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Introduction and Greetings from the Chair

Allow me to introduce myself as I believe there are many of you I haven't met. My name is **Joan Stoddart**, and I'm the Deputy Director of the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library at the University of Utah. I've been in Utah and at the library in several positions since 1978, but I can't claim to be an archivist or even an official history of the health sciences librarian. I do however have an interest in history (BA in history) and a growing interest in the history of my campus, the history of medicine and the History of the Health Sciences Section. Several years ago I worked on a project to digitize the many scattered photos of our health sciences campus to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the School of Medicine and I plan to resume that project just as soon as time allows. In the meantime, I'm delighted to be a part of the section and will try to keep making progress, just as **Michael Flannery**, **Diane McKenzie** and the other past chairs have done during their term.

The History of the Health Sciences Section has

been an active part of the Medical Library Association for more than 45 years and the past few years have been no exception. Many thanks go to **Michael Flannery** for his 2 active years as Section Chair. During his tenure the *Journal of the Medical Library Association* published an all history issue with 8 articles covering such diverse topics as "The Lost History of Veterinary Medicine: the Need for Preservation" and "From Hahnemann's Hand to Your Computer Screen: Building a Digital Homeopathy Collection" by **Lisa Mix** and **Kathleen Cameron**. Michael himself wrote the symposium introduction entitled "Librarians Recovering our Professional Memory: Enriching the Past Present and Future".

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/issues/193139/>

In addition the HHS Section investigated and wrote an advocacy piece on advancing the history of the health sciences library and librarian. In it, the committee lamented the erosion of interest in the history of medicine and healthcare and listed ways to advocate our value to our or-

ganizations.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2801973/>

Thanks Michael!

Incoming Chair **Susan Sanders** has been especially busy since MLA in May. She has been involved with the planning of 2 years of section programming, 2012 in Seattle and 2013 in Boston. Because the Boston meeting is a joint International Congress of Medical Librarians meeting, planning and coordination has had to begin early. Look for additional detailed information on topics and please consider submitting a paper for consideration. Thanks to Susan's efforts, HHSS will be well represented.

So welcome to the Section if you are new.

Remember to renew your membership in December if you are already a member.



Joan Stoddart

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History of the Health Sciences Section

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MLA 2012 Programming

HHSS is excited about taking the lead on one MLA 2012 program, and co-sponsoring a National Program Committee theme program.

We are leading the Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section (NAHRS) program, *Hall of Fame: Nursing and Allied Health Information and Scholarship in a League of Their Own* with NAHRS and the Hospital Libraries Section. The year 2012 marks the 50th anniversary of the Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section of MLA, which began as the Nursing Libraries Interest Group in 1962. The call went out for contributed papers that reflect on how librarians, nurses, and allied health professionals team up to improve library services and bibliographic access, or papers about collaborative projects that have resulted in knowledge and scholarship in these evolving professions. Selected papers will describe and reflect on projects and endeavors that were completed during the 20th century, or may explain projects that are envisioned for the 21st century.

In 2012, we are also a co-sponsor with other Sections and SIGS for the National Program Committee theme session, *From the Bench to the Field: Translational Research*. This contributed papers session focuses on the many facets of translational research, and can be from the historical or contemporary perspective. Papers will be selected about tools to advance

the research mission of an institution, or how librarians engage in the many facets of translational research.

We're looking forward to a 2012 conference that's a homerun out of the park!

Susan Sanders
HHSS Chair-elect

An Invitation to Renew

As membership chair of the History of the Health Sciences Section, I want to thank you for your membership in the Section this year. Our section's interests and work is not duplicated elsewhere at MLA; we are the advocates for the profession's collective memory.

When renewing your Medical Library Association membership for 2012, the History of the Health Sciences Section cordially invites you to enroll again. HHSS is committed to creating and sustaining research, scholarship, and discussion from the use of historical collections. The Section emphasizes its relationship and responsibility to MLA through continuing education, the Murray Gottlieb Award <http://www.mlanet.org/awards/honors/gottlieb.html>, news of collections and resources on our website <http://www.mla-hhss.org/index.html>, and publication of section activities in our newsletter, *Incipit*.

