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# GEORGIA HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION UPDATE

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## Greetings from the President



*Tara Douglas-Williams*

I enjoyed seeing so many of you at the 2007 GHSLA Annual Meeting held at Brasstown Valley Resort this past March. It was a wonderful time to catch up with colleagues, as well as a pleasure to meet new members and encourage them to become active in the Association. Many thanks to our vendors and all who helped in planning and supporting this year's meeting; it was a great success.

Amy Harkness, GHSLA's Webmaster, is doing a great job maintaining the organization's website. The membership directory is currently password protected and a new password has been emailed to you. For those of you who have not visited our website in a while, please check out the newly updated membership directory, PowerPoint presentations from the Annual Meeting and postings of upcoming events at <http://www.GHSLA.org>. Thank you to Rita Smith for her work as the *Update* Editor. If your library has a new initiative or idea to share, please forward a brief article and photos to Rita Smith for our newsletter.

I'd like to welcome Sylvia Brandon, Maria Jenkins, Mary Ellen Nolan, and Brenda Curry – Wimberly, the newest members of the Executive Committee. Sylvia is serving as Treasurer and Maria as Parliamentarian. Our two new committee chairs are Mary Ellen, Continuing Education and Brenda, Miriam Libbey. Our returning executive committee members include past-president Elizabeth Marvel, who serves on the Nominating and Strategic Planning committees; Kate Daniels, our President-Elect/Program Chair; and Todd Prusin, Secretary. Other active members of the Executive Committee are Amy Harkness, Webmaster; Rita Smith, *Update* Editor; Peter Shipman, Outreach chair; Pamela Queen, Membership chair; and Steve Koplman, Promotions chair.

The Executive Committee is actively pursuing initiatives designed to move the organization forward and respond to the needs of our members. We strive to consistently provide educational programs that provide skills we can apply to our jobs and support career paths to leadership positions. We provide a communication network via our newsletter and e-mail list. If you have ideas as to how we can strengthen the position of hospital libraries or advocate for the academic libraries and other constituents please contact any member of the Executive Committee. To learn more about our officers and committees, please visit our web site.

I am honored to serve as your GHSLA President for 2007-2008. I welcome your questions, comments, and suggestions, so please feel free to contact me at [tara.douglas-williams@tenethealth.com](mailto:tara.douglas-williams@tenethealth.com). I am looking forward to our members sharing their ideas on how we can better meet their needs and actively participate in the association. We want to ensure that this organization remains valuable to its members.

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## GHSLA 2007 Annual Meeting Highlights

*Submitted by Tara Douglas-Williams*

The annual meeting took place March 8 – 10, 2007 at Brasstown Valley Resort, nestled in the North Georgia mountains of Young Harris, Georgia. The theme of this year's meeting was **“Moving Beyond Our Limits: Impacting Change in Our Environments.”** I hope each attendee was able to take some nuggets of wisdom away from the meeting in order to become a more viable part of your organization and impact change beyond the confines of your immediate work space. Thank you to all of our Officers, Committee Chairs, Members, and Vendors for making this meeting a success!

Don Kirk, Peachtree Surgical and Bariatrics, P.C. kicked off the meeting with a Teambuilding Workshop on **“Using Vision, Commitment, and Trust to Build a Successful Team,”** followed by a relaxing reception in the Creekside Pavilion.

Thank you to the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health for sponsoring our first session on Friday, March 8, 2007: **“The Changing Scope of Reference Service”** presented by Lynette Ralph, Assistant Director, Southeastern Louisiana University. Lynette discussed the ways in which the new generation of library users views services and how we can use Virtual Reference Desk and Instant Messaging to deliver reference services to our patrons in a more efficient manner. She proceeded through a step by step demonstration, as well as concluding the presentation with some of the challenges and opportunities we have as librarians to improve the delivery of reference services in our organizations.

Next, we were enlightened and hopefully motivated by Sandra G. Franklin, Director of Emory University's Woodruff Health Sciences Library, who humbly accepted to serve as the 2007 Miriam H. Libbey Lecturer. The title of her talk speaks volumes: **“Impacting Change in Your Environment: do you make a difference?”** She challenged us to find out how we can make a difference as well as find out what clinicians want from us. In the end we should diligently seek to become an integral part of the Health Care Team.

