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Greetings from the Chair

Welcome to the History of the Health Sciences Section of the Medical Library Association. We're pleased to have you as a member, and hope that we can assist you in attaining your goals as a health sciences librarian with an interest in the history of the health sciences.

We would like to acquaint you with a few of the services available to you as a member of the section. The listserv is our primary method of communication. You will find detailed instructions on subscribing to the listserv at: <http://www.mla-hhss.org/listserv.html>. We promise that it is NOT a busy listserv, but we do use it to alert you to information about Section activities at the annual meeting and other Section business.

The Section's Web page is <http://www.mla-hhss.org>. There you will find information about the Section - bylaws, officers, activities at the annual meeting, the History of the Health Sciences Web Links page, and a selected listing of quality-filtered web resources to assist you with your history research.

Twice a year, you will receive an issue

of *Incipit*, the newsletter of the Section. This issue provides you with a taste of some of the activities we have for you at the Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

If you will be attending the Annual Meeting, we hope that you will join us at our business meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, 17 May at 7am. If you will not be able to join us at that time, we hope that you will want to get involved more actively with the Section. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the other officers to see how you can participate.

Again, welcome - we all look forward to meeting and working with you.

Patricia Gallagher
Chair, History of the Health Sciences Section.

San Antonio 2005

The History of the Health Sciences Section is leading the *Overcoming Challenges: Magnificent Medical Contributions* program at MLA 2005. The program is scheduled for May 16, 2005. There are three papers and three posters planned for the session - all of which sound very interesting! The

papers slated for the session include:

A Biographic Look at Early Women Pharmacists by Marilyn H. Steinberg, Head, Reference and Instruction Services, Sheppard Library, MA College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Boston, MA ; and Patricia McNary, Electronic Services Librarian, Sheppard Library, MA College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Boston, MA;

Highly Qualified; Never Appointed which deals with neuropathologist Myrtelle Moore Canavan by Lucretia McClure, Director, Countway Library of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA; and

Tales of a Reservation Nurse: The Heroic Life of Edith LeRoy Richardson by Valeri Craigle, Digital Services Librarian, Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, Salt Lake City, UT ; and Joan M. Stoddart, Deputy Director, Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, Salt Lake City, UT.

The three posters planned for the session include **Dr. Ruth Janetta Temple: A Community Health Hero for Los Angeles** by Andrea Y. Griffith, Reference Librarian, Del E.

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Colorful Medicine: Breaking Barriers, Stereotypes, and Making Strides by Tomeka Oubichon, Public Services Librarian, Administration on Aging Library, AOA, Washington, DC ; Shannon Jones, Outreach Librarian, Education Services, Tompkins-McCaw Library for the Health Sciences, Richmond, VA ; and Cassandra Allen, Outreach Librarian, OFC Outreach & Special Populations, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, MD; and **From Self Doubt to Surgeon: Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., M.D.** by Ophelia T. Morey of the University at Buffalo Health Sciences Library, Buffalo, NY.

The Section is also co-sponsoring **Medical Diversity: Thinking Out of the Box** with the Chiropractic Libraries Section, the Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section, and the Complementary and Alternative Medicine SIG and Digitization, Preservation as well as Authentication of Resources with the Federal Libraries Section and the Collection Development Section.

We hope to see you in San Antonio! Mark your calendars for May 14-19, 2005! And remember to check your program schedules for Section Program timing!

Anne Maria Frketich, MLS

HHSS Business Meeting

The Business meeting for the History of the Health Sciences Section will be held from 7am to 9am on Tuesday, May 17th in Room River 008

Please do join us there.

Section Elections

The Nominating Committee, Suzanne Porter (Chair) and Anne Maria Frketich, presented the membership with a single slate ballot for three offices as well as four Bylaws changes. 79 ballots were mailed out in February; 26 ballots were returned by the 31 March 2005 deadline with the following results:

The candidates for all offices were approved with one member choosing to abstain from voting on any officers. There were no write-ins.

Chair-Elect: Diane McKenzie
Section Council Representative-Elect: Joan Stoddart
Nominee to MLA Nominating Committee: Heidi Heilmann

All Bylaws changes were approved; the following were the exceptions to a unanimous vote:

Article III, Section 1 received two abstentions.

Article IV, Section 3A received one reject vote.

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Follow these easy steps to join the HHSS listserv:

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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.

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