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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The Annual Meeting in Palm Beach proved to be a powerful forum on the role of health science librarians in today's health care reform environment. I hope all of you who attended were as inspired as I was by the many opportunities to contribute to health care emphasized by our speakers. I find myself quoting Prof. Herb White on a regular basis as I deal with the many issues of budget, staffing and library status in the institution, which I face daily. The most important of the many points Prof. White made was that we must first believe in ourselves and our profession before we can expect our institutions to support us appropriately.

Jacque Doyle in her timely presentations helped us to interpret the new JCAHO standards and the marvelously important role of the librarian in guiding our institutions through the information 'maze'. She also challenged us all to seize every opportunity to bring our profession before decision makers in our community, both on a legislative and institutional level.

Kathleen Moeller's continuing education course, Consumer Health Information Sources was very beneficial for the many attendees attempting to satisfy the ever growing demand for medical information for consumers.

I would like to extend a special "thank you" to the members of the Palm Beach Health Sciences Library Consortia, Nancy Adams, Kate Greene, and Chris McMahon, the Program Planning Committee, who planned such a thought provoking and stimulating meeting.

Another round of thanks to our immediate past President, Pat Buchan, who cheerfully agreed to continue serving the organization, both as advisor to the new officers and additionally, as the state representative to the national Regional Advisory Council. Thank you, Pat, for unfailing willingness to

serve your profession. As we face the next year, I hope you will all communicate your expectations for the organization to our new officers, Trudi Di Trolio-Vice President, Diana Akens-Secretary and Chris McMahon-Treasurer, as they strive to serve as our collective voice. I hope you will all feel free to contact me with your individual issues and challenges.

A good summer to all!

Linda Kressal
President

STATUS OF FLORIDA HOSPITAL LIBRARY FUNDING AND STAFFING

Attention Hospital Librarians! We need your help to determine the current status of hospital library funding and staffing in Florida. A questionnaire on this subject will be coming soon to a mailbox near you. All hospital librarians listed in the newly updated FHSLA membership directory will receive a copy of this questionnaire, which is printed on blue paper for easy identification. If your library should receive more than one copy of the survey instrument, please return only one using the self-addressed envelope provided. Remember this is YOUR project. The resulting information will aid you in decision making.

*Jo Ann W. Tibbs, Chair Ad Hoc Committee on
Current Status of Florida Hospital Library
Funding and Staffing*

PERSONALS

Pauline Hicks, Head of the Florida A & M University College of Pharmacy Library, attended the Southeastern Conference of Hospital Librarians. The convention was held jointly with the Georgia Health Sciences Library Association, March 23-25, 1994 at the Garden Terrace Inn in Atlanta. The theme of the conference was "Shaping up for the future."

Florida A & M University College of Pharmacy Library will share space in a new science facility scheduled for completion in Fall 1995. The

building, which includes 65,000 gross square feet, will provide space for a 10,000 square foot library. The Pharmacy Library will share space with the School of Allied Health and the School of Nursing.

The \$10.6- million structure will also house 50 research offices, 26 graduate student spaces, a 150 - seat lecture hall, two 30 seat seminar rooms, 48 research laboratories, and 1,890 square feet of animal research space. The primary occupant of the building will be the College of Arts and Sciences. Other researchers will be faculty from the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Allied Health Sciences, School of Nursing, the College of Engineering Sciences, Technology and Agriculture; and the School of Graduate Studies, Research and Continuing Education.

*Pauline Hicks, Florida A & M University, College
of Pharmacy Library*

REVISED SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

During the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association in Palm Beach, guidelines for awarding scholarships were discussed and revised. These guidelines will be used in selecting recipients of scholarships to future FHSLA annual meetings and are printed below.

Scholarship Guidelines

Required Criteria:

1. Applicants must have paid FHSLA membership dues for the year previous to date of application and must be current FHSLA members in good standing.
2. Applicants must have a genuine need for financial aid due to lack of institutional travel support or adequate salary support.
3. Recipients of scholarships for the previous year are not eligible for scholarships for the current year.
4. A maximum of \$150.00 will be available to each member selected for assistance.
5. Scholarships will be limited to one per institution.
6. Funding is designed to pay for registration and CE course. Members requesting the full amount must take a CE course. Members

requesting assistance for CE course must register and attend the meeting.

