



OHSLA FALL 2016 Meeting Summary

The Ohio Health Sciences Library Association (OHSLA) Fall meeting was held October 14, 2016 at the State Library of Ohio in Columbus. OHSLA welcomed Ya-Ling Lu and Christopher Belter from the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. They presented a 4.0 CE seminar "*Providing Bibliometric Services in the Medical Libraries: Why, What, and How?*" that included interactive discussions and hands-on activities.

Over the lunch break, participants had the opportunity to tour the Ohioana Library led by Stephanie Michaels. During the OHSLA Business Meeting, Linda Walton from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine - Greater Midwest Region (GMR) gave an update on the recent changes in the organizational structure. In Spring of 2016, the GMR moved its offices to the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. OHSLA President, Mary Pat Harnegie discussed the upcoming 2018 Midwest Chapter Conference scheduled for October 5-9 in Cleveland, Ohio. She urged OHSLA members to volunteer in various capacities. President-Elect Noreen Mulcahy announced that Judy Griggs will be taking over as Archivist.

Of the 32 respondents to the program evaluation, 75% found the Expertise of Presenters Excellent. In the category of Appropriate Format for Topic, 34% rated it Very Good while 43% marked Excellent. In Content and Information, 45% rated it Very Good and 42% marked Excellent. The State Library as a location received 63% as Excellent and Parking got an 85% Excellent rating. The meeting room had 22%, 28% and 42%, Good, Very Good and Excellent respectively. Food was rated as 27% Good, 33% Very Good and 36% Excellent. Many commented on the lack of power outlets available to plug in laptops. One suggested that providing extension cords would have helped with this issue.

Eighty-one percent of participants reported full reimbursement from their institutions to attend the meeting. Approximately 44% of attendees came from academic libraries while 40% were from hospital libraries. The majority of participants, 44% were from Central Ohio with Northeast Ohio represented by 25%. Northwest, Southeast and Southwest each had 9% representation.

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