Greetings from the President

Greetings fellow GHSLA members!

I cannot believe it is already 2010. Where has the last year gone? We are gearing up for another wonderful and informative annual meeting in Augusta, Georgia, and I look forward to seeing as many of you there as can make it. Unfortunately, budgets are again tight this year, and we appreciate you taking the time and, in some cases, personal expense, to attend.

Our 2010 GHSLA meeting will be on March 18th, 19th, and 20th 2010. Peter Shipman is planning a wonderful meeting themed, “Rolling Down A River”, with our reception being held at the Morris Museum Galleries with a viewing of the collection and light refreshments. The tentative schedule includes speakers covering biostatistics, mobile devices and apps for health-science iPhones, and a nursing-magnet discussion, along with the annual meeting-vendors to see what new products and services they have.

As the medical librarians of Georgia know, Gov. Perdue declared October 30th, 2009 Medical Librarians’ Day; a well-deserved honor for a group of professionals who, daily, meet the consumer and health-information needs of all of Georgia’s citizens.

Finally, a special thank you for your feedback and suggestions to make GHSLA a better organization for its members. I also ask those of you who have the time to consider volunteering in some capacity. We, especially, need someone who is willing to be President-Elect and help plan GHSLA 2011. Planning GHSLA is an unforgettable experience and you will have lots of help from your fellow GHSLA members. They were always ready to pitch in and help me when I needed it for GHSLA 2009. Please contact Tara Douglas-Williams or Kate Daniels if you are interested in becoming President-Elect, or in nominating a member to serve in some other capacity. Every member has something of value to contribute, no matter what type of library you work in. As always, please contact me with any questions or comments you may have.

Mary Ellen Nolan
GHSLA President 2009-2010

Slate of Officers for 2010-2011: Nominating Committee Report

President – Peter Shipman (Medical College of Georgia)
Vice President – TBD
Secretary – Melissa Speed (Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine)
Treasurer – Emily Lawson (Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta – Egleston)
Parliamentarian – Carolann Curry (Mercer University School of Medicine, Macon)
UPDATE Editor – Kim Meeks (Mercer University School of Medicine, Macon)
Webmaster – Mike Shadix (Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation)

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Daniels
GHSLA Nominating Committee
Membership Committee Report

Membership is a vital component of any successful organization. We are always looking to strengthen our membership with the recruitment of new members. If you have a colleague or friend interested in becoming a part of GHSLA, please encourage them to join. The membership form is available for download from our website at http://www.ghsla.org/membership.shtml.

Through our Honorary Memberships, GHSLA is dedicated to "honoring retired health sciences library personnel or others with a commitment, dedication or service to health sciences librarianship, or the field of medicine" (from GHSLA bylaws). We invite you to nominate someone who you think deserves recognition by his or her peers as an honorary member of GHSLA. This membership is for life, and dues are waived. A nomination should include a letter stating why you think the nominee deserves honorary membership, along with a summary of their career. Nominations are approved by a 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. Nominations can be sent to me through the mail or email. Admissions must be submitted before February 15, 2010 for addition to our 2010 agenda.

Thank you,
Anna Krampl, Membership Chair

GHSLA 2010 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE – "Rolling Down a River"

Thursday, March 18, 2009

3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Registration – Lobby
Augusta Marriott Hotel & Suites, Two Tenth St., Augusta, GA

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Opening Reception – Light hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and viewing of the collections.
Morris Museum Galleries, One Tenth St., Augusta, GA

Friday, March 19, 2009

7:30 a.m. – Noon Registration - Estes Meeting Room, Prefunction

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast and Business Meeting

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Break

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Program ONE
GRID experience with example of Go Local experiences,

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. – Noon Program TWO
Jim Dias
Biostatistician, PharmD, Health Informatics faculty from MCG

Noon – 5:30 p.m. Vendor Exhibits

Noon – 1:30 p.m. Luncheon & Door Prizes

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Break with Vendors

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Libbey Lecture

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Break with Vendors

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. PROGRAM THREE
Going mobile – devices and apps for health science iPhones
Michael Gasdorph

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Break with Vendors

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Job Announcements

The Robert B. Greenblatt, M.D. Library of the Medical College of Georgia invites applications for the position of Clinical Information Librarian at the rank of Instructor or Assistant Professor depending on qualifications. The primary focus of this non-tenure track faculty position is to support MCG’s clinical mission through planning, development, delivery and evaluation of quality health information and instruction.

