an issue, with the exception of the annual meeting issues which came to about \$100 an issue. Mia asks for member input and contributions. This coming year will be Mia's third year as UpDate editor, so the membership needs to be thinking ahead as to volunteers for the position of editor.

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Cathy Woolbright reported for Sheila Griffin that all of the GHSLA Executive Board meetings between April 1999 and March of 2000 were held in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

WEBMASTER

Marilyn Barry thanked Ingrid Hendrix, Alex Charles and Lee McCarley for their help in the ongoing development of the GHSLA website. Lee McCarley will become the new GHSLA Webmaster for the year 2000/2001.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROGRAM

Pauline Hollmann extended thanks to all involved in planning this year's meeting. Ideas for next years program should be forwarded to Cathy Woolbright. Perhaps a survey of the membership for ideas for next years meeting would be appropriate.

Pauline reminded attendees of check out time and announced that the CE courses would have a break scheduled to accomplish check out. A change in the published program was announced. Toni Yancey will be giving the NN/NLM update from 3:30 - 4:30. At this point, Carolyn Brown introduced Beth Wescott, the NN/NLM coordinator.

MEMBERSHIP

Roxanne Nelson reported an increase in membership. Last year at this time, the membership was at 47. This year's membership is 64, with eight honorary members. Sharon Cann is an attending honorary member. Sharon was last year's nominee for honorary member, so Carolyn Brown read the letter nominating Sharon. Roxanne introduced new members who are attending this meeting.

MIRIAM LIBBEY

Jan LaBeause announced that on this 10th Anniversary of the Miriam Libbey Speech, Carol Burns would be the lecturer. A commemorative program has been compiled listing past lectures and lecturers, and Ms Libbey's obituary. Paula Christian of St. Joseph's Atlanta was responsible for the printing of the programs. Jan thanked Mary Lynch and Ellen Cooper for serving on the committee.

CONSUMER HEALTH

Jan LaBeause has a project for the Consumer Health committee. A Physician Assistant, Jim Labus, needs help with the resources chapter of a book on preventive health for patients (published by Saunders.) The chapter will consist of annotated web sites on subject areas defined by the chapter titles. The group would receive \$10 per page, and Jan LaBeause would become Chair of the Consumer Health committee. Jan estimates she will need at least six members to help locate the resources. GHSLA will receive the credit in the book. Our chapter would be Chapter 27. Resources. Each subject area will need from six to twelve references. There is a three-month time frame. Jan would need each members output by May 1st so that she can begin compiling and editing for final submission. Jan passed around a summary of the project with subject areas listed. She asked interested members to please indicate the chapter topics they wanted to work on and then to return the sheets to her. GHSLA will take this project as it's Consumer Health initiative.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Rosalind Lett thanked Lee McCarley for his help on the CE committee. For the EBSCO Electronic Resources class we currently have 19 members signed up, with 12 signed up for the New Docline class. She announced that both classes still had openings if anyone would like to add a class.

STRATEGIC PLANNING. Donna Trainor thanked Ingrid Hendrix and Elaine Powers for their participation on the committee. The committee focused on the new strategic plan formulated from members input at last years Strategic Planning forum.

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These included: (1) improving communication - A GHSLA Listserve will be established, hosted by the Medical College of Georgia's Greenblatt Library. The Listserve will become active one month after MCG receives members email addresses from the Membership Committee Chair.

NEW BUSINESS

BYLAWS

Sandra Franklin reported on the proposed change to the bylaws to move the responsibility of Nominating Chair from the Vice President to the Past President. This presentation will be followed with a mailing of the ballot to members for final vote.

PRESIDENTIAL VACANCY

Donna Trainor took over the meeting at this time to explain the situation which has arisen as a result of the current Vice President/President-elect having accepted a job out of state, necessitating Pauline Hollmann's resignation. Traditionally, the role of Vice President would fall upon the person holding the Secretary's position. However, this year's Secretary is nominated as Vice President and Program chair, and so declines the opportunity to serve as President. After consulting the bylaws and Sandra Franklin, it was determined by Article 5 that all other vacancies outside of the Presidency would be filled by appointment of the Executive Board. The Executive Board has asked Carolyn Brown to assume the Presidency for a second term. A vote was called for, Kathy Torrente moved for a motion accepting Carolyn Brown's appointment for a second term as President. Rosalind Lett seconded. Jan LaBeause called the question and the vote was unanimous to accept Carolyn's appointment. The floor was turned back over to Carolyn.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

The slate of officers for the 2000-2001 year were presented:

President: Carolyn Brown, Health Sciences Center Library, Emory University; Vice President: Cathy Woolbright, Simon Schwob Medical Library, Columbus, GA; Secretary: Michael Shadix, Roosevelt Warm springs Institution, Warm Springs, GA; Treasurer: Paula Christian, St. Joseph's Health System, Atlanta, GA; UpDate Editor: Mia Sohn White, Health Sciences Center Library, Emory University; Parliamentarian: Beth Poisson, Family Practice Center, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA; and Webmaster: Lee McCarley, Southwest Georgia AHEC, Albany, GA. Rosalind Lett moved to accept the slate of officers as presented, and Faye Evatt seconded. The motion passed.

