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Greetings from the President

Looking back on all the years that I have served on the GHSLA Board, I remember thinking to myself at one point, "Thank goodness I am not Vice-President or President! They do so much work." Little did I know that in the Spring of 2004 I would be asked to become Vice President and Program Chair. I have to admit that the thought of running out of the Executive Board meeting crossed my mind - just for a brief moment. I am now so glad and grateful that I was given the opportunity to be Vice President and Program Chair for 2004-2005.

It really is true what they say about not knowing what one is capable of doing until one is put to the test. I was not certain that I could really handle the responsibilities, but I did and so will Elizabeth Marvel, the 2005-2006 Vice President and Program Chair. I am sure that Liz will do an outstanding job next year at the Reynold's Plantation on Lake Oconee (http://www.ritzcarlton.com/resorts/reynolds_plantation).

As for this year's Annual Meeting, it was one of the most well attended meetings in terms of sheer numbers: at its peak, we had 65 attendees. We also received enormously positive feedback from the meeting survey; all of us who worked on the program are extremely appreciative of those of you who took the time to give feedback. Thank you!

It was a real pleasure to see all of you at the meeting. We, as an organization, are extremely fortunate that we have a state level organization and that we are so active. Some states like South Carolina do not have a state health sciences library association; some associations, like the one in Florida, now conduct many of their meetings on the Web. The Annual Meeting provides many of us the opportunity to learn, network, and catch up with colleagues face to face.

Before I proceed to what is on GHSLA's plate for the upcoming year, I have to take a moment to acknowledge and thank a number of people who made the Annual Meeting possible:

- First and foremost, I have to thank my colleagues at the Woodruff Health Sciences Center Library; they made it and make it possible for me to attend the Executive Board meetings and other meetings associated with GHSLA. Without their patience and understanding, participating in GHSLA would be very difficult.

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- Second, thanks to the Executive Board who gave many great ideas and input: Kate Rehkopf Daniels, Kathy Davies, Tara Douglas-Williams, Amy Harkness, Miriam Hudgins, Elizabeth Marvel, Lee McCarley, Roxanne Nelson, and Rita Smith.
 - In particular, I would like to thank Lee McCarley and Rita Smith. Lee was my sounding board and my “go to” man. He was right there to help me through the whole process having been through the process himself. Without Lee’s guidance and assistance, my job as Program Chair would have been much more difficult.
 - Rita Smith, the CE Chair, also made my job easier by putting a lot of “meat” into the program; I thought that the CEs were very strong this year. She worked tirelessly to arrange the type of classes that our membership wanted.

Thank you also to Paula Christian who got all the vendor donations. Without the vendor donations, our meeting would not have been as nice. So thank you, Paula!

- My thanks to all the vendors for their generosity. In particular, thank you to EBSCO for the wonderful tote bags.
- Finally, my thanks to Pamela Queen who was the local coordinator. Living in Athens, she did a lot of the footwork for me. Her help was more appreciated than she will ever know. Thank you, Pam!

So, what is on GHSLA’s plate for this year? There are a number of initiatives that GHSLA is addressing:

- **Bylaws changes**

The original drafters of the Bylaws did an excellent job, but it was time to re-examine the Bylaws. It is always good to review the Bylaws every few years, and it was time to do so. Many thanks to Kate Daniels and her committee for all their hard work.

- **Visibility for GHSLA**

In regards to the visibility of GHSLA, many library organizations across the state of Georgia have no idea that we even exist. We are going to put our faces out there; we are going to attend COMO (Council of Media Organizations) meetings and make a point of being present at other library and health association meetings. Thanks to Steve Koplan for taking up the charge to make GHSLA more visible.

- **Support the AHEC’s grant application for InfoRx**

With a letter of support from GHSLA, AHEC was awarded a \$40,000 grant to help consumers become more aware of MedlinePlus and Information Rx. For those unfamiliar with Information Rx, it is a collaborative project of the ACP Foundation and NLM. Its purpose is to provide the medical consumer with more reliable and accurate medical information. The physician writes a “prescription” for his/her patient to research more information on MedlinePlus for a given condition. GHSLA will be overseeing the implementation of the project and will be the “voice” of the program by making healthcare providers and others aware of the program so that they can provide better assistance to their medical consumers.

