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**FHSLA Annual
Meeting 2006**

**EVALUATION
FORM**

(New form at pg. #19-20)



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I want to start by thanking the librarians and staff at the FSU College of Medicine Medical Library for their tireless work in planning, organizing and hosting their first FHSLA meeting! It was certainly a pleasure to work with such a dedicated group of people and was truly a team effort! A few people commented on poor hotel service while others reported they had an excellent experience. The hotel had just lost their desk manager so yes, there were a few difficulties however, the hotel conference and banquet staffs were very accommodating in setting up rooms for CE classes, vendors, snacks/beverages and, of course, the wonderful lunch buffet. The meeting itself was very well received with several comments after the meeting and on the evaluations that it was one of the best FHSLA conferences! My only regret is that more FHSLA members weren't in attendance (35 out of the current membership of 98). During the year I will be looking into initiating some surveys and perhaps some focus groups to better understand where and how FHSLA should focus its attention to meet the needs of all members.

As a brief conference summary, 35 FHSLA members attended the conference along with 10 non-members. Some non-members attended just one or more CE classes while others attended the entire conference. Thirty-five people took one or more CE classes. Is it just a coincidence that this was also our 35th Anniversary? In addition, nine vendors, Absolute Backorder Services, EBSCO, Elsevier, Matthews, McGraw-Hill, Thomson Micromedex, Thomson Scientific, Ovid and Stat Ref were there as either exhibitors or sponsors. As you do business with them, please thank them for their support of FHSLA.

Please take time to read the additional articles in this newsletter about the various CE classes and speakers, tours, etc., as well as the Business Meeting minutes. Many thanks to the people who agreed to share their experiences!

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Introducing FHSLA Officers

President

Allison Howard is the Catalog Librarian at the Shimberg Health Sciences Library at the University of South Florida. In addition to cataloging books (print and electronic), databases, and media resources for the library's catalog, and maintaining that catalog, she also spends time working at the Reference Desk and on special projects. Allison also serves on the State University System Technical Services Planning Committee. She received her MLIS from the University of Pittsburgh in 1999. Prior to coming to USF in 2000, she worked as a Special Project Cataloging Librarian at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic Library and earlier she was a Cataloging Library Specialist at Falk Medical Library, both at the University of Pittsburgh Health Sciences Library System. Her undergraduate degree is in Health Education. In a former life she was the Administrative Secretary at the Center for Tropical Diseases at the University of Lowell. Allison can be reached at 813-974-4752 or ahoward@health.usf.edu



Vice President

Nadine Dexter is the Associate Director for Public Services at the Charlotte Edwards Maguire Medical Library, Florida State University College of Medicine. Nadine's primary responsibility is to run the medical library's day-to-day operations. She also coordinates with the library director on any special research, assists in teaching medical informatics to medical students, and works closely with the Office of Medical Education staff on teaching faculty and students how to use PDAs and PDA products. Nadine was hired in 1994 by the FSU Program in Medical Sciences (PMIS) to work as the Coordinator of Media Services. She developed and edited the first PIMS newsletter called the "PIMS Pulse," which debuted in Dec 1994. Before working for FSU, Nadine worked for Gadsden County Schools as a Media Specialist at Havana Middle School from 1991 to 1994 and was a partial recipient of a \$30,000 grant to buy the media center's very first computers and video projectors. From 1987-1991 Nadine worked for the Department of State of Florida in the State Archives. She worked for five years as the State of Florida Genealogist and as a Reference librarian for legislative and historical research. Nadine can be reached at 850-644-6683 or at nadine.dexter@med.fsu.edu.

Introducing FHSLA Officers – cont'd.

Secretary

Mary Lawrence is the Medical Librarian/CME Coordinator at Broward General Medical Center in Ft Lauderdale where she started in August 2005. Before that she worked as a reference librarian at the Medical Library at Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale. Prior to moving to Florida in 1999, Mary worked for twenty years at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in various capacities before finishing her MLS at the University of Rhode Island.

Treasurer

Patricia Clark has been with All Children's Hospital since 1989 and currently oversees the daily operation of their Medical Library as well as directs the hospital's Continuing Medical Education (CME) Department. Prior to moving to Florida, she was the MEDLARS Training Coordinator at the National Library of Medicine for almost 10 years. While at NLM, she was involved with transitioning MEDLINE Training from a two-week, to a three-day, then to a one-day Grateful Med class - prior to the introduction of PubMed. She received her MLS at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN; and her BA from West Liberty State College in West Virginia. Since 1990, Pat has served FHSLA in many roles including State Union List Coordinator (1990-92); Program Chair/VP (1992-93), President (1993-94); Program Co-Chair (1996 and 1999); twice served on Strategic Planning Committee (1994-97, 2004-06) and was Continuing Education Coordinator (2001-2003). She has also been very active in the Tampa Bay Medical Library Network (TABAMLN). Pat can be reached at 727-767-4278 or via Email at clarkp@allkids.org.

FHSLA's ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Ramada Inn & Conference Center Tallahassee, Florida April 7, 2006

The Business Meeting was called to order by President Sandra Canham at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center, Tallahassee, Florida on Friday April 7, 2006 at 10:30am. Sandra Canham asked if Allison Howard, Nadine Dexter, Suzanne Nagy, and Barbara Shearer would stand and be recognized for the work they all did to make this a great meeting. Sandra also thanked Ada Seltzer for her presentation which was an eye opening experience for everyone. Sandra mentioned that our meeting is dependent on our sponsors. Nine vendors contributed just over \$2,500.00. These vendors are: EBSCO Information Services, Elsevier/MD Consult, Rittenhouse Book Distributors, McGraw Hill Companies, OVID Technologies, Thomson/Micromedex, Thomson Scientific, Matthews Book Company, and StatRef.

The 2005 minutes were distributed along with the agenda, Treasurer's Report, Committee Reports, Business Meeting, and proposed Bylaw revisions. One correction on page 4 Barbara Shattuck should be Barbara Shearer. No other corrections. A motion was made to accept the minutes with corrections and the motion was adopted. Pat Clark was asked to give the Treasurer's Report. The written report was reviewed and, there being no modifications, the report stands as written.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Allison Howard, Vice President and Program Chair, was asked to give her report. Allison reported that the Program Committee tried some new things this year. The Committee scheduled a continuing education class on Wednesday afternoon and vendors were invited to come on both Thursday and Friday. The initial feedback regarding these changes was good. In addition, a single day registration was offered for the first time for those people who wanted to come and take a CE only. Seven people took advantage of the opportunity and three of them registered for the entire meeting.

Dr. Brooks, our banquet speaker, was a good choice as he really made many people think about the issues which he touched on in his presentation. Ada Seltzer did a wonderful job this morning as our keynote speaker and she will also be present at the panel discussion later in the day. There will be a special guest at the lunch this afternoon Alice Klein will be a special guest at lunch. Alice has been an honorary member since 1977 and she was the third president of FHSLA.

The Capitol tour was wonderful. Allison mentioned that there was discussion earlier about the intricacies of putting on a function off site Allison thanked everyone who stayed after the dinner to help clean up, Deedra Walton, Richard Mercer, Geddy Paulaitis, Beth Layton, Amy Reist, Carolyn Klatt, Rose Bland, and Carol Warren. Thirty-five FHSLA members attended the meeting and ten non-members. Allison thanked everyone for attending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist/Historian

In the absence of Mel Gutsgell, the Archivist report stands as written.

Continuing Education

The Chair recognized Pam Sherwill who reported that the Continuing Education Committee planned 3 courses for this year's meeting: one-four hour class on Wednesday, one-four hour and one-full day on Thursday, we partnered with SOLINET to do the disaster planning, we allowed non-members to attend CE courses. Pam reported this was a good experience and it is something that should be considered in the future. Pam heard many good things said about the selection of courses available this year.

Discussion List Coordinator

John Orriola's report for the Discussion List Coordinator & Membership Database Manager stands as written.

Honors and Awards

Deb Lawless, as Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee, presented her report. Deb reported that no nominations were received. A number of reminders and notices were printed to encourage members to submit nominations and even with an extension of the time limit there was not interest in putting anyone forward this year for Librarian of the Year.

