

Florida Health Science Library Association
2009 Annual Reports

Committee Reports:

Continuing Education

Chair: Linda Butson

Members: John Orriola, Deb Lawless

Five CE classes were presented to the membership. One class, Patient Education Materials: Evaluation and Design, a 1.5 hour class was cancelled due to low registration. The other classes that were held were: Government Resources in Consumer Health, 4 hr; Presenting Data and Information with Consideration to Audience, 4 hr; Using Free or Low Cost Web 2.0 Tools, 4 hr; Technology Planning for Health Sciences Librarians, 6 hr. All the instructors waived an honorarium but were presented with gift certificates in appreciation.

Honors and Awards

Chair: Kathy Moeller

Members: Deedra Walton, Sue Felber

There were no Honorary Members or Librarian of the Year nominees selected for this year. Faith Schafer-Moody was awarded the Library Paraprofessional Scholarship, and Jung Lee and Jinxuan Ma, both students at Florida State University, were each awarded a Student Scholarship.

Membership Committee

Chair: Rose Bland

Members: Claire Keneally, Rae Jesano and Kristen Morda

On December 16, 2008 the Membership Committee held an early renewal contest to encourage members to renew. The winner of the contest won their choice of movie tickets or a Blockbuster gift card which was donated to FHSLA. Renewal reminders were sent on January 15, 2009 and March 6, 2009. Lavonia Merrell of the Lake City VA Medical Center was the winner.

The Membership Committee has been working on additional member benefits:

Mentoring- a new section was added to this year's membership form. This allowed members to sign up to be a mentor or request a mentor. Eight members indicated they would be willing to mentor and 4 members requested a mentor. Individuals will be matched up according to their interests and

contacted prior to the Annual Meeting so they can have an opportunity to meet in person if they are at the meeting.

Vendor Discounts- various vendors were contacted to inquire about discounts for FHSLA members. Ovid, Stat-Ref, Rittenhouse, and BMJ were contacted. At this time only Rittenhouse and BMJ are attempting to work with us to provide a discount rate for FHSLA members.

As of April 14, 2009 there are 75 dues paying members of which 10 are new members.

Nominating Committee

Chair: Nancy Schaefer

Members: Deedra Walton, Claire Keneally

Recruited the following nominees for the following offices:

Tanya Feddern-Bekcan, Vice-President-Nominating Committee

Chair/President/Immediate Past President-Strategic Planning Committee Chairperson
2009-2012

Pam Terragnoli, Secretary 2009-2011

Program Committee

Co-Chairs: Barbara Wood, Nancy Schaefer

Members: Gita Halder, Beth Layton, Susan McCullough, Wallace McLendon, Pamela Sherwill-Navarro

The Program Committee brainstormed ideas for meeting themes, activities and speakers. It approved the tentative schedule and a one-week extension of the Early Bird Discount for registration for the meeting to meet the extension offered by the hotel for the conference rate. It recruited vendor-sponsors and exhibitors and speakers.

Local Arrangements Committee (Program Subcommittee)

Co-Chairs: Nita Ferree, Nancy Schaefer

Members: Rae Jesano, Ellie Bushhousen, Linda Butson (ex-officio)

The Local Arrangements Committee organized the annual meeting space (Hilton Garden Inn in Gainesville), menu, tours and registration; solicited door prizes and bag stuffers, arranged IT for the meeting and made centerpieces.

Strategic Planning Committee

Chair: Nadine Dexter

The Strategic Planning Committee met on November 14, 2008 in Orlando Florida, at the University of Central Florida, College of Medicine, Health Sciences Library. Members present were; Nadine Dexter (Chair), Pat Clark, John Orriola, Roumiana Katzarkov, Kaye Robertson, Beth Layton, Allison Howard (Past Chair), Barbara Wood (President, Ex Officio), Nancy Schaefer (Vice-President, Ex Officio), Linda Butson (CE Chair, Guest), and Kristen Morda (Treasurer, Guest).