The following vendors participated in our luncheon and Vendor Fair: EBSCO Subscription Services, Home Health Education Service, Krames-Staywell, OVID Technologies, Rittenhouse Book Distributors, STAT!Ref, SWETS, and W.T. Cox Subscriptions. Thank you to each of our vendors for their support.

The afternoon session began with Kevin Bradford, Clinical Information Librarian, Medical College of Georgia, speaking on the topic: **“Librarian, Clinician and Evidence Based Medicine.”** Practical information was provided as to what EBM really is, how to structure clinical questions, evaluate the evidence, and finally use EBM as a teaching tool.

Rosalind Lett, Knowledge Cartel, presented the topic **“Safety First: Exploring Proactive Approaches to Patient Safety.”** Rosalind showed us how to evaluate potential issues, change how we interact in our organizations, encourage information/knowledge sharing, facilitate integration of library services and expertise into the hospital, and strategize to elevate ourselves to a position of influence in order to impact change. The day's sessions concluded with a NLM-NN/LM update by Dale Prince of the NN/LM Southeastern region.

We had a very nice banquet in the evening with entertainment provided by Todd & Bart. Thank you to them both. The night ended with karaoke. Mike Shadix, Roosevelt Warm Springs thrilled the crowd. The highlight was Kim Meeks of Mercer School of Medicine performing an outstanding rendition of “Oh Girl.” She gets my vote for GHSLA “American Idol.” I would like to thank the American Idol judges: Rosalind Lett (Randy), Paula Christian (Paula), and Dale Prince (Simon) as well.

Two Continuing Education courses were offered on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Susan Barnes and Dale Prince both from NN/LM presented the MLA CE **“Measuring Your Impact: Using Evaluation to Demonstrate Value.”** The course detailed the logic model, SWOT analysis, and processes for evaluating and demonstrating the value of the services you provide. The second course, **“Endnote,”** was presented by Peter Shipman, Medical College of Georgia. An overview of using this software tool to manage bibliographies was presented.

We had a total of 58 meeting attendees not including vendors and guests and 9 individuals for CE courses. Thank you again and I hope each of you will commit to becoming an *“Agent for Change”* and work together to Impact Change in Health Sciences Libraries throughout the state of Georgia.

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# GHSLA Annual Business Meeting Minutes

## Brasstown Valley, Young Harris, Georgia

### March 9, 2007

- I. Call to Order at 9:00 AM by Liz Marvel
- II. Approval of Minutes  
Minor corrections made  
Minutes approved with stated corrections
- III. Officers Reports
- President: Liz Marvel  
Liz offers greetings. Welcomes Paula Christian  
Thanks Tara for her hard work in arranging this meeting  
Expresses appreciation to the vendors for their support and encourages all to visit their tables  
Thanks to Anne Kramer for getting vendor support  
Noted secretary, Todd Prusin
- President-Elect: Tara Douglas-Williams  
Thanks for coming. No formal report
- Treasurer: Jane Bridges (not present, sent in her report)  
Current GHSLA Balance is \$14,076.  
Our bank account is limited to \$5000 deposits per month.
- Secretary: Todd Prusin  
No formal report
- Update* Editor: Rita Smith (not present, sent in her report)  
Expressed thanks to Kim Meeks, Mercer University, for her service as associate editor  
Call for items for next issue
- Webmaster: Amy Harkness  
30,571 visits to website over the past year.  
There is a listserv for GHSLA members. It is an important communication tool. Those interested must subscribe. Speak with Amy for information.  
Expressed thanks to Mandy Bayer and Anna Krampl for their support.
- Parliamentarian: Kate Daniels  
All meetings were conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order
- IV. Committee Reports
- Program: Tara Douglas-Williams  
Vendors are here (EBSCO, Krames, StayWell, OVID, Rittenhouse, STAT!Ref, SWETS, WT Cox Subscriptions, Home Health Education Service)  
Reviewed program
- Nominating: Mia White  
Announced new slate of GHSLA officers presented to general membership for approval:  
President: Tara Douglas-Williams, Atlanta Medical Center  
President Elect: Kate Daniels, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  
Secretary: Todd Prusin, Georgia State University  
Treasurer: Sylvia Brandon, Memorial Health University Medical Center  
Parliamentarian: Maria S. Jenkins, Emory University School of Medicine  
*Update* Editor: Rita Smith, Mercer University  
Webmaster: Amy Harkness, Piedmont Hospital  
Membership approved slate of GHSLA officers for 2007-2008
- Outreach: Peter Shipman  
Thanks to Jan LaBeause and Susan Smith for their assistance with the Go Local project. There is more work to do. Contact Peter Shipman or Susan Smith if you want to help. We can make an impact and need more help. Encouraged GHSLA members to participate in indexing project for Go Local resources
- Continuing Education: Rosalind Lett  
Two CE programs with MLA credit presented at Annual Meeting:  
*EndNote*. Instructor: Peter Shipman, Outreach Librarian, Medical College of Georgia