7. Applicant must complete an application form, including a statement, in 200 words or less, answering the question: "What do you expect to gain professionally and/or personally by attending the FHSLA annual meeting?"

Desired Criteria:

1. Applicant is a first time attender at FHSLA meeting

2. Applicant is presenting a paper or poster at FHSLA meeting

3. Applicant has FHSLA committee assignment
All applicants must meet the required criteria to be eligible for a scholarship. When the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of scholarships which can be awarded, the desired criteria will be considered to establish priority.

The above guidelines apply only to scholarships awarded to members of FHSLA. The guidelines for awarding student scholarships remains unchanged.

Pam Neumann, Chair, Membership Committee

CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL

If your mailing label has "EXP93" (or before), you have not renewed your FHSLA membership and this will be the last issue of ALERT you will receive. Renew now using the membership form included in this mailing. While you have missed the deadline for inclusion in the membership directory, we will be publishing an addendum to the directory with next issue of ALERT.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The 1994 Membership Directory has been published. Those of you who are current members will have a copy of the Directory included in this mailing. Please notify me of any changes, additions or corrections that need to be made to your listing.

We currently have 144 members, including eleven honorary members and twelve new members. Welcome to the following new members:

Cordelia Black, Bethune-Cookman College
Beatriz Calixto, University of South Florida

Chris Ellicott, Login Brothers Book company
Ann McDonald, Florida Hospital
Faith Meakin, University of Florida
Sharon Mixon, Munroe Regional Medical Center
Mary Ann O'Daniel, University of Florida
Sheila Phillips, Northeast Florida State Hospital
Polly Porter, University of Florida
Marley Soper, Florida Hospital
Joyce Sutton, Cedars Medical Center
Deedra Walton, Orlando Regional Healthcare System

Pam Neumann, Membership Chair

COME SEE THE MAGIC OF TOMORROWLAND IN ORLANDO

Begin to plan for a wonder filled adventure in Orlando, Florida. Experience the Magic of Tomorrowland at the 1994 Annual Meeting of the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association to be held October 22-25. Hosted by the University of South Florida Health Science Center Library and the Tampa Bay Medical Library Network, the conference headquarters will be the Hilton at Walt Disney World Village. This beautiful hotel is conveniently located inside the Walt Disney World Resort area with complimentary transportation to the Magic Kingdom, Epcot Center, and the Disney-MGM Studios theme parks. Pleasure Island and other fabulous attractions, outlet malls, and great restaurants are a short distance away.

Your CASUAL Floridian experience will begin with the Welcome Reception in the exhibit area at the Hilton on Saturday evening. A poolside reception complete with tropical music and magical happenings will set off the entertainment theme for the onsite Sunday night Banquet, "Medical Librarians: Making Magic". Get ready for an evening of sight, sound, and surprise as an award winning magician invites you to enter the world of illusion.

Keynote speaker, Mark Frisse, from the School of Medicine Library and Biomedical Communications Center at Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO will address health care reform and its impact on libraries. Following that, what better place than

Florida for a forum on retirement planning featuring financial planner James W. Mertzlufft, MBA, JD, CPA, as well as some of our retirees! The Hospital Libraries Committee in conjunction with Southeastern Conference of Hospital Librarians will sponsor a luncheon and discussion of preparing for JCAHO and using the new MLA Hospital Library Section minimum standards to help with JCAHO. Guest speaker will be Donna Watkins, Training and Consultation Coordinator for the Southeastern/Atlantic Region Office of NN/LM. Twenty-four contributed concurrent papers and sixteen posters will round out the presentations.

CE opportunities to be offered the day before and the day after the meeting include: NP 405 Information Technology Survival Skills, CE 301 Information Needs of Health Professional, NP 110 Power and Influence, NP 118 Grateful Med-Train the Trainer, and QuickDoc Introduction, QuickDoc Advanced.

