



# FHSLA ALERT

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*ANNOUNCING: ALERT!*  
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With this issue FHSLA introduces its newsletter, ALERT, as mandated by the members attending the annual meeting at Clearwater, May 4, 1984. Members voted to publish a newsletter to enhance association communications. The officers are charged with the responsibility for first year publication to include three issues: July, October, January. The Medical Center Library, University of South Florida will provide assistance in its composition and duplication. Content will be defined broadly this year to gather as much information as possible for future editorial direction. Regular columns include: KEYNOTES (President's column), EXECUTIVE BRIEFS (FHSLA official business), TIPS AND CLUES (career opportunities), CREDITS AND MERITS (personals), BITS AND TICKS (announcements, events), JOTTINGS (miscellaneous).

To ensure statewide news coverage, a reporter system has been organized. The following volunteers serve as reporters in their areas: Diane Ream - Miami consortium, Suzetta Burrows - medical school, Linda O'Callaghan - Palm Beach consortium, Sarah Harmon - Tampa consortium, Ada M. Seltzer - medical school, Shirley Brandon - medical school, Cheryl Dee - MLA Hospital Library Section, Vickie Sapp - north Florida, Kay Franklin - west Florida, Carolyn Hall - Jacksonville consortium.

Members, - this is your newsletter! Your comments and suggestions are welcome and needed so that this publication can develop to meet your needs. Please send your ideas to President Ploch or Vice-President Seltzer.

For more news about Florida medical libraries and FHSLA - Read on!

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*KEYNOTES:*  
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My deep thanks to all busy reporters who submitted news items, and especially to Ada M. Seltzer for editing and composing the newsletter. In my first column, I will discuss ideas related to adding new members as well as present information on a relatively new service to health libraries.

NEW MEMBERS. Welcome to the following new members who did not appear in our records for the past two years: Renay Beason, William Bonner, Barbara Bratton, Mary Kay Deese, Barbara Hijek, A. Louis Paolilli, Marilyn Pethe, Cynthia Schmid, JoElla Young.

EACH ONE BRING ONE. Each of you can probably identify one or more hospital libraries in your area not included among our membership. A personal invitation from you can be the "added personal touch" needed for initiation into association membership. Why join FHSLA? Among many reasons, you might stress 1) the opportunity to acquire solutions to your library's problems, 2) the contagion of ideas shared by members at meetings, 3) the communication of information related to health science libraries through our newsletter, 4) the discovery of new sources for offering services to physicians and hospital staff, 5) publications from organizations using our mailing list providing the most recent advances in library services, 6) library applications of computer technology available in many hospitals, and 7) the strengthening of our Association's impact throughout the

state by declaring a membership total more consistent with the number of medical libraries in Florida.

ELECTRONIC MAIL. As health science libraries search for more cost effective means to provide services, the uses of new communications technologies are being investigated. During the past few years, electronic mail systems have been developed which offer reduced costs for sending messages. For brief information about the various systems, I refer you to the Region II newsletter, SEA CURRENTS, May/June 1984. I am choosing to share a few details about one system, Ontyme II, available through CLASS (Cooperative Library Agency for System and Services), BCR in Denver or University of Washington in Seattle. Ontyme can be accessed through the terminals you are now using for MEDLINE and other data bases. Ontyme is currently used by over 500 libraries, one-fourth of which are medical facilities. Region II headquarters library and NLM accept interlibrary loan requests via Ontyme. One institution using Ontyme reports that each interlibrary loan, sent in batches, costs about \$.66. CLASS offers special subscription rates for consortia. For more information, contact CLASS, 1415 Koll Circle, Suite 101, San Jose, CA 95112-4698 - (408/289-1756). Check this issue for news about electronic mail in Florida. Have a happy summer holiday! -- C. Ploch, President.

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EXECUTIVE BRIEFS:  
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The Executive Committee/State Plan Committee held a meeting July 12, 1984 in Daytona Beach. Carol Jenkins, Executive Director, Region II summarized the RMLS program as it relates to state associations. She assisted in the discussion concerning state plan vs. strategic planning. Bob Gorin, head of the Florida Library Information Network (FLIN) described the operations of this statewide interlibrary loan network and addressed the intent to include special libraries in its future development.

The State Plan Committee has been reorganized and named the Strategic Planning Committee, with Ken Mead as the Chair. All committee members will serve another year. This new committee is charged with 1) developing a mission statement, 2) defining objectives to support the mission, and 3) identifying programs to implement the objectives. A written preliminary report will be presented for discussion at the October meeting in Key Biscayne.