- **Support the Gwinnett Public Library and Consumer Health Certification**

Partnering with GHSLA, the Gwinnett Public Library has been awarded a grant to help fund a 2 day class for a Consumer Health Certification program in November. (Editor’s note: See pages 10 and 15 for more details)

- **Become a NN/LM affiliate**

There are some benefits of becoming a NN/LM affiliate and we are exploring that avenue.

I hope that all of you will continue your support for GHSLA. We are only as good as our membership and participation is key. There are a number of you who have not yet served on the Board or on any committees; I encourage you to do so. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know your colleagues better, grow professionally, and earn AHIP points.

Mia S. White, MILS, AHIP

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Business Meeting Minutes

Georgia Health Sciences Library Association Annual Meeting 2005

March 18, 2005

Georgia Center For Continuing Education, Athens, GA

CALL TO ORDER

President Lee McCarley called the meeting to order at 8:30 and welcomed everyone to Athens and the Georgia Continuing Education Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting minutes for 2004 were reviewed by the members for approval. Roxanne Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Rosalind Lett. Minutes were approved by voice vote of membership.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Lee McCarley

GHSLA has submitted a proposal for exhibit grant funding to the NN/LM SEA office. If funded, the exhibit would be presented at the COMO meeting in October. The exhibit information would focus on Consumer Health and NLM resources. Notification of funding status should be available in early summer.

Application to fund MLA training for Gwinnett County Public Librarians to earn MLA Consumer Health Credentials - requested funding level is \$5,000 and training would take place in the early fall.

Information Rx Program (sponsored by American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine and National Library of Medicine). Physicians provide patients with an information prescription to consult MedlinePlus to address health information needs. GHSLA will provide oversight and public relations for this program. Information Rx will serve as an excellent lead-in for the GoLocal Program.

Honorary Memberships announced: GHSLA Executive Board has approved honorary memberships for two members who have provided outstanding service to the health sciences librarian profession. Lee McCarley read the letters of nomination received on behalf of the honorary membership candidates.



Lee McCarley, Kathy Davies
and Margaret Truitt in Athens

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- o Beverly E. Allen - Ms. Allen was the Founding Director for the Morehouse School of Medicine Library
- o Carole Dean - Served as Librarian for the Centers of Disease Control and was a founding member of GHSLA.

Vice-President: Mia Sohn White

Mia expressed appreciation on behalf of GHSLA for the efforts of GHSLA members, commercial vendors, instructors and speakers to ensure a successful annual meeting:

- o Pam Queen: local arrangements
- o Lee McCarley: shared knowledge and experience from previous meeting
- o Sandra Franklin and Kathy Torrente: allowed Mia time for meeting planning
- o Becky Hebert, Sheila Snow Croft, Mary Ellen Sievert, Christine Wiseman: GHSLA CE Instructors

Treasurer: Tara Douglas-Williams

GHSLA Balance on February 1, 2005: \$9,001.81
Funds Available on March 17, 2005: \$18,671.65

		Description	Credits	Debits
Receipts	Membership Dues	Check Deposits	\$760.00	
	Conference Registration + Events	Check Deposits	\$9,410.00	
	Exhibitors/Sponsors	Check Deposits	\$1800.00	
Disbursements	Conference Expenses			\$1850.00
	Studio Designs Printing	Update Winter 2005		\$209.14
	Reimbursements			\$241.02
Totals			\$11,970	(-\$2300.16)

Secretary: Kathy Davies

GHSLA Board Minutes have been posted on the website.

