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Greetings from the President

Thanks to all who made the 2008 annual meeting at Lake Blackshear Resort and Golf Club a success! The meeting was held on the shore of beautiful Lake Blackshear, with many opportunities for networking, learning, and fun. The conference theme of "Making Connections" was reiterated with talks focusing on different ways of connecting the library with various customers and patrons.

Kathy Ordelt, Patient and Family Education Coordinator at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, started off the meeting with her presentation, "A Silent Epidemic: Low Health Literacy," which addressed ways in which participants could combat low health literacy. The first day of the conference concluded with the opening reception.

After breakfast and the business meeting on Friday, Gabe Rios, Deputy Director of the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Lister Hill Library gave a presentation entitled, "Emerging Technologies for Librarians." He covered Web 2.0 tools that are shaping the way people find and use information such as social software, mobile information devices, and mashups. His talk was supported by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine.

The library outreach panel, "Connecting with Customers," featured Kevin Bradford from the Medical College of Georgia, Mary Fielder from Three Rivers AHEC, Edie Lacy from Piedmont Hospital, and Toni Yancey from NN/LM, who discussed different outreach projects and gave tips for others interested in outreach.

Many thanks to the vendors who participated in Friday's vendor fair: EBSCO, Krames/Staywell, ProQuest, Rittenhouse, Ovid, and Cybertools. Their support was essential to the success of the annual meeting. Thanks also to Anne Kramer's efficiency and skills in obtaining vendor funding.

Friday afternoon sessions were started by Sharon Cann, who delivered the Miriam Libbey lecture, entitled "A Librarian's Career in Georgia." We appreciate her sharing her personal history and perspectives with us!

The afternoon continued with Tara Douglas-Williams from Atlanta Medical Center discussing "Bioinformatics: A Global Perspective." Thanks to Tara for sharing her expertise with the group.

Beth Wescott finished up the afternoon sessions with "Libraries' Essential Steps in Emergency Preparedness," which addressed the importance of implementing a disaster preparedness plan in case of a natural or man-made disaster. Beth told the assembled librarians that, if they remember anything when disaster strikes, remember 1-800-DEV-ROKS!

Friday's full schedule concluded with a delicious banquet and entertainment by the storyteller, Dolores Hydock. Dolores' hilarious and heartwarming performance covered computerphobia, pocket change, vegetables, and old-fashioned home cooking.

Thanks to Mary Ellen Nolan and Anna Krampl for organizing Saturday's Continuing Education classes. Three classes were presented: "Using Adobe Captivate to Create Interactive Tutorials" by Lindsay Blake from the Medical College of Georgia, "Nursing on the Net: Health Care Resources You Can Use" and "Evidence-Based Nursing" both presented by Toni Yancey from NN/LM.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the meeting's success, including Program Committee members Amy Allison, Paula Christian, Emily Lawson, and Susan Smith, as well as Mary Ellen Nolan, Tara Douglas-Williams, Steve Koplán, Todd Prusin, and Pamela Queen.

Kate Daniels, MLIS

GHSLA Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Lake Blackshear Resort, Cordele, Georgia
March 7, 2008

I. Call to Order at 8:50 AM by Tara Douglas-Williams

II. Approval of Minutes

III. Officer Reports

A. President – Tara Douglas-Williams

Thanks everyone for attending.

B. President Elect - Kate Daniels

Not present due to pregnancy. No formal report.

C. Todd Prusin – Secretary. No formal report.

D. Treasurer – Sylvia Brandon. Gave March 2008 report (separate document). "We're actually rich again."

E. Parliamentarian – Maria Jenkins. Not present.

F. Webmaster – Amy Harkness. Not present. The GHSLA domain was renewed in November. There has been more activity. All links work. Anna and Scott are thanked. People are asked to provide photos for the website.

IV. Committee reports

A. Program – Kate Daniels. Mary Ellen Nolan gives report for absent Kate. She reminds those of the CE classes and welcomes everyone.

B. Nominating – Elizabeth Marvel. Tara gives report for Liz. She lists the officers and indicates the many vacancies. She calls for nominations. Mike Shaddix nominates himself as webmaster. Amy nominates herself as parliamentarian. The slate is approved. Mary Ellen motions to approve, Xiomara E. Arango seconds. Floor approves.

C. Membership – Pamela Queen. She thanks members. We have 65 paid members, 8 honorary for a total of 73. She welcomes new members. It's a hassle to turn in membership dues and registration dues at the same time of the year as it gets confusing. Pam wants to split them up. Membership dues will now be due in October and will be \$20.

D. Outreach – Peter Shipman. Go Local. Wants everyone to be a part of outreach. All should join in as they need indexers. All should get involved. It has gone well and reflects well on our state.