Required

- Masters degree in library science from an ALA accredited institution
- Experience in a health sciences library or other health sciences environment
- Advanced knowledge and experience with current resources, vocabularies and research techniques in the clinical sciences, specifically Evidence-Based Practice and Evidence-Based Medicine tenets and teaching methodologies.
- Current knowledge of the use of mobile devices and point-of-care resources in patient care
- Strong communication, interpersonal and customer service skills, collaborative planning, & problem solving abilities; ability to implement and manage programs and projects
- Knowledge of consumer health resources

Responsibilities

The Clinical Information Librarian participates in the departmental strategic planning process and serves as primary Library liaison to MCG Health, Inc.

The Clinical Information Librarian provides library education and information services for clinical clientele and needs in a technically sophisticated environment. This includes the development of goals and priorities based upon the strategic plan of the Library and the Institution, development of new programs, continuing assessment of programs, proactive quality service to clientele, and keeping informed of library, campus and university system wide issues.

Specifically, the Clinical Information Librarian:

- Serves as the primary liaison to MCG Health, Inc and the clinical community
- Develops special programs to meet the specific clinical needs of MCG Health, Inc.
- Facilitates evidence based practice among MCG health care practitioners
- Develops and teaches special instructional sessions for clinical groups and collaborates with Education & Information Services in the delivery of other instruction and services
- Supports family centered care in the clinical setting
- Shares responsibility for reference and educational services
- Participates in clinical rounds and reports
- Provides consultation or in depth assistance for unusual, difficult, or complex user needs in person, on the telephone or via electronic mail
- Assists with other projects as assigned

Intrainstitutional Responsibilities

The Clinical Information Librarian liaisons with various MCG Health Inc. educational and accrediting committees, and various faculty and other committees to fulfill responsibilities as a member of the Corps of Instruction.

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The Clinical Information Librarian is active professionally in the local, regional, and national associations of clinical/health information providers; contributes to the professional literature.

Salary and Benefits
This position has faculty rank and status (non-tenure track). Benefits include a competitive health package, and TIAA/CREF and other retirement options. Minimum salary is $45,000. Review of applications will begin January 4, 2010 and continue until the position is filled.

Applicants should submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and names of three references online at http://www.mcg.edu/facultyjobs/

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Georgia Medical Librarians’ Day
Governor Perdue accepted our proclamation and declared October 30, 2009 to be Georgia Medical Librarians’ day. Thanks to Mary Ellen Nolan for all of her hard work on this project.

The official proclamation is being digitized and will soon be available on the GHSLA website.
Roosevelt Warm Springs Receives Digitization Grant  
By: Mike Shadix

Selected films, photographs and documents from the Roosevelt Institute Archive will soon be available on the Internet due to a grant from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine/Southeastern Atlantic Region.

Roosevelt Institute was founded by Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1927 as a rehabilitation center for polio survivors. From then into the 1960s, thousands of polio survivors from around the world came to Warm Springs for treatment, and the Institute served as an important training center for nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists and doctors working with polio patients. Now operated by the Georgia Department of Labor, the Institute continues to offer medical and vocational rehabilitation services to the citizens of Georgia.

Promotional films of the Institute, photographs of patient activities and treatments, and historical documents like the “Polio Chronicle” newsletter published by the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation from 1931 to 1934 are among the items to be digitized in this project.

Medical libraries throughout the region can apply for up to $5000 through the Southeastern Atlantic Region’s “Express Library Digitization Award” program. The Institute received a grant of $3,301 in October 09, and has since used that money to purchase a suitable computer and flatbed scanner for the project. The archive hopes to have material on the web by the end of 2010.

Maximizing independence was the focus of treatment at the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation. The staff prescribed devices like this arm support system to help polio survivors accomplish their rehabilitation goals. The Roosevelt Institute Archive contains hundreds of photographs of patient activities, treatments and assistive devices utilized during the polio era.

Patients and staff of the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation published the “Polio Chronicle” from 1931 to 1934. The April 1933 issue celebrates the first inauguration of FDR as President of the United States. Around 60 Foundation patients and residents boarded a special train in Warm Springs to attend the inaugural festivities.
New Password for GHSLA Website

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:

User name: ghsla
Password: augusta10

http://www.ghsla.org