**Submitted by:
Cathy Woolbright**

GHSLA 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, 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 Center Library, Emory University, 1462 Clifton Road NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30322-4550. 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. Membership Categories

A. Regular member

A person currently employed in a health sciences or other library; a person having an interest in health sciences librarianship and the purposes of the Association.

B. Student member

A student currently enrolled full-time in a graduate library and information science program. Maximum five years as a student member.

C. Honorary member

Retired health sciences library personnel or others with a commitment, dedication or service to health sciences librarianship or the field of medicine. Honorary members are nominated by GHSLA members and approved by majority vote of the Executive Committee. The names of those approved for honorary membership will be presented at the business session and announced in the GHSLA UPDATE. Honorary memberships are for life.

Section 2. Voting

Each regular member and student member shall have one vote. Honorary members are non-voting. Absentee voting shall be allowed by proxy.

ARTICLE V. Officers

Section 1. Officers/Executive Board

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

Section 2. President

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

Section 3. Vice President

The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, preside and assume all duties of the President. S/he shall be the non-voting ex-officio Chair of the Nominating Committee and Chair of the Program Committee. S/he shall succeed to the office of President. As Program Chair s/he shall be responsible for appointing a committee to plan, organize, and conduct the annual meeting. 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 session shall be 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. All monies received should be promptly forwarded for the Treasurer for deposit in the Association's account.

Section 6. Parliamentarian

The Parliamentarian shall advise the President and

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the Standing Committee Chairs 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. The Editor may appoint an Associate Editor.

Section 8. Web Developer

The Web Developer shall be responsible for the maintenance and appearance of the association's home page. S/he shall consult with the Executive Committee regarding the site's contents. This position will keep information at the site current, create new pages and links as required, and facilitate involvement in the ongoing development of the association's web site.

Section 9. Terms of Office

Officers shall serve a term of one year beginning at the close of annual meeting. The Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian may serve two consecutive terms. The Editor and Web Developer may serve up to three consecutive terms.

Section 10. Vacancy of Office

If a vacancy should occur in the office of President, the Vice President shall become President 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 Chairs 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 Standing Committee Chairs

The President and Vice President shall appoint a Chair for each of the Standing Committees by April 30. Committee Chairs may serve two consecutive terms and, if possible, should have served on the committee prior to their appointment as Chair.

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. The Membership Chair shall be responsible for recruitment of members and identification of potential members. The Membership Chair shall maintain a current and accurate database of the Association's membership and potential members, and produce a Membership Directory once a year. Membership renewal forms will be mailed once a year.

B. Program Committee

The Program Committee shall be responsible for planning, organizing, and conducting the annual meeting. [See also Article V, Section 3.] The committee shall consist of the Vice President of the Association serving as Chair and at least 4 other members.

C. 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 annual meeting. The committee shall conduct surveys, verbal and/or written, to determine from the Association's membership their continuing education needs and/or interests.

D. Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for recruitment of candidates for Association offices. The Chair shall submit a slate of eligible candidates, who have agreed to serve if elected, to the Execu-

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tive Committee no later than November 1 of each year. The committee shall consist of the Vice Chairman of the Association, who serves as the non-voting ex-officio Chair, and three other members. [See also Article VIII, Sections 2 and 3.]

E. Miriam Libbey

The Miriam Libbey Committee shall select the speaker for the Miriam H. Libbey Memorial Lecture. The topic should relate to library and information science based on the theme of the annual meeting if possible. The lecture may be given as the keynote address at the annual meeting.

F. Strategic Planning

The Strategic Planning Committee shall review the Association's strategic plan yearly. Committee members will consult with the Chairs of Standing Committee members to ensure that the strategics and actions identified are being addressed. One member of the committee should be the Past President.

G. Special Committees

The President may establish other standing committees or ad hoc committees deemed necessary to perform the business of the Association with the advice and consent of the Executive Board.

Section 3. Appointment of Standing Committee Members

Members of Standing Members may be volunteers or appointees of the President, Vice President, or Chair. Committee members shall in be place by May 31, with each committee having a Chair [See also article VII. Section 1.] and no less than two other members. Committee members are appointed for a one year term.

ARTICLE VIII. Elections

Section 1. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee members' names shall be announced in the 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 Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Editor of the Association's newsletter. [See also Article V. Section 9.]

Section 3. Slate of Candidates

The Nominating Committee shall submit the slate of candidates to the Executive Committee by November 1 for the names of the nominees to be distributed by mail in the annual 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 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.

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 affect 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 nine (9) 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 annual 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 Executive Committee present and voting, shall con-

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stitute a quorum.