Membership Committee

In the absence of Claire Keneally, the Membership Chair, her report stands as written. Sandra commented that the membership numbers have gone from a high of 150 to 85 members. In order to rebuild and sustain the membership, the Executive Committee would like to recommend that FHLA mail out membership invoices each year. The cost would be anywhere between forty and fifty dollars. Sandra asked for a motion to have the recommendation accepted. Allison Howard made the motion and Richard Mercer seconded the motion. Faith Meakin suggested that we make personal phone calls to previous and delinquent members. A "We miss you" would be better than a delinquent notice. It was noted that some people have returned as members in the past couple years. Pam Neumann questioned whether the Membership Committee had members who were representative throughout the State. The motion was adopted.

Newsletter Co-Editors

In absence of co-editors Ellie Bushhausen and Adriana Yoshii, the report for the Newsletter stands as written. Sandra mentioned that this was University of Florida first year of the three year rotation for the Newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont'd.

Webmaster

The Webmaster, Amy Buhler, was unable to attend and her report stands as written. Sandra mentioned that Amy recently had a little girl named Ella. Adriana Yoshii filled in as Web Master.

OLD BUSINESS

At the 2005 Business Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida revisions to the Bylaws were unanimously approved. During the discussion session further recommendations were given and these recommendations were discussed at the December 2, 2005 joint Executive Committee & Strategic Planning Meeting. The Committee drew up proposed Bylaw changes which FHLA members received by email six weeks before the Annual Business Meeting.

The Committee agreed on the draft presented:

1. Amend Article II. Membership Section 4. Fiscal Year B) Strike "April 30" to be replaced with "February 14."
2. Amend Article V. Committees
Add an additional section:
Section 8. Continuing Education Committee
A) The Continuing Education Committee shall be a standing committee for the purpose of providing relevant and cost-efficient continuing education courses for the Florida Health Sciences Library Association membership at their annual conference. The Chairman shall appoint sufficient members to support the activities of the committee.
3. Amend Article V. Committees
Add an additional section:
Section 9. Vacancies
This section will always be the last section as the content presides over the previous sections:
A) Vacancies within committees shall be filled by the Chair of the Committee in compliance with the descriptions of each committee as listed in Article V. on Committees.

In explanation, the previous section was amended to have continuity between the "vacancies for officers" and the "vacancies for committees." Sandra responded to a question from the floor regarding the intent of the addition of Section 9. A. Sandra reported that it was the intention to allow the Committee chairs to appoint new members when the need arose. Pat Cole suggested the language should be changed to "shall be appointed by the chair" in Section 9. A. Sandra asked for a motion to accept the changes to the by-laws. There was a motion from the floor and it was seconded. The motion was approved.



NEW BUSINESS

Honorary Membership Nominees

Sandra Canham announced that there were two nominations for "Honorary Members" this year. The Executive Committee has approved the nominations. Sandra began by reading the letter recommending Naomi Elia. Deedra Walton submitted the letter of recommendation and ended her letter saying that she believed that "those who worked closely with Naomi respected her knowledge, opinions, advice, strong work ethic and appreciated her consistent follow through on FHLA projects."

The second nomination received for Honorary Membership was for Pam Neumann, Borland Library, University of Florida Health Science Center, Jacksonville. Nancy Schaefer says of Pam "She has acted as my formal AHIP mentor for the past several years. She has mentored a number of librarians informally and provided assistance to many FHLA officers. Her efforts in strategic planning and program/meeting planning have certainly made a difference in the organization."

The Executive Committee has submitted the two names in nomination for Honorary Membership. Pam and Naomi were asked to leave the room while the membership voted. Naomi was elected as the 16th honorary member and Pam was elected as the 17th honorary member.

Election of Officers

Allison Howard, Chair of the Nomination Committee, identified the members of the Nomination Committee. The members of the Committee were Sue Felber, Linda Butson and Danny O'Neil. Nadine Dexter was nominated for Vice President/Program Chair and Pat Clark has agreed to serve out the last year of the Treasurer's position for 2006-2007 fiscal year. Allison asked for additional nominations for Vice President/Program Chair and Treasurer, there being no submissions the nominations were closed and both Nadine and Pat were elected unanimously.

Invitation

Kaye Robertson, Director of the Medical Library, Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida was introduced to the FHLA members as the host institution for next year's FHLA meeting. Kaye hopes that Ft. Lauderdale can live up to the excellent program held this year in Tallahassee.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Allison recognized Carol Warren for her many services to FHLA at this year's Annual Meeting. Nadine Dexter was also recognized for her tireless efforts to make the Annual Meeting a memorable experience. Nadine in turn recognized Barbara Shearer for allowing her to use the staff on site to help with all the arrangements.

Deb Lawless, as the Honors and Awards Chair, presented service recognition certificates to the following individuals:

Allison Howard-Vice President
Mary Lawrence-Secretary
Pat Clark-Treasurer
Mel Gutgsell-Archivist
John Orriola-Database Editor and Discussion List Monitor
Ellie Bushhausen-Co-Editor of the Alert
Adriana Yoshii-Co-Editor of the Alert
Amy Buhler-Webmaster
Allison Howard-Program Committee, Chair
Nadine Dexter- Program Committee
Barbara Shearer-Program Committee
Mary Kay Hartung, Program Committee
Pauline Hicks-Program Committee
Claire Keneally-Membership Committee, Chair
'Nita Ferree-Membership Committee
Sylvia Kyle-Membership Committee
Pauline Hicks-Membership Committee
Suzanne Nagy-Membership Committee
Allison Howard-Nominating Committee, Chair
Danny O'Neal-Nominating Committee
Sue Felber-Nominating Committee
Linda Butson-Nominating Committee
Pam Sherwill-Continuing Education Committee, Chair
Eileen Burg-Continuing Education Committee
Ellie Bushhausen- Continuing Education Committee
Adriana Yoshii- Continuing Education Committee
Deb Lawless- Honor and Awards Committee, Chair
Betty Jo Gaston-Honor and Awards Committee
Beverly Shattuck- Honor and Awards Committee
Doug Waltonbaugh-Strategic Planning Committee
Jan Booker-Strategic Planning Committee
Pat Clark-Strategic Planning Committee
John Jones-Strategic Planning Committee
Barbara Shearer-Strategic Planning Committee
Martha Scanlon-Strategic Planning Committee
Karen Roth-Strategic Planning Committee



PASSING OF THE GAVEL



Sandra Canham, the FHLA president, asked Allison Howard to join her at the podium. Sandra presented Allison with a certificate of appreciation for all of her help this year. Sandra passed the gavel and a copy of Roberts Rules of Order as she handed over the presidency to Allison for 2006-2007. Allison also presented a certificate to Sandra for her great organizational skills and for keeping everyone on track this past year.

Allison presented the membership with the names of the 2006-2007 Committee members. Allison thanked Pat Clark and Doug Waltonbaugh for finishing their three year terms on the Strategic Planning Committee. Two new committee members will be joining the Strategic Planning Committee

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Continuing Education Committee for next year will be chaired by Rose Bland (USF). Jan Booker (Lakeland), Nancy Schaefer (UF) will be the other members. Honors and Awards will continue to be chaired by Deb Lawless. The Committee members will be Sylvia Kyle (Nemours Children's Clinic) and JoElla Young (USF). Membership Committee will be chaired by Nita Ferree (UF). Committee members are Suzanne Nagy (FSU), Janet Schneider (VA-Tampa), and Narges Ahmadi (Lee Memorial, Ft. Myers).

ADJOURNMENT

Allison Howard asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon.



FHLA Annual Meeting CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

Disaster Preparedness and Recovery

Twenty-three participants shared in the day-long seminar on Disaster Preparedness and Recovery, presented by Tina Mason, Preservation Field Services Manager for Solinet. Topics covered included identification of potential threats to the library collection, ways to minimize potential damage, writing a disaster plan, response and recovery techniques, and basic salvage methods. A wealth of information on these topics is available at Solinet's web site www.solinet.net/preservation.

Although hurricane damage was on the minds of most participants, the first threat to the collection Tina discussed was fire. Points to consider include your building design, security of the building (40% started by arson), fire detection systems, fire extinguishers and sprinkler systems, and staff training. She suggested scheduling an inspection by the fire marshall as well as extensive planning and training for staff.