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*Measuring Your Impact: Using Evaluation to Demonstrate Value.* Instructor: Dale Prince, Technology Coordinator, NN/LM  
Thanks her committee

Membership: Pam Queen

Thanks Elaine Harbin and Brenda Curry-Wimberly

No new honorary members

Asks those attending their first meeting and/or new members to stand.

Welcomes new member Anita Ondrusek from Valdosta State University. VSU has a new program and is seeking ALA accreditation. Final word will come at ALA's June meeting. If accredited, VSU will offer a health sciences track. She is looking for ideas and people to help prepare the program. Contact her if interested.

Miriam Libbey: Carolyn Brown

Miriam Libbey Lecturer: Sandra Franklin. *"Impacting Change in Your Environment: Do you make a difference?"*

Thanks to committee members Steve Koplan and Mia White

Strategic Planning: Mia White

No report

Promotional Committee: Steve Koplan

Thanks Go Local for their hard work. It allows us to have a greater impact.

Will volunteer his students for indexing, this will make it easier.

Website: Amy Harkness

See report above

#### V. Old Business

Go Local : Roxanne Nelson.

Jan LaBeause and Susan Smith were not able to attend. The launch has been postponed to May/June. Lee McCarley has stepped down as webmaster and Anna Krampfl has taken over. Promo packs with information about the formal launch are being prepared. All are encouraged to help with promotion. GHSLA has been a great help. Jan LaBeause, Director of Mercer School of Medicine Medical Library, has received the Estelle Brodman Award for the Academic Medical Librarian of the Year (MLA).

#### VI. New Business

Membership dues to be raised to \$20/year.

Steve Koplan, Georgia Perimeter College, spoke about LIST - Library and Information Technology Program. A degree program for Library Assistants - a new brochure will be available soon and Steve will forward an electronic copy to Amy for posting on the GHSLA website.

A vote was taken for the new officer slate and was unanimously approved.

Monday, March 12 is the AHSLA meeting with Donald Lindberg, MD, Director, National Library of Medicine.

Mike Shadix is the new AHSLC chair. He thanked Liz Marvel. He wants to take advantage of the vendor deals for AHSLC and other state library groups. It's a complicated issue as there are many different types of libraries and clientele. He will seek and share new information about what type of products there are.

A book deal with OVID has been offered and accepted.

Tara Douglas-Williams: We're giving STAT!Ref a lot of money so we need to unite to get the best packages. We all need to meet the needs of our patronage. We need to work together and with the vendors to get their best product. She will start a listserv.

Paula Christian: We can put the responsibility on them to give us what we need/want. She gave an example of vendor working with consortia for a better deal.

Anne Kramer: We need to get groups of interested people. The vendors say that if we already have their product it's harder to make deals. With new customers it's easier to make deals.

Tara Douglas-Williams: We need to look out for our patrons. We need to get the best deal.

Steve Koplan: We will contact the group for input.

