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### Message from the Chair

Ahh, Fall! It's such a wonderful time of the year...ordinarily.

In light of the unimaginable events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, we have all had to greet this Fall with heavy hearts. At the same time these events have touched each of us, we are all also trying (and for the most part succeeding!) to carry on. Be assured that many plans are already underway for another information-laden MLA. Pat Gallagher, NYC resident and program planner extraordinaire, has been busily networking with other sections in order to develop the program content for the Annual MLA Meeting in Dallas. Session themes include such great titles as Don't Put It Here: Dealing with Unwanted Library Content and Responsibilities and Electronic Records Management.

Our section's goals for this year are to: sponsor two programs for MLA 2002 (and Pat has already involved us in four!); increase section membership; and encourage submissions for the Murray Gottlieb prize.

Since Pat has already taken care of goal number one, let's talk a bit about how we can achieve the other two goals. Increasing membership is an ongoing goal of both our

section and MLA. I'd like to encourage each of you to participate in this process. A simple "tell a friend" approach can have a significant impact on increasing our membership. So, here is your opportunity to help HHSS meet this goal. You can tell a friend by sending him or her a copy of the Incipit, forwarding a listserv message, referring them to our web site, or simply discussing a history of the health sciences topic.

By now, you should all be on the HHSS listserv. At the beginning of the year, I reviewed our membership list and compared this with the members of the listserv. While some members have still not signed up, we have a majority of our members subscribing to this listserv. Remember this mode of communication when you want to network with your like-minded historically aware colleagues! It can serve as a great forum for issues related to recruiting quality staff, problem solving, and expanding your collegial network.

I have already used our listserv to encourage all of you wonderful scholars out there to consider submitting a paper for the Murray Gottlieb prize. If you know someone who is not currently an HHSS member and who might also have a paper worth contributing, your contacting them could help us to achieve two goals at once!

If the November 1 deadline came too soon this year, consider submitting for next year.

Throughout the year, please feel free to contact me with your valued ideas and concerns. I look forward to seeing many of you in Dallas in May!

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### **Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting**

May 29, 2001  
Dolphin Hotel, Orlando, FL

**Present:** Anne Maria Baxter, Billie Broaddus, Elizabeth Fee, Pat Gallagher, Steve Greenberg, Heidi Heilemann, Susan Marshall, Diane McKenzie, Dick Miller, Joan Stoddart

#### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 12:30PM by Heidi Heilemann, Incoming Chair. Ms. Heilemann explained she was chairing the business meeting in the absence of Barb Van Brimmer, the current Chair, who could not attend because she was in Italy.

#### **Introductions:**

Individuals attending the business meeting were asked by Ms. Heilemann to give a brief introduction of themselves to other attendees of the meeting.

#### **Minutes:**

Minutes of last year's meeting were read and accepted.

#### **Treasurer Report:**

Ms. Baxter presented the Treasurer's Report. The section checking account balance as of April 30, 2001 was \$3,461.68. Expected expenses from MLANET included a \$25.00 start up fee, and \$15.00 monthly fee for hosting the History of the Health Sciences Web site. Ms. Gallagher added that there would also be a \$40.00 domain

name fee. Section membership as of February 28, 2001 was 92.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

##### **Program Committee – update (Heidi Heilemann)**

Ms. Heilemann reported the History of the Health Sciences Section would be sponsoring 2 programs at the 2001 MLA Annual Meeting. The first program, Profiles in Leadership: Time Travel with Some of Our Most Memorable Mentors, held Monday, May 28, had approximately 25 attendees and met with favorable comments. The second program, IAIMS Then and Now: An Informatics Odyssey, would follow the HHSS Business meeting. The section also co-sponsored From Idea to Research Plan: How to Get Started with the Research and Consumer and Patient Health Sections scheduled for presentation Wednesday, May 30.