Hurricane damage was the next topic covered. Tina presented graphic evidence of the advantages of pre-planning, including making arrangements with a recovery company so that if the library does suffer damage from water or wind, the plan is in place for recovery. Since mold starts within 48 hours of the damage, care must be taken to minimize the damage immediately by implementing steps such as removing high priority materials before the storm and lowering the humidity and temperature. Mold removal includes inactivating the mold, cleaning the affected items, and disinfecting the area.

Disaster planning includes information gathering, assessing the risks, establishing recovery priorities, developing resource lists of emergency agencies, evaluating insurance coverage, making arrangements with recovery companies, and planning for access to financial resources.

Important factors to consider are valuable papers and records and their protection, actual implementation of the disaster plan, hardware and software recovery, power supplies, and backup procedures for electronic records. Disaster plans should be reviewed and updated at least once a year and certainly after an emergency has occurred. Crucial issues in the recovery phase include how to remove materials from the affected site, how to document decisions and track the results, and what to do with materials and personnel in the short term. Salvage operations and rehabilitation after the disaster should be included in the disaster planning.

All of these topics, in much more depth, can be explored via the links on the Solinet preservation pages at the www.solinet.net/preservation web site. -Submitted by Kaye Robertson

Panel: Nuts & Bolts of Library Disasters and Recovery

The last session of the meeting was a panel discussion that focused on many aspects of disaster recovery from recognizing and treating mold to managing personal crises that affect all aspects of recovering from a natural disaster. The first panelist, Ada Seltzer, Director, Rowland Medical Library, University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, talked about the timeline of disaster recovery organizations during the Katrina disaster and the communication issues that played a big role in the speed in which institutions and organizations were able to begin conducting even a minimal level of business. Seltzer provided detailed pointers on resources that need to be a part of disaster recovery plans, both for individuals and organizations. Designs for improving recovery efforts included forming statewide alliances, offering risk management workshops, forming strong connections with other local libraries and relief organizations, establishing a buddy system for librarians, contracting with salvage and debris removal services well in advance of possible disasters, and developing a web site for all library relief and recovery assistance contacts.

Aimee Reist, Service Quality Coordinator, College Center for Library Automation, went through a storm of a different type when she discovered mold in her library in 2003 and 2004 during her tenure as the director of College of Information Studies Goldstein Library. Reist talked about the discovery of the problem and provided useful information on how quickly mold can appear and under what circumstances. She pointed out that mold does not necessarily form only after large natural disasters and attentiveness to the appearance of mold and responding with a rapid response are key in saving library resources. Reist talked about assessing the mold problem, the development and management of a disaster plan, and lessons learned. Since Reist is now a member of the Florida College Center for Library Automation team, she described the status of the CCLA's disaster planning activities.

Janice Kelly, Executive Director of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine/Southeastern Atlantic Region, brought news and perspectives from the National Library of Medicine as it seeks to assist us in adopting local and regional plans. The NLM response plan includes protecting and backing-up the NLM print collection in addition to keeping online resources such as PubMed Central available. The NLM is developing a generic collection disaster response plan that will be posted on the NLM Web for use by other libraries. The SE/A has been tasked with developing a regional disaster plan that includes creating a task force comprised of one member per state assigned by the state health sciences association. Its charge is to compile a state-of-the-art report on disaster plans already in place within each state; recommend procedures for network members in notifying the RML of disasters requiring immediate assistance; and recommend specific resources required of the RML in supporting network members. Kelly highlighted the need for all of us to consider geographic "response zones" that might be naturally divided by consortia, state associations, and other entities. These zones will allow us to make most effective use of communication channels when assistance is needed. Kelly challenged us in a call to action to develop a continuity of operations plan for our state and to make a recommendation for membership on the SE/A disaster task force. -Submitted by Barbara Shearer

Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Copyright Compliance

We've all been there. When asked what we do for a living, we reply by saying that we're medical librarians. We ready ourselves for the teachable moment; the opportunity to share our passion for our profession. What comes, instead, is the ever so courteous head nod, the obligatory, "Ah, that's interesting", and the wandering eye looking for someone else to talk to. The assumption has been made that they know all about our profession and it is dull!

Some of us hold similar assumptions about copyright laws such as: "Copyright is dull and ambiguous. It is incomprehensible and better left alone. Just assume that what you know from what you've heard is enough to get you by because no one can truly expect you to know copyright law."

There is some truth in the assumption that we are not expected to fully know copyright law. In the course, "Copyright in Medical, Hospital, & Health Sciences Libraries," offered at FHLA's annual meeting, instructors Michelle Foss and Lori Driscoll, of University of Florida's George A. Smathers Libraries, provided guidelines and tools for attainable copyright compliance. With the proper use of these guidelines and tools, it is possible to prove, if challenged, that a reasonable attempt has been made to act in good faith. This is the key requirement for compliance.

Their well structured course format, allowing room for questions, discussion, and exercises, made for a fascinating course of myth-busting and fear reducing clarification regarding much of copyright compliance as it applies to each of our specific library environments and the services we provide.

Michelle and Lori teach that the basic steps to promoting copyright compliance within our libraries are to, first, identify what services are offered that may invite or allow violations. Next, create and identify resources such as forms, websites, and a copyright compliance policy that can offer guidance when duplication of any materials may be in question. And, finally, offer appropriate education or notification for those served by our libraries.

This course provided several useful forms and websites as examples and tools for determining fair use and obtaining copyright permission. The exercises provided were illuminating and, believe it or not, great fun. This was a four hour course that could easily and appreciably meet the requirements for six.

-Submitted by Richard Mercer

"Geeks Bearing Gifts: Unwrapping New Technology Trends"

Attendees were entertained and informed by Dale Prince, an excellent instructor with 14 years experience. He brought to the table a vast array of technological knowledge and equipment for accessing health information. He dressed the part of the geek with new glasses giving us a fond memory of the past. His materials were up-to-date giving the audience the opportunity to interact expressing the pros and cons of the today's technology. We spent time going over the importance of having Internet security and installing spy ware on one's computer. There was also discussion on using blue tooth, podcasting, vodcasting, wireless, and instant messaging. The class also learned about blogs and establishing a Bloglines account.

(Definition of Bloglines A web-based personal news aggregator that can be used in place of a desktop client.)

Bloglines is a program that is similar to an email account, you sign up to receive information on the topics you are most interested in. Reading these articles is like having your very own aggregator keeping you abreast of the most current information available. Of course you have to sign up to reputable sites and Dale Prince helped us to sign up for sites that other top individuals are also subscribed or that they publish. We also learned how to create our own Blog. Unless you have materials to publish on a monthly basis it wouldn't be advisable to author a blog. But many people have important materials to share and creating a blog would be an excellent way of dispersing that data. I would recommend this class to anyone wanting to keep up to date with technology. *Submitted by Dottie Kelly*

FSU College of Medicine-FAMU Science Library Tour



At the Annual Meeting of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association (FHLA), several members had an opportunity to take a tour of the FSU College of Medicine and then to the FAMU Science Library. At FSU, there was an overview of the learning process for medical students. The library staff plays a significant role in the teaching program. The actual library facility is very small because 90-95% of the library resources are electronic. The students are trained to use library resources on their laptops provided at the beginning of the program. The tour included the clinical learning center where students are taught the use of the closed circuit camera as a learning tool. Next were the exam rooms and the anatomy lab. In this lab, the students work with a cadaver and learn to write an autopsy report. The next stop was one of eight student learning communities, designed for the students to have a comfortable environment to study alone or in small groups. Some amenities include lockers, showers, a kitchen, a copier, etc.

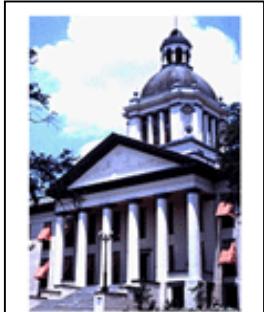
Next on the itinerary was the Frederick S. Humphries Science and Research Center Library at FAMU. This attractive library provides research materials for the students, and assistance for programs in Pharmacy, Nursing, Allied Health Sciences, Environmental Science, Computer Sciences and Physics Education. A skylight on the second floor of this library is very impressive. If you stand under the skylight, you can see a reflection of the city (very unique). On behalf of the members that went on the tour, I want to say thanks to the people involved with making it possible. You all did a fabulous job in presenting a memorable educational tour.