Pre-registration packets will be mailed later in the summer. The Hilton at Walt Disney World Village room rate, confirmed before September 22, will be \$129 (children free) and can be extended three days prior and three days following the meeting. The inclusive registration fee for members who mail their forms before the published deadline will be \$95, and most full-day CE courses will cost \$100, considerably less than the MLA Annual meeting rate.

The Southern Chapter members in Central Florida are anxious to share the enchantment of a magical adventure into Orlando's tomorrowland. We encourage you to make your travel plans soon.

—submitted by Jan LaBeause, Program Chair and Cheryl Dee, PH.D., Publicity Committee Chair

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
FLORIDA HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
PALM BEACH, FLORIDA
APRIL 29, 1994**

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Pat Buchan.

Introduction of Officers and Committee Chairs: Pat Buchan introduced herself as the President of FHSLA and then introduced the following people: Linda Kressal, President-Elect; Sue Felber, Secretary; Deborah Lawless, Treasurer; Pam Neumann, Membership; Nancy Adams, Continuing Education Coordinator; Pat Jennings, Union List Coordinator; Donna Doelling, Strategic Planning Committee; Susan Quinn, Newsletter; Pat Jennings, Union List Coordinator; Naomi Elia and Jo Ann Tibbs, Ad Hoc Committees.

Approval of the Minutes:

Gwen Walters moved that the minutes of the 1993 annual meeting be approved as written. Clarissa Fisher seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

President's Report:

Pat Buchan thanked Linda Kressal for her work as the program committee chair. Pat also encouraged participation in FHSLA through volunteering. A form for members to volunteer will be included with the next Alert. Pat read a letter from Ted Srygley to the group.

Treasurer's Report:

Deborah Lawless presented three statements of FHSLA expenses, one for 1992, one for 1993, and a detailed account of 1993 annual meeting. She stated that last year we took in more money than we spent.

Alert Report:

Susan Quinn, co-editor with Judy Johnston, said that two issues of the Alert were published this year. She thanked the reporters for their help and stated that all submissions to the Alert are welcome.

Scholarships:

Pat Buchan reported that scholarships this year were presented to seven members. The recipient of the student scholarship, Elsa Lopez, from Florida State University was introduced to the group.

State Union List:

Pat Jennings announced that two new packets were requested for SERHOLD participation. Seven new libraries were added to the union list and six to Docline. Pat will be doing proactive work to get new participation for the union list this year.

Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning Committee:

Donna Doelling reported on the midyear meeting on November 5 at the University of South Florida. A proposed revision to the membership goal section was presented. Barbara Francis moved that the revision be accepted; Clarissa Fisher seconded the motion. The revision was approved.

Membership:

Pam Neumann said that we have more members this year than we did last year at the same time, but there are still seventy-five members who have not paid yet this year. Last year there were 155 members total, and the goal is to surpass that this year. The membership directory will be sent with the next ALERT, so membership must be paid by May 31 in order to be included in the next directory.

Program:

Linda Kressal stated that two continuing education courses were presented; Consumer Health Information had 27 registrants and Management Communication had 19. There are sixty-nine conference registrants plus vendors. Financial vendor support was received from American Bindery, CD Plus, CINAHL, Ebsco, Majors, Readmore and Rittenhouse. Other vendors sent materials for handouts.

Ad Hoc Committee - Policy & Procedure Manual:

Naomi Elia reported that the latest policy and

procedure has been presented to the Executive Committee. The duties of each officer and committee chair have been submitted for possible revision. Naomi will continue as chair of the committee through the next year to polish the manual and oversee revision.

Ad Hoc Committee - Status of Florida Hospital Libraries

Jo Ann Tibbs announced that a blue survey form will be coming to hospital libraries after the new membership directory has been sent out. The survey will go the FHSLA members only, and only one survey should be completed per institution. The survey is meant to assess the status of Florida hospital libraries, librarians and budgets. The person completing the survey should be the individual with budget information.