Section 5. Meetings

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

ARTICLE X. Funds

Section 1. Dues

Annual dues are \$15.00 per regular member and \$10.00 per student member. Dues are waived for honorary members. The membership year is concurrent with the calendar year (January 1 through December 31).

Section 2. Annual Meeting Fees

A registration fee shall be paid by all persons attending the annual meeting. The Program Committee shall recommend registration fees to the Executive Committee. These fees shall provide enough revenue to defray the costs of the meeting unless the Executive Committee provides funds to subsidize the meeting or meeting events.

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 President and/or the Executive Committee. The financial report prepared by the Treasurer shall be audited by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Special Requests for Funding

The Executive committee has the authority to grant special requests for funding. Only requests that support the mission of the GHSLA will be considered. An accounting of any special requests for funds that have been granted will be included as part of the Treasurer's Annual Report.

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, 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 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 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, ISSN 0163-8335.

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/or Associate Editor with the exception of items designated below and/or elsewhere in these Bylaws. Exceptions in-

GHSBA Bylaws

clude:

Winter issue:

1. Serves as the annual meeting registration packet.
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. Members of the Nominating Committee

The Spring/Summer and Fall issues are mailed to current members only. The Winter issue is mailed to everyone in the membership database.

Section 4. Budget

The Executive Committee shall allocate a budget for production and publication of the Association's newsletter. The 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

Revised: October 1991, January 1994, May 1996, July 1998

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News and Announcements from Around the State:

News from Mercer University-

Congratulations to Jocelyn Rankin, Ph.D. on her retirement January 28th from Mercer University School of Medicine. Jocelyn was the first Director of Mercer's Medical Library and Peyton Anderson Learning Resources Center, as well as the founding Director of GaIN, the Georgia Interactive Network for Medical Information. We wish her well and look forward to working with her in her new position as Chief of the CDC Information Center at the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention in Atlanta. Jan LaBeause has been named Interim Director at Mercer.

Rita Smith is welcomed as the new Rural Health Information Clearinghouse (RHIC) Librarian at Mercer beginning April 17th. Rita did her undergraduate work in Education at Auburn University and received her MLIS from the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa. Prior to her appointment at Mercer, Rita was Science and Medicine Librarian at the Houston Cole Library, Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama.

News from MCG-

Adam Szczepaniak-
New Associate Professor and Head, Education/Information Services

The Robert B. Greenblatt, M.D. Library of the Medical College of Georgia is pleased to announce that Adam Szczepaniak has accepted the position of Associate Professor and Head, Education and Information Services as of July 15, 2000.

This newly created position will provide and lead team participation for reference, education, outreach and general user services as part of a library-wide reorganization. Mr. Szczepaniak has over 20 years of library service, most of it medical library experience and most recently at Georgetown University Medical Center Library. He brings multi-faceted skills to the service, most of it medical library experience and most recently at Georgetown University Medical Center Library. He brings multi-faceted skills to the Greenblatt Library during a time of campus wide re-engineering and transition.

John Roy Leaving MCG

John Roy, Education Services Librarian at the Medical College of Georgia, is leaving to accept a position as an Outreach Librarian for Blue Ridge AHEC in Rome, Georgia. John's last day at MCG was June 16th. John started at MCG on January 5th, 1998 as an Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Director for the Statewide AHEC Learning Resources Center under Dorie Kalinich. His duties included maintaining the Statewide AHEC website, the Statewide AHEC Preceptor database, and other office support as needed. On September 14th, 1998, John received his faculty appointment. While serving as the Education Services Librarian for the Robert B. Greenblatt, M.D. Library, John taught library classes, coordinated the library's outreach program throughout the state, and served as a reference librarian. John also recently got married. We hope that John will continue as a member of GHSLA and look forward to working with him in his new capacity as Blue Ridge AHEC Outreach Librarian.

Donna J. Trainor

WANTED:

your favorite links for our Librarian Tools and Consumer Health pages. We need your help expanding these lists. What sites have you bookmarked for their reference, verification, locator, professional development or consumer health value? What types of resources would you like us to find and include? Send URL's to Lee McCarley, GHSLA Webmaster, at Lee McCarley, GHSLA Webmaster, at lmccarley@gain.mercer.edu. Visit the pages (choose "Internet Links" on main page) and tell Lee if you find them useful.

News from Roosevelt Institute for Rehabilitation

A grant from the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board is helping the Roosevelt Institute preserve a large collection of polio images from the 1930's.

The images show many aspects of life in Warm Springs at a time when Franklin Delano Roosevelt was rising to prominence in national politics and transforming an old tourist resort into one of the most famous polio treatment centers in the world. That life included the agony of severe polio as well as the joy of games in the Warm Springs pools and parties with a president.

The \$15,000 grant from the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board is allowing the Institute to place all of its nitrate negatives in cold storage, to record information about the negatives in a database and to create reference prints and safety negatives of half the collection. Approximately 4600 negatives will be placed in cold storage and 2600 prints made.

