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## President's Message

In Southeast Ohio, March came in like a lamb. Compared to the last few winters, this winter was rather mild. I know, I know, it depends on where one is geographically located to agree with that last sentence. There are people that look forward to the winter months and there are those who look forward to warmer temps. It depends on one's perspective.

I hope you're looking forward to traveling to Riverside Methodist Hospital (Columbus) for the spring OHSLA meeting. This meeting will be held on Friday, April 29. The CE class for this meeting will be "Grey Literature for Clinical Evidence". We are experimenting with a change for this meeting. The CE course will be 3 hours in length which will give us time for more discussions and networking. Please see Mary Pat Harnegie's article about the spring meeting for full details. Since the CE course will be hands-on, please bring your laptop or other mobile device for the class exercises.

In February, Stevo Roksandic, put out a call for volunteers for the OHSLA 2015 Survey Task Force. The charge was to review the data from the membership survey. Stevo is planning to report the findings at the spring meeting. I will be looking forward to this report.

Spring is also the time for our elections. If you have never run for office, please consider doing so. It is a great opportunity to meet new people, as well as learning how the association runs. We are looking for people who have never been involved in leadership. Through comments on the OHSLA membership survey, The Executive Committee has learned many of you would like to see officers from other areas of Ohio besides Columbus, Cincinnati, and Cleveland. This is a volunteer organization; it's up to you to run or nominate someone from other regions of the state. If the only thing holding you back is thinking you lack experience, push through your comfort zone and come forward.

My term as president is coming to a close, and I have to admit the time flew by. In hindsight, I am grateful for being asked to run for president-elect. I would have never met the people I did had I stayed comfortable.

I welcome spring, and look forward to seeing you in Columbus!

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## Fall Meeting Recap- Mary Pat Harnegie, President-Elect

The 10/30/15 fall meeting was held at the Dublin campus of Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine. The 4 hour CE program, Measuring What Matters to Stakeholders, was presented by Jacqueline Leskovec, MLIS, RN of the Greater Midwest Region- NNLM at University of Illinois- Chicago. Your survey responses found her to be knowledgeable, well prepared, an effective presenter and responsive to questions. Most responses indicated that this was a timely topic and supplied attendees with tools that they can use when they get back to their home institutions. The room we used at Dublin is a classroom of the future with pods and screen monitors. Many comments were favorable regarding the technology, but this set up did not contribute to a face-to-face learning environment.

We did some things well and not so well. The food was good. The interaction at tables was great. However, we did not do such a good job of welcoming our new members and making them feel welcome. We will correct that in the future. Other comments indicated that attendees would have liked a bit more networking time, to allow for either a panel discussion or round table format. A suggestion was to reduce the CE hours and allow for more networking time.

This suggestion dovetails with a recent survey result that suggested we take more time during the meeting to allow for networking. The plans for the April Spring meeting include just that- we are going to do a 3 CE hour presentation and allow at least 1-1.5 hours for a breakout/round table discussion on questions of interest to academic and hospital librarians. We look forward to seeing you at the April 29, 2016 meeting at Riverside Hospital, Columbus.



## Spring Meeting Announcement- Mary Pat Harnegie

The Ohio Health Sciences Library Association (OHSLA) will be holding its 2016 Spring meeting at OhioHealth Riverside Methodist Hospital Library on April 29, 2016 from 9:00-3:30 pm. Our program includes a 3 hour MLA CE on **Grey Literature for Clinical Evidence** by **Gaelen Adams, Brown University**. Cost of the meeting includes lunch and is \$45/members and \$55/non-members. All are welcome. For further information and to register, go to: [OHSLA Spring 2016 Meeting](#)

## Spring OHSLA Elections - Charlotte Sievert

The Nominating Committee of OHSLA has put together a slate of candidates to run for secretary and president-elect, whose terms will commence in July. The committee is comprised of OHSLA members from differing parts of the state: Ellen Franks, Children's Medical Center of Akron; Gerald Natal, Mulford Health Sciences Library, University of Toledo; Elizabeth Mady, Mount Carmel Health Sciences Library in Columbus; and me (Summa Health System, Akron). I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of this committee for their responsiveness, ideas, and persistence in getting this task completed.

## Elections Continued



We are pleased to present four very qualified and experienced candidates on the ballot for your consideration. Two candidates are running for secretary: Judy Griggs (Librarian, Family Resource Center; Children's Medical Center of Akron) and Monique Mason (Manager, Science & Technology Division; Akron Summit County Public Library). In addition, two candidates are running for president-elect: Noreen Mulcahy (Health Sciences Librarian-Technical Services; Mount Carmel Health Sciences Library) and Edith Starbuck (Associate Information Services Librarian; University of Cincinnati Health Sciences Library). For the office of president elect, OHSLA alternates each year between an academic librarian and a hospital librarian. This year we have academic librarians as candidates.

Links to Survey Monkey ballots were distributed to all current members via email on March 28th. You must be a currently paid member to receive a ballot. Voting will close at 6 pm on April 15. If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to participate in this year's election. The outcome of the election will be announced at the spring meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **GMR RML to move from University of Illinois, Chicago to University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa – Don Pearson**

Kathryn Carpenter, Professor and Associate University Librarian for the Health Sciences and Associate Dean Director, Greater Midwest Region, National Network of Libraries of Medicine Library of the Health Sciences University of Illinois at Chicago announced on April 1, 2016 that the University of Illinois at Chicago will no longer be a Regional Medical Library for the Greater Midwest Region. The 2016-2021 cooperative agreement for the GMR RML will go to the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa. This agreement will start on May 1, 2016. You can read the NLM's announcement at <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/news/nlm-rml-coop-agreement-2016.html> which also describes the organization and structure of the RMLs and the new cooperative agreements.