E. Continuing Education – Mary Ellen Nolan

F. Miriam Libbey – Brenda Curry-Wimberly. Sharon Cann is this year's lecturer.

G. Strategic Planning – Elizabeth Marvel. Not present.

H. Promotional – Steve Koplan. If you know there's going to be a big meeting at your hospital let us know so we can send a representative. We need to make a din and let them know how important hospital libraries are. It's for the betterment of the hospital. The Association is for everybody.

V. Old Business

A. Go Local - Susan Smith stated that all GHSLA members should be receiving a Go Local packet. Promotional materials are to be used for the official launch on June 2, 2008. Go Local is an added piece to Medline Plus. Go Local addresses questions like, "What health services are available to me in my local area?" Enter the zip code and desired service into the Go Local database and a list will be provided. The site is now live and has been since December - www.gahealthgolocal.org. Please give us your feedback. Packets will be distributed to other partners before launch in June. Among others, GRID and public library records

have been added, for a total of 1900 records. Some assistance provided by LIST students at GPC with help of Steve Koplan. Currently working on hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, HMOs, rural health clinics, and free clinics. Indexers are working as volunteers. Some discussions with Valdosta State about possibility of MLIS students adding or auditing records as part of coursework, especially since VSU will be adding health sciences track in the fall. NLM has offered assistance with publicity and press releases. Some libraries may want to do an open house or demo. More volunteers are needed to help with the project. Contact Susan at smith142@gsu.edu if you can help.

- B. LIST - Steve Koplan noted that Georgia Perimeter College (GPC) is now offering a Library and Information Science Technology two year associates program of applied science for students to become library assistants. Four courses are offered and there is an online course in summer 2008. GPC will be getting the certificate program approved by the Board of Regents. Deadline for summer is April 1. Currently there are 18 students enrolled. Two students went on to successful jobs. One at the Atlanta's Holocaust Museum and the other at the Mercer Medical School as an assistant. Another student may be placed at Morehouse. For more information go to www.gpc.edu.

VI. New business

- A. Annual Meeting – Location for the next annual meeting will be announced at a later date.
- B. Corporate memberships/Vendor Memberships - Platinum membership will be \$500. That would cover exhibit fees. Limited access to GHSLA resources. We have five corporate members now, they pay \$20. Vendors do not have access to membership list. Institution can specify a contact person if they choose.
- C. Corporate Scholarships - One student from LIST and one from VSU would receive a scholarship for GHSLA meeting. Covers their registration and one night's lodging. "Legacy Scholarship" for deceased members. This would help to promote our profession. Donations are encouraged. Steve Koplan stated that students can write a brief essay about the experience. Anita Ondrusek thanked GHSLA for the scholarship for VSU. VSU is establishing a Health Sciences Librarian track. The scholarship will introduce them to the professional culture. She also noted that VSU received full 7 year accreditation. Stakeholder support was a huge part of it.
- D. Tara Douglas-Williams welcomes speakers and panelists and thanks all who are involved. Promotes CE courses. Kevin Bradford will be Georgia state coordinator for emergency preparedness. Life University is offering a CE course on Alternative Medicine. Fay Evatt has lung cancer. Pray for her.
- E. Patsy Rann notes that the HCEA, Health Care Education Association is a special interest group that tries to educate parents. She and Vandy are co-chairs. They are currently working on the association standards. They don't charge for their services.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Todd Prusin
GHSLA Secretary, 2006-2008

Treasurer's Report
January 1 – June 30, 2008
Submitted by: Sylvia Brandon



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| Closing balance 12/31/07 | 6,146.89 |
| Deposits | |
| Memberships, annual meeting dues, vendors and NLM grant | 13,435.40 |
| Checks | |
| Studio Design (printing UPDATE) | 101.02 |
| Postage | 32.00 |
| Flowers/gifts for members | 118.33 |
| Annual meeting (Lake Blackshear Resort) | 6,686.46 |
| Speakers | <u>1,318.00</u> |
| | subtotal |
| | 8,255.81 |
| Closing balance 06/30/2008 | 11,326.48 |

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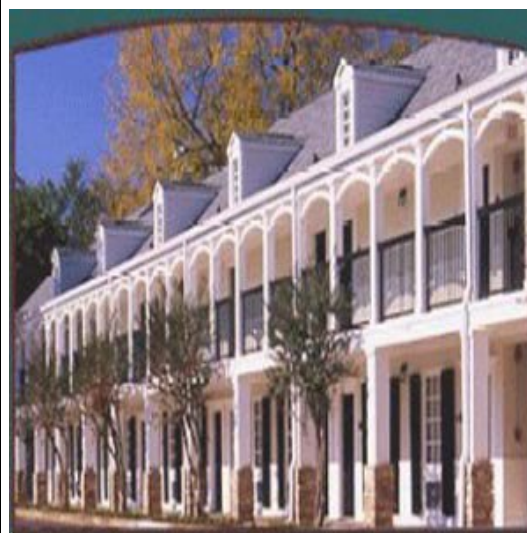
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Save the Date!