The majority of the images are case studies of individuals who received treatment at Warm Springs, but one can also find many images of physical therapy treatment in the pools, walking instruction, recreation and social life. This collection of negatives contains only a few photographs of FDR himself. He can be seen arriving at the Warm Springs train depot, inspecting the Institute grounds, cutting a birthday cake, carving a thanksgiving turkey and making speeches during his first presidential campaign.

FDR established the Roosevelt Institute in 1927 as a treatment center for people with polio. It continues today as a comprehensive medical and vocational rehabilitation center operated by the Georgia Department of Human Resources. The Roosevelt Institute archives are open to the public. For information about the collection, please contact Michael Shadix at 706-655-5616 or mdshadix@dhr.state.ga.us.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE POSTED TO GHSLA WEB SITE

In order to assist members in filling their vacant library positions, job openings can be posted at GHSLA's web site.

Submitting an Announcement:

Current GHSLA members may submit postings for positions in the member's library. Postings must be submitted directly by the member. Professional or support position announcements can be submitted. Send postings to Marilyn Barry, GHSLA Webmaster. Contact information is provided below.

Announcements will be posted within one week of submission if no format or content problems are encountered. Positions will be posted until the submitter requests removal or after a period of two months. The submitter may ask for a two-month extension or submit a revised posting if the position remains unfilled and the job search active.

Required Information:

The position will be posted exactly as received, unless the webmaster anticipates a format or content problem. All "Positions Available" listings must list a minimum salary or salary range. The submitter should include her/his telephone number in case the webmaster has questions.

Contact Information:

For more information or to submit an announcement, contact:
Marilyn Barry, GHSLA Webmaster
Health Sciences Library
DeKalb Medical Center
2701 North Decatur Rd
Decatur GA 30033

Job Announcements

Director of the Mercer University School of Medicine Libraries and Peyton Anderson Learning Resources Center

Description: The Mercer University School of Medicine invites applications for the position of Director of Libraries and the Peyton Anderson Learning Resources Center. The Director oversees all operations of the Mercer Medical Library and Learning Resources Center in Macon, Georgia, the professional library at the Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah, Georgia, and the Georgia Interactive Network for Medical Information (GaIN), with membership throughout Georgia. He/she will provide leadership and vision for the planning and development of all of these information services and will ensure that they support the Mercer University School of Medicine mission of educating primary care physicians for rural and underserved areas of Georgia. This is a non-tenured Medical School faculty position with a minimum rank of Associate Professor that reports to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Research, Mercer University School of Medicine.

Setting: Macon, Georgia, an historic Southern city, is located in the heart of Georgia, within easy traveling distance to the beach, mountains, and Atlanta. Mercer University School of Medicine, which continually ranks at or near the top in the nation in percentage of graduates entering family medicine residencies, accepted its first class of medical students in 1982 into a fully integrated problem-based curriculum. Other educational programs offered include masters level training in Public Health, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Family Services.

The Libraries and Learning Resources Center serve Medical School faculty, staff, students, and residents in locations on the Macon and Savannah campuses and throughout the state. The Macon campus Library serves as the hub of the Georgia Interactive Network for Medical Information (GaIN), an electronic resource for the University, the community, and the state. The Libraries actively support the School's mission to improve the health care delivery system in Georgia.

Qualifications: Applicants must have a minimum of five years of demonstrated innovative, effective administrative leadership in an academic health sciences library, an ALA accredited Master's degree in Library/Information Science at a minimum. The successful candidate will have strong service orientation with understanding of the issues involved in both library technical and public services; excellent interpersonal skills, including oral and written communication, and ability to interact effectively in a team environment with diverse constituencies; experience in planning, implementing, and evaluating library services, including familiarity with integrated library systems (preferably Innovative Interfaces), networked resources, and print and electronic resources. Knowledge of emerging trends in library information services and technology required. AHIP membership strongly preferred.

Compensation: Minimum salary of \$70,000; paid life and disability insurance; choice of medical/dental coverage; choice of retirement plans including TIAA/CREF; individual and family tuition waivers; formal wellness program; 22 days paid vacation plus holidays.

Review of applications will begin immediately, and continue until the position is filled. Submit statement of interest, curriculum vitae, and names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references to:

Robert Moon, Ph.D.
Associate Dean, Academic Affairs and Research
Mercer University School of Medicine
1550 College Street
Macon, Georgia 31207

Job Announcements (Continued)

Position: Reference Librarian

Medical Library and Peyton Anderson Learning Resources Center at Mercer University School of Medicine seeks reference librarian to provide reference, information and instructional services for Library, LRC and GaIN (Georgia Interactive Network for Medical Information). Position also helps identify/develop electronic information resources, maintain GaIN electronic current alert services and plan public services. Required: ALA-accredited masters in library science; hands-on experience with computers, Internet and database searching; excellent oral and written communication skills.