As Fielding H. Garrison said in the Preface to his

first edition of the *Introduction to the History of Medicine* (p.10):

"The history of medicine is, in fact, the history of humanity itself, with its ups and downs, its brave aspirations after truth and finality, its pathetic failures. The subject may be treated variously as a pageant, an array of books, a procession of characters, a succession of theories, an exposition of human ineptitudes or as the very bone and marrow of cultural history."

We appreciate your consideration. We look forward to your support and to offering you opportunities to get involved in the Section during 2012.

Susan Sanders

Wanted: New Member Chair

Beatles legend John Lennon said it well, "Help! I need somebody, not just anybody." Are you the certain someone special who would like to nurture and further the success of our section? If you have a few hours about four times a year, please consider volunteering to become the New Member Chair. I have had this privilege since 2009, and would carry on if it were not for taking on other roles in the Section, and wanting to have some

time to research and write in the History of Health Sciences field. Please get in touch with me for details at sanderssu@umkc.edu or call 815-235-1884.

Susan Sanders

Physician Price Fixing in 19th Century Virginia

What would you pay for a house visit from a doctor whose office was within a mile of where you lived? How about a dollar with one prescription thrown in for good measure? Or maybe you need your tonsils out. Fifteen dollars will do it. Have a broken arm? Ten dollars will take care of setting it, unless it is a compound fracture and then it would be twice as much. A dollar will cover the extraction of a tooth.

Where are these prices being offered and who are the practitioners? The place is Charlottesville, Virginia, and the twelve doctors making such offers are some of the most respected men in town and include faculty members of the School of Medicine at the University of Virginia. Actually, all the teachers in the School of Medicine, a grand total of four, have agreed to these medical charges because the year is 1848.

What can we learn about medical practice in the mid-nineteenth century by examining the document, generally called a fee bill, which is the inspiration for this exhibit? What was it like to

live in central Virginia in this time period and who were the men who signed the bill? Visit the newest web exhibit

(<http://blog.hsl.virginia.edu/feebill/>) from the Claude Moore Health Sciences Library Historical Collections and find out. The exhibit features an essay on physician fee bills by Todd L. Savitt, Ph.D.

Joan Echtenkamp Klein

Alvin V. and Nancy Baird Curator for Historical Collections
Claude Moore Health Sciences Library, University of Virginia Health System

Fellowships

A number of fellowships in the history of health sciences have been announced recently. Here are some that may interest you or your colleagues.

The Barbara Bates Center for The Study of the History of Nursing offers fellowships and research awards to support: residence at the Center, ongoing collaboration with nurse historians, and historical research in nursing. It is expected that the research and new materials produced by our scholars will help ensure the growth of scholarly work focused on the history of nursing. For information about applying for a **Bates Center Fellowship**, please visit <http://www.nursing.upenn.edu/history/Pages/FellowshipsandAwards.aspx>.

The Center for the History of Family Medicine (CHFM) is proud to announce its second annual **Fellowship in the History of Family Medicine**. Interested family physicians, other health professionals, historians, scholars, educators, scientists and others are invited to apply. The successful applicant will be awarded a fellowship grant in an amount of up to \$1,500 to support travel, lodging and incidental expenses relating to conducting research on a project of their choosing dealing with any aspect on the history of General Practice, Family Practice, or Family Medicine in the United States. The fellowship will be awarded directly to the individual applicant and not to the institution where he or she may be employed. The deadline to apply is Friday, March 30, 2012. All applications will be reviewed in April, with the Fellowship award announced by May 31, 2012. Complete fellowship rules, application forms and instructions are available online through the Center's website at the following link: <http://www.aafpfoundation.org/online/foundation/home/programs/center-history/fellowship.html>.

