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# GEORGIA HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION UPDATE

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## Greetings from the President

Spring is finally here and the pollen is in full bloom! Spring is, historically, a time for renewal and reawakening, and my new beginning as the proud President of GHSLA 2009-10 is also in bloom. As librarians, we know about the importance of ongoing learning, changing, and growing in our ever-evolving profession. Thank you for honoring me with the position of GHSLA President 2009-2010. I look forward to a rewarding experience.

Now, more than ever in these current tough economic times, GHSLA is an organization that helps its members "do more with less"; I cannot emphasize enough the importance of being able to network with each other to learn, share, grow and otherwise enhance ourselves professionally. Your participation is what makes GHSLA such a wonderful and vital organization, whether your library is an academic, hospital, or special one. If you have not done so, please consider serving in some capacity. Every one of us can make a difference and bring another view into play for GHSLA's members.

Our annual meeting last March 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 was held at The Foundry Park Inn in Athens, Georgia, and it was a blast. A thank you to all who attended and, especially, a large thank you to the committee who helped me put it all together. The theme was, "Technology: Bridging the Information Gap", which is what we, as librarians, all do- we are the human interface that brings people and information together.

All our speakers were wonderful: Cynthia L. Henderson spoke about the importance of AHIP credentialing, Steve Koplan was our Miriam Libbey Lecturer and talked about information literacy, Carolyn Klatt was a hit with her humorous-yet-informative presentation on licensing electronic resources, and Amy Allison's interesting discussion on the informationist model. Lindsay Blake, Darra Ballance, and Kevin Bradford taught a class on EBM, and GHSLA was fortunate enough to have J. Dale Prince of the NLM put together a brand-new training class he test drove on us. Finally, thanks to Anne Kramer for garnering so much vendor support for the meeting. Kudos to all of them! Finally, a special thank you to Kate Daniels for shepherding our organization through another successful year. I look forward to working with all of you to make GHSLA the best state-level professional organization. As always, please contact me with any questions or comments you may have.

Mary Ellen Nolan  
GHSLA President

## Save the Date!



The 2010 Annual Meeting will be held  
March 11th–13th, 2009 at the  
Augusta Marriott Hotel & Suites  
in Augusta, Georgia

# **GHSLA Annual Business Meeting Minutes**

## **Foundry Park Inn**

### **Athens, Georgia**

### **March 13, 2009**

- I. The annual meeting was called to order by President **Kate Daniels** at 8:50 AM. Attendees were welcomed by Program Chair/President-Elect **Mary Ellen Nolan**. She thanked all speakers, board members, instructors, and vendors for their contributions to the meeting.
- II. President **Daniels** asked attendees to review copies of the minutes from last year's meeting. Secretary **Roxanne Nelson** noted that copies of the old minutes were emailed to the membership the previous week; corrections were received, and the finalized minutes were re-distributed via email prior to today's meeting. Additional copies of the minutes were available in the meeting room. After review, minutes were approved unanimously by the membership.
- III. Officer Reports
  - a. President: **Kate Daniels** thanked the GHSLA Board and all contributors to the meeting.
  - b. President-Elect: **Mary Ellen Nolan** stated that the meeting will at least break even, and the organization is doing much better financially than in previous years.
  - c. Secretary: **Roxanne Nelson** had no formal report.
  - d. Treasurer: **Sylvia Brandon** reported that vendors had contributed \$2,800 toward meeting costs. Meeting registrations brought in \$5,775 with a few additional registrations to be deposited. Bank balance is currently \$20,206, while meeting expenses will total approximately \$4,800. She noted that the Legacy scholarship is still available.
  - e. UPDATE Editor: **Kim Meeks** was unable to attend, so her report was given by President Daniels. The most recent edition of the newsletter came out in January. Kim asked the membership to consider electronic distribution of the newsletter due to postage costs and to keep our organization as green as possible. After some discussion, Linda Garr Markwell moved to change UPDATE distribution to electronic only. Mia White seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously by the membership.
  - f. Webmaster: **Mike Shadix** asked for suggestions for improving the Website. There are a number of outdated files still on the site, which will need to be cleaned up, renamed for consistency, and otherwise updated.
  - g. Parliamentarian: **Amy Allison** reported that all Board meetings and the Annual Business meeting over the past year have been conducted in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

