

ILA Health Sciences Subdivision

Spring Business Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2014 at Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, University of Iowa, Iowa City

The meeting began at 8:40 with introductions.

Present: Mindwell Egeland, Nichole Jenkins, Natalie Hutchinson, Liz Kiscaden, Jennifer DeBerg, Juanita Strait, Pamela Rees, Paula Whannell, Pamela Kress-Dunn, Allison Zordell, Emily Blomme, Chabha Tepe, Becky Hines, Jill Edgerton, Sarah Andrews, Priya Shenoy, and Mary Hubbard. Guest: Holly Ann Burt.

Treasurer's Report

Current subdivision membership is 22. The balance of our account is \$4937.36.

Officers for 2014

Chair, Mindy Egeland, introduced the new Vice Chair for 2014: Nichole Jenkins of the University of Iowa Hospitals Radiology Library. Mindy announced that she will move to the Vice Chair slot in 2015 in order to mentor Nichole. Priya Shenoy was confirmed as our continuing GMR/RAC representative for 2015. Juanita Strait assumed the position of Hospital Representative to the Executive Committee for 2014. One agenda item – a new State Conference Planning Committee Representative – was not determined at this meeting. (Post note: Mindy informally gathered names of individuals who might have interest in future service at the subdivision luncheon.)

National and Regional Conferences

Mindy reminded those present of two big conferences on the horizon: the first is the 2014 MLA Annual Conference in Austin, Texas, at which Linda Walton, University of Iowa Libraries, will assume the presidency of the Medical Library Association for 2015/2016. The second is the 2016 Joint Midwest Chapter/MLA Meeting in Des Moines. Pam Rees was recognized as Ad hoc Chair of the Site Planning Committee. She is being assisted by Janna Lawrence, who represents Midwest MLA, Priya Shenoy and Mindy Egeland. Pam stated all that she will be requesting additional help from IHSLA members as the event approaches.

ILA Fall Conference

The subdivision will sponsor NN/LM GMR presenter, Tiffany Tawzer, at the October ILA Conference in Cedar Rapids. Tiffany's talk on library technology will be co-sponsored by the ILA Technology Group. Also on tap is a panel discussion organized by Pamela Kress-Dunn on "flying solo," being the sole library staff member in your organization.

Awards and Scholarships

IHSLA's Executive Committee approves scholarships along with IHSLA officers. The current committee consists of Priya Shenoy, GMR Representative and Academic Library Representative; Juanita Strait, Hospital Library Representative; and Janna Lawrence, Resource Library Representative.

An appropriate IHSLA Memorial Award is currently under consideration by the staff of Palmer College of Chiropractic Library to honor former director, Dennis Peterson.

Scholarships are currently available for the ILA Leadership Institute (June deadline); ILA annual meeting, and the Midwest MLA meeting (July deadlines.) The Leadership Institute and the Midwest MLA meeting are reimbursement payments, not grants.

Recruitment

How do we encourage more IHSLA membership from Iowa's health science community? The discussion centered on reduced fees for ILA. A motion was moved and seconded that the subdivision leadership send a memo to ILA citing a request for a fixed rate \$50.00 membership (as opposed to over \$100.00 for some of our members on the current ILA sliding fee scale) or a minimum (reduced participation) \$20.00 fee, which is the amount currently charged for Midwest Medical Library Association membership.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m., immediately followed by Holly Ann Burt's class, "PubMed for Experts."