Preferred: Strong science background, AHIP membership, teaching experience, Web site development skills. Salary: Faculty appointment with full benefits and responsibilities; AA/EOE/ADA; salary based on qualifications and experience. Minimum: \$30,000. Applications accepted until position is filled. Send letter, resume, and names of three references to: Jan LaBeause, Interim Director, Medical Library and LRC, Mercer University School of Medicine, 1550 College Street, Macon, GA 31207.

Work Humor:

While working the Reference Desk at the University of Tennessee in Memphis, I received a call from a public librarian who had received an odd question from a patron. It seems that the lady's "portly" cat had been placed on a very strict diet by her veterinarian. However, the resourceful cat had just caught a mouse and the owner wanted to know how many calories were in it. Needless-to-say, routine nutrition books don't cover this. A phone call to the local zoo's reptile house located a keeper who knew the answer since he was responsible for feeding and watching the diet of the snakes. As we all know, sometimes it isn't what you know ... it's who you know :)

Submitted by:
Jan LaBeause

One encounters some very interesting people working at the Emory HSCL Information Desk. One evening, while I was at the Information Desk, a student from another university came up to the desk to ask for assistance. He had on a Krystal's hamburger shirt which read, "Bite me!" I commented to him that he had on an interesting shirt. He proceeded to tell me that he had won the shirt in a contest after wolfing down 7 Krystal's hamburgers in 1 minute. He was mighty proud of his accomplishment. I certainly was impressed, and I am more than sure that his shirt has been the focus of many inquiries.

Submitted by:
Mia Sohn White

Focus: Information Access for Health Professionals

The SOWEGA-AHEC (Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center) Health Sciences Library is currently undertaking a new outreach project: Information Access for Public Health Professionals, a collaborative project to provide public health professionals with timely, convenient access to online information resources to help them improve the health of the southwest Georgians. Funding for this project is provided by the National Library of Medicine under a contract (#N01-LM-6-3522) with the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

The project targets public health professionals on the staffs of the 14 county public health departments and the district office which make up Georgia Division of Public Health District 8-2 (Southwest). The primary component of the project will be training and education, providing public health employees with hands-on training workshops in the use of Internet Grateful Med, PubMed, CDC Wonder, and other health-related databases available on the World Wide Web.

This outreach project and others like it across the nation are part of the joint Partners in Information Access program for public health professionals which also involves the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, the National Association of County and City Health Officials, and the Public Health Foundation. The Partners' web site is at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/partners/>.

SOWEGA-AHEC Outreach Librarian Lee McCarley is excited about the potential of the project. The Georgia Division of Public Health has spent a great deal of time and effort to create an outstanding information resources available through the GDPH web site, McCarley explained. And the District 8-2 MIS department has worked hard to provide email and Internet access to the county health departments.

The AHEC fits into this scheme in the area of training. The resources are there, access is there, but the question remains "how does one use the medical and health-related resources available online?" That is the need we hope to meet with the training which will take place through this project.

The Information Access for Public Health Professionals project, slated to run for two years, will provide on-site training and library services to all county health departments in the 14-county area which comprises Public Health District 8-2.

GHSLA members may be interested in the PubMed training handout created for the project. This 9-page document explains the use of the new version of PubMed using "screen shots" and sample searches. If you would like a copy to use in your library, Lee will be happy to email it to you to edit and use as you like. Specify whether you prefer the Microsoft Word or Corel WordPerfect version, and send your request to Lee at sowega.s@gain.mercer.edu

Submitted by:
Lee McCarley

Focus Part 2: What is RHIC

Rita Smith is the new Rural Health Information Clearinghouse (RHIC) librarian at the Mercer University Medical Library and Peyton Anderson Learning Resources Center. Rita replaces Sheila Griffin, who is now Director of the new Foothills AHEC in Gainesville, Georgia.

WHAT IS RHIC?

The Rural Health Information Clearinghouse was established in 1996, as a collaboration of the State Office of Rural Health and Primary Care, the Georgia Statewide AHEC Network, and Mercer University School of Medicine. RHIC is based at the Mercer Medical Library and Peyton Anderson Learning Resources Center in Macon.

The purpose of RHIC is to provide information to rural health care administrators, planners, and providers in Georgia, as well as others interested in Georgia rural health care delivery system issues.

DOES IT COST ANYTHING TO USE RHIC?

RHIC services are available free of charge, with the exception of cost recovery searching, photocopying and document delivery.

WHAT CAN RHIC DO FOR ME?

RHIC services include:

Locating current information, articles, or statistics on rural health projects, research, legislation, conferences and workshops, etc.

Identifying grant funding opportunities and providing supportive materials such as literature searches and current statistics.

Providing access to an extensive collection of rural health articles, reports, and other materials.

Access to the RHIC web site (<http://gain.mercer.edu/rhic>) with links to a monthly current awareness service, rural health grant opportunities, state and national workshops and conferences in rural health, and more.