The Ephemera Society of America invites applications for the **Philip Jones Fellowship for the Study of Ephemera** <http://www.ephemerasure.org/fellowship.html>. This competition, now in its fifth year is open to any interested individual or organization for the study of any aspect of ephemera -- material defined as transitory printed documents. The \$1,000 stipend can be applied to travel or study expenses. The expected form and outcome of the project and its relationship to ephemera; when and how the outcome will be disseminated; and its benefit to furthering the goals of the ESA should be clearly stated in the application. Stipend money cannot be used to purchase ephemera items. The Fellowship selection criteria include: 1. the importance of the project; 2. how it will be shared with ESA members and the public; 3. and the project's relationship to ephemera and the mission of the Ephemera Society of America <http://www.ephemerasure.org/index.html>. Applications are due January 15, 2012.

The Historical Collections (HC) unit of Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, University of Alabama at Birmingham, announces **Reynolds Associates Research Fellowships in the History of the Health Sciences** for 2012. In conjunction with the unit's friends group, the Reynolds Associates, HC is pleased to announce the availability of short-term awards of up to \$1,000 to individual researchers studying one or more aspects of the history of the health sciences during the 2012 calendar year. Intended to support research using the HC unit as a historical resource, the fellowship requires the on-site use of at least one of the unit's three components, which are the Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences, Reynolds Historical Library and UAB Archives. Anyone who wishes to use HC for historical research may apply, regardless of his or her ac-

ademic status. Fellowships are awarded to individual applicants, not to institutions, as awarded funds are meant to help offset the costs associated with visiting and utilizing HC and not for institutional overhead. Information about the fellowship application process can be found on the web at <http://www.uab.edu/reynolds/fellow>. The application deadline is December 31, 2011, and awards will be announced by February 28, 2012. Successful applicants will be expected to exhibit work or deposit a copy of the finished manuscript, thesis, dissertation or publication with Historical Collections. For further information on the Historical Collections unit and its three components, please visit the web at <http://www.uab.edu/lister/deptsunits/historical>.

New Blog on U.S. Naval Medicine

If you're interested in naval medicine, check out the new blog *Tranquillity, Solace & Mercy* at <http://usstranquillity.blogspot.com/>. It highlights the collections of the US Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Office of Medical History. The introductory post is at <http://usstranquillity.blogspot.com/2011/09/introduction-and-archives-collections.html>.

The Medical Heritage Library (MHL)

The Medical Heritage Library (MHL) is a digital curation collaborative among some of the world's leading medical libraries. The collection resides at the Internet Archive (<http://www.archive.org/details/medicalheritagelibrary>). The MHL promotes free and open access to quality historical resources in medicine. Our goal is to provide the means by which readers and scholars across a multitude of disciplines can examine the interrelated nature of medicine and society, both to inform contemporary medicine and strengthen understanding of the world in which we live.

Activities:

"MHL Project Updates." (<http://www.medicalheritage.org/2011/08/mhl-project-updates>). A brief blog post about the last group meeting of MHL members in August.

"Lamar Soutter Library Contributes Rare Books to Online Medical Heritage Library." (<http://www.medicalheritage.org/2011/08/lamar-soutter-library-contributes-rare-books-to-online-medical-heritage-library/>) We are proud to announce that the Lamar Soutter Library at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center has joined the MHL!

"MHL at two million images: a behind-the-scenes look at the project." (<http://www.medicalheritage.org/2011/09/mhl-at-two-million-images-a-behind-the-scenes-look-at-the-project/>) A post from one of the MHL team members at the Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine.

Digital Highlights:

"Early American Veterinary Texts in the National Library of Medicine's Medical Heritage Library Collection." (<http://www.medicalheritage.org/2011/08/early-american-veterinary-texts-in-the-national-library-of-medicine%E2%80%99s-medical-heritage-library-collection/>)

Announcement from the NLM about texts available for online research.