#### **Committee Reports**

- a. Program: Chair **Mary Ellen Nolan's** report was offered earlier.
  - b. Nominating: **Tara Douglas-Williams** was unable to attend. Her report was presented by President **Daniels**. The 2009-2010 slate of officers will be:
    - i. President: **Mary Ellen Nolan** (Gwinnett Medical Center)
    - ii. President-Elect: **Peter Shipman** (Medical College of Georgia)
    - iii. Secretary: **Roxanne Nelson** (Mercer University School of Medicine, Macon)
    - iv. Treasurer: **Emily Lawson** (Children's Healthcare of Atlanta – Egleston)
    - v. Parliamentarian: **Amy Allison** (Emory University Hospital)
    - vi. UPDATE Editor: **Kim Meeks** (Mercer University School of Medicine, Macon)
    - vii. Webmaster: **Mike Shadix** (Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation)
- Tara also thanked members of the 2008-2009 Nominating Committee: **Elaine Harbin**, **Sharon Leslie**, and **Todd Prusin**. President **Daniels** then called for a motion to approve the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee. **Mary Ellen Nolan** so moved. The motion was seconded by Sharon Leslie, and was approved unanimously by the membership.
- c. Outreach: **Peter Shipman** had no formal report, but announced that several GHSLA members were continuing to work on indexing Georgia Health Go Local records. He also noted that in addition to Go Local, the state of Georgia is also providing a consumer health-related directory through the Department of Community Health, called Georgia Health Info (available from <http://georgiahealthinfo.gov/cms/>). This is based on content provided by the Mayo Clinic.
  - d. Continuing Education: **Mike Shadix** announced two classes will be held on Saturday, March 14. The first class will be on *Evidence-Based Nursing*, presented by **Lindsay Blake**, **Darra Ballance**, and **Kevin Bradford** from Medical College of Georgia. The second class, *The Accidental Trainer*, will be provided by Technology Coordinator **Dale Prince** of the NN/LM SE/A office.

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- e. Membership: **Pam Queen** reported that GHSLA currently has 65 paid members and 8 honorary members. No additional nominations for honorary memberships were received this year. She welcomed new members **Wanda Brown** (Valdosta State student), **Skye Bickett** (Foothills AHEC/NE GA Medical Center, Gainesville), **Nick Evancik** (retired librarian), **Charles Franklin** (student employee at University Hospital, Augusta), and **Carolyn Klatt** (Mercer/Memorial, Savannah).
- f. Miriam Libbey: Chair **Steve Koplan** will be the Libbey speaker this year, with a talk entitled *Information Literacy: Where It's Been, Where It Is, and Where It Goes Next*.
- g. Promotional: **Steve Koplan** announced that a number of his students in the Library and Information Science Technology program at Georgia Perimeter College have shown an interest in health sciences librarianship. Several of them are working as interns at Solvay and at CHOA. He suggested that GHSLA might want to coordinate with the Georgia Library Association to work at Library Day at the state capitol next year.
- h. Strategic Planning: Chair **Tara Douglas-Williams** reported in absentia that the strategic plan is being reviewed and changes/revisions will be submitted to the GHSLA Board in April for approval. She also thanked members of the 2008-2009 Strategic Planning Committee: **Carolyn Brown, Stephen Ellis, Edie Lacy, and Rosalind K. Lett**.

V. Old Business

- a. Georgia Health Go Local indexing is ongoing. A number of GHSLA members are participating.
- b. Valdosta State University MLS program: **Anita Ondrusek**, VSU faculty, noted that the school is looking for locations to place interns, especially in the Atlanta area. Students in an internship are also being required to spend 20-25 hours indexing in Go Local.
- c. The Legacy Scholarship Fund needs donations. **Tara Douglas-Williams** reported in absentia that the committee had to reassess their original plans for offering two scholarships each year. We will be offering one each year alternating between Georgia Perimeter College and Valdosta State University. Applications will be available by mid-August, 2009. If members would like to make financial contributions to the Legacy Scholarship Fund, please see the GHSLA Treasurer. Tara also thanked committee members **Eugenia Abbey, Marilyn Barry, Steve Koplan, Rosalind K. Lett, and Anita Ondrusek**.
- d. Corporate memberships are in place. There was a question whether corporate membership forms should be available on the GHSLA Website. That will be taken up by the Board at a later date.