Submitted by Patricia N. Cole

FHLA Tour of the Historic Capitol April 6, 2006 Tallahassee, FL Tour Given by Andy Edel

FHLA banquet attendees were given a delightful tour of the old historic capitol, by tour guide Andy Edel. Andy was dressed in a brown 1902 sack suit that represented the common clothing of most men in the early 1900's. His walking and talking tour of the historic building was both informative and educational. He skillfully guided FHLA members thru the hallways of the old restored building while pointing out areas of interest. Members learned that the capitol had been in its present location since 1845, and that Florida's historic Old Capitol was expanded several times, although it retains the original floor plan in the center of the building. In 1978, the last state employees vacated the stately, time-worn structure, which, after selective demolition, was restored to its 1902 appearance and opened as a museum in 1982. Today, The Old Capitol's special exhibits interpret the state's political history, constitutions, and the history of the building. Artifacts and reproductions are displayed in the Governor's Suite and Supreme Court and in the Senate and House chambers. The tour concluded with a visit to the House of Representatives chamber where FHLA members were regaled with stories of legislators trying to pass the peoples legislation. After the tour was over members were escorted out of the building to the 22nd floor of the Capitol to the banquet.

Submitted by Nadine Dexter



Former FHSLA President and Honorary Member Joins us for our 35th Anniversary

Alice (Duva) Klein, FHSLA President from 1970-1973 and Honorary Member since 1977 joined us for the luncheon on Friday, April 7th in Tallahassee. Alice was instrumental in documenting her library procedures which many librarians within FHSLA then used as a model for their own libraries. Alice, 98 years young, is still active in the community where she tutors reading at the W. T. Moore Elementary School and is involved in programs and activities in her retirement community. In an awards ceremony on October 18, 2005, Governor Jeb Bush honored Alice with the Points of Life Award recognizing her volunteerism within Florida. How wonderful that one of our own is still so active in helping others. It was certainly a pleasure to visit with her during lunch!

As this was the 35th Anniversary of the beginning of FHSLA, it was very fitting to have Alice with us as she was the 3rd president after the founding in 1961 and the organizational structure with officers was developed. She was recognized with a carnation boutonniere as were all the other past presidents of FHSLA who were in attendance. They included: Cheryl Dee, Ada Seltzer, Pam Neumann, Patricia Clark, Patricia Cole, Naomi Elia, Pamela Sherwill-Navarro, and Sandra Canham.

Allison Howard
FHSLA, President



Newest Honorary Members

It was my pleasure and honor to ask the membership at the 2006 Annual Business Meeting to award honorary membership to **Naomi Elia** and **Pam Neumann**. Naomi and Pam have served as our President and have been actively involved in many committees throughout their library careers. Naomi's most notable service to FHSLA was her extensive contribution to the creation of the *FHSLA Policy and Procedure Manual* as Deedra Walton explained in her nomination letter. It was Naomi's responsibility to gather the appropriate information from FHSLA officers and committee members and write the manual. The *Policy and Procedure Manual* was presented to the Executive Committee in 1994. She continued to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee in her role as chair of the Ad Hoc Committee making revisions to the manual when necessary until 2001, when she resigned from the position and the committee was disbanded.

Nancy Schaefer dug up some interesting facts about Pam: Pam became a FHSLA member in 1979 as a Library Technical Assistant and was elected President in 1991. She was instrumental in adding scholarship opportunities for students at both Florida State University College of Information's Library and Information Studies program and the University of South Florida School of Library and Information Science.

Nancy went on to say that "she has acted as my formal AHIP mentor for the past several years. She has mentored a number of librarians informally and provided assistance to many FHSLA officers. Her efforts in strategic planning and program/meeting planning have certainly made a difference in the organization." Please extend congratulations to Naomi and Pam our newest honorary members of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association.

Submitted by Sandra Canham, Past President



FHSLA 2006 Annual Meeting Banquet

After our guided tour of the old Capitol building on Thursday evening, we walked across the plaza to the current Florida Capitol Building for the banquet. We were treated to views of the city and the sunset from the 22nd floor of the building. Music by a string ensemble from the Florida State University Schools high school orchestra provided just the right atmosphere for a time of visiting with friends, making new acquaintances, and enjoying a delicious meal.

Our after-dinner speaker was Dr. Robert Brooks, Associate Dean for Health Affairs at FSU College of Medicine. In his presentation, titled "U.S. Health Care System: Preparing for Tomorrow", Dr. Brooks discussed past, present, and future aspects of health care. His brief overview of where we have been (the past) included changes in life expectancy and causes of death, lowered death rates from infectious diseases, and 10 great public health achievements of the 20th century. The present state of health care was divided into the good, the bad, and the ugly. Dr. Brooks reminded us that the United States has the best disease care in the world and pointed out our increased life expectancy - good things. He then moved on to some bad aspects: variation in life expectancy based on race and gender, differences in infant mortality rates for whites vs. non-whites, HIV death rates in Florida, and other factors.

Even uglier, the former Secretary of the Florida Department of Health and chief medical officer for the state highlighted the alarming trends in the incidence of obesity, affecting all age groups and all 50 states. Other ugly aspects of the US system include high per capita health care expenditures and the percentage of the population without health insurance. Dr. Brooks informed us that the US ranks 37th in the world in a survey measuring 1) fairness of health care costs, 2) provision of good health, and 3) responsiveness to the expectation of the population. France received the #1 ranking and Italy was #2.

Moving forward to a look at the future, Dr. Brooks presented some of the challenges we face. Among them are the rising numbers of those over age 65, the reality of terrorism, The prospect of an avian influenza pandemic, increasing share of the GDP going to health expenditures. He closed his comments by emphasizing the importance of disease prevention, the Institute of Medicine reports on improving health care for the 21st century, and other recommendations for changing the health care paradigm.

Kudos and thanks to Nadine Dexter and her committee for organizing a very successful banquet!

-Submitted by Sylvia Kyle



Please COMPLETE the **FHSLA ANNUAL MEETING EVALUATION FORM** Pgs. **19-20**.
THANK YOU!

FHSLA Coming to South Florida Spring 2007 By Nadine Dexter

Dear FHSLA Members,

We are now in the planning stages for the 2007 FHSLA meeting which will be hosted by Kaye Robertson of Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale. Stay tuned for future announcements regarding the location and dates for this meeting. If you are interested in being on the Program Committee please feel free to contact me, Allison Howard (ahoward@health.usf.edu) or Kaye Robertson (kayerob@nova.edu). We currently do not have a hospital librarian on the Program Committee.

The Continuing Education Committee will be sending out requests for CE classes so begin thinking about what you'd like to see offered.

Your input and assistance will make this a terrific meeting.

Sincerely,
Nadine Dexter
FHSLA Program Chair
nadine.dexter@med.fsu.edu



FT. Lauderdale sunrise

Retirements

Faith A. Meakin, has announced her retirement after 12 years as the HSC Libraries' Director. Her last official day of work will be March 8, 2007. Faith has worked many jobs in several prestigious libraries during her decades of service: a summer internship at Harvard's medical library; a postgraduate fellowship at UCLA's Biomedical Library; 14 years at the medical school at UC - San Diego, first as a reference librarian and ending as head of Public Services, with a one-year NLM fellowship at the University of Minnesota during that time.

In 1983, Faith took a position at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, as Head of Reference and Readers' Services, where she coordinated the headquarters library and the reference services in the six regional offices, and played a large role in the training program for librarians in developing countries, traveling extensively during her five years there. After five years as executive director with the Southeastern/Atlantic branch of the Regional Medical Library Services (now the National Network of Libraries of Medicine), in May 1994 Faith became director of the UF Health Science Center Libraries.

During her tenure at the HSCL, Faith has been awarded many competitive fellowships in the field of medical librarianship and has a long career of service and scholarly contributions to the field.