Official action by the Executive Committee included: 1) set the 1985 annual meeting to be held jointly with the Georgia Health Sciences Library Association, 2) decided to publish Bylaws change for dues increase in July ALERT and the ballot in the October issue, 3) approved newsletter title, format, frequency, content, etc., for one year, 4) approved an expense reimbursement form, 5) voted to reimburse travel expenses only for the meeting, and 6) established an ad hoc Bylaws Committee for further revisions.

A balance of \$2,573.40 was reported by the Treasurer. Paid memberships for 1984 total 69.

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*DUES INCREASE:*  
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Members at the 1984 annual meeting voted to increase dues from \$4.00 to \$10.00 effective January, 1985. This necessitates a change in the Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2. -- Each member shall pay dues as follows: (a) Active members.....\$10.00 annually.

Members are hereby notified of this amendment to the Bylaws. A mail ballot will accompany the next issue of ALERT.

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*SC/MLA '84 IN FLORIDA:*  
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Beautiful Key Biscayne is the site of the 34th annual meeting, Southern Chapter/MLA with the Calder Memorial Library, University of Miami School of Medicine as host, October 10-13, 1984. An excellent program has been planned developing the theme: "Catch the Crest of the Wave" -- which analyzes the past, present and future of patient care and medical education as they mandate new roles for health science libraries due to institutional changes, and the examination of library support factors for these new roles. Invited speakers feature Estelle Brodman, Librarian Emerita, Washington University School of Medicine; William Nowak, Administrator, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute; Carol Jenkins, Executive Director, Region II RMLS; Bob Cheshier, Director, Cleveland Health Sciences Library; Lois Ann Colaianni, Associate Director, NLM, to name a few of the distinguished guests.

The meeting begins with a Calypso Welcome Party and Exhibits Opening. The highlight "Banquet on the Bay" to be held Friday evening at Viscaya Museum and Gardens will honor Southern Chapter members who have been presidents of MLA. Seven CE activities will be offered: CE 352-Government Information Resources; CE 258-Planning; Strategic and Tactical; CE 433-Health Care Planning and Administration: Information Resources and Online Searching; NLM Online Update; Principles of Interlibrary Loan; Consultation Update; and Reference Management Workshop taught by Lucretia McClure.

For further information contact Henry Lemkau, Convention Chair, Calder Memorial Library, University of Miami, 1061 N.W. 10th Ave., Miami, FL 33136 (305/547-6441).

Let's support our colleagues in Miami and take advantage of a "golden educational opportunity in our own back yard." Mark your calendars NOW and make plans to attend!

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*REGION II NEWS:*  
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The SE/A RMLS has distributed two survey questionnaires to hospital libraries in the Region. Information from the ILL Statistical Survey will permit evaluation of the use of union lists. If you have not submitted your completed form, please do so as soon as possible.

The second survey requested ILL policy information from all Region II union list participating libraries. These policies will be issued as part of the 1984 Union List to be published this fall. Holdings from 41 Florida hospital libraries will be listed in the 1984 UL. Check issues of SEA CURRENTS for further news.

Special rates for electronic mail are available through the RMLS office. Anyone interested should contact Janice Kelly, Resource Sharing Coordinator (800/638-6093). Applications must be received before October 1, 1984. -- C. Jenkins.

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*REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL:*  
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The first meeting of the new Region II Advisory Council (RAC) was held in Baltimore on March 29-30, 1984. Of the 19 members on the Council, Florida was represented by Ted Srygley and Ada Seltzer. Ted Srygley was elected Chairman. See the May/June 1984 issue of SEA CURRENTS for a report of the meeting. The complete minutes are available upon request from Ted Srygley. Meeting discussion included resource sharing, training, consultation and new technologies.

RMLS staff and RAC members are anxious to develop programs to meet specific needs of

the Region. Because Region II encompasses a large geographic area (Maryland to Florida to Mississippi) having a complex variety of information needs, it is especially important that these needs be well defined. Your RAC representatives are one way to make your needs known. Another way is to call the RMLS office on their toll free number (800/638-6093). You will find the staff responsive to your suggestions. -- T. Srygley.

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*OCLC IN MIAMI:*  
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OCLC is the summer's "hot" topic in Miami's hospital libraries. Mt. Sinai Medical Center's medical library will be undertaking a complete OCLC catalog reconversion. Cataloging will be done by the Calder Memorial Library, University of Miami as Mt. Sinai is a member of their SOLINET processing center. Ultimately, Mt. Sinai's catalog will be online with public access by IBM microcomputer.