WHO DO I CONTACT FOR ASSISTANCE OR MORE INFORMATION?

Rita Smith, MLIS

Phone: 1-800-425-4246 or 912-301-2827

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<http://gain.mercer.edu/rhic>

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Greetings from the President:

The 2001 GHSLA Annual Meeting and the Alabama Health Libraries Association (ALHeLA) Annual Meeting will be a joint meeting at the **Hilton Hotel March 14-16 2000 in Columbus, GA.** Cathy Woolbright, Vice President of GHSLA and Program Chair, is planning this meeting in conjunction with Marian Morris the Chair Elect of ALHeLA. **So mark your calendars for March 14-16 2001.**

Often, remarks from the GHSLA annual meeting evaluations are that the most enjoyable part of the meeting is the networking with colleagues from across the state. Well this year, GHSLA members will have the great opportunity of not only networking with Georgia colleagues but also with ALHeLA members.

Cathy Woolbright along with her Program Committee is working very hard to make this annual meeting a very educational and fun event. The details of this meeting will be close to completion by early December; therefore, if you have suggestions or want to volunteer, contact Cathy. Your preliminary program for this meeting will be mailed to you in early January, 2001.

Columbus, GA is very close to the Alabama border so it is a centrally located meeting place for GHSLA and ALHeLA members. Columbus, a river town, is located on the Chattahoochee River and has a beautiful, restored riverwalk and great theater productions. As one of the entertainment options, Cathy is looking at getting tickets for Phantom of the Opera at the State Theater of Georgia, the historic Springer Opera House. For more information on Columbus, see its website at <http://www.columbusga.com>.

The Nominating Committee is looking for members to serve as officers on the GHSLA Executive Board 2001-2002. If you have any interest in being an officer please contact me, Carolyn Brown, Nominating Committee Chair by early December. Also we need members to serve as Committee Chairs and committee members. The 2002 Annual GHSLA annual meeting will be in Atlanta, so lots of volunteers are needed.

In December, you will be receiving your GHSLA 2001 membership renewal forms from Roxanne Nelson, GHSLA Membership Chair. At \$15.00 the GHSLA Membership dues is a great bargain with a lot of amenities.

My best wishes for Happy Holidays,

**Carolyn M. Brown
President**



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From the Editor:

If you would like to submit an item for the *Update*, please get me your article/piece by December 30th. You can email it to me or send the hard copy to me. Thank you.

Mia White
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Membership Committee Report:

GHSLA now has 75 regular members and 8 honorary members, for a total of 83 in 2000. Renewals will be sent out in December for the membership year 2001. Please renew early, and encourage your co-workers to join/renew as well!

I'd like to invite all GHSLA members to consider nominating a colleague for honorary membership. Honorary members are retired or retiring health sciences library personnel, or others with commitment, dedication, or service to health sciences librarianship or the field of medicine. Honorary members are nominated by GHSLA members and approved by majority vote of the Executive Committee. The names of those approved for honorary membership will be presented at the annual GHSLA business meeting and announced in the GHSLA UPDATE. Honorary memberships are for life. Please submit your nominations to me by the end of the year.

Roxanne Nelson
Membership Chair
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It's ATLANTA in 2002!
Plan to attend the Annual Meeting in
Atlanta in 2002.

Committees Reports

Strategic Planning Committee Report

The GHSLA "Listserv," a private electronic discussion list for current paid members of GHSLA, was launched this past summer. Its purpose is to foster communications among GHSLA members by providing a forum for exchanging information related to our Association and its activities, and Georgia libraries, including posting inquiries and/or announcements of general interest. The listserv was created by the Strategic Planning Committee in response to the large amount of interest expressed by the membership in communication issues at the planning session during the Unicoi Annual Meeting.

The listserv is sponsored by the Robert B. Greenblatt, M.D. Library at the Medical College of Georgia and is moderated by Donna J. Trainor, Strategic Planning Committee Chair.

Donna Trainor
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Nominating Committee

Members of the Nominating Committee include:

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Health Sciences Center Library
Emory University School of Medicine
Atlanta, GA

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ATTENTION!

Mercer School of Medicine's telephone exchange has changed. It is now 478-301; therefore, their numbers are now: 478-301-XXXX. Please make a note of it. Thank you.

Committees Reports (Continued)

Consumer Health Committee Report

According to James B. Labus, PA-C, coeditor, the current projected publication date for **PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AND PATIENT EDUCATION** is the end of February 2001. GHSLA will receive \$10 per published page of the chapter "Resources." Each committee member will be acknowledged as a coauthor of this chapter and non-GHSLA members are thanked for their help in the chapter acknowledgments. Fifteen GHSLA members serve on the committee and participated in the project: nine academic librarians from all four of Georgia's medical schools (i.e., Emory University School of Medicine, Medical College of Georgia, Mercer University School of Medicine, Morehouse School of Medicine), four hospital librarians and two AHEC outreach librarians. We were assisted by colleagues at the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern/Atlantic Region, Baltimore, MD; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA; and the Nicholas Davies Community Health Library, Atlanta, GA.