As your Regional Advisory Council representative for the GMR, I encourage everyone in OHSLA to take this opportunity to thank and recognize the GMR staff in Chicago who have worked with and taught us so much over the years, traveling to many of our OHSLA meetings to update and instruct us. I have truly learned a lot from all of them, as well as enjoyed their friendship. Please look over the current staff list at <https://nmlm.gov/gmr/about/staff> and send your personal messages if you feel moved.

I will keep up on the new arrangements with the University of Iowa, and will hopefully have an update on this for the April 29 meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

The OHSLA communications committees welcomes article submissions & suggestions for the Fall/Spring newsletters. Please e-mail any feedback to Jennifer Feldman [jfeldman@fortiscollege.edu](mailto:jfeldman@fortiscollege.edu) or Alyssa Portwood [aportwood@chmca.org](mailto:aportwood@chmca.org)

Thanks, Jennifer & Alyssa

## News from Around the State

In February, **Noreen Mulcahy**, MLIS, Technical Services Librarian at **Mount Carmel Health Sciences Library** was a panelist at Rittenhouse Book Distributors virtual discussion "*EBooks in Practice: Digital Content and Hospital Libraries.*"

**Bette Sydelko**, Medical and Education Librarian, and **Phil Flynn**, Engineering Librarian at **Wright State University Libraries**, presented a poster entitled "Multimodal Building Use Study" at ALAO in November 2015. With additional members of the WSU Libraries Assessment Team, Phil and Bette participated in a yearlong study of how WSU's Dunbar Library is really being used. Several activities such as whiteboard questions, SUMA counts, picto-tales and a needs assessment survey for students were undertaken to provide data and anecdotal evidence to support changes for the library. The poster was awarded ALAO's first People's Choice Poster Award sponsored by the ALAO's Research and Publications Committee and the Assessment Interest Group.

**Donald Pearson**, MBA/MIS, Library Technology Specialist at **Mount Carmel Health Sciences Library** received an Honorable Mention for the Continuing Education Grant from the Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO).

**Ellen Franks**, BSED, Library Specialist at **Akron Children's Hospital**, will receive her Master's in Library and Information Science from Kent State University in May. Congratulations, Ellen! She is working with the hospital's Expressive Therapy and Palliative Care teams to support a bibliotherapy program, called *Healing Literally*, for hospitalized children.

**Heather Holmes**, who has been part of the medical library of **Summa Health System** for the past 12 years, has recently accepted a position as Associate Director of the Library of the Medical University of South Carolina. During her years at Summa, Heather accomplished a great deal in establishing the Clinical Informationist position in this community hospital. We wish her well in her new job and her new city of Charleston.

**Stevo Rokсандic** will present the paper *Revitalizing Library Services: Redefining and Maximizing Operational Efficiency and Excellence* at the MLA/CHLA/ABSC/ICLC Conference in May.

**Susan Wehmeyer** retired from **Wright State University Libraries** in February 2015. She was known for her outstanding service as OHSLA webmaster from July 2002-June 2011. Susan was instrumental in redesigning the OHSLA website to incorporate the current logo. She also participated in the planning and execution of MLA Midwest chapter meetings in Cincinnati '00 and Columbus '09. Susan also served as President and Treasurer of the Miami Valley Association of Health Science Libraries before it dissolved. She also had membership as a distinguished member within the Academy of Health Information Professionals. In retirement, Susan is enjoying time with her husband and three grandchildren.

## News Continued



**Mount Carmel Health Sciences Library** celebrated its 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 2<sup>nd</sup>! Congratulations!

**Stevo Roksandic**, MBA, MLIS, AHIP, of **Mount Carmel Health Sciences Library** will organize and moderate a Special Content Session: *“People-Centered Health Care: Consumer Health Librarians on the Front Line”* at the MLA/CHLA/ABSC/ICLC Conference in May. The keynote speaker will be **Michele Spatz**, past director of **Planetree Health Resource Center**, and patient-centered healthcare consultant. It will also include Stevo and presenter **Melinda Orebaugh**, MLS, Director of Library & Health Information Services, **Gundersen Lutheran Health System** in La Crosse, Wisconsin sharing their respective models of Consumer Health Library Services.

**Samanthi Hewakapuge** has accepted the position of Branch and Systems Librarian at the Shiprock campus of Diné College.

The **Summa Medical Library** is welcoming **Kathleen Walker** as the new Clinical Informationist, who will be starting in her new job as of March 21<sup>st</sup>. Kathleen’s most recent position has been as the Coordinator of the Oncology Education Resource Library in the Summa Health System Jean & Milton Cooper Cancer Center.

The **Cleveland Clinic Floyd D. Loop Alumni Library** has added 3 new members to its staff: **Matt Weaver**, Systems Librarian, comes from Westlake Porter Public Library, Westlake, OH where he was the IT manager. He recently presented at the National ASIST meeting. **Theresa Kline**, Reference and Outreach Librarian, comes from Aultman College and Aultman Hospital, Canton, OH. **Cindy Avallone**, Reference Librarian, returns from a year off. Cindy is a member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals and maintains the Consumer Health Information Professional Level 2 certification.

**Stevo Roksandic** and **Donald Pearson** will co-present their study: *“How Does Instruction by Medical Librarians on Using a Federated Search Tool Impact the Result of Medical Information Research: A Mixed-Method Descriptive Quantitative Study”* at the MLA/CHLA/ABSC/ICLC Conference.

**Stevo Roksandic** has been appointed to EBSCO Health’s Medical Advisory Board to provide feedback and guidance on products and services to meet the needs of Medical Librarians. He will also serve as a panelist at the annual ‘Thieme’ Library Advisory Board Meeting in NYC, and at OhioNET Library Leadership Ohio 2016, titled “So You Want To Be a Library Director”.