In 1997, she received the prestigious Woods Hole Informatics Fellowship sponsored by the National Library of Medicine. In May 2004 she was awarded fellowship by the Medical Library Association in recognition of her outstanding and sustained contributions to the field, and was elected to MLA's National Board of Directors the same year.

Faith's post-retirement plans include traveling with her husband Skip, taking courses at the community college (especially digital photography), and getting back to gardening (especially her herbs and flowers). And she's looking forward to the three 'R's of Resting, Reading and Really getting in shape, so she and her husband can do some geocaching (an outdoor, worldwide treasure-hunting game).

"The time has just flown by. I will miss being part of a team, and I'll miss the excitement, the joy, and the sense of camaraderie. I've loved watching this new generation of professionals develop their own way to serve and demonstrate their passion for the profession. And I've always appreciated the paraprofessionals, systems and administrative staff that work every day to make sure the library stays open, that the digital library is always available, and that the bills get paid. It is always the people who make work a joy – thank you all to the contributions you have made to my tenure here!"

Peggy Hsu, HSC Libraries' Assistant Director for Electronic Collections, has announced her retirement as of September 1, 2006. Peggy, a distinguished member of AHIP, came from Taiwan in 1961 for graduate school at Cornell University, where she received an MS in Educational Psychology and Child Development, and later received her Master of Arts in Library Science from the University of Michigan. In April 1979, she began working at the UF HSC Libraries as Assistant University Librarian in the Reference Department, and she received tenure and was promoted to Associate University Librarian in September 1983. Her keen interest in computerized information retrievals earned her the title of Coordinator of Online Searching Services from 1986 to 1994.

She served as Acting Chair of the Information Services Department from May 1992 to August 1994 and served another year as Acting Head when the department was renamed Reference, Education & Information Management. Peggy was the founding Chair for the HSC Libraries' Curriculum Committee from July 1992 to June 1994, and has been Chair of the HSC Libraries' Electronic Collection Committee since August 1997. She was appointed the position of Assistant Director for Electronic Collections in January 1998.

As a life-long learner and after serving 27 years in the HSC Libraries, she will continue to sharpen her information-seeking and knowledge evaluation skills, focusing on the topics of health promotion and disease prevention. She'll use this knowledge to provide health information for her husband (who just retired from the UF College of Engineering), her three married children and her seven grandchildren. Visiting family and relatives are their immediate plans. Finally, Peggy loves music, and she and her husband plan to travel to several countries where her favorite composers were born.

Finally, after 32 years of service to the Libraries of the University of Florida – and nearly three decades with the HSC Libraries – Lenny Rhine retired in December 2005 with the title University Librarian Emeritus. Although he's gone, his ghost has been seen back in his office about once a week. Lenny, let it go!



FROM AROUND THE STATE

Baptist Health South Florida

Diane Rourke, Director of Library Services, Baptist Health South Florida in Miami, FL is giving a talk at MLA in Phoenix, AZ on May 22 as part of the section program of NAHRS (Nursing and Allied Health Section).

The title of the talk is "The hospital library as "magnet force" for a research and evidence-based nursing culture: A case study two Magnet hospitals in one health system". She has been invited to serve on the MLA Hospital Library Section's Standards Committee as the liaison begins with the ANCC (American Nursing Credentialing Center) regarding possible inclusion of a role for hospital librarians in Magnet hospitals in the future.

For National Library Week 2006, Diane also coordinated a successful "Writing for Publications" workshop for staff with CEUs for nursing and allied health, simultaneously honoring the staff authors for the year. Special guest was local historical author, Christine Ardalan, who was the keynote speaker, showing vintage photos of the early days of nursing in South Florida. Her most recent book is *Warm Hearts and Caring Hands: South Florida Nursing from Frontier to Metropolis, 1880-2000*.

In April, Diane Rourke was also honored for her thirty years of service, working for Baptist Health South Florida

Florida State University College of Medicine Maguire Medical Library

Publicaton

Nadine Dexter, Barbara Shearer and Suzanne Nagy are co-authors of Partnering with PDAs: The Florida State University College of Medicine Medical Library Experience, published in issue 1, 2006, Journal of Electronic Resources in Medical Libraries. The article describes an NN/LM SE/A subcontract to purchase PDAs and reference software for delivering PDA technology to hospital librarians affiliated with the Florida State University College of Medicine.

New librarian

The Maguire Medical Library welcomes a new faculty member, Carolyn Klatt, to her position as Technical Services Librarian. Carolyn received her B.A. in English and her M.A. in Librarianship and Information Management from the University of Denver, and has nearly 25 years of professional experience. For the last 10 years she has worked with electronic delivery of information including management of electronic journal subscriptions and webpage design. Previously she was the Head of the Electronic Resources Management Department at the FSU Strozier Library. We are quite fortunate in welcoming Carolyn to our staff.

Louis Calder Memorial Library

Kudos – Lemkau Receives Doe Award

Henry L. Lemkau, Jr., Professor, Director and Chairman of the Department of Medical Library and Biomedical Communications, was selected by the Medical Library Association to deliver the 2007 Janet Doe Lecture at the Association's annual meeting in Philadelphia. The Janet Doe Lecture award, one of the Association's highest honors, supports a lecture by a distinguished member of the profession on either the history or philosophy of medical librarianship.

Other Faculty News

Carmen Bou-Crick was a selector in Psychiatry and Psychiatric Nursing of books included in the Doody's Core Titles in the Health Sciences 2005, and a reviewer for the Mental Health Special Interest Group programs at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association.

Suzetta Burrows published "A review of electronic journal acquisition, management, and use in health sciences libraries," in Journal of the Medical Library Association 2006 94(1):67-74 Jan.

Tanya Feddern and Kathryn Ewers, Educator, Jackson Health System had their paper titled "Strategies for Creating an Evidence-Based Practiced Nursing Culture," accepted for the Annual Meeting of the MLA, May 22, 2006, in Phoenix.

Their paper titled "Development of a Hospital-based Certificate in Evidence-Based Nursing: A Joint Venture between Nursing Education and a University Medical Library," was accepted for at the 17th International Nursing Research Congress Focusing on Evidence-Based Practice, July 22, 2006 in Montreal.

Louis Calder Memorial Library – cont'd.

John Jones, Jr., Tanya Feddern, and Susan Setterlund had their paper titled "Evidence-Based Medicine: Transforming Technology for Teaching at Two Campuses," accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the MLA, May 21, 2006, in Phoenix.

Koichi Tasa was appointed Archivist in March and completed the Modern Archives Institute, sponsored by the National Archives and Records Administration, January 23-February 3, 2006, in Washington, DC. Mr. Tasa joined the Library faculty in March 2004 as the Archivist for the Emanuel M. Papper, MD, PhD Archive, which was successfully organized, preserved, and selectively digitized during the past two years.



Miami Health Sciences Library Consortium

Devica Samsundar, Electronic Resources Librarian, Supervisor, Baptist Health South Florida concluded an unprecedented four year "reign" as Chairperson of the Miami Health Sciences Library Consortium. At the spring meeting at Mercy Hospital, Devica was honored and gifted many times over by incoming chair, Roumiana Katzarhkov, Director of the Miami Children's Hospital Medical Library Other officers for this year include: Vice Chairperson, Sally Haff, Memorial Healthcare System, Hollywood, FL; Secretary Andre Peres, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Miami Beach, and Treasurer Carrie Figueiredo, Beckman Coulter Library, Miami, FL.

The Miami Health Sciences Library Consortium begins its twenty eighth year working together to serve the health information needs of South Florida's health care professionals and patients.

Shimberg Health Sciences Library

Presentations

Karen N. Keene, Reference/Systems Librarian, and John Orriola, Reference/Education Librarian presented "Shaping Research Topics: Finding the Evidence" at the 3rd Annual Florida Magnet Nursing Research Conference held February 9, 2006, at the Tampa Convention Center. The conference theme was Nursing Research at the Point of Care. Karen and John also participated in an open forum on Shaping Research Topics held later that day.

Karen N. Keene, Reference/Systems Librarian presented "Nursing Research 101" at Shriners Hospital for Children on February 17, 2006. The class was part of the Hospital's "Lunch & Learn" Program for nursing and allied health researchers.