##### **Election Results (Steve Greenberg)**

Steve Greenberg announced the 2001 election results. 38 ballots were received. Pat Gallagher was elected the incoming Chair in a unanimous vote. Anne Maria Baxter was re-elected to a second term as Secretary/Treasurer by a unanimous vote.

##### **Continuing Education (Pat Gallagher)**

Only one CE, the History of the Health Sciences – A One Day Overview, was taught in the past year. It was presented by Pat Gallagher and Steve Greenberg to the New York/New Jersey Chapter. The course had 19 attendees and received good reviews. The same course may be taught at the Mid-Atlantic Chapter meeting being held October 2001 in Ocean City, MD. A request to have the course taught was also made by the MLA Triple Chapter meeting being held this October.

Steve Greenberg reported that MLA BibKit #5, History of Health Sciences, done by Gallagher/Greenberg was reported to be sold out by MLA. A request was made by MLA to reprint the BibKit and also make it available on CD. Gallagher and Greenberg agreed. MLA reported the History of Health Sciences BibKit to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest selling of the MLA BibKits. Heidi Heilemann reported that a request was made by MLA for a liaison to the MLA

Continuing Education Committee. There were no volunteers at the business meeting to act as liaison. McKenzie suggested an Archives course also be prepared and offered. Diane McKenzie knew of a candidate to prepare the course but could not recall the name. Steve Greenberg agreed the Archives course would be a good idea.

#### **INCIPIIT:**

Heidi Heilemann reported that Colleen Weum, a member from the University of Washington, would be taking over as editor for INCIPIIT, the section newsletter. Fred Pachman would assist Weum initially. Heilemann reported Pachman was still looking for a complete publication run of INCIPIIT. If a full set could be assembled, Pachman would have it bound and passed on to subsequent editors of the newsletter. Pachman did not provide Heilemann with a formal report on INCIPIIT which could be presented at the Section's Business Meeting.

#### **Website: (Pat Gallagher)**

Pat Gallagher agreed to continue the responsibility of the Section Web site. Gallagher reported on the issues which led to the change in hosting of the Section Web site from Duke University to MLA. Scott Garrison, who had been maintaining the HHSS Web site, resigned from Duke. Gallagher was never given information about the new Webmaster at Duke. Gallagher tried to move the server to OSU, per Barb Van Brimmer, and Gallagher was in touch with the Webmaster at OSU, but problems in communication ensued. As a result of these problems, Gallagher believed a change in host site would be necessary. Gallagher contacted MLANET as well as a private vendor to conduct a price comparison for the new Web site host. MLANET's price quote was ½ the private vendor's quote because HHS was a section of MLA. Kate Corcoran, of MLANET, worked with Gallagher to finalize the details of the domain name. In January, 2001, the HHSS site was moved to MLANET. The MLANET server updates page stats daily. The HHSS site was reported to be a heavily used page, possibly the result of the CE course taught by Gallagher and Greenberg, which includes discussion of the site.

Heidi Heilemann reported on the section logo Van Brimmer arranged to have designed in response to an MLA request. All sections were requested by MLA to provide a logo representing their section which would be used in an MLA quilt. Gallagher stated she would update the Section Web site to include the new section logo.

#### **Listserv (Heidi Heilemann)**

Heidi Heilemann reported on the HHSS listserv, also on the MLANET site. Heilemann provided an explanation of how to sign on to the list. Per Heilemann, the list initially had 35 subscribers, and at present, there are 42 subscribers. Heilemann plans to promote the listserv more during the upcoming year. An initial e-mail message alerted members of the listserv's existence and provided directions about how to sign on.