VI. New Business

- a. Next year's GHSLA meeting will be held in Augusta. 2009-2010 President-Elect/Program Chair **Peter Shipman** is investigating potential locations in Augusta, but most likely it will be at the Marriott. He also has a preliminary program committee in place.
- b. **Mike Shadix** mentioned that other state library associations charge single-day only fees for meetings, or allow CE registration only. He would like GHSLA to consider how best to cut costs/eliminate expenses, perhaps through changing the structure of meetings. Maybe CEs could be offered more frequently throughout the year as well. Various members discussed concerns with this approach, including the need for having to plan meetings months in advance; vendors' access to members would be limited if meetings were held to a single day; less-expensive venues are still fairly expensive. It might be possible to consider holding meetings in the same location and/or the same dates each year, if costs could be contained that way. A suggestion was made to piggyback the GHSLA meeting onto the Southern Chapter meeting when it's being held in Georgia. Another member suggested meeting in conjunction with the Georgia Library Association or COMO. The Board will take up some of these suggestions at a later date.

VII. Announcements

- a. There will be a *Grants and Proposal Writing* training session taught by Sheila Snow-Croft of the NN/LM SE/A office on July 16 (date tentative). This class will be held at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Suwanee, GA.
- b. **Cynthia Henderson** announced that Morehouse School of Medicine Library will be hosting the MLA Distance Learning Webcast, *Finding Work-Life Balance: Strategies for You and Your Institution* on March 25<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 PM. Contact **Joe Swanson** at Morehouse to register.

VIII. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Roxanne Nelson*

Roxanne Nelson  
GHSLA Secretary

# GHSLA Strategic Plan

## Georgia Health Sciences Library Association Strategic Plan

\* = new or revised goals

### Mission

The Georgia Health Sciences Library Association (GHSLA) promotes and supports health sciences librarianship in the state of Georgia among those involved with or interested in the health sciences.

### Goals

#### Goal 1 Organization

*GHSLA continually improves its operations, services and responsiveness to its members by:*

- a. Publishing a newsletter that communicates information about the association and its programs
- b. Promoting and increasing the membership in the association by recruiting new members
- c. Soliciting input from the membership for recommendations on future organizational directions
- d. Ensuring that the bylaws accurately define the roles and responsibilities of officers, committees, and members
- e. Maintaining a strategic planning process that conveys the purpose/mission of the association
- f. Maintaining an archive to preserve the history of the organization

#### Goal 2 Professional Development

*GHSLA encourages the professional development of health sciences library and information personnel by:*

- a. Sponsoring an annual meeting with events that are timely, relevant, interesting, and motivational
- b. Providing continuing education opportunities based on the needs and interests of the membership
- c. Encouraging members to assume leadership roles in the association
- d. \* **Working with the Legacy Scholarship committee to solicit donations and award funds to deserving library school students attending the Georgia Perimeter College LIST program and the Valdosta State University program.**

#### Goal 3 Information Technology

*GHSLA promotes the profession as a leader in the use of information technology by:*

- a. Utilizing new technology to improve communication among members and to enhance remote access to association services and programs
- b. Maintaining an association Web page that provides current information about association activities
- c. Exploring the potential for online learning activities

#### Goal 4 Advocacy

*GHSLA advocates for health sciences library and information professionals in an ever-evolving healthcare environment by:*

- a. Promoting, marketing, and increasing the visibility of the profession - including its traditional and emerging knowledge base, skills, and roles to hospital, university, organizational, and IT administrators
- b. Recruiting qualified individuals into the profession
- c. Developing and maintaining liaisons with other library and health care associations

#### Goal 5 Collaboration

*GHSLA shares resources and information with other professional associations and the general public by:*

- a. Exhibiting at additional information association meetings
- b. Carrying out education and outreach activities aimed at other organizations and members of the public
- c. Partnering with statewide agencies and developing initiatives to promote access to health information
- d. Developing methods of resource sharing
- e. Seeking local, state, national, and private funding sources for association projects
- f. \* **Working with GHSLA state representative to develop a Disaster Preparedness/Emergency Management plan for all health science libraries and forming partnership with a library in state and out-of-state in the event of a disaster.**

**Treasurer's Report**  
**January 1 – June 1, 2009**  
Submitted by: Emily Lawson



	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Debits</u>
Memberships, annual meeting dues, GHSLA vendors, GHSLA Legacy scholarship fund	7,215.00	
Checks		
Reimbursement to Foothills AHEC (unable to attend)		165.00
Studio Design (Spring Newsletter)		152.38
Postage		34.02
Annual meeting (Foundry Park Inn)		5,094.77
Speakers/Entertainment		928.96
	subtotal	6,375.13
Closing balance 06/01/2009	15,012.23	

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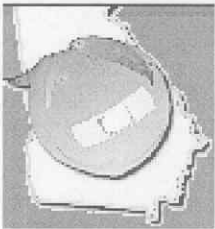
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## Georgia Health – Go Local Celebrates Its First Birthday!