To share this successful committee project with our colleagues, an abstract has been submitted to MLA 2001 for a poster session on behalf of the committee.

An e-mail was also sent to the new GHSLA listserv to alert them to an MLA Electronic Journal Club on consumer health information being organized for folks in NN/LM Region 2. It will run from November - April, with one discussion per month via a listserv set up by the regional office. Each participating person will receive MLA CE credit. Those interested should contact:

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NN/LM Southeastern/Atlantic Region
University of Maryland Health Sciences and Human Services Library
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Access to Electronic Health Information for the Public

The Health Sciences Center Library, in partnership with the Crawford Long Hospital Medical Library, the Southwest Regional Library of the Atlanta Fulton Public Library System, and the Cascade United Methodist Church, received a subcontract from the National Library of Medicine to participate in the Access to Electronic Health Information for the Public initiative.

The purpose of the funding, as stated in a press release from Donald A.B. Lindberg, M.D., Director of the National Library of Medicine, is to provide Americans who are still not connected to the Internet with access to health information. The consumers who visit the Southwest Regional Library now have access to web-based health information.

A phone line had to be installed in the library, and a computer and printer were purchased with project funds. The computer workstation's use is restricted to consumers searching for health information. With dial-up modem access through Mindspring, we have a link to the Internet. Consumers using the computer are greeted by a user friendly home page, designed by Ann Hulton, that takes them to National Library of Medicine databases, and also takes them to Internet links for the most prominent minority health conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, and cancer. In addition, there are links to metro Atlanta health resources available on the Internet, and the Emory Health Sciences Center Library's MedWeb is only a click away.

The project has been well received by the library staff and patrons at Southwest Regional Library. For Hands on Atlanta Day, Carolyn Brown and Sandra Franklin were available to demonstrate the capabilities of the consumer health station. Searches were performed by a patron with a broken foot; a niece looking for information about her aunt's Parkinson's Disease and medications; and a student looking for the ingredients of calamine lotion. Tuberculosis and sickle cell anemia were also researched that day. The computer workstation is not intended for use to diagnose a medical condition or to take the place of professional advice from a health care provider. It is available as a vehicle to help consumers become better informed about their health. MedlinePlus, NLM's site for consumer information, is the database searched most frequently.

Since project investigators cannot be on site at the public library, we hired a Clark Atlanta University Library School student, Garrette Sparks, to work at the public library a couple of weeknights and Sundays. She is available to assist consumers with their health related searches and assist patrons at the library's reference desk. The public librarians were trained to search PubMed and MedlinePlus in the Health Sciences Center Library's classroom by Carolyn Brown, project Co-Investigator.

Our partnership with the Cascade United Methodist Church is led by Crawford Long Hospital's Medical Library Director, Rosalind Lett, Co-Investigator. We have participated in two health fairs at the church, one for the men and one for the congregation at large. During the health fairs, we informed members of the congregation about the computer station at the public library (the two are within a mile of each other) and distributed color MedlinePlus flyers and other Medline promotional materials and brochures. In our next phase, we plan to train the members of Cascade's Health Ministry (health professionals) how to search PubMed.

Project investigators have been interviewed by Fulton County television for a public service spot, by the local public radio station, and by the publication Healthcare Buyer. The subcontract has given the Emory Health Sciences Center Library an outreach project with very tangible and rewarding results.

Sandra Franklin, Principal Investigator
librsf@emory.edu

Announcements

Fay Evatt is Hospital Librarian of the Year

Fay Evatt – Librarian for over 35 years at Georgia Baptist Hospital (now called Atlanta Medical Center) – was awarded the Hospital Librarian of the Year 2000 by the Southern Chapter of MLA. Fay came to Baptist in 1964, starting with two small rooms with only 50 books and 20 journals! She designed the current state of the art library in 1994, which now houses over 5,000 books and 300 journal subscriptions. Fay put in the first computer system in an Atlanta library in 1981 and established the residency support program at Baptist, which is ongoing today.

Professionally Fay is a member of MLA, SLA, GHSLA, and AHSLA and was a founding member and organizer of the Atlanta Health Sciences Library Consortium in 1974. She has served as vice-president of this organization, Program Chair for GHSLA for many years as well as treasurer, vice president and president of GHSLA. In fact, Fay took the first CE course for the GHSLA – taught by Miriam Libby. The topic was “reference sources.”

Fay received the 30-year service award from Baptist and has received their highest honor – The Extra Service to Patients (ESP) award. Fay is planning her retirement for December of 2001 and we think that winning the Hospital Librarian of the year from her peers at the Southern Chapter of MLA is a fitting tribute to her years of service to her hospital and to her community.