#### **Membership – need a new chair**

Van Brimmer requested Heilemann to ask for a volunteer at this year's business meeting to fill the position of section chair at the MLA Membership committee. Diane McKenzie attended the MLA 2001 Membership meeting and reported on the events of the meeting. Per McKenzie, the MLA Membership committee is a new committee that is undergoing organizational challenges. The best deliverable of the committee is the New Member's Breakfast, which goes over well. There were approximately 150 attendees at this year's Breakfast. At the Breakfast, sections are encouraged to talk about who they are and the mission of the section. Sections could also put literature regarding their section at each table. HHSS did not have any literature, which was viewed as a missed opportunity to gain section members. Currently McKenzie serves as liaison to the committee. MLA is seeking a 3 year representative to the Membership committee. Liaisons are encouraged to become members of the committee. McKenzie volunteered to be the Section chair on the MLA Membership committee.

Pat Gallagher reported that she had served on the membership committee for 6 years and at the time, sections were not encouraged to advertise.

**Section Council (Stephen Greenberg/Diane McKenzie is proxy)**

Diane McKenzie reported on the Section Council meeting she attended in Steve Greenberg's absence. Per McKenzie, the organization of Section Council has undergone a change. In the past, Section and Chapter Council had a representative and an alternate. The individual attended meetings as alternate for 3 years and then became representative and attended meetings for 3 more years as representative. In the new scheme, individuals are elected for a 2 year term. During the first year, they attend 2 meetings as "watchers" and then attend as full representatives. MLA requested section bylaws be updated to reflect the change. Gallagher had already updated the HHSS bylaws to reflect the change in policy. Discussion then followed regarding the official start and end dates of an elected individual's term.

Other developments at Section Council included the announcement of a new Internet SIG and a name change from Gay and Lesbian SIG to Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender SIG.

**Other**

Susan Marshall reported on a talk she gave to a group of 8<sup>th</sup> graders on the topic of her career as a librarian. Marshall suggested MLA produce a PowerPoint presentation that could be used in future talks of this nature.

Discussion was held regarding the Bylaws Committee. Gallagher has kept up the section Bylaws to this point. Heilemann congratulated Gallagher on the work she had done. HHSS needs a new chair for our bylaws committee. Heilemann will ask Barb Van Brimmer about volunteering. Generally the immediate past chair is the liaison between the Section and the Oral History Committee.

**New Business:**

**Programming for 2002**

Suggestions were offered regarding program ideas for the MLA 2002 annual meeting in Dallas, TX. The theme for the meeting is "The Big D" and program ideas should be in keeping with the theme. Suggested ideas included Deep in the Heart of MLA and Digitization. Heidi Heilemann requested other ideas be submitted to Pat Gallagher.

**Promotion of the Murray Gottlieb Prize (Barbara Van Brimmer offered to promote this award for next year.)**

Discussion was held regarding promotion of the Gottlieb Award. Barb Van Brimmer had volunteered to work on promotion of the award. Billie Broaddus stated she had contacted MLA regarding submitting a history paper and was told no. Steve Greenberg asked if the Section wanted to promote the Gottlieb to other sections. Greenberg also reported that the Section should ask ALHHS to promote the Gottlieb Award.

**Goals for 2002**

Heidi Heilemann stated the goals she planned on working on during 2002 included recruitment, education, technology, retention, promotion of the Gottlieb Award, utilization of MLANET more fully, and issuing a reinvitation to members to join the Section listserv.

**Other**

Diane McKenzie reported most of the completed oral histories are now on MLANET.

Approximately 8 or 9 have yet to go up. Billie Broaddus announced Maggie Yax is now at the Cincinnati Medical Heritage Center. Heidi Heilemann adjourned the meeting at 2:10PM.

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**Join the HHSS listserv**

Follow these easy steps to join the HHSS listserv:

- 1/ Send an email message to [majordomo@mlahq.org](mailto:majordomo@mlahq.org)
- 2/ Leave subject line blank.
- 3/ In the body of the text enter: [subscribe\\_hhss@mlahq.org](mailto:subscribe_hhss@mlahq.org)  
[youremail@place.edu](mailto:youremail@place.edu)  
Note: Include your full email address.
- 4/ Receive email from majordomo. Respond to the message

- 5/ Receive confirmation message from majordomo including the all-important "Welcome to the HHSS listserv" message. Save this one since it will tell you all the important things like how to send a message, unsubscribe, find out who's on the list, etc.
- 6/ Begin participating in the listserv!!

