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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Linda DeMuro



Mark your calendars for the Fall Meeting on October 16 at Wright State in Dayton. Consultant Theresa Ross Embrey, MLS, will be presenting a program on the “Librarians’ role with PDAs”. This is one of the topics that members requested on meeting evaluation forms. We

depend on the input of our members to make OHSLA relevant to you. That’s why it is so important to fill out your evaluation forms at meetings. Sarah Murphy, our President-Elect and Program Chair, is already busy planning the Spring 2004 meeting. Our presenter will be Ruth Holst from the GMR, who will be giving a program on GRANT WRITING, approved for 4 MLA CE contact hours.

Some of the goals that the OHSLA Executive Board has accomplished during the past year include the adoption of a new logo, unveiled at the Spring 2003 meeting, and the redesign of the OHSLA website. Linda Bunyan and the Publicity Task Force did a great job on the logo. Susan Wehmeyer, our new Webmaster, is to be commended for her creativity and hard work. The new web design is very attractive and easy to navigate. The Executive Committee has decided to feature OHSLA libraries on the home page, with pictures and a brief overview. If you would like to have your library featured, please contact Susan. Ximena Chrisagis continues to put out a very attractive newsletter and welcomes ideas for future submissions. Sandy Wicker is preserving the history of OHSLA by collecting our archives. Mary Sprague keeps us all in touch by coordinating the listserv. Marlene Porter keeps us on task as our Secretary and parliamentarian and the keeper of the ByLaws and our *Policy and Procedure Manual*. Stacy Gall is our new Treasurer and Wendy Hess will represent OHSLA at RAC meetings.

This will be a very exciting year for our Association, as we mark our Tenth Anniversary. Pam Bradigan

from OSU, our Past President, will be planning a memorable celebration at our Spring 2004 meeting. Look for more details on this in the coming months.

Projects that the Executive Committee will be working on this year include additional web page enhancements, an electronic membership directory and possible compilation of OHSLA libraries’ annual reports and benchmarking data.

OHSLA’s Executive Committee is a dedicated group committed to moving the organization forward and responding to members’ needs. We look forward to working together, and with all the membership, during the coming year to foster OHSLA’s mission of advancing the profession of health sciences librarianship in Ohio. Contact information for the officers is included in every newsletter and on the web page. Feel free to contact OHSLA officers with your ideas. We welcome your participation in all our upcoming events. The Executive Committee is looking forward to seeing you all at Wright State on October 16th.

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OHSLA Spring Meeting Summary

by Linda DeMuro, President

The OHSLA Spring meeting was held on Monday, March 31, 2003 at the OSU Prior Health Sciences Library. The Business Meeting was held on the Fifth Floor in the Medical Heritage Center, and the program took place in the Fourth Floor Classroom.

Margaret (Peg) Allen presented a CE program on "Finding the Best Evidence to Meet Nursing Information Needs," which awarded the participants 4 MLA contact hours. Julie McDaniel and Linda DeMuro were Program Committee Members. Forty-five people were registered for the meeting, at a fee of \$50 each. Peg Allen's fee and travel expenses were reimbursed in the amount of \$1000.

Thirty evaluations of the meeting were submitted. The evaluations rated Ms. Allen's presentation in four areas, gathered demographic data on the registrants and solicited ideas for future meeting topics. Sixty-seven percent, or approximately two-thirds, of those submitting evaluations were from hospital libraries and 30% were from academic libraries; three percent listed their institution as "other". Geographically, attendees were evenly divided between Northeast Ohio (33%) and Central Ohio (33%). Ten percent were from Southwest Ohio and 13% were from the Northwest part of the state. The remaining attendees came from Southeast Ohio or "other". Ms. Allen's expertise and the content of her presentation were very highly rated, with over 90% of registrants marking her as either excellent or very good in these areas.

Suggestions for future meeting topics were: new technology in libraries, grant writing, statistical information, copyright, overview of Cochrane databases, PDAs, bioterrorism resources, genomics/NCBI, IRB/research ethics, and informatics.

Volunteer Your Library to Be Featured on the OHSLA Web Site

The OHSLA web site features the photograph of the library that will host the upcoming meeting, but in the months when no meeting is imminent, Webmaster Susan Wehmeyer would like to feature other Ohio Health Sciences Libraries. If you are interested in volunteering your library, please contact Susan Wehmeyer (susan.wehmeyer@wright.edu or 937-775-3565).

10th Anniversary Celebration Slated for Spring 2004 Meeting by Pamela Bradigan, Past President

This year, OHSLA will be celebrating its 10th year anniversary at the Spring 2004 meeting! The Executive Committee is looking forward to celebrating this "birthday" in a special way and, as Past President, I will be planning some of the activities for this day. My experience as OHSLA president in 2002 and my current job at Ohio State as the Assistant Director at the Prior Health Sciences Library has shown me that there are numerous reasons to celebrate and honor our organization's past achievements. Many of us have helped to create the memories and I welcome any ideas you have for the Spring Meeting (bradigan.1@osu.edu or 614-292-4866).

