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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Linda Bunyan**



By the time this message reaches you, the year 2002 will no longer be new. Your Executive Committee, however, met when it was still in its infancy on January 4.

By all means make plans now to attend our meeting on April 26 – it’s going to be a blockbuster! OHSLA is offering you a choice of two MLA CE courses at a bargain price with lunch included. Pam Bradigan, President-Elect/Program Chair, applied her considerable organizational skills in order to present this ambitious program. In addition, the business program will feature several by-laws changes, announcement of new officers (don’t forget to vote!), and approval of the budget. And – the meeting will be held in a convenient, central location – the Health Sciences Library of The Ohio State University.

The Executive Committee has experienced some mid-year turnover in membership. Sandy Wicker is chairing the Archives Committee. This newsletter marks the debut of Ximena Chrisagis as the new chair of the Communications Committee. Welcome to Sandy and Ximena!

Sandy’s role is to assign subject headings for materials sent to her; she will be following guidelines developed by Grace Chi, the graduate library science student we hired for this project. The Archives Project is nearly completed, and we will provide a complete report during our business meeting.

Barb Van Brimmer and Marlene Porter volunteered to review our bylaws and to propose changes that will improve our functioning as an organization. The Executive Committee approved their suggestions; please be prepared to vote on these amendments at our business meeting.

Sue Arnold, Holly Lopeman and Julie McDaniel helped me develop the survey that went out to everyone on an extensive mailing list OHSLA has developed over the years. As of this writing, I have received 72 responses. This survey will assist the Executive Committee in developing the future direction of OHSLA, as well as in planning specific classes and programs that meet our members’ needs. The survey is one outcome of our goal to improve publicity and outreach to members and nonmembers.

I have already announced on our listserv that the Fall Meeting will be held at Summa Health System in Akron on Thursday, October 24. Dr. Tom Froehlich from the School of Library and Information Science at Kent State University will be our speaker.

Register now for OHSLA’s spring meeting, offering two splendid CE opportunities, at a cost that won’t be matched at other conferences. I look forward to greeting you in person in Columbus on April 26.

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## Summary of the OHSLA Fall Meeting

The OHSLA Fall Meeting was held on Friday, October 19, 2001 at the Wright State University Nutter Center in Dayton. The Program theme was geriatric resources and our speakers were Marshall B. Kapp, Director of Wright State University's Office of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology and Ruey L. Rodman, Head of Access Services at Ohio State University's Health Sciences Library. The Fall 2001 Program Committee members were Linda DeMuro and Susan Wehmeyer.

Thirty two individuals registered for the meeting which began with a continental breakfast. Dr. Kapp's presentation, "Resources and Critical Issues in Aging," began at 10:30 and ended at noon. The PowerPoint presentation and handouts generated a great number of questions from the attendees who, on an overall basis, rated the program "excellent." The Business Meet-

ing was conducted by President Linda Bunyan at the luncheon which was scheduled from 12:00 noon to 1:45 p.m.

The afternoon speaker, Ruey Rodman, presented, "The S.A.G.E. Project, a Library Model to Support Distance Education Instruction at the Ohio State University," from 1:45 – 2:30 p.m. This program detailed library support for a distance geriatric education program. Ms. Rodman's afternoon PowerPoint presentation and handouts were also ranked "excellent." The meeting concluded with a wrap up and evaluation from 2:30 to 2:45 p.m.

The Program Committee Chair sent thank you letters to the two speakers and members of the Program Committee. An honorarium of \$200.00 was enclosed with Marshall Kapp's letter. Fourteen evaluations of the meeting were turned in. The

evaluations rated each speaker individually in five areas, gathered demographic data on the attendees and solicited ideas for future meeting topics. The evaluations showed that 50% of those attending were from hospitals, 43% were from academic institutions, and 7% were from government agencies. In terms of geographic locations, 36% were from Southwest Ohio, 29% from Central Ohio, 21% from Northeast Ohio and 14% from Northwest Ohio.

Program suggestions for the Spring Meeting included: PDA's (mentioned 4 times); nursing resources (mentioned twice); PubMed (mentioned twice).  
*Pam Bradigan*

### Scholarship Program

At the November 2, 2000 Executive Committee meeting an idea was presented to sponsor a graduate library student to attend MC/MLA. After discussion and several additional ideas it was decided to set up an ad hoc committee to develop a scholarship program. An e-mail was sent out January 2001 asking for volunteers. Marilyn Roe agreed to chair the committee. Marilyn submitted a draft document on June 12, 2001. The proposal was reviewed by the Executive Committee, revised and presented to the membership at the October 19, 2001 fall meeting. Comments were taken from the membership; the document was revised again and presented at the Executive Committee meeting on January 4, 2002. The final document is included (**see insert**, this issue) for final review of the membership and for a vote at the Spring meeting in April 2002.

*Barb Van Brimmer*

### Help GMR Reach Your Public Libraries

Public librarians may contact your institution to ask questions about GMR's funding and training opportunities. The GMR staff has recently mailed public libraries in Ohio an informational package that contains a brochure about the National Network of Libraries of Medicine and a MEDLINEplus poster. The package also includes an invitation to join the network as an Affiliate Member. The GMR staff also submitted an article to the Ohio Library Council and the State Library of Ohio for inclusion in their newsletters. The article, entitled "Looking for Free Health Information to Better Serve Your Patrons," encourages public libraries to become members of the GMR and to par-

ticipate in regional, state, and local consumer health information programs.

GMR needs your assistance :

- ⇒ Encourage your local public library to join as an affiliate member.
- ⇒ Highlight the benefits of receiving free training workshops and the funding opportunities.
- ⇒ Inform public libraries of NLM's consumer health initiatives such as MEDLINEplus and ClinicalTrials.gov.