The Health Sciences Library at Baptist Hospital will be using OCLC via dial access by means of their Apple II Plus with Micro-Enhancer Card. An OCLC workshop in Miami will probably evolve from these new experiences as OCLC services become available to smaller libraries. -- D. Ream.

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*COMPUTERIZED CATALOG:*  
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The University of Florida library system announces the availability in all campus libraries of a new computerized catalog system, FOCUS (Florida Online Computerized User System). FOCUS provides fast access to catalog records by author, title and subject. It is an easy system to use with self-instructing introductory screens, "help" screens, and prompt messages. Health Center Library journal holdings are part of the system. An electronic document delivery service has been established between the UF Health Center Library and the Jacksonville Health Education Programs (JHEP). Plans are being made to expand FOCUS to a statewide library network. --S. Brandon.

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*GROUNDBREAKING WITH LASERS:*  
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Tallahassee Memorial Regional Medical Center initiated construction on its new three-story building expansion with a laser beam to break ground at its July 16, 1984 ceremony. The laser symbolized space-age technology rapidly becoming a part of health care. The building will house the following services: Cancer Center; Women, Children and Infants' Center; Outpatient Surgery Center and Surgical/Medical Intensive Care Units. A separate psychiatric care facility for addictive diseases is currently under construction. Although the new addition will not increase the 771 bed-level, it will provide needed space for more specialized health care. -- V. Sapp.

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*ELECTRONIC MAIL:*  
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FHSLA is collecting data about the electronic mail systems used by health science libraries in the state and the corresponding access codes. This information will be published in ALERT to facilitate intrastate library communications. Please send your report to Vice-President Ada Seltzer.

The following libraries report electronic mail access:

University Community Hospital, Tampa --  
Ontyme II (UCHTAM)

Medical Center Library, University of South Florida, Tampa -- Ontyme II (USOFL and USOFL/ILL)

The National Library of Medicine is now accepting ILL requests via electronic mail. Notify NLM two weeks in advance before instituting use of the system. Access to NLM is available as follows:

Ontyme II (NLM)  
Easylink (710-824-9615)

NLM has prepared model ILL request formats for electronic mail transmission. Contact the SE/A RMLS office for a copy.

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*JHEP REORGANIZES:*  
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Borland Health Sciences Library officially became a closer affiliate of the University of Florida Health Center Library as part of the reorganization of the Jacksonville Health Education Programs precipitated by the retirement (September 30, 1984) of Dr. Max Michael, Jr., JHEP's only Director. Dr. Robert Hinz, Director of Borland, is coordinating the development of the closer working relationship between the two libraries. Borland has become a participant in FOCUS. Holdings are now being entered into the system and should be completed by mid-1985. Future plans involve entering the holdings of the eight hospital libraries which are members of the JHEP consortium. -- C. Hall.

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*JOTTINGS:*  
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Minutes of the 1984 FHSLSA annual meeting and the Executive Committee/State Plan Committee meeting May 4, 1984 in Clearwater are distributed with this issue. Any additions or corrections should be directed to the Secretary, Jo Ann Tibbs.

This issue of ALERT is being sent to all persons who have been or who are members of FHSLSA. All future issues will be distributed to paid members only. The 1984 membership enrollment period has been extended until September 1, 1984 as a special "one-time-only" offer to all who have not paid dues for this year, and who wish to receive all issue of the newsletter. Send a check for \$4.00 payable to FHSLSA to the Treasurer, Peggy Hsu.

Good Samaritan Hospital Library, West Palm Beach is using an IBM PC-XT for computer literature searching on NLM and BRS. Journal holdings have been converted for disk storage on the micro.

The Palm Beach consortium is processing its journal holdings for participation in the Region II union list through the University of South Carolina Health Sciences Serials Data Base. Revision of

the first draft is in process and should be completed for publication of the 1985 Union List. -- L. O'Callaghan.

Updating of the union list by Miami Health Sciences Library Consortium is being finalized library by library, for submission in the Region II 1984 union list via the University of South Carolina serials system. In addition the consortium has participated in the program planning for the MLA Southern Chapter meeting in October at the Sonesta Key Hotel on Key Biscayne. It has donated \$500.00 in recognition of SC/MLA's efforts to bring seven CE courses and a fine program to south Florida. --D. Ream.