I am sure you will want to join us in congratulations and in wishing Fay a future filled with much happiness.

Paula Christian
pchristian@sjha.org



Announcements (Continued)

Jan LaBeause Named Director of Mercer School of Medicine Library

Jan LaBeause, MLS, AHIP, has been named Director of the Medical Library & Peyton T. Anderson Learning Resources Center and Associate Professor of Library Science at Mercer University School of Medicine, Macon, Georgia. Jan came to Mercer seven years ago as Associate Director, and has served as Interim Director since Dr. Jocelyn Rankin's retirement earlier this year.

Jan LaBeause President-Elect of GRHA

Director of the Medical Library & Peyton T. Anderson Learning Resources Center at Mercer University School of Medicine, has been elected President-Elect of the Georgia Rural Health Association. GRHA, established in 1981, is a non-profit, multidisciplinary organization dedicated to "educating and advocating for rural Georgia." To bring the health care concerns of rural Georgians to the attention of Georgia's legislators, GRHA sponsors a Rural Health Care Crisis Day at the Capitol during the legislative session each Winter.

Editor's Note: Jan is the first librarian to be elected as President of the GRHA. Congratulations, Jan!

Mercer University School of Medicine welcomes new faculty

The Medical Library & Peyton T. Anderson Learning Resources Center at Mercer University School of Medicine in Macon, GA, welcomed two new faculty members September 1st. Lee McCarley accepted the position of Systems Librarian, and Cindy Kleback assumed the position of Reference Librarian.

Lee received his MLIS from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, and has been the Outreach Librarian for the Southwest Georgia (SOWEGA) Area Health Education Center (AHEC) in Albany, GA since 1998.

Cindy is a recent graduate of the University of Arizona in Tucson with an MA in Information Resources and Library Science. She had served as a Constituent Service Representative for U. S. Senator Jon Kyl of Arizona since 1996.

Jan LaBeause, Director
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Perspective: A Very Small Fish in a Very Large Pond

I attended my very first SC/MLA Annual Meeting this year in Mobile, Alabama. All I can say is, "Wow!" It would be an understatement to say that I was both overwhelmed. Having attended national meetings like MLA, one expects, well at least I expect, to be just a face in the crowd; at the national MLA meeting, there are people from all over the world. With a bit smaller gathering of SC/MLA, I thought that the meeting would be a little more intimate. I think that it was probably great for those who have been in SC/MLA for a number of years and knew a vast number of people. For me, had I not roomed with a co-worker and friend, I think that I would have had a pretty miserable time. Granted, I do not know many people in SC/MLA, but it was hard meeting people at this meeting. People generally seemed preoccupied with people they already knew.

I think what surprised me more than anything else was how cliquish many in Southern Chapter were. The cliquishness is probably unintentional, but for first timers as myself, it made speaking to others very difficult. I almost felt like I was back in high school again: there were those in the "in" crowd and then those who were in the "out" crowd. I definitely felt like an outsider.

I think that had the program tried to incorporate and welcome us "fish out of water" by hosting a breakfast or luncheon of some sort--just for us first time attendees, the meeting would have been more enjoyable. We first timers could at least recognize each other. Our welcome packets did have little fish stickers (hence "fish out of water") to put on our name tags, but most of us did not know what the sticker was for until a few days into the meeting. Even when I had the sticker on my name badge, few people even acknowledged to me, "Oh, this is your first meeting. Welcome." Maybe my expectation level was just too high in terms of the friendliness of SC/MLA members; I mean SC is a big group and everyone was pretty busy at the meeting.

Out of all the activities at SC/MLA this year, the CE was the best. I took the "**Quality Filtering: Principles of Evidence-Based Medicine**" with Nunzia Giuse, Rebecca Jerome, Sandra Martin, and Marcia Epelbaum from Vanderbilt University Medical Center Library. It was an enjoyable class, and I gained a new perspective in terms of EBM; however, as I stated on my post-meeting evaluation, I think that the class ran a little too long and there were too few breaks. The other aspect of the CE which peeved me a little was the fact that the class ran over. To make up time so that the class would end on time, the instructors cut our lunch short. Granted, the lunch was only cut short 15 minutes, but it just really urked me.

Overall, the meeting was all right. To be honest, I have been to better meetings. I personally think that GHSLA meetings have been/are much better. Granted, some might say that I am biased, but hey, got to tell you how I honestly feel. In fact, others who have a number of Southern Chapter Annual Meetings under their belts have told me not to make this past meeting prejudice my views about the SC/MLA Annual Meeting. I am going to do my best not to let me experiences at this past meeting cloud my views about the SC/MLA meeting, but it will be difficult.

So what did I take away from the meeting? If you are thinking about attending the Annual Meeting next year in New Orleans, Louisiana in 2001, and you are a first time attendee, go with someone whether he/she be a co-worker, or a fellow GHSLA member. Believe me--you will be glad that you did!

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