Update Editor: Miriam Hudgins

Two issues of Update were published last year:
Spring/Summer and Fall 2004
Winter 2005

PDF versions were posted on the website. Spring/Summer and Fall contained number error on page 1. The correct number is Vol 24, No1-2 rather than Vol 23. Bottom of page does display correct numbering. Webmaster will receive corrected version for posting. Winter 2005 is last issue with Miriam serving as editor. Miriam expressed her appreciation to all contributors and Board members and offered her assistance to the new Update editor.

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Webmaster: Marilyn Barry

Marilyn Barry reported there were 22,046 visits to the web site over the past year. Marilyn thanked the Executive Board, especially Kathy Davies, Amy Harkness, Miriam Hudgins and Mia White, for providing timely, web-ready minutes, member information, Update issues and upcoming meeting information. Marilyn thanked web committee members Lee McCarley and incoming webmaster Amy Harkness.

Parliamentarian: Kate Rehkopf



Jane Bridges and Mary Fielder, the 2005 Miriam Libbey Speaker

GHSLA Board Meetings were conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order for meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program Committee: Mia White

See report on page 4.

Nominating Committee: Roxanne Nelson

Roxanne presented the slate of officers to the membership for approval or additional nominations. No nominations were received from floor.

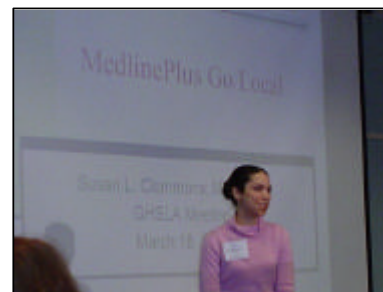
GHSLA members approved slate of nominated officers by voice vote:

- President: Mia Sohn White, Emory University
- Vice-President/ Program Chair: Elizabeth (Liz) Marvel, Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta
- Secretary: Kathy Davies, Medical College of Georgia
- Treasurer: Jane Bridges, Memorial Health University Medical Center, Savannah
- Parliamentarian: Kate Rehkopf, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egelston
- Update Editor: Rita Smith, Mercer Medical Library
- Webmaster: Amy Harkness, Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta

Roxanne expressed her thanks to Nominating Committee Members: Mary Fielder, Amy Harkness, Peter Shipman, Lee McCarley (ex officio)

Consumer Health Committee: Elizabeth Marvel

Liz expressed her thanks to Alan Harkness and Lee McCarley for assistance with the MLA Consumer Health Credentialing grant application. Liz requested support and ideas from members as she begins planning for the next GHSLA Annual Meeting.



Susan Clemmons discusses the Go Local Project.

Continuing Education Committee: Rita Smith

Three classes with MLA CE credit were available to meeting attendees:

- o **Health Informatics for Librarians**
- o **No Comprendo? Spanish Health Information Resources For English Speaking Librarians**
- o **Disaster Preparedness and Recovery For Medical Libraries**

Membership Committee: Amy Harkness

There are currently 92 GHSLA members; 17 are new members this year. Ten new members were acknowledged for attending the Annual Meeting:

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Wendy Bahnsen- Rittenhouse Distributors
Sylvia Brandon- Memorial Health University Medical Center
Susan Clemmons- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
Wendy Ellis- Medical College of Georgia
Vandi Enloe- Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Todd Prusin- Emory Crawford Long Hospital
Emily Shires- Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston
Mark Spasser- Medical College of Georgia
Catherine Williams- Morehouse School of Medicine
Tim Lammers- DeKalb Medical Center

Please remember to send Amy any changes in your contact information so that the member database can be updated. The updated member directory should be posted on the website soon. Amy expressed her appreciation to the membership committee members Pamela Truax and Becky Smoke.

Strategic Planning Committee: Roxanne Nelson

A planning session was held at the GHSLA 2004 Annual Meeting. Member suggestions have been compiled and were distributed to meeting attendees. GHSLA Executive Board will draft a strategic plan incorporating member input which will be posted on the website.