Nominating:

Linda Kressal thanked the committee members Gwen Walters and Pam Neumann and presented the slate of nominees for officers:

President - Linda Kressal

Vice-President/President Elect - Trudi Di Trolio

Secretary - Diana Akins

Treasurer - Chris Mc Mahon

Deborah Lawless moved that the slate of nominees be approved for office. Barbara Hartmann seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

New Business:

FHSLA Internet Access:

Clarissa Fisher has been getting FHSLA Internet access information for hospital librarians. Internet access may become available through the Northeast Regional Data Center in Gainesville either through FHSLA or through each individual hospital. Charges will be based on use of our own telephone systems or through an 800 number. Individual applications may be made by sending a letter of application, including verification of tax exempt status if applicable. Multiple user ID's within an institution can be requested, and bills could be broken down by user ID. Internet access for FHSLA as an association will be studied more fully within the next year.

SEND Group Expansion:

Sue Felber presented information on SEND (southeastern Network on Docline). SEND is a group of hospital libraries with participants in six states and the Virgin Islands, providing free reciprocal loans to each other. Participating libraries are grouped in Docline cells according to active number of subscriptions reported to SERHOLD. SEND cells are placed after local consortia and borrowing networks and before resource libraries or those which charge a fee for interlibrary loans. Currently there are over 60 participating libraries, and an expansion of the group is in progress. Any interested librarians are asked to contact Sue Felber who is the Florida SEND contact person and coordinator of the send group. Faith Meakin pointed out that ongoing expansions of SEND may not be possible because of the time involved for NN/LM staff.

Southern Chapter MLA:

Beverly Shattuck announced that the Southern Chapter of MLA will meet October 22-25, 1994 in Orlando at the Hilton in Walt Disney World Village. The theme will be "The Magic of Tomorrowland", addressing the issue of health care reform. Pat Buchan asked for ideas about the role that FHSLA should play for the SCMLA meeting. A booth in the exhibit hall, imprinted hand-outs, and a table near the hospitality information center were discussed as possibilities. Faith Meakin made a motion that FHSLA have a table or exhibit adjacent to the hospitality information center if possible, and that cash contributions for the SCMLA meeting in Orlando be made, not to exceed \$500.00. Janet Coggan seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

1995 Annual Meeting:

Trudi DiTrollo read a poem written by Carolyn Hall inviting FHSLA to hold the 1995 annual meeting in Gainesville.

Other Business:

Pat Buchan announced that Diana Akins as Secretary has agreed to serve a three year term of office in order to stagger officer rotation. She also stated that Pam Neumann will be in charge

of two committees, one to study scholarship guidelines and the other to assess honorary membership criteria.

Recognition Awards:

All 1993 officers and committee chairs received certificates of appreciation from Pat Buchan.

Changing of the Guard:

Linda Kressal took over the Presidency and declared the business meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

—Submitted by Sue Felber, Secretary

FLORIDA HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

VOLUNTEER FORM

NAME _____ JOB TITLE _____

INSTITUTION _____ TELEPHONE _____

DEPARTMENT _____ FAX PHONE _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TYPE OF LIBRARY: _____ HOSPITAL _____ ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTER
_____ SPECIAL _____ OTHER _____

CAN YOU ATTEND COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING THE YEAR? ____ YES ____ NO
ANNUAL MEETING? ____ YES ____ NO

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS: _____ FHSLA _____ MLA
SOUTHERN CHAPTER: _____ MLA _____ SLA _____ FLA _____ OTHER _____

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES: _____

RELEVANT BACKGROUND OR EXPERIENCE: _____

OFFICE PREFERENCE:
____ VICE PRES/PRES-ELECT _____ SECRETARY _____ TREASURER

COMMITTEE PREFERENCE:
____ CONTINUING ED _____ MEMBERSHIP _____ LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS
____ NEWSLETTER _____ PROGRAM _____ STRATEGIC PLANNING

FHSLA REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:
____ REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) _____ RAC SUBCOMMITTEES
____ FLA LIBRARY NETWORK COUNCIL (FLNC) _____ FLNC SUBCOMMITTEES
____ OTHER _____

COMMENTS: _____

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