1. Members approved the minutes for the November 7, 2007 meeting and for the September 8, 2008 telephone conference call.
2. Bylaws change. The recent vote about changing the Bylaws to add the Membership Chair to the Executive Committee was discussed. The webmaster was asked to update the website to reflect the changes. Rose Bland who is the Membership Chair will be added to the Executive Committee list.
3. Other bylaws changes. Discussion about the Bylaws change for allowing the SPC past-chair to remain on the SPC as an ex-officio member. This is to ensure that there is an odd number of votes. This needs to be voted on by the membership at the next annual meeting.
4. Joint Meetings: Charlie Parker (FLA past president) approached FHSLA about a joint meeting with FLA as FHSLA librarians are seen as the “subject” specialists in the area of consumer health. Their planning was already too far along for us to join them this year. In 2010 SC/MLA will be held in the Tampa Bay Area so we will only have a business meeting. The next opportunity for a joint meeting will be in 2011. FLA has a multi-year contract with the Doubletree Hotel outside of Universal Studios. The dates have been set for several years ahead but we don’t know whether it includes 2011.
 - a. Barbara Wood, John Orriola and Nancy Schaefer volunteered to look at criteria to use for joint meetings that we can use as guidelines, recognizing each joint meeting might be somewhat different. Things like profiles, lessons learned etc., would be very beneficial. They will report back to SPC by February 14, 2009.
 - b. Exhibit at FLA: Beth Layton will investigate how the RML might fund a table at the FLA meeting for the RML, FCHIN, and FHSLA. There should be 1-2 representatives from each group attending the table.
5. Old Action Items.
 - a. Membership Committee – There was discussion about how to update the membership lists and find ways to recruit new members. Suggestions

ranged from arranging mentors for new members, to phone calls that are meaningful.

- b. CE Committee – Discussion on ways to offer more CEs to our members throughout the year in different locations around the state.
6. SC/MLA in Florida – October 24-28, 2010.
 - a. Pat Clark has been asked to be the Local Arrangements Chair and has received many offers of help. FHSLA will only have a business meeting and will encourage members to attend SC/MLA.
7. Florida Consumer Health Information Network (FCHIN)
 - a. Beth Layton presented a report on the activities of FCHIN. Has been structured into 3 subcommittees, Communication/Marketing, Education/Training and Content. They continue to participate in AHCA workgroup activities. FCHIN website was created and hosted on the FHSLA website. Face to face meeting will be held at FHSLA annual meeting on April 24, 2009. FHSLA agreed to sponsor FCHIN up to \$5200 and have already spent \$1424.46.
8. Treasurer's Report. Kristen Morda gave the Treasurer's Report. In January 2008 we had \$15,867.37 in the treasury. As of November 14, 2008 we had \$11,201.74 in 2008. We spent \$16,674.37 on the annual meeting in 2008.
9. Annual Meeting for April 22-24, 2009.
 - a. CE committee chair Linda Butson presented results of a survey of the membership. The survey asked members what their preferences were for CE's. People liked the 4 hour classes rather than the 6 to 8 hour classes. MLA credits were somewhat important. Class selections were narrowed to the following offerings: Government Resources in Consumer Health, Using Free or Low Cost Web 2.0 Tools, Technology Planning for Health Sciences Librarians, and Presenting Data and Information with Consideration to Audience.
 - b. Local Arrangements and Program Committee Report by Nancy Schaefer. Nancy gave an update on planning for the annual meeting. This included the hotel selection, keynote speakers, ideas for other activities like yoga and meeting agenda order. Conference theme was determined after good natured discussion to be: Creating Connections.
10. Newsletter - Nadine Dexter. Submission deadline was November 26th with the goal of a final newsletter early December 2008. Thanks go to Allison Howard and Linda Butson for their hard work on getting the newsletter done.
11. Meeting evaluations from the 2008 meeting were passed out and discussed.

Appointed Positions:

Archivist:

No Report given, the position is vacant.

E-List Coordinator: Allison Howard

All new members have been added to the list as they have joined. There are currently 117 email addresses included. This includes some people who have more than one email address and some people who have not yet renewed.

FHSLAlert Newsletter: Allison Howard, Nadine Dexter, Linda Butson
FSU has been understaffed so Allison Howard, Nadine Dexter and Linda Butson staffed the position this year and will continue through the coming year, if needed.

Webmaster: Allison Howard

We've had some nice comments about our web page. A couple of people have written suggesting we add their links to our webpage. We have not done this as they were from commercial sites.

The Annual Meeting 2009 webpage and links were created during the last year. Additional updates to other pages have been completed as necessary.