**MLA Oral History Program**

The MLA Oral History Program now has its own page on MLANET: look under "About MLA" and select Oral History Project under History of the Association.

<http://www.mlanet.org/about/history/unit-history/index.html>. The web page has a brief summary of the project and a list of the fifty-nine people who had been interviewed as of May 2001. There are links from most of the names to interview summaries and in many cases to photographs of the interviewees. When the page is updated this fall, there will also be summaries for Jean Antes, Bill Fraser, Fran Groen, Gerry Oppenheimer, and Fred Roper, and there will be two additional interviews listed - Susan Crawford and Jane Lambremont. Interviews are also scheduled in November with Virginia Holtz and tentatively with Ray Palmer and Carol Burns.

Potential interviewers and editors should note that interviewing and editing oral histories are activities recognized by AHIP although Oral History Committee members are not allowed to count these activities.

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**History of Medicine in PubMed**

The National Library of Medicine has announced the next step in the migration of its HISTLINE

database to the easy to use PubMed search interface. A new subject subset, "History of Medicine" is now available on the Subset pull-down menu on the PubMed "Limits" screen.

The History of Medicine subset contains citations to articles on the history of health-related professions, sciences, specialties, individuals, institutions, drugs, and diseases in all parts of the world and all historic periods.

This subset can also be used in a search as history [sb].

Example: tuberculosis AND history [sb]

HISTLINE started out in the 1970s as the online counterpart of the printed Bibliography of the History of Medicine, an index to current literature on the history of medicine and related fields that was issued annually between 1965 and 1993. In both forms the system produced and stored historical citations to works from all over the world, including citations from monographs, monographic chapters, theses, and journal articles.

With the reorganizing of NLM's bibliographical databases starting in the late 1990s, HISTLINE (along with other specialized databases) was discontinued as a discrete search repository for all types of history of medicine citations. As part of the change, HISTLINE's accumulated monographic citations migrated to the Voyager system in January 2000 and became searchable in LOCATORplus. In turn, HISTLINE's accumulated journal citations migrated to PubMed, where they finally became searchable on October 31, 2001.

The HISTLINE system no longer downloads NLM's current historical journal citations from MEDLINE or its current historical monograph citations from the successor to CATLINE. Under the new arrangements, NLM's historical journal citations are deposited and searchable in PubMed, and the historical monograph citations are searchable in LOCATORplus. However, the HISTLINE function remains operative in HMD in order to continue to make two special classes of historical literature available online:



1. Non-MEDLINE historical periodicals: The HISTLINE staff regularly select "in scope" articles from approximately 150 historical or other journals that are not covered by MEDLINE; it then indexes those citations in the NLM's new indexing system called DCMS (Data Creation and Maintenance System), which in turn makes them available for searching in PubMed.

2. Historical Book Chapters, Conference Transactions, and similar items: These are similarly selected and indexed in the HISTLINE unit. However, these citations are entered into the Voyager system, where they become searchable in LOCATORplus.

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### **BibKit #5 New Edition in 2001**

BibKit #5, History of the Health Sciences, which was published by MLA in 1999 has sold out. The compilers, Stephen Greenberg and Patricia Gallagher, have been asked to prepare a second, expanded edition, including an computer disk. Greenberg and Gallagher expect to have the new edition available for the 2002 annual meeting.

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### **PROJECT BIONICS**

#### **Artificial Organs from Discovery to Clinical Use**

Project Bionics aims to preserve and present the history of artificial organ developments by emphasizing the people, ideas and devices instrumental in the innovation and realization of artificial organs. Help by identifying WHAT and WHERE objects and records exist relating to artificial organ history.

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