

OHSLA Fall 2017 Meeting Summary

The Ohio Health Sciences Library Association (OHSLA) Fall Meeting was held on Friday, November 17, 2017 at the Ohio University-Lancaster Campus (OH-L). The featured speakers, Kate Flewelling and Erin Seger, University of Pittsburgh Health Sciences Library System and National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Middle Atlantic Region, presented a 4-hour CE/MLA course PubMed & Beyond: Clinical Resources from the National Libraries of Medicine. They demonstrated many resources such as MedlinePlus Connect, HealthReach and the National Guideline Clearinghouse.

During the lunch break, Library Director Judy Carey Nevin provided a tour of the Hannah V. McCauley Library at Ohio University Lancaster. Judy and the staff of OH-L were gracious hosts.

Noreen Mulcahy, OHSLA President called the OHSLA Business Meeting to order. She thanked Kate and Erin as well as Judy and OH-L staff for a great program and tour. In addition, she recognized Don Pearson, OHSLA Treasurer, Monique Mason, OHSLA Secretary, and Mary Pat Harnegie, OHSLA Past-President for making the Grant Writing Workshop a success. This was held on August 25, 2017 at Akron-Summit County Public Library.

Noreen pointed out that three actionable items were undertaken in 2017:

- Mentoring Program – Debi
- Grant Writing Workshop – Don, Monique, etc.
- Benefits of OHSLA – Don & Marilia

Don reported that OHSLA's expenses usually come from our meetings. Income is from dues and meeting fees. If we wanted to start applying for grant, we would need to apply for 501c3 (non-profit) status.

Our special guest for the Business Meeting was Nancy Lensenmayer, Associate Lecturer at Kent State University's School of Information (iSchool). Nancy provided an update on the iSchool and discussed opportunities for collaboration with OHSLA and Ohio's Health Sciences Libraries.

There was discussion about reviving and expanding the Scholarship Committee. Bette Sydelko, Ellen Franks and Stacy Gall volunteered to serve on it.

Mary Pat Harnegie, provided an update on *Shake, Rattle & Roll*, the 2018 Midwest Chapter/MLA Conference, scheduled for October 5-8, 2018 in Cleveland, Ohio. We had the opportunity to watch the promotional video for the event, which was shot by Don and edited by his daughter Faith Pearson. This video was also shown at the 2017 Midwest Chapter/MLA Conference in Ypsilanti, MI.

Overall, results from the Fall meeting were positive. Of the 22 respondents to the program evaluation, 100% rated Expertise of Presenters between Very Good to Excellent. In the category of Appropriate Format for Topic, 95% rated it Very Good to Excellent. In Content and Information, 91% rated it Very Good to Excellent. The location of Ohio University-Lancaster received an 58% rating of Very Good to Excellent and Parking received 100% of Very Good to Excellent. The meeting room had 90% Very Good to Excellent rating and Food was rated 81% Very Good to Excellent.

Seventy-seven percent of participants reported full reimbursement from their institutions to attend the meeting. Approximately 65% were from hospital libraries while 25% of attendees came from academic

libraries. Most participants, 47% were from Central Ohio while 39% were from Northeast Ohio. Southeast and Southwest Ohio added up to 13% representation.

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