Ad Hoc Bylaws Revision Committee: Kate Rehkopf Daniels

Copies of suggested bylaws changes were distributed to meeting attendees. GHSLA Board has discussed and approved changes. Membership will conduct online vote for final approval. Current Bylaws are available on the website. Summary of major changes:

- o Revision of honorary membership process
- o Change status of Consumer Health from Ad Hoc to Standing
- o Change Vice-President to President Elect to reflect actual role of vice-president

Ad Hoc Public Relations: Steve Koplan

Requested volunteers to help with exhibit at COMO meeting.
May Meeting at DeVry College.

OLD BUSINESS

None stated.

NEW BUSINESS

Guest Speaker: Dr. Feili Tu, School of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina

Dr. Tu spoke about the changing face of librarianship and the impact of technology on library science education. USC works to develop a strong program so that graduates can meet the needs of the library community. Key component is internship program of 135 hours. Dr. Tu is recruiting mentors for the library science students. Improve students' education by provision of hands-on experience and sharing skills of established librarians. Developing health sciences specialization area. 4 courses required in addition to core curriculum:

- o Health Sciences Information
- o Health Sciences Library Administration
- o Consumer Health Information
- o Health Information Online (Expert Searching)

Lee McCarley:

Encouraged members to consider serving as advisor/mentor to library science students; also encouraged participation in internship program.



Alan Harkness leads CE class in Athens.

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Rita Smith:

Announced Health Information in Georgia Survey

- o Will collect needs assessment data for outreach planning.
- o Partially funded by grant from NN/LM, SEA.
- o Hosted on Mercer website.
- o Survey versions for general public, librarians and health professionals; Spanish version available.
- o Survey measures kinds of health information needed and tools used to find health information.

Mia Sohn White:

Announcement of GHSLA 2006 site, Reynolds Plantation Lake Oconee Ritz Carlton. 2006 Annual Meeting will be scheduled for Sunday-Tuesday instead of Thursday-Saturday.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mia Sohn White, seconded by Paula Christian. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Davies

GHSLA Secretary, 2004-2005

Over 1800 Responses to Health Information in Georgia Survey

Submitted by Rita Smith

Thanks to everyone who participated in and promoted the Health Information in Georgia Survey, which asked respondents about the kinds of health information they regularly need as well as their usual sources of health information. We are pleased to report that over 1800 surveys were completed by members of the public, health professionals, and librarians around the state. We are in the process of checking and analyzing the data we received, and will be sharing our findings soon on the Mercer University Medical Library website at http://medicine.mercer.edu/library_home. Results will also be presented in a paper session at the Southern Chapter Annual Meeting in Puerto Rico in October.

GHSLA To Exhibit At COMO 2005

Submitted by Lee McCarley

An exhibit award from the Southeastern Atlantic office of the National Networks of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) will provide funding for GHSLA members to attend the Georgia Council of Media Organizations [COMO] conference in Columbus in October. COMO is a part of the Georgia Library Association [GLA], a professional organization for academic, public and special librarians. Exhibiting at COMO offers GHSLA the opportunity to raise awareness of NLM resources such as MedlinePlus to librarians in other disciplines, and to network with a sister professional organization.

GHSLA members Steve Koplan, Chair of the Public Relations Committee, Peter Shipman, Chair of the Outreach Committee, and Lee McCarley, Chair of the Nominating Committee, will be staffing the exhibit booth at COMO. The COMO conference will take place October 12 - October 14, 2005 at the Ironworks Convention & Trade Center in Columbus. More information is available on the Web at <http://www.library.gsu.edu/gla/events/como/2005/>. If you are in the area and would like to help staff the exhibit, please contact Lee McCarley at mccarley_lr@mercer.edu or 478-301-2151.