Rose Bland, M.A., Assistant Director for Technology & Access

Services, attended the inaugural Electronic Resources and Libraries conference, held March 23-25 at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA . The purpose of the Electronic Resources & Library conference was to develop a shared understanding among librarians, of the management of electronic resources, and serve as a vehicle for dissemination of best practices and latest developments in the field.

Karen Keene represented the Shimberg Health Sciences Library at the AHEC Sophomore/Junior Access Day 2006 on April 7th. The event was sponsored by the USF location of the Florida AHEC (Area Health Education Centers) Network, an extensive, statewide system for health professional education and support. Spring Access Day introduces underrepresented sophomore and junior high school students to various health professional careers. Over 160 high school participants from nine counties attended this year's event. Karen was joined by graduate student Sandra Gilbert in presenting information on various career opportunities in medical librarianship. A steady stream of students visited their table during the three hour, outdoor event held at the USF Health courtyard. This was the second time the Library partnered with AHEC in support of their community outreach to high school students. Last year Karen, Sandra and John Orriola participated in AHEC Senior Access Day on November 18, 2005 held for high school senior students.

Karen Keene represented the Shimberg Health Sciences Library at Senior Day in the Park in Tampa on May 5, 2005. This annual event is sponsored by the City of Tampa and the State of Florida Department of Elder Affairs in celebration of Older Americans Month. Hundreds of seniors attended this daylong, outdoor event held at Tampa's MacFarlane Park. Karen presented information on consumer health resources and the USF Health medical centers and clinics.

Shimberg Health Sciences Library – cont'd.

"House Calls!" The Librarian will see you now...

Danny O'Neal and John Orriola, Shimberg Health Sciences Librarians, made their first off-campus "House Call," February 8, to Tampa General Hospital (TGH). TGH provides graduate medical education to USF Resident Physicians.

"House Calls" brings the resources and services of the Library to off-campus physicians, residents, and staff. Assistance in securing remote access, research tips, instruction, including downloading point of care resources to a PDA, was provided. TGH Library manager Margaret Henry commented that "House Calls" "...was a HUGE success - warm, personalized, funny, and amazingly effective at targeting heretofore unknown needs... four hours of steady traffic... great, innovative outreach effort."

More "House Calls" are being planned for other affiliate hospitals in the Tampa Bay Area.

Technology Fair a Success!!

On February 28, 2006, The Shimberg Health Sciences Library was proud to host a day-long technology fair, "Passport to Information." Funded by a \$5,000.00 Technology Awareness Award from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM), over 300 staff, faculty, and students browsed the exhibits of 15 commercial vendors, and learned about the innovative technologies and rich databases available to the USF Health community. Attendees were able to speak with, and participate in small group sessions offered by the Cochrane Library, Web of Science, an@tomy.tv <mailto:an@tomy.tv>, and the highly popular Genetics Computer Group (GCG), among others. The event was anchored by NN/LM keynote speaker, J. Dale Prince, MA, MLS, AHIP, who presented a session on "Geeks Bearing Gifts: Unwrapping Latest Technology Trends." Patrons who couldn't make it into the Library participated in cyberspace—over 900 visited the website, and greater than 400 participated in online quizzes and surveys.



FHSLA Annual Meeting

Beverly Shattuck, Rose Bland, John Orriola, Allison Howard, Linda Florence, and Barbara Greenberg represented USF at the Florida Health Sciences Library Association (FHSLA) Annual Meeting in Tallahassee, Florida on April 5-7. The theme "Building on the Past...Preparing for the Future," focused on disaster planning and recovery. Librarians from Florida and Georgia participated in the conference and continuing education classes, including a disaster preparedness class taught by Tina Mason of Solinet.

Former Florida Secretary of Health Dr. Robert Brooks, Associate Dean for Health Affairs at Florida State University College of Medicine, gave a dynamic presentation. His speech, "Public Health Issues in Florida," focused on the prospect of the avian flu, local health officials' responsibilities, and how new technology will impact the careers of today's medical students. The banquet at which Dr. Brooks spoke was held on the 22nd floor of the Capitol Building with a spectacular view of the twinkling lights of Tallahassee in the background.

Ada Seltzer, Director of the Rowland Medical Library at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, gave a stirring Keynote Address, sharing with her Florida colleagues the stories and experiences of those who faced Hurricane Katrina. She provided valuable lessons in disaster preparation, recovery, and the long-term effects of a natural disaster the magnitude of Katrina.



Ada Seltzer, Janice Kelly, Executive Director of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine/Southeastern Atlantic Region, and Aimee Reist, Service Quality Coordinator with the College Center for Library Automation, participated in a panel discussion. Issues related to disaster planning and recovery, including resources, workflow, and communication were reviewed. The panelists shared their personal experiences with mold problems, and the roles library organizations can assume in assisting their colleagues in need.

Sandra L. Canham of the University of Florida, Borland Library in Jacksonville is the outgoing President; Allison M. Howard, University of South Florida, Shimberg Health Sciences Library in Tampa was the Vice President/Program Chair for the meeting and will be the incoming President next year. Patricia E. Clark, All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg is the Treasurer and Mary Lawrence, Broward General Medical Center Library in Ft. Lauderdale is the Secretary. Nadine Dexter, Florida State University, Charlotte Edwards Maguire Medical Library will be taking on the responsibilities of Vice President/Program Chair for next year. *Submitted by Barbara Greenberg*

UF Health Science Center Libraries

Health Science Center Libraries' Events

The Florida Health Science Library Association's annual meeting ('Building on the Past ... Preparing for the Future') was held April 5-7 in Tallahassee. FHSLA's current president is **Sandra Canham** of the UF-HSC Borland Library, Jacksonville; **Pamela Sherwill-Navarro** was Continuing Education chair; and Borland's **Adriana Yoshii** and Gainesville's **Ellie Bushhausen** were co-editors of this very FHSLA Alert newsletter. Others in attendance at the meeting were **Pam Neumann** from Borland, and **Peggy Hsu, Beth Layton** and **Faith Meakin** from Gainesville.

During the meeting, Sandra, Pam Neumann and Beth attended the SOLINET Disaster Planning & Preparedness Class, and Peggy taught an early morning session demonstrating T'ai Chi. Pam Neumann became the 17th honorary member of FHSLA, and she, Pamela and Sandra received corsages at Friday's luncheon recognizing past presidents of FHSLA. For the 2006-2007 fiscal year, Adriana and Ellie will continue as co-editors of the FHSLA Alert, '**Nita Ferree**' was announced as the new Membership chair, and Sandra will be the Strategic Planning Committee chair. Next year's meeting will be hosted by Nova Southeastern University and will be held in Ft. Lauderdale.

Michele R. Tenant helped organize the Florida Genetics 2005 Conference at the University of Florida Nov. 30 – Dec. 1, which was co-sponsored by the HSC Libraries, the UF Genetics Institute, the Center for Mammalian Genetics and the Plant Molecular and Cellular Biology Program. Distinguished speakers from the National Institutes of Health, Washington University, Baylor University, Colorado State and the University of Florida presented their research on epigenetics. Sixty-five posters, primarily by graduate students and post-docs, were also presented. More than 300 faculty and graduate students attended from UF and other institutions in the Southeast United States. Pictures from the event and the final program, including all abstracts and attendee information, are available at <http://www.ufgi.ufl.edu/Symposium/Symposium-welcome-announcements.htm>.

Dr. Tenant also helped organize the annual National Center for Biotechnology Information Workshop at the University of Florida Dec. 8-9, which was co-sponsored by the HSC Libraries and the UF Genetics Institute. Three speakers from NCBI presented customized sessions, and more than 120 UF faculty, staff and students attended the two lectures and multiple hands-on database sessions.

This past holiday season, the HSC Libraries collected food and clothing for a local non-profit community center and homeless shelter. Donations from the faculty, staff & students of the six University of Florida Health Science Center colleges yielded more than 72 lbs. of food, 20 bath towels and 11 washcloths, 58 bars of soap, 21 toothbrushes and 26 tubes of toothpaste. Also, one person contributed an open package of cough lozenges, which either didn't work or worked so well that the person didn't need the rest of the medicine! '**Nita Ferree**' and **Jessica Hacker** spearheaded the campaign for the library.