As of June 2, 2009, *Georgia Health - Go Local* is now one year old! There are now over 3,000 completed health resources at <http://www.gahealthgolocal.org>, representing nursing homes, hospitals, hospices, drug treatment centers, dialysis centers, and more throughout Georgia. We are now working on including healthcare records from 211 referral services across the state (<http://www.211.org>).

Indexing help and support is provided by volunteers from Emory, Medical College of Georgia, Morehouse, and other health sciences libraries. MLIS students from Valdosta State University's health sciences track are also being utilized to index resources and promote the project to local libraries and health professionals. A statewide advisory board representing a variety of partners sets policy and provides direction.

The database is still a work in progress so volunteer indexers are needed! Auditing (checking) existing records is also now a priority to ensure that the information compiled stays current. Remember that *Georgia Health - Go Local* volunteers who index or audit records receive AHIP points (up to 5 points per year).

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 "Suggest a Resource" form found at <http://www.gahealthgolocal.org> under *Contact Us* in the top right.

Thanks for your support of Georgia Health – Go Local!

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## SLA Recipients Study: Non-Traditional Roles for Information Professionals in Biomedical Research

Are you an Information Professional using your librarian skills in biomedical research in a non-traditional way? Maybe as a project manager, an embedded librarian, a portal or web developer? If so, we'd like to talk with you!

As recipients of the 2008 Special Libraries Association Research Grant, we are studying how information professionals are using traditional library-based skills in non-traditional ways as part of biomedical research teams and changing how biomedical research is being done.

Participation will include a brief online survey to determine if you're a good fit for the study, then a visit from us in your work environment for an in-person interview.

If you're interested, please visit our study web site for more information at <http://collaborativelibrarians.org/sla-research-grant/>

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## GHSLA Member News

### Medical College of Georgia

Darra Ballance, AHIP, was promoted to Assistant Professor, effective July 2009. Darra also wrote an article that has been accepted for the July 2009 issue of Journal of Rural Health: "Factors that Influence Physicians to Practice in Rural Locations: A Review and Commentary." Denise Kornegay, MSW, Director of the Statewide AHEC Network, and Paul Evans, DO, Dean and Chief Academic Officer of the Georgia Campus—Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, are co-authors.

Lindsay Blake, AHIP, Information Services Coordinator, published an article in the April 2009 issue of Computers in Libraries: "On Campus or Out of Town: How Online Tutorials Can Help your Patrons."

Christina Yau, Systems Librarian, gave a poster presentation at the ELUNA Conference (ELUNA - Ex Libris Users of North America) May 6-8. The title was "SFX3 customization experience: MCG's extensive work on SFX v3 search interface, A-Z list, and SFX Menu".

Darra Ballance, Lindsay Blake, and Kevin Bradford were recently notified that their CE course, Evidence-based Nursing: Integrating Literature Clinical Practice and Patient Education" has been selected for the 2010 MLA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. This course will also be presented at the 2009 Southern Chapter/MLA meeting in Memphis, TN.

### Mercer School of Medicine

Carolann Curry, MLIS, recently received her degree from Valdosta State University. She has been promoted to Reference and Document Delivery Librarian.

Carolyn Klatt, MLIS, Reference and Electronic Resources Librarian for the Savannah campus, co-authored an article that was published in the Journal of the Medical Library Association: "Development of a new academic digital library: a study of usage data of a core medical electronic journal collection." Barbara S. Shearer, MSLS, AHIP, Director of the Charlotte Edwards Maguire Medical Library at Florida State University and Suzanne P. Nagy, MSLS, SLIS, AHIP, the Associate Librarian, Charlotte Edwards Maguire Medical Library are co-authors.

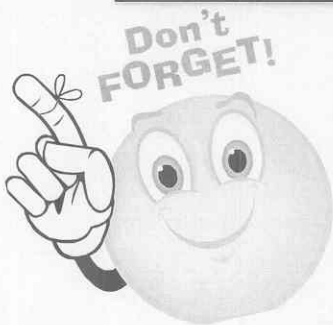
Kim Meeks, MLIS, AHIP, wrote an article that was published in the Journal of Consumer Health on the Internet: "Information Rx: Promotion and Utilization by Georgia Librarians and the Georgia American College of Physicians."

## Recruiting New Members



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>.



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Oct. 28 - Nov. 1, 2009

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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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