West Florida Hospital Library, Pensacola has acquired a new 1200 baud terminal (Zenith Data System) and an Okidata 92 printer. Contact Kay Franklin for further information.

Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola now coordinates a Pediatrics Residency Program. The library has developed a sizeable collection in this specialty area. Florence Ruby is in charge of the library. -- K. Franklin.

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*FHSLSA '85 MEETING:*  
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Efforts to provide a strong educational program and continue to offer MLA CE courses as well as to have vendor exhibits at the annual meeting motivated the Executive Committee to seek alternative arrangements for the 1985 annual meeting. The result is a joint meeting April 24-26, 1985 with the Georgia Health Sciences Library Association to be held at Jekyll Island, Georgia -- close proximity for FHSLSA members.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet with our Georgia neighbors, engage in joint fellowship and increase your knowledge -- all in one exciting experience. Begin planning NOW to attend. Check ALERT for program details as they develop.

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*CREDITS AND MERITS:*  
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Cheryl Dee, Lakeland Regional Hospital Library

is Chair, Hospital Library Section,  
Medical Library Association for 1984/85.  
She also serves as a member of the Region  
II Task Force on the Feasibility of Pro-  
ducing Regional Directories.

Ginny Glock, St. Mary's Hospital Library,  
West Palm Beach -- resigned.

Carolyn Hill, Boca Raton Community Hospital  
Library -- appointed full time in April  
1984.

Jacquelyn Taylor, St. Mary's Hospital Lib-  
rary, West Palm Beach -- appointed July  
1984.

Ginny Vail, West Florida Hospital Library,  
Pensacola -- appointed parttime.

Gwen Walters, University Community Hospital  
Library, Tampa is President, Southeastern  
Conference of Hospital Librarians for  
1984/85.

Lois Woll, J.F.K. Memorial Hospital Library,  
Lake Worth -- appointed June 1984.

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*BITS AND TICKS:*  
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August 21, 1984 -- DIALOG Biosciences Seminar,  
a review of BIOSIS, PSYCINFO, SCISEARCH,  
AGRICOLA, CAB, LIFE SCIENCES COLLECTION.  
Health Center Library, University of  
Florida, Gainesville. To register, contact  
DIALOG Training Coordinator (800/227-  
8282).

October 10-13, 1984 -- annual meeting, South-  
ern Chapter/MLA, Sonesta Key Hotel, Key  
Biscayne, FL. Contact: Henry Lemkau,  
University of Miami Medical Library,  
(305/547-6441).

October 11, 1984 -- 4:00 P.M. meeting, FHSLA  
Executive Committee & Strategic Planning  
Committee, Key Biscayne, FL. Contact:  
Carol Ploch, President (305/737-  
7733 x 4439).

April 10-12, 1985 -- annual meeting, South-  
eastern Conference of Hospital Librarians,  
Atlanta, GA. Contact: Gwen Walters,  
President (815/971-6000 x 1046).

April 24-26, 1985 -- joint annual meeting,  
Florida/Georgia Health Sciences Library  
Associations, Jekyll Island, GA. In  
Florida contact: Ada M. Seltzer, Vice-  
President (815/974-2288).

DUE DATE for news items for  
next issue: October 15, 1984.  
Special thanks to the report-  
ers for their contributions  
to this issue.

MINUTES  
ANNUAL MEETING  
FLORIDA HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1984  
CLEARWATER BEACH, FLORIDA

The meeting was called to order shortly after 11:00 by Ken Mead, President. During his opening remarks, Ken announced that Meredith Semones, Secretary, had resigned and he appointed Jo Ann Tibbs to take the minutes of the 1984 annual meeting. The minutes of the 1983 annual meeting were not read.

Peggy Hsu, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. She stated that in April 1983 the organization had a balance of \$1,906.09 and that we now have a balance of well over \$2,000. She said that we had applied for tax free status and hopefully we would not be taxed for this coming year. She pointed out that receipts for the dues were given out with the registration packets and she reminded us to pay our dues for the coming year. Ted Srygley moved and it was seconded that we accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried.

Ken Mead then gave the State Plan Committee Report. He stated that we should have a discussion before incurring costs such as the \$500 to \$800 necessary to have a facilitator come to the State Plan Committee meeting and offer guidance. He suggested that we incorporate the State Library resources list into the membership directory.