**The 2009 Annual
Meeting will be held
March 12—15, 2009
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in Athens, Georgia**





Georgia Health - Go Local Update

Georgia Health - Go Local officially launched Monday, June 2nd with over 2,000 local health resources indexed. All GHSLA members should have received a packet of promotional materials earlier this year to share with colleagues and the public. If you need additional copies, please make as many as you need from the PDF versions available at <http://gain.mercer.edu/golocal>. We also ask that you make a link to the *Georgia Health-Go Local* website (<http://www.gahealthgolocal.org>) from your home page, if possible.

A press release about the project is available at <http://gain.mercer.edu/golocal>, and we invite you to assist us in promoting Go Local in your communities by submitting it to your local newspaper and/or organization's newsletter with any information about how you are supporting *Georgia Health - Go Local* at your institution. Let us know, too, of any classes, open houses, etc. that you conduct so that we can keep NLM up to date on Georgia's activities.

The database is still a work in progress so volunteer indexers are needed! A training session is planned for new indexers (or those who want to refresh their skills) at Georgia State University this fall. Contact Rita Smith at smith_rb@mercer.edu for more information. Remember that *Georgia Health - Go Local* volunteers who index records receive AHIP points.

For those who would like to help but cannot devote time to indexing or auditing records, we hope that you will help us identify additional local resources in your communities and correct any errors in resources currently listed. Please send us your suggestions, using the feedback form found at <http://www.gahealthgolocal.org> under *Contact Us* in the top right. Feedback can also include any "success stories" of how you use the site to help others or how consumers or patients are using it. Many thanks for your ongoing support!

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Three Rivers AHEC Partners with Healthcare Georgia Foundations

Three Rivers AHEC partnered with Healthcare Georgia Foundation, The North Georgia Community Foundation, and TechBridge for a ground breaking distance learning pilot program in 2005. HealthTec^{dl}, supported by a grant from Healthcare Georgia Foundation, is a video and web conferencing network designed to create statewide connections, between care providers and nonprofit health organizations. The HealthTec^{dl} project was conceived and developed with the goal of technological outreach to all areas of Georgia, specifically rural and underserved areas. Recently, the second phase of the project was expanded to include all of the state's AHEC centers plus the statewide office. The technology, funding, technical assistance, and equipment provided by this project will be used for programming in each of the three key AHEC program areas. Proposed programs include those designed to educate and recruit individuals into health careers; training for preceptors/community based faculty who provide clinical training for health professions students; and continuing education and practice management programming for existing practitioners. To further expand HealthTec^{dl}, Three Rivers AHEC moved this summer to a new location, Columbus Community Campus. Goodwill of the Southern Rivers, Inc. is creating a campus for non-profits and Three Rivers AHEC is the first to partner in this endeavor. At this new location, Three Rivers AHEC will have the capacity to expand the HealthTec^{dl} and increase training opportunities for other non-profits.

A Health Sciences Librarianship Track Comes to the MLIS Program at Valdosta State University

Submitted by Anita Ondrusek

The faculty of the program in the Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) at Valdosta State University are pleased to announce that a curricular track in Health Sciences Librarianship went into effect in the Fall 2008 semester. The creation of the track marks the culmination of many months of planning which took the form of meetings between MLIS faculty and stakeholders representing Georgia's community of health sciences librarians.

The new track is 15 semester hours. The three required courses are Health Sciences Librarianship, Information Retrieval in the Health Sciences, and a 120-hour supervised fieldwork. To fulfill the remaining six hours, students may choose two electives from a group of alternative courses.

Professionals from outside the MLIS program may enroll in most of the track courses as non-degree students, as space permits. An MLS, MLIS, or comparable professional master's degree is the recommended pre-requisite for enrollment by non-degree students into the Health Sciences Librarianship courses. Information on how to apply for admission as a non-degree student is at <http://www.valdosta.edu/gradschool/admin.shtml>.

The curriculum was developed with input from an ad hoc Health Science Track advisory group. Many thanks are extended to these members who gave generously of their time and expertise:

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Once students begin to make headway in the track, we will be seeking field sites for their internships. If you would like to mentor or host a student intern in the future, please contact Anita Ondrusek, by e-mail at alondrus@valdosta.edu or by telephone at 229-245-3742.

We are also seeking part-time faculty members to assist us in teaching the new courses. If you are interested in teaching for us, or know of someone who could teach either the introductory course or the information retrieval course, please contact the MLIS Program Director, Wallace Koehler, by e-mail at wkoehler@valdosta.edu or by telephone at 229-245-3732.

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

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