Tara Douglas-Williams: Thanked participants and indicated that we all work hard to make a great meeting. She encouraged us to meet the new members. She thanked Liz Marvel for her presidential functions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Todd Prusin

GHSLA Secretary, 2006-2008

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**Treasurer's Report**

*Submitted by Sylvia Brandon*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Deposits</b>
04/26/2007	Deposit U of MD		\$140
	Deposits Meeting Attendees		\$8,730
	Deposits Vendors		\$4,605
	<b>TOTAL income</b>		<b>\$13,475.00</b>
08/10/2006	Brasstown Valley Resort	\$1,000.00	
04/12/2007	Brasstown Valley Resort	\$6,817.51	
03/27/2007	Honorarium	\$100.00	
03/20/2007	MLA CE fee	\$75.00	
03/19/2007	Gift reimbursement	\$50.00	
03/15/2007	Room reimbursement, entertainment	\$139.58	
03/14/2007	Speaker travel reimbursement Funded by NLM/NIH, Contract No NOI-LM-6-3502	\$500.00	
	<b>TOTAL expenses</b>		<b>\$8,682.09</b>
04/30/2007	Balance		\$7152.37
09/28/2007	Balance		\$6,261.37

## Smithsonian Exhibit Comes to Warm Springs

Submitted by Mike Shadix



During much of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the disease of polio terrified America.

A historical exhibit about the crippling disease opened in Warm Springs, Georgia on August 15th at Roosevelt Institute and will run through July 2009. The Smithsonian National Museum of American History created the exhibit to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Salk polio vaccine. It opened in Washington, D.C. on April 12, 2005 and closed last fall. Grants from Rotary International, the Rotary Clubs of Georgia and the Georgia Humanities Council enabled Roosevelt Institute to bring the exhibit to Warm Springs and give people across the Southeast a chance to see it.

As much as possible, the Institute has kept the exhibit as it was in Washington. Visitors will see an iron lung, a rocking bed and various polio splints and crutches. Visitors will also learn about the unprecedented national effort to cure the disease and the personal experience and reflections of survivors. The exhibit also shows how polio survivors were instrumental in the disability rights movement.

With few exceptions, polio has been absent from the United States for nearly 30 years, but the World Health Organization and Rotary International continue working toward worldwide eradication of polio, a goal that might be achieved in the next few years. Visitors to the exhibit will also see memorabilia from this worldwide crusade.

The exhibit occupies the lobby of Roosevelt Hall, a building on the historic quadrangle of Roosevelt Institute. The exhibit is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The organizers of the event hope that the exhibit will complement the historic sites in the area including Roosevelt's Little White House, the Warm Springs Treatment Pools, Dowdell's Knob in Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park and the Institute itself, a living memorial to FDR that continues his work of empowering people with disabilities. You can view the Internet version of the exhibit at <http://americanhistory.si.edu/polio>.

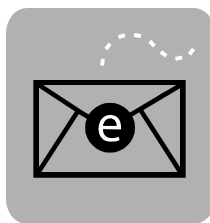
For more information about the exhibit, call the Institute's tour office at 706-655-5010.

## Updates for GHSLA Mailing List and Listserv



Please take a moment to check the accuracy of the mailing label attached to this newsletter.

If your name, address, place of employment, or other contact information has changed, please contact Pamela Queen, Membership Chair, at [pqueen@armc.org](mailto:pqueen@armc.org).

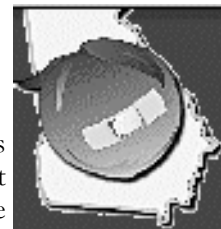


Are you receiving the announcements and news posted to the GHSLA listserv? If you are a member and are not currently receiving messages from GHSLA, please contact us with your current email address.

Has your email address changed? Be sure to let us know so you can keep up with the latest news in GHSLA.

## Update on Georgia Health - Go Local

*Submitted by Susan C. Smith, Georgia Health - Go Local Co-coordinator*



Thanks to many of you, Georgia Health - Go Local will soon become a reality for health consumers throughout the state! We are making great progress, and will have a "soft" launch by Christmas 2007. At that time, you will see Georgia listed as an option in the Go Local section of MedlinePlus. Here are some highlights from the past few months...