Honors / Awards and Offices

Adriana Yoshii of the Borland Library in Jacksonville has been appointed to serve as a member of the JMLA Editorial Board. This is a three-year appointment that continues through the end of the 2009 Annual Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Sandra Canham of the Borland Library in Jacksonville has been appointed to the MLA Continuing Education committee. This three-year appointment also continues through the end of the 2009 Annual Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Ellie Bushhausen accepted an invitation to serve on the MLA Lindberg Research Fellowship Jury for 2006-2007.

Pamela Sherwill-Navarro was appointed to the jury for the Lucretia W. McClure Excellence in Education Award for 2006-2007. The award, established in 1998 for one of MLA's most respected members, honors outstanding practicing librarians or library educators in the field of health sciences librarianship and informatics who demonstrate skills in one or more of the following areas: teaching, curriculum development, mentoring, research or leadership in education at local, regional or national levels.

On May 22, Pamela will be an invited speaker at a panel discussion of the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Magnet Recognition Program, which recognizes excellence in nursing services of health care organizations and the information services that support nurses. A brief history, the Magnet process and requirements, and the impact on information services will be presented. The panel of librarians is drawn from Magnet institutions.

Several of our librarians were honored recently with a 3rd place showing from the Southern Chapter / MLA. The poster *Online Journal Usage Statistics for the University of Florida Health Science Center and Libraries: What We Learned and What Surprised Us!* was created by **Cecilia Botero** and **Lenny Rhine** of the UF HSC Libraries; **Michele R. Tenant** of the UF HSC Libraries and UF Genetics Institute; and Steve Carrico of the UF Smathers Libraries. A newly updated and revised version of the poster and PowerPoint presentation can be found on the HSC Libraries' website at http://www.library.health.ufl.edu/presentations/mla06/OJUS_poster.htm—the original poster webpage is here: http://www.library.health.ufl.edu/presentations/SCMLA05/ejournstats_poster.htm.

UF HSC Libraries –cont'd.

Beth Layton attended the Capstone of the AAHSL Leadership Fellowship and attended a graduation ceremony for the program in November 2005. She also attended the AAHSL / AAMC meeting that month.

Cliff Richmond was selected to receive a Health Science Center Superior Accomplishment Award for 2005-2006. For nearly six months in 2005 Cliff acted as Assistant Director for Library Systems, and his quiet, day-to-day success "improving the quality of life for students and fellow university employees" has been recognized at the Division Five level and will now make him eligible for university-level recognition.

State / National / International Activities

Nancy Schaefer successfully nominated the Core Public Health Journals Project (<http://info.med.yale.edu/eph/phlibrary/phjournals/>) for the MLA's 2006 Louise Darling Medal for Distinguished Achievement in Collection Development in the Health Sciences (<http://www.mlanet.org/awards/honors/darling.html>). This collaborative project involved more than 50 librarians and information specialists from Hawaii to Connecticut, Texas to Canada collecting expert information/opinions from the public health faculty, students, staff and practitioners they serve about the quality of journals in the various subdisciplines of public health (Biostatistics, Environmental Health Sciences, Epidemiology, Health Education/Behavioral Sciences, Health Services Administration, Biomedical & Laboratory Practice, International Public Health, Maternal & Child Health, Occupational Safety & Health, Public Health Practice and Public Health Dentistry, PH Nursing and PH Nutrition).

The list is structured along the lines of the popular Brandon-Hill list with title recommendations at three levels (small, medium and large public health collections) for each subject category. [Officially the level definitions are as follows: Level 1= essential for a library whose organization has subject specialization in this area; Level 2= important but not essential (research level collecting) and Level 3=newsletters and other such publications which have largely transitory content, but which practitioners might favor.]

Michele R. Tennant returned as a panelist on the National Library of Medicine's Program Planning Panel 4: NLM Support for Genomic Science in the 21st Century. The panel met in Bethesda, MD on March 14-15, 2006.

Meetings / Conferences / Travel

Nancy Schaefer attended the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition December 10-14, 2005 in Philadelphia, PA. There she resumed Chairmanship of the Client Relations Committee of the Public Health/Health Administration section of Medical Library Association. This committee recruits and screens public health librarian applicants for stipends to defray the costs of attending the American Public Health Association meeting and orients successful applicants to the field of public health and the meeting. These stipends are made available through the Grace and Harold Sewell Memorial Fund <http://www.sewellfund.org/>, established in 2000 by public health and pharmacy librarian Winifred Sewell before her death in 2002.

Faith A. Meakin attended MLA Board meetings in Chicago in September 2005 and February 2006. Ms. Meakin also attended the Association of American Medical Colleges / Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries meeting in Washington, DC in November. As a founding member of the AAHSL Leadership initiative, Faith finished up a six-year committee assignment on the Leadership Taskforce. The Taskforce is responsible for developing the AAHSL Leadership initiative that includes a yearlong fellowship program for future academic health science library directors, a scholarship program for people interested in management and a guide for institutions recruiting new directors.

Mary Edwards attended the Off-Campus Library Services Conference in Savannah, GA, April 26-28, 2006. Programming was centered on distance learning and 'off-campus' issues including marketing, instruction, services and administration. Mary presented the electronic poster *Creating a Logo to Market Distance Learning Services*. The poster was well received, with many attendees interested in our marketing effort.

(See http://www.library.health.ufl.edu/presentations/distLearn/DLposter05/DL05_poster.htm)

FHSLA Annual Meeting

The following librarians from the Gainesville campus attended the FHSLA Annual Meeting: Peggy Hsu, Faith Meakin, Beth Layton, and Pam Sherwill. Representing Borland in Jacksonville were Pam Neumann and Sandra Canham.

On Thursday, April 6th Beth Layton, Pam Neumann and Sandra Canham went to the SOLINET Disaster Planning & Preparedness Class. Peggy Hsu taught a class on Tai Chi the morning of Friday, April 7th.

At the Business meeting, Pam Neumann was given honorary membership to FHSLA. She becomes the seventeenth honorary member in the Association. Sandra Canham was the current FHSLA President, Pam Sherwill was the CE chair for the meeting and Adriana Yoshii and Ellie Bushhausen were co-editors of the FHSLA Alert Newsletter.

During Friday's luncheon Pam Neumann, Pam Sherwill, and Sandra Canham received a corsage as they recognized past President's of FHSLA.

For the 2006-2007 fiscal year: Adriana Yoshii and Ellie Bushhausen will continue as Co-editors of the FHSLA Alert Newsletter. Nita Ferree was announced as the new Membership Chair Sandra Canham will be the Strategic Planning Committee Chair.

Next year's meeting will be held in Ft. Lauderdale, FL hosted by Nova Southeastern University.

Continuing Education

EBM for librarians: Appraising the evidence for validity.

This class will be offered in both Chicago, IL (June) and Peoria, IL (July)

2-Day Class: June 22 & 23, 2006 (Chicago) or July 20 & 21 (Peoria)

Critically Appraising the Medical Literature for Validity; Diagnosis and Therapy

1-Day Class: June 21 (Chicago) or July 19 (Peoria)

Introduction to EBM: Research Design and Searching Tools

<http://www.uic.edu/depts/lib/lhsc/temp/ebm/ebmclass.shtml>

The 1-day class places an emphasis on the first two steps of the EBM process: formulating a searchable clinical question and efficiently searching the literature. Tools available to facilitate the EBM process will be introduced. These tools include PubMed Clinical Queries, Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, Practice Guidelines and other electronic resources available. The course will provide an overview of levels of evidence, research design, and bias in publication. Librarians will have the opportunity to work as teams, each sharing his/her unique perspective and knowledge.

The 2-day class provides an in-depth exploration of the third step of the EBM process - critically appraising the medical literature for validity. This class is intended for health sciences librarians who wish to learn the evidence based medicine process of critically appraising articles for validity and analysis of results. This class will provide an in-depth understanding of the statistical concepts used in the medical literature. This will be done in the context of analyzing journal articles and answering case-based clinical questions with an emphasis on therapy and diagnosis. A focus will be placed on the epidemiological concepts fundamental to understanding the clinical literature such as number needed to treat, absolute risk reduction, likelihood ratio, confidence interval and intention to treat.