**If you have questions, contact the GMR (1-800-338-7657, press 1 or GMR@uic.edu).**

# News from around the state...

Pam Elwell retired from her position as Director of the Mount Carmel Health Sciences Library, effective January 31, 2002.

Abigail Jones is the new Circuit Librarian at the Prior Health Sciences Library, The Ohio State University. Abigail handles the library collections in the departments of Internal Medicine and Radiation Oncology. She also travels to Mary Rutan Hospital in Bellefontaine every other week to help with their library.

Rebecca Mehling will be taking over the library and Continuing Medical Education responsibilities at University Hospital East, Ohio State University Hospitals on February 11, 2002. Becky had been the Consumer Health Librarian at Ohio State University Hospitals.

The medical library at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus has three new staff. Susi Miller is the new library supervisor. She takes Jo Clark's place (Jo retired). Susi does staff scheduling, and she orders and catalogs books. Sue Jones is the inter-library loan/document delivery person. Beth St. John is the new halftime secretary; she replaces the retired Georgia Reinbold.

Candy Winteregg, formerly of Grandview Hospital Library in Dayton, is the new director of the Shank Library at Dayton's Good Samaritan Medical Center.

## OHSLA Bylaws Revisions Proposed

The OHSLA Executive Committee is proposing a number of revisions to the current bylaws, primarily to clarify items. The proposed revisions are: (1) the term of office for officers and when they are elected (Article IV, Section 3), (2) who the non-voting members are serving on the Executive Committee (Article V, Section 1), (3) the number of people needed to serve on standing committees (Article V, Section 2, Parts C, D, and E), (4) how elections are handled (Article V, Section 2, Part C) and (5) who appoints the Communications and Archive Committee Chairs (Article V, Section 2, Parts D and E). Article IV, Section 1 is basically a reordering of the officers and addition of the phrase "immediate Past-President". This revision is proposed to reflect the change in wording of Article IV, Section 3 (listed above). The membership will vote on these revisions at the Spring Meeting in Columbus. Please read the insert detailing the proposed revisions. Those who wish to compare the complete bylaws against the proposed revisions may access the bylaws on the OHSLA website at <http://www.ohslanet.org/about/bylaws.html>.

*Marlene Porter*

## GMR Announces New Subcontract in Ohio

The NN/LM Greater Midwest Region is pleased to announce its first Public Health Network Models Subcontract. This subcontract is jointly funded by the GMR and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

**Recipient: Ohio State University Prior Health Sciences Library**  
**Project Directors: Mary Sprague and Pam Bradigan**  
**Title: Ohio Appalachian Public Health Information Literacy Training.**  
**Amount: \$49,980**

Description: The primary goal of this project is to provide public health workers in selected Ohio Appalachian counties with the skills, access, on-going user support, and information services relative to their practice, including the use of CDC, NLM and NN/LM information resources. Additionally, the project aims to increase consumer awareness of public health issues by partnering OSU Extension faculty and local health department staff to create web-based public information content. The Ohio State University Prior Health Sciences Library, OSU Extension, the Ohio Department of Health, and Region 5-A of the Ohio Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) are partnering in this project.

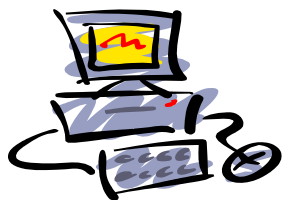
The project will survey public health workers in all twenty-nine Appalachian counties to determine their information literacy training needs. From among survey respondents, four local health departments and their respective OSU Extension offices will be selected to participate in a pilot project to develop educational modules guided by training needs identified in the survey. Pilot project participants will also work with OSU faculty to develop public health content for local web sites. Funding and time will determine expansion of the program to the remaining 25 counties.

*Beth Carlin, GMR*

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**Don't forget to VOTE!!**

**Your ballot is enclosed and must be  
postmarked by April 15, 2002!!!**



## **OHSLA SPRING MEETING OFFERS CONTINUING EDUCATION CHOICE, REGISTER NOW – SPACE IS LIMITED!!**

The OHSLA Spring Meeting will be held on Friday, April 26, at The Ohio State University Prior Health Sciences Library. In addition to our regular business meeting, registrants can attend one of two available MLA-approved continuing education courses. Each course will count for 3.5 MLA CE credit hours.

Beth G. Carlin (Exhibits and Outreach Coordinator for the NNLM Greater Midwest Region) will present, “Making PubMed Work for You.” This class is intended to hone basic searching techniques and the ability to develop search strategies that take advantage of the PubMed interface to MEDLINE. Topics will include using MeSH and search qualifiers, limiting search results, refining searches, SDI searching, and links. The course will provide an in-depth view of the system and registrants will have hands-on opportunities to practice search techniques. Diane Kovacs (Kovacs Consulting) will present “How to Find Medical Information on the Internet for Healthcare Professionals and Consumers.” In this class attendees will learn how to search for and evaluate health and medical information on the Internet. Web search tools that are specialized for health and medical research will be highlighted. Participants will have access to web-based instructional materials after the workshop.

The Spring Meeting provides a great opportunity to enroll in a continuing education course at a very reasonable price. And you can network with colleagues over continental breakfast and a buffet lunch. The registration form (including the meeting schedule) is inserted in this newsletter. Please register early to enroll in your preferred continuing education course — you can only choose one of the two offerings. Contact Pam Bradigan, Ohio State University Prior Health Sciences Library, at 614-292-4966 or [bradigan.1@osu.edu](mailto:bradigan.1@osu.edu) for additional information. See you in Columbus!!