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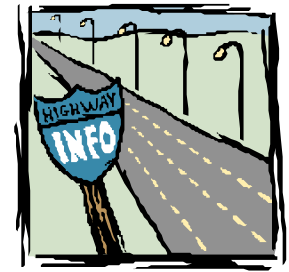
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Georgia AHECs Receive Funding to Improve Access to Health Information

Submitted by Mary Fielder and Lisa Smith



Georgia AHECs have once again submitted projects that have been funded by NN/LM SE/A to improve access to health information. The three projects funded for this coming year are described below:

One Church – One Computer is a project of the Three Rivers AHEC and the Georgia Division of Public Health District Four Health Services, Chronic Disease Prevention Program. The project will provide computers and training on how to locate quality consumer health information to seven churches that are participating in the District's Health Promotion Specialist (HPS) Project. Each of the seven churches will receive a computer and training. Each church has an active health ministry and trained volunteers within their congregations who monitor and provide support to members with health problems such as diabetes, hypertension, obesity, and other preventable or treatable diseases. These same volunteers will be trained to search MedlinePlus to locate educational materials for their members and to support the churches' wellness programs.

Statewide Outreach Project to Georgia Healthcare Providers is a collaboration between the state AHECs, GaIN, Georgia Health Sciences Library Association and the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians to make healthcare providers aware of the National Library of Medicine's Information Rx Project and the electronic resources for consumers on MedlinePlus. This project will assist in closing the existing gap in the dissemination of consumer health information in Georgia. The AHECs will provide direct contact and training to some 900 healthcare preceptors and students. Consumer health educational programs will be conducted in 10 regional medical centers, targeting hospital and medical staffs. Twelve health information fairs will be held in small rural hospitals also targeting hospital and medical staffs. Exhibits at statewide professional meetings will further spread the awareness of Information Rx and MedlinePlus. If you would like to request that an education program or information fair be held at your hospital, contact Mary Fielder at mfielder@threeriversahec.org or 706-660-2843.

The **Southeast Georgia Web Presence Project** will build on the initial work of the *Web Presence for Public Health Departments* award received by the Georgia Statewide AHEC Network. It will provide 4 counties within the Southeast Health Unit (Candler, Evans, Tattnall, and Toombs) of the Georgia Division of Public Health with a web site and opportunities to attend workshops on cultural competency that will benefit health department personnel in serving the area's growing Hispanic population. In addition, AHEC staff will train and provide technical assistance to public health personnel in utilization of health information resources provided by the National Library of Medicine. The web sites will promote each county office's services, contact information, local health events, pertinent health information, and links to local, state, and federal databases.

GHSLA Sponsors MLA Consumer Health Credential Training at Gwinnett Technical College in November

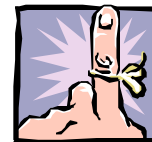
Submitted by Lee McCarley

Alan Harkness of the Gwinnett Public Library system (who many of you may recall from the "Dealing with the Difficult Patron" CE session at this year's annual meeting), in cooperation with GHSLA, has received a grant from the regional office of the National Networks of Libraries of Medicine to offer a 2-day seminar taught by NN/LM personnel which would allow participants to earn the MLA Consumer Health credential (see <http://www.mlanet.org/education/chc/> for more information).

The grant, totalling \$4,980.00, will help offset most of the costs of the conference, allowing participants to attend the event for very low fees. The seminar will take place November 16-17, 2005 at Gwinnett Technical College, and is open to all Georgia librarians. Alan Harkness and the GHSLA leadership are in the process of working with NN/LM to nail down the final details. See page 15 for more information.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with administrative tasks such as registration at the meeting, please contact Lee McCarley at mccarley_lr@mercer.edu or 478-301-2151.

Save the Date!



Don't miss the GHSLA 2006 Annual Meeting, which will be held March 5 - 7, 2006 at the Ritz-Carlton Lodge, Reynold's Plantation on Lake Oconee. For a sneak preview of this beautiful and luxurious hotel see http://www.ritzcarlton.com/resorts/reynolds_plantation/. Room rates are \$125 per night (a steal!!!).