COST:

One-day class : \$75.00

Two-day class: \$225 includes textbook and materials.

All 3 days: \$275.00

CE HOURS: The two-day course has been approved for 14 MLA CE hours

The one-day course has been submitted for approval for 7 MLA CE hours

FACULTY: Jordan Hupert, MD; Leo Niederman, MD; Alan Schwartz, Ph.D. and Sandra De Groote, MLIS; Kristina Howard, MSIS; Lisa Wallis, MLIS, Jo Dorsch, MALS

Doctors Hupert, Niederman and Schwartz are actively involved in UIC's EBM initiative and have worked closely with UIC librarians in strengthening librarians' EBM skills and in developing an evidence-based service in pediatrics.

For more information and to register - visit: <http://www.uic.edu/depts/lib/lhsc/temp/ebm/ebmclass.shtml>



Job Announcements



Assistant Director for Resources Management **Medical Library & Peyton T. Anderson Learning Resources Center, Mercer University School of Medicine, Macon, GA 31207** http://medicine.mercer.edu/library_home

RESPONSIBILITIES: The Medical Library & Peyton T. Anderson Learning Resources Center at Mercer University School of Medicine invites applications for its Assistant Director for Resources Management position. Responsibilities include managing all technological services (computer, network, OPAC, software, Web, etc.) for the Library and LRC, oversight of technical services (cataloging and archives), and supervision of the daily operations of the Learning Resources Center. This position also provides some technological support to our Clinical Branch Library at Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah, GA and to the Georgia Interactive Network for Medical Information (GaIN). In addition, this position shares educational responsibilities for computer training for Mercer faculty, students, residents and staff, as well as GaIN members. Position reports to the Director of the Medical Library & LRC, and supervises two professionals and two paraprofessionals. Some traveling and scheduling flexibility required.

QUALIFICATIONS: The successful applicant will hold an ALA-accredited masters degree in library or information science and have experience with supervision and computer systems management. The applicant should be able to balance varied responsibilities, and work with diverse constituencies in a fast-paced environment. Additional required job skills include demonstrated familiarity with UNIX, HTML and Internet. Knowledge of the ILL library system and Relais Express is desirable. Other preferred qualifications include: teaching experience, good interpersonal skills, demonstrated leadership and project implementation abilities, AHIP membership, and excellent oral and written communication skills.

SETTING: Macon, an historic Southern city, is located in the heart of Georgia, within easy traveling distance to the beach, mountains, and a major metropolitan area (Atlanta). Mercer University School of Medicine, which ranks among the top in the nation in the percentage of graduates entering family medicine residencies, accepted its first class of medical students in 1983 into a fully integrated problem-based curriculum. The mission of the School is to train health care professionals who will provide primary care to rural and underserved areas of the state. In addition to medical students, educational programs are offered to other students seeking graduate degrees in Marriage and Family Therapy, Public Health and Nurse Anesthesia.

The Library & LRC serves Medical School faculty, staff, students and residents in locations on campus and throughout the state. A Clinical Campus Branch Library is maintained in Savannah at Memorial Health University Medical Center. The Library serves as the hub of the Georgia Interactive Network for Medical Information (GaIN), an electronic resource

for the University, the community, and the state. The Library actively supports the School's mission to improve the health care delivery system in rural and underserved areas of Georgia.

COMPENSATION: Faculty appointment with full benefits and responsibilities; AA/EOE/ADA; salary based on qualifications and experience. Minimum: \$50,000. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Interested? Please complete the brief online application at: <https://www.mercerjobs.com/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=1144936263813> and attach a current CV, letter of application and the names and contact information of three references.

FLORIDA – St. Petersburg Community Hospital <http://www.bayfront.org> Bayfront Medical Center 601 Sixth Street South St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Medical Librarian: 1053

Summary: Coordinates the services, facilities and collections of the medical library.

Assesses information needs of library users and evaluates how well the library meets those needs. Monitors long range planning for the library. Provides reference services and searches. Develops, selects and maintains book, journal, electronic and audio/visual collections. Instructs patrons in the use of the library, equipment and database bibliographic searching. Keeps statistics, prepares reports, maintains accurate records, and coordinates security passwords on licensed material. Supervises volunteers and interns.

Qualifications:

MA degree from an ALA accredited institution. Eligibility for and/or membership in AHIP is preferred. 3-5 yrs post MLS. Experience/knowledge of electronic reference tools and searching in various formats (online, CD ROM, etc) preferred searching experience in medical databases (such as Medline, CINAHL, etc). Knowledge of a variety of databases and resources, both medical and general. Knowledge of DOS and Windows based applications. Knowledge and practice use of internet based resources. Strong interpersonal and excellent customer service skills.

Salary Range: Mid 30's dependent on qualifications. Florida does not have a state income tax.

*A complete list of job duties and the physical requirements for this position available in Human Resources.

Contact: John W. Carnes, PhD, Director of Medical Education john.carnes@bayfront.org, 727 893 6959 Review of applications will be continuous until the position is filled.

Evaluation Form

Please take the time to fill this out before you leave, or send to the address at the end following the meeting.
Your input is valuable in planning future meetings!

	1 Very Unsatisfied	2 Unsatisfied	3 Neutral	4 Satisfied	5 Very Satisfied
Vendors					
Did you like having two opportunities to meet with our vendors?					
Did you have enough time with them?					
Were there enough vendors?					
Comments/Recommendations					
CE Classes					
Was there enough variety of CEs?					
Did you like having a CE on Wednesday PM?					
Please rate the CE class(s) you took					
Geeks Bearing Gifts					
Copyright					
Disaster Planning					
Comments/Recommendations					
Recommendations for future CE classes					
Banquet					
Please rate the banquet atmosphere & setting?					
Please rate the banquet food					
Please rate Dr. Brooks' presentation					
Comments/Recommendations					
Keynote Address					
Please rate the keynote address?					
What will you take home to share from it?					
Comments/Recommendations					
Business Meeting					
Was the business meeting run efficiently?					
Comments/Recommendations					
RML Update					
Is the RML Update important to you at the meeting?					
Rate Janice Kelly's presentation					
Comments/Recommendations					

Panel Discussion	1 Very Unsatisfied	2 Unsatisfied	3 Neutral	4 Satisfied	5 Very Satisfied
Was the panel's presentation useful to you?					
Do you think there is a role for FHS LA disaster planning for medical libraries state-wide?					
What will you take home to share from it?					
Comments/Recommendations					
Hotel					
Please rate the hotel accommodations					
Please rate the hotel location					
Comments/Recommendations					
General Meeting					
How helpful was the invitational packet of materials?					
Comments/Recommendations					
How helpful was the FHS LA meeting website?					
Comments/Recommendations					
How would you rate the conference bag of goodies?					
How would you rate the theme: Building of the Past...Preparing for the Future					
What were the meeting strengths?					
What were the meeting weaknesses?					
What recommendations for improvements to the Annual Meeting/Conference do you have?					
Other Comments					

If you didn't drop this evaluation off in the box at the end of the meeting, please send it to:

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FLORIDA HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Membership Application/Committee Volunteer

1. New member: _____ Renewal: _____ Honorary Member: _____
2. Name _____
Position>Title: _____
Library: _____
Institution: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
E-mail: _____
3. Please indicate the type of library where you are employed:
 Academic Corporate Hospital Public Other _____
4. Please indicate if you are a member of other library associations:
 SC/MLA MLA SLA FLA Other _____
5. Are you an AHIP Member: Yes No
 Emeritus Distinguished Senior Member Provisional
6. Are you interested in serving as a FHLA officer: * Yes No
Officer Preference:
 Vice President/President Elect Secretary Treasurer
7. Are you interested in serving on a FHLA Committee: * Yes No
Committee Preference(s):
 Honors & Awards Continuing Education Membership
 Newsletter Program Strategic Planning

*Terms for officers/committees to begin following the Spring Annual Meeting of the current year
• Dues are \$15.00 for the calendar year January 1 – December 31

Make checks payable to FHLA

Fill out and print this form, and send with a check to:

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Please make sure Pat Clark
appears somewhere in the address!