The President then moved on to new business. The first item was a discussion of a new membership directory. Cheryl Dee reminded us that the bylaws state we should have a new directory every other year. Diane Ream said we must have permission before including consortium, medical center libraries, and the State Library. Diane said it also would be nice to include BRS "T" numbers for electronic mail purposes. Ken said we would need to resurvey the members for up-to-date information and for permission to be included in the directory. Jane Smith moved and it was seconded and passed that the organization pay for the resurvey, putting together, and delivery of the directory to include printing and postage.

Then there was a discussion about having a newsletter. Ted Srygley voiced his approval due to changes that occur from one meeting to the next. Maxyne Grimes suggested that the Resource Medical Libraries be in charge of the newsletter for the first three years. Ada Seltzer offered to edit the newsletter for the first year. Diane Ream moved and it was seconded and approved by acclamation that we have a newsletter.

Next there was a discussion about increasing the annual dues from the present rate of \$4 per year. Maxyne Grimes moved and it was seconded that we increase our annual dues rate and the motion was passed. Diane Ream moved and it was seconded that we increase our annual dues to \$10 per year. Gwen Walters pointed out that the Medical Library Association had increased

their Continuing Education course rate to a flat fee of \$1,500 per course. In the future FHSLA will either have to charge a higher registration fee or higher dues to cover the costs of CE courses. Diane's motion was then passed.

Maxyne Grimes asked how the registration fees were normally determined. Ken Mead responded that there were a number of expenses that had to be taken into consideration such as hotel costs, speaker costs, and printing and postage costs. Carolyn Hall asked what time period our dues covered. The old bylaws, before 1981, stated that the dues covered from annual meeting to annual meeting. The new bylaws state that the dues cover the fiscal year which is the calendar year, January through December.

At this time, Ted Srygley introduced our two distinguished visitors, Jane Lambremont from Southeastern/Atlantic Regional Medical Library Services (SRMLS), and Marian Brennan, SRMLS Outreach Services Librarian. He also called attention to the May/June 1984 issue of SEA CURRENTS in which the Regional Advisory Council meeting is summarized.

Sarah Harmon, Nominating Committee Chairwoman, presented the slate of officers which had previously been presented to the membership in their registration packet. There were no further nominations and Cheryl Dee moved and it was seconded that the membership accept the following slate:

Ada Seltzer - Vice-President/President-Elect  
Jo Ann Tibbs - Secretary  
Peggy Hsu - Treasurer

The motion was approved.

Ken Mead turned the podium over to Carol Ploch, the new President. Carol thanked Ken for all his hard work and the Tampa Bay Medical Library Network for hosting such a successful meeting. Carol suggested that we might want to consider meeting with the Georgia group next year. Gwen Walters moved and it was seconded and passed that we investigate a joint meeting with the Georgia Medical Library Association in 1985.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at a few minutes after 12:00.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jo Ann W. Tibbs*

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Acting Secretary



MINUTES  
STATE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING  
FLORIDA HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1984  
CLEARWATER BEACH, FLORIDA

The meeting was held during lunch following the annual meeting. In attendance were:

Ken Mead, Chairman  
Suzetta Burrows  
Cheryl Dee  
Carolyn Hall  
Peggy Hsu  
Carol Ploch  
Ada Seltzer  
Ted Srygley  
Jo Ann Tibbs  
James Tillman

Ken Mead, Chairman, called the meeting to order. The first item of business was to discuss the membership directory. Carol Ploch volunteered to print up a rough draft of the membership directory and wait for the results of the task force before finalizing the list. It was agreed that the format should be loose leaf, on 8 1/2" x 11" paper with ample margins.

The first mailing including the newsletter is scheduled to go out on July 15th. Ted Srygley mentioned that the State had produced a membership list with Apple computer software listed. Also, Ted has been elected Chairman of the Regional Advisory Committee of Region 2 and has agreed to share the committee minutes with the members of FHSLA.

Cheryl Dee volunteered to represent Florida on the Region 2 Task Force on the Feasibility of Producing Regional Directories.

The State Plan and Program Committee will meet again on Thursday, July 12 at 8:30 a.m. at Halifax Hospital Medical Center in Daytona Beach, Florida. The purpose of the meeting is to decide on a site and make program plans for the 1985 annual meeting. Carol Ploch will check with the Georgia Medical Library Association to find out when and where they are meeting and what their feelings are concerning a joint meeting with FHSLA. Ada Seltzer will check with Dr. John McCrossan of the University of South Florida, President of Florida Library Association, to find out how that group feels about a joint meeting with FHSLA.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary