

## *Medical Librarians Make Connections!*

### *From the President's Desk:*

Making connections will be what it is all about at the OHSLA exhibit at the Joint Educational Summit and Convention of the OHA. In early February, I was pleased to accept, on behalf of the OHSLA membership, an exhibit subcontract from the Greater Midwest Region, National Network of Libraries of Medicine. This subcontract will cover all the expenses involved in exhibiting at OHA.

As outlined in the proposal, the goal in exhibiting at OHA will be to showcase the skills of medical librarians and to demonstrate the value of information professionals as experts in accessing, evaluating and delivering information. The OHA Convention exhibit hall presents a unique opportunity to raise the visibility of librarians as partners in the delivery of health care.

The focal point of the OHSLA booth will be an Internet workstation. OHSLA members will guide exhibit visitors through the world of electronic information resources, using an

OHSLA home page as a starting point. Additionally, the exhibit will feature displays and handouts describing electronic information projects developed and used by Ohio librarians.

OHSLA members will be staffing the exhibit for more than 13 hours during the three day convention, Monday, April 14 through Wednesday, April 16. Over 2,000 people attend the

OHA Convention annually, so we can expect to be busy!

You can help! Please consider volunteering a few hours at the exhibit. This is an ambitious project and we could use *your* expertise. If you are interested, *call me!*

### *OHSLA Spring Meeting*

You can make connections with your fellow Ohio medical librarians at OHSLA's Spring Meeting on Tuesday, April 15 at the Columbus Convention Center in conjunction with the OHA Convention. This year, the OHSLA events are planned to allow members to take full advantage of the day's OHA happenings. In addition to the business meeting, there will be a special luncheon for OHSLA members and OHSLA will be sponsoring two speakers that day. You may also wish to attend the keynote presentation and visit the exhibits that day. See inside this newsletter for all the details!

*Clare Leibfarth*  
*OHSLA President*



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## News Around the State

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## PERSONNEL

Larry S. Ellis was named Director and Chief Medical Librarian of the Oliver Ocasek Regional Medical Information Center of the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine effective December 1, 1996. Larry was formerly Assistant Director for Public Services and Education for the Information Center.

Krystal Slivka has filled the position of Chief Medical Librarian at Aultman Hospital, Canton as of September 27, 1996. Krystal came from Case Western Reserve University where she had been a Chemical Sciences Librarian for five years. Prior to receiving her MLS from Kent State University Krystal was a chemist and worked as a Technical Information Specialist at PPG in Barberton.

Marlene Derrick recently became Hospital Librarian for Columbia Mercy Medical Center (formerly Timken Mercy Medical Center) in Canton. Before having earned her MLS from Kent State University in May of 1996, Marlene had established and staffed the medical library for Fairbanks Memorial Hospital in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Carol Wall Kamens is the new Medical Librarian at Trumbull Memorial Hospital in Warren. Carol's most recent experience had been two years as a parttime Medical Librarian at Western Reserve Care System in Youngstown. Previously she had been Head of Public Services at the Maag Library at Youngstown State University for twenty years and before that experience she had been a Librarian in the undergraduate library at Kent State University.

Mike Petit has been Reference Librarian at University Hospitals of Cleveland since March, 1996. Formerly Mike was the Librarian at Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare System, formed by the merger of Cleveland Psychiatric Institute and Western Reserve Psychiatric Hosp.

Brian Olesko is the new reference/outreach librarian at Fordham Health Sciences Library, Wright State University. He just finished his library degree at the University of Illinois - Urbana/Champaign. Also, Fordham has a Library Resident, Ximena Chrisagis, who will be with them for two years. She spends half her time with the Fordham reference department and half in Special Collections at Dunbar.

The new librarian at Children's Medical Center in Dayton is Luz Sinha. She previously worked at the Information Desk in Dunbar, WSU.

## MEETINGS

The Medical Library Association of Northeastern Ohio (MLANO) will have OVID Technologies give an update of the OVID system for the program of the MLANO meeting at University Hospitals of Cleveland the morning of March 5th. The organization has applied for MLA CE credit.

Tri-County Biosciences Librarians will be meeting April 17th at Summa St. Thomas Hospital at 3:00. The program will be a presentation by Ed Truitt, PhD on "Drinking as Seen Through the Eyes of the Artist." Dr. Truitt will also address the scientific facts of alcoholism. Contact Kathy Cheriki at (330) 384-6243.

# Make it a Day at OHA!

**Plan to attend the Ohio Health Sciences Library Association Spring Meeting  
Tuesday, April 15, 1997 at the Columbus Convention Center**

For the third year in a row, the OHSLA Spring Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Joint Educational Summit and Convention of the OHA. As an OHA associated society, we are able to make the entire convention program available to our members. Everyone on the OHSLA mailing list should have received the OHA Convention program announcement. Tuesday's OHSLA member events have been planned to allow plenty of "free" time to attend other interesting OHA programs and to visit the exhibits. So why not plan to make the most of your OHA registration and spend all day Tuesday at OHA?

OHSLA members (and guests) are invited to the OHSLA Luncheon and Business Meeting at noon. Thanks to a generous donation from Ebsco, we are able to provide a full course lunch for OHSLA members for only \$5.00. Talk about a real meal deal! We'll remain in the same room for the business meeting immediately following the luncheon.

For its members, OHSLA will be sponsoring a presentation at 2 p.m. by Dr. Danny P. Wallace, Director, School of Library and Information Science at Kent State University. Dr. Wallace's presentation "Managing Knowledge-Based Information in the 21st Century" will examine the role of the health science librarian in our rapidly changing information environment and healthcare industry. Dr. Wallace will bring his unique experience as the director of Ohio's only library school to this timely subject.

Tuesday morning, OHSLA is sponsoring a presentation by our own Marsha Tomlin, Director, Center for Education and Information Resources, Clinton Memorial Hospital, at 10 a.m. Although her presentation "Using Internet Resources in Healthcare" will be specifically targeted to personnel from various hospital departments, you will find the information she will provide very useful. Marsha's presentation will be practical and concrete, focusing on specific Internet sites in each of a number of healthcare related subject areas. The most significant Internet sites presented by Marsha will be demonstrated to visitors at the OHSLA booth in the exhibit hall.

Following Marsha Tomlin's presentation, you may wish to attend Tuesday's Keynote Presentation by Michael Annison at 11 a.m. Annison, formerly with the Naisbitt Group, is a recognized futurist, helping organizations match organizational development to social change.

Tuesday's Exhibit Hours will be Noon to 4 p.m. Be sure to stop by and visit the OHSLA booth, #226.

If you are planning to attend the meeting, you will need to register directly with OHA for the Convention. Registration materials are included in the program announcements sent by OHA. If you will be attending the OHSLA luncheon, you also will need to send your meal reservation with payment to Debra Anderson using the reservation/membership form on the facing page.



## DRAFT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 30, 1996  
in conjunction with  
Midwest Chapter/Medical Library Association Annual Meeting  
Hyatt Regency, Columbus OH

President Clare Leibfarth called the meeting to order at 7:20 A.M.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the general membership meeting on April 17, 1996 were included in the newsletter and distributed at today's meeting. Chris Williams moved that the minutes be approved, Margaret Moutseous seconded.

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM:** Debra Anderson, membership chair, verified the presence of a quorum.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT/SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:** President Clare Leibfarth began the meeting by recognizing Margaret Moutseous' able leadership and extra six months of service as President. C. Leibfarth also recognized Ebsco for their continued support of OHSLA.

Clare's presidential goals for 1996-97:

- Continue to make the transition necessary to continue operating the organization
- Plan the fall meeting
- Finish the revision of the bylaws
- Make the organization truly representative of Ohio health libraries
- Plan the April meeting with OHA to include an exhibit
- Long range goal development - what kind of organization do we want to be, what can this organization do for you in your libraries
- To get together a really good slate of officers - Margaret Moutseous is the chair of the nominating committee.

The Executive Committee met on July 24, 1996. The meeting was quite productive. We discussed our donation to the MC/MLA meeting and that we would be sponsoring the panel discussion. It was decided that our breakfast meeting should be subsidized to try to maximize attendance. We began planning for the April meeting at OHA. Clare will be attending a meeting with the OHA meeting planners. The bylaws changes were finalized to present to the membership. We also reviewed the mailing list and the budget.

**GMR NN/LM Report:** Cara Wilhelm, the outreach librarian for Ohio gave a brief summary of GMR activities. The University of Illinois at Chicago was awarded the contract for the next five years. The RAC structure has been reorganized. There will be five working committees and one overview committee. Elaine Martin will be giving a complete update later in the MC/MLA meeting. The GMR office is working on an electronic newsletter. They will be trying to include more regional information. The October issue of MIDLINE is available from GMR's homepage.

**TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Debra Anderson presented the treasurer's report which included two spending reports covering January through June 1996, and July 1996 to the present. The checkbook balance as of September 29, 1996 is \$2425.48. She also presented the Executive Committee's proposed budget for 96-97. The budget does not reflect the expected check from Ebsco nor does it include an expense line for our exhibit at OHA. When the check comes from Ebsco it will be added into meeting expenses and miscellaneous. We are hoping to get money from the GMR office to cover our exhibit at OHA. Income issues are extremely important at this time. We have not had a money making meeting since Fall of 1995 and will not until the Fall of 1997. Debra expects that it is too optimistic to budget for 120 members this year so we will need to adjust the budget as the year goes on. Eve Davis moved that the budget be approved as presented, Margaret Moutseous seconded. The motion passed.