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Help Available With Hospital Archives

Submitted by Rita Smith

Hospital librarians are often given the task of caring for photographs, scrapbooks, audiovisual materials, and non-current paper files that are historically significant to their hospitals. The thought of taking on the responsibility for establishing or maintaining these archival collections for our institutions can seem overwhelming, especially since many librarians, like myself, have had little or no training in preservation, arrangement, or description of archival materials. Fortunately, the Georgia Archives, the Society of Georgia Archivists, and the Atlanta Regional Consortium for Higher Education jointly sponsor the Georgia Archives Institute, an annual two-week hands-on learning experience that combines classroom instruction with real-life internship experiences at local archival repositories.

The 2005 Institute, which I was privileged to attend, was held June 13-24 at the Georgia Archives in Morrow, and provided training and experience in the basics of archival practice, including the appraisal, arrangement, description, and preservation of archival materials. Legal and administrative issues in archives were also addressed. This training will prove invaluable here at Mercer as we help the many members of GaIN (Georgia Interactive Network for Medical Information) who are now taking on added responsibility for archives in addition to their other duties. Special thanks go to the NN/LM SE/A office for providing funds to attend the Institute through a Professional Development Award.

If you have recently been called upon to handle archives at your hospital or institution, I encourage you to mark your calendar for the 2006 Georgia Archives Institute – I'm sure you'll find it as valuable as I did. More details are available at <http://www.georgiaarchivesinstitute.org>.

In addition to the two-week Institute, the Society of Georgia Archivists (<http://www.soga.org>) regularly offers one and two-day workshops on a variety of topics. If you have questions about the Archives Institute or archives in general, please feel free to contact Miriam Hudgins, Technical Services Coordinator & Archivist, Mercer Medical Library, at hudgins_mc@mercer.edu or me (smith_rb@mercer.edu).

GHSLA Approves New Bylaws

GHSLA approved several changes to the bylaws in July. Forty-four members voted, which was just above the 50% membership participation required by the current Bylaws. Members voted in unanimous approval of every proposed change. Please note that one of the changes approved by members was a reduction in the number of issues published of the *GHSLA Update*, from three times per year to twice yearly (Summer/Fall and Winter/Spring). The new Bylaws are now available at the GHSLA website at <http://www.ghsla.org/bylaws.shtml>.



Consumer Health Information Classes

Brought to you by the Gwinnett County Public Library and the Georgia Health Sciences Library Association, in conjunction with the National Network of Libraries of Medicine.

Busbee Center, Gwinnett Technical College
Lawrenceville, GA - November 16-17, 2005

Note: Staff from all types of libraries are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, November 16th

- **Beyond an Apple a Day: Providing Consumer Health Information in the Public Library** – 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Covers the information seeking behaviors of consumers. It addresses the recommended core reference collection, as well as databases and newsletters/periodicals. It covers the reference interview, disclaimers, and privacy as well as networking with medical librarians. This class introduces participants to the Medical Library Association and its local chapters. It describes ways to market this service to your community.
- **From Snake Oil to Penicillin: Evaluating Consumer Information on the Internet** – 2:00 – 4:30 pm
Describes why it is important to evaluate websites. Participants are given criteria for evaluating health information on the Internet.

Thursday, November 17th

- **No Comprende? Spanish Health Information Resources for English-Speaking Librarians** – 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Do you have a growing Latino Population in your community? Do you need health information in Spanish fast, but don't know where to look? Are the only words in your Spanish vocabulary burrito and gracias? If you answered yes, then this is the class for you. This class covers resources for learning basic, library, medical and Internet Spanish vocabulary. You will also learn to evaluate and identify health websites in Spanish to which you can direct your patrons.
- **Consumer Health Information via GALILEO** – 2:00 – 4:30 pm
Learn how to use GALILEO as a starting point to answer consumer health questions in MedlinePlus and MEDLINE, and how to search those resources effectively.

A connection is available free of charge for those with their own laptop for hands-on practice. Bring your own patch cable. Laptops are not required for course attendance.

If you would like to attend, registration forms are available online at www.gwinnettpl.org/consumerhealthclass.htm

<http://www.ghsla.org>

Be sure to check the GHSLA website for association news, member updates, and job postings. The new password for the "Members Only" section of the website is below:



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