

OHSLA Spring 2017 Meeting Summary

The Ohio Health Sciences Library Association (OHSLA) Spring meeting was held on May 5, 2017 at the Main Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML). The featured speaker, Megan von Isenburg, Director of Duke Medical Center Library, presented a 4-hour CE/MLA course EBM/EBP: The Basics – Study Design and Randomized Controlled Trials (RCTs). As a way of teaching about RCTs, von Isenburg made all participants part of a "study." This made the workshop easy to understand, relevant and engaging.

A CML Librarian led a tour of the newly renovated building during the lunch break. Liz Kiscaden from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine - Greater Midwest Region (GMR) provided members with an update during the OHSLA business meeting.

OHSLA President, Mary Pat Harnegie reported that action is being taken the recently completed SWOT analysis, conducted by Debi Orr, Charlotte Sievert and Jennifer Feldman. The analysis was based on the 2015 Survey of members. The OHSLA Executive Committee picked three actionable items that are currently being implemented:

- Mentorship opportunities for members
- Define benefits of being an OHSLA member
- Learning opportunities in new areas such as grant writing

Debi Orr urged members to run for office and get involved in the organization.

Overall, results from the Spring meeting were positive. Of the 32 respondents to the program evaluation, 96% found the Expertise of Presenters Excellent. In the category of Appropriate Format for Topic, 95% rated it Excellent. In Content and Information, 95% rated it Excellent. The State Library as a location received 85% as Excellent and Parking got an 70%. The meeting room had 86%, and Food was rated as 81%.

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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