Last spring, we were happy to welcome two new volunteers to the Georgia Health - Go Local group. Kevin Hatfield, with Mercer's IT Department of Systems and Networks, is now our technical support person. Anna Krampl, Reference Librarian at Mercer, is maintaining the project website (<http://gahealthgolocal.org/>). Kevin is also now a member of the Georgia Health - Go Local Advisory Board. We also gained a volunteer from Georgia State University Library, Brian Kooy, who is a Reference/Liaison Librarian. He is currently editing and indexing records and will be working with me on various tasks as we approach our launch date. Kevin, Anna, and Brian have all been great additions to the team!

All 1300+ records imported from the Georgia Rural Health Interactive Directory (GRID) (<http://www.oacs.mcg.edu/rural>) have been indexed and completed. Thanks to all of you who helped with this piece!

David Singleton, Deputy State Librarian, was gracious enough to provide us with an up-to-date spreadsheet with all public libraries throughout the state, which we were able to import into the Go Local system. As libraries often host health-related gatherings such as support groups and health education programs, these libraries were a great addition. Jan LaBeause, the other Georgia Health - Go Local project coordinator, was able to attend a meeting of all public libraries directors in May, where she promoted the project and gathered information that has helped us flesh out the public library records. Over the summer, several Georgia Perimeter College (GPC) students enrolled in the Library and Information Science Technology (LIST) program worked on the public library records, and they are almost complete.

Kevin is preparing roughly 4,000 records from Georgia's 2-1-1 information and referral service for the Middle Georgia area (<http://www.hodac.org>) for import into Go Local. He has already uploaded all county health departments and 5 volunteer indexers are currently working to complete these.

We continue to promote Georgia Health - Go Local at every opportunity and have distributed informational flyers at a variety of meetings. We also plan to exhibit at several upcoming meetings around the state in order to raise awareness of the project, including the Family Connection Partnership Biennial Conference in Athens and the Georgia Association for Primary Health Care Annual Conference in Savannah. If you have an event coming up at which you'd like to distribute flyers, please let us know. In addition to the flyer currently available, a number of promotional items have been ordered, including a large exhibit banner that can be used at various meetings.

Thanks again to GHSLA for your support! If you are interested in helping with the Go Local project or would like more information, please see <http://www.gahealthgolocal.org/> or contact one of us.



### Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for **March 6-8, 2008!**

The Annual Meeting will be held  
in Cordele, Georgia at  
**Lake Blackshear Resort.**



The 8,000-acre Lake Blackshear is nestled in the middle of Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park, just a short two-hour drive from Atlanta. Guests can enjoy golfing, hiking, fishing, dining and more.

<http://www.lakeblackshearresort.com>



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## GHSLA Membership Committee Report

Currently GHSLA has 87 paid GHSLA members and 10 honorary members. Kristin Howard, [howard\\_ka@mercer.edu](mailto:howard_ka@mercer.edu) and Shirley Williams, [swilliams@uh.org](mailto:swilliams@uh.org) serve on the membership committee for 2007. Many thanks to Amy Harkness for adding the revised directory to the website. Let me know of any changes that need to be made in the directory. Please contact me about GHSLA honorary member nominations.

Thank you,  
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## Training Grants Available from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine

The Southeastern/Atlantic NN/LM is accepting applications from SE/A network members to provide NLM system, Internet or technology-related classes in the region.

The purpose of the program is to improve health professionals', librarians' and the public's skills in accessing electronic health information. The sessions may be hands-on practice or demonstrations if facilities are not available. The award can also be used to host training sessions of interest to network members.

Some examples of activities that are eligible for funding are training health professionals, public library staffs, health sciences librarians, community organizations, health clinics or health consumers to search PubMed, MedlinePlus or NLM's consumer health databases, ClinicalTrials.gov, technology, etc; Awards are also available for training groups of consumers to locate good sources of health information on the Internet.

Members can apply for up to \$500 for each award to cover costs of travel, reproduction, communication, per diems, and room and equipment rental.

Complete the award application at <http://nmlm.gov/sea/funding/trainform.html>

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Be sure to check out 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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