OHSLA is pleased to welcome and congratulate the following new staff:

- Heather Holmes has joined the staff of the Medical Library of Summa Health System as Information Services Librarian. In this capacity, she is responsible for reference services, education, and interlibrary loan. Most recently, Heather was at the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. She previously worked at Mount Carmel Health System and Mercy College of Northwest Ohio.
- In June, Alison Aldrich joined the staff of the Fordham Health Sciences Library at Wright State University. As Health Sciences Librarian, her duties include reference, instruction, collection development, and web development as a member of the University Libraries' Web Team. Alison earned her undergraduate degree in Psychobiology from Hiram College, and she earned her M.S.I. degree from the University of Michigan School of Information in April 2003.

Also noteworthy...

The R. H. Mulford Library has purchased a BioMed Central institutional membership for the Medical College of Ohio. This makes MCO the first institution in Ohio to participate in the BioMed Central open access publishing. MCO joins many prestigious institutions like Cornell, Columbia, Johns Hopkins,

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Georgetown, Harvard, and all the University of California sites. SPARC, the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition, has partnered with BioMed Central in its commitment to open access publishing. For more information about BioMed Central and how to become a member see <http://www.biomedcentral.com>.

- The Prior Health Sciences Library at Ohio State University will host the National Library of Medicine's traveling exhibit *Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature* at the Medical Heritage Center from September 25 through October 31, 2003. Hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. The exhibit was funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the NLM. The Ohio Humanities Council provided local funding. For more information, see <http://www.med.ohio-state.edu/news/article.cfm?ID=1372>

Health Librarianship (LIS 61095-Special Topics) will be offered by KSU's School of Library and Information Science program in Columbus in Spring 2004 on Monday afternoons from 2:00-4:40. This will be the second time the course has been taught in Columbus. The instructor is Ted Morris, KSU SLIS Assistant Professor; call 614-292-7746 for more information.

Call for Features

Would you like to report on an interesting conference experience you had as a presenter or attendee? Have you developed an innovative approach to service or marketing that you would like to share? Do you have unique job responsibilities that you think your OHSLA colleagues would find interesting? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, the OHSLA Communications Committee wants to hear from you.

At the most recent OHSLA Executive Committee meeting, some board members suggested that in addition to our regular *OHSLA Voice* offerings, we might highlight some of the interesting things our members are doing. Each feature would be in addition to our brief "News from around the State" announcements; it would not replace them. This is your opportunity to enlighten and/or entertain your Ohio colleagues without a major time investment. Articles should be between 250 and 400 words in length (*ASCII text* or *MS Word* format preferred). Brevity is extremely important since our entire newsletter will continue to be only four pages long.

If you would like to submit a feature, please contact a member of the Communications Committee: Ximena Chrisagis (ximena.chrisagis@wright.edu), Cheryl Ewing (ewing@oak.cats.ohiou.edu), or Jo Yeoh (YEOHJ@OhioHealth.com).

Is Your Library "LinkedOut" Yet?

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"My" library and computer laboratory at Doctors Hospital of Stark County are open "24/7". But I am only there 25 hours each week. So, even when I am not there, how can I let my library users know that the articles they need are available through the library's online subscriptions or can be found in the print journal stacks? LinkOut is the answer!

I confess that I hesitated quite a while before signing up for a LinkOut account. It sounded like a lot of work and besides, I had no idea how to make the needed icons. But once I signed up, I was pleasantly surprised by how easy it was to link the SERHOLD information to PubMed and to tag the online journal subscriptions. I asked my buddy Pat in the public relations department to make an icon for me (he seemed happy to try out his new PhotoShop skills), but I didn't actually need to make my own icon since NLM provides "generic" icons for those of us with minimal computer graphics skills.

To find out all you need to do to know to set up LinkOut for your library, check out the "Library LinkOut Survival Guide" at <http://nmlm.gov/libinfo/ejournals/linkout/> for links to helpful resources. I particularly recommend the LinkOut presentation from the New England Region NN/LM by Mark Goldstein.

Currently there are 36 Ohio medical libraries using LinkOut. How about adding your library to the list?

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OHSLA Fall Meeting: October 16, 2003 Learn More about "PDAs and the Role of the Librarian"

The OHSLA Fall Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2003 at the Ervin J. Nutter Center at Wright State University in Dayton.

Join us as Library Consultant Theresa Ross Embrey, M.L.I.S., elaborates on the PDA applications available for librarians and the ways that librarians can support the use of these tools for their patrons. In addition to the program and the OHSLA Business Meeting, there will be a sharing session for the attendees. The cost is \$40 for current members and \$55 for renewing members (including the \$15 annual membership fee). The cost for members and non-members includes a continental breakfast, meeting registration, and lunch. Parking is free.

Register today. The **deadline** is **Thursday, October 9**, and the registration form is included in this newsletter. Don't miss your chance to get up to speed on the tools your patrons love to use. Directions, hotel information, and the schedule for the day are provided on the registration form.