Membership as of September 29, 1996 is 68. Debra will be sending reminder letters to those who have not renewed.

**COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER REPORT:** C. Leibfarth thanked B. Hill for all the work she did on the newsletter. Barbarie reported that about 300 newsletters have been sent each time this year. She hopes we can have an updated mailing list as soon as possible. We need to reconsider continued use of the bulk rate for mailing because of its slow delivery time.

### OLD BUSINESS:

OHA Exhibit Committee Report: Barbarie Hill reported that no formal work has been done yet, but that several people are thinking about

it. The main problem is funding the exhibit. It will cost \$900.00 to exhibit at OHA. GMR offers exhibit grants, we will try to get one of them. Barbarie invited everyone to submit any ideas for the exhibit to her. M. Sprague reminded us that if we do an exhibit, we will be looking for volunteers to staff the booth.

Bylaws Revisions: The bylaws revision proposals were announced to the membership in the Fall 1996 issue of "OHSLA VOICE" as per Article VIII of the Bylaws.

Linda Bunyan moved to amend Article V, Section 2, Part C of the OHSLA Bylaws by replacing the phrase "the Annual Business meeting" with the phrase "the Spring meeting" in the last two sentences and to amend Article VI, Section 1 by removing the phrase "one of which shall be the Annual Business meeting" at the end of the section. Lisa McCormick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

Chris Williams moved to amend Article IV, Section 3 of the OHSLA Bylaws by replacing the sentence "Terms of office begin July 1 of the year following election." with the sentence "Terms of office begin July 1." Margaret Moutseous seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

Ann Carlson moved to amend Article IV, Section 1 of the OHSLA Bylaws by replacing the phrase "Two Regional Council Representatives" with the phrase "one Regional Advisory Council Representative" and to amend Article IV, Section 3 by replacing the phrase "Regional Council Representatives" with the phrase "Regional Advisory Council Representative" in the second sentence and to amend the title of Article IV, Section 5, Part F from "Regional Council Representatives" to "Regional Advisory Council Representative" and to amend Article IV, Section 5, Part F to read: "The Regional Advisory Council Representative shall serve as the communication link between OHSLA and the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) of the Greater Midwest Region of NN/LM. The RAC Representative shall be from a primary access library within the State of Ohio. The Representative shall serve a two-year term." and to amend Article V, Section 1 by replacing the phrase "Regional Council Representatives" with the phrase "Regional Advisory Council Representative" in the first sentence. Margaret Moutseous seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

Marlene Porter moved to amend Article V, Section 2, Part C of the OHSLA Bylaws by removing the sentence "The ballot shall list at least two nominees for each office." Margaret Moutseous seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

Margaret Moutseous moved to amend Article VII of the OHSLA Bylaws by replacing the phrase "in all cases where they are consistent with these bylaws" with the phrase "so long as they are consistent with these bylaws." Chris Williams seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

Clare thanked everyone for their cooperation in passing these necessary revisions to the OHSLA Bylaws.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### Resource/Outreach Library Representation on Executive Committee:

Clare opened this topic up for discussion. She reminded us that due to the restructuring of the RAC, the OHSLA Executive Committee won't always have someone on the Executive Committee to represent the resource libraries. Clare mentioned several options: we could have the president appoint someone, we could vote on someone, we could ask for a volunteer or we could leave the Executive Committee as it stands. If anyone has any ideas on this please let Clare know. She plans to talk to the library directors before the next Executive Committee meeting. There was no discussion from the floor.

The next meeting of OHSLA will be in April 1997 in conjunction with the OHA Convention.

Lisa McCormick moved to adjourn the meeting, Ginger Bopp seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 A. M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bette Sydelko, Secretary OHSLA

## REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

*Sara Timmons*

The first meeting of the reorganized Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Oversight Committee was held in Chicago on January 16, 1997. The meeting began with a brief review of the mission of the National Library of Medicine and the structure of the Greater Midwest Region (GMR). With that information as background, the remainder of the day was spent in strategic planning for the region, with a

professional facilitator leading the sometimes lively, even impassioned, discussion.

Two Ohio library representatives were included in the approximately 25 members, GMR staff, and guests. Sarah Timmons, Wright State University, is one of two representatives of Resource Libraries (-non-Outreach) elected by the other Resource Library direc

tors. David Boilard, Medical College of Ohio, is one of two representatives of the Midwest Chapter/MLA. Also in attendance was a representative from OCLC. Jean Sayre, previously Director of the Health Sciences Library of the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, attended in her new role as Associate Director of the GMR.

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**OHSLA MEMBERS: Don't miss the ballot inclosed in this issue; vote for your new officers!**

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