"Physical and Emotional." (<http://www.medicalheritage.org/2011/08/digital-highlight-physical-and-emotional/>) Post on a 1915 work by Walter B. Cannon on the physical changes provoked by strong emotions.

Contact the MHL at: medicalheritage@gmail.com

Hanna Clutterbuck

Project Coordinator, Medical Heritage Library

Countway Library of Medicine, Harvard

Animated Anatomies

One of my favorite types of old health care books are the flap anatomies, also called anatomical flap books. As a child, I remember being fascinated by one of their younger relatives, the colored acetate sheets with layers of body parts in the old *Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia*. Later I saw children's books and greeting cards with flaps.

Last spring I saw many flap anatomies on display when I attended a symposium at Duke University on "Animated Anatomies, The Human Body in Anatomical Texts from the 16th through the 21st Centuries".

Although this display is past, you can visit Duke's "Animated Anatomies" on-line at <http://exhibits.library.duke.edu/exhibits/show/anatomy/anatomy/intro>. There are pictures, text, and videos of the books. There are links to images, videos, and blog posts plus an invitation to suggest additional links.

Why not learn how some people viewed anatomy via a visit to Duke's "Animated Anatomies"?

Melissa Nasea

**Medical Library Association
History of the Health Sciences Section
Business Meeting Minutes**

**Minneapolis, MN
Monday, May 16, 2011
4:30pm – 6:00pm**

Meeting Attendees

Susan Sanders, Michael Flannery, Leslie Behm, Melissa Nasea, Donna Hirst, Heidi Heilemann, Patricia Gallagher, Stephen Greenberg, Lucretia McClure, Richard Nollan, Deidra Woodson, Joan Stoddart, and Fred Pachman. Cynthia L. Henderson attended as the MLA Board Representative. Priya Shenoy, a student member, also attended.

Chair, Michael Flannery called the meeting to order at 4:40pm.

45th Anniversary Recognized

Cynthia Henderson, MLA Board Representative, read a resolution honoring the 45th anniversary of the MLA History of the Health Sciences Section. This resolution was adopted May 2011.

Chair's Report

Rather than reading the Annual Report in detail, Michael Flannery remarked that the individual reports that would be given at the meeting would summarize the overall Annual Report. Before concluding, he recognized the efforts of the ad hoc Advocacy Committee, chaired by Lucretia McClure, which included establishing the white paper and developing the special issue of the *Journal of the Medical Library Association* that focused on the history of the health sciences.

Treasurer's Report

On behalf of Dee Jones, Deidra Woodson submitted the 2010 – 2011 Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$6,286.90.

- Although there was no expenditure for the Gottlieb Prize for the 2010 – 2011 year, the Section will continue to support the award.
- The Section will not have any expenses for the 2011 Annual Meeting.

Stephen Greenberg moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Lucretia McClure seconded. The Report was approved.

Continuing Education Report

Stephen Greenberg gave the Continuing Education Report.

- Deb Cavanaugh will now be the MLA Headquarters' liaison to the CE Committee.
- MLA is interested in conducting symposia and webinars. Greenberg proposed "Civil War medicine" as a possible webinar topic that would be conducted by the HHS Section. All webinars must be approved by the CE Committee and would not have to be presented during the MLA Annual Meetings. CE credit would be available for the webinars, and attendees may have to pay a fee. However, all of the details have not been finalized by MLA, yet.

Deb Cavanaugh encouraged the HHS Section to teach an "Archives for Beginners" CE course at the 2013 Annual Meeting in Boston.

Election Report

Michael Flannery announced the 2011 – 2012 executive board election results.

- Susan Sanders was elected as Chair-Elect.

Deidra Woodson was elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

Ratification of Bylaws Changes

Michael Flannery announced changes to the bylaws that were approved via electronic voting.

- Article IV, Section 2: Duties, Part C was changed to reflect that the immediate past chair will no longer serve as the Section Liaison to the Oral History Committee. Instead, a "Part E" was added to state that a liaison will be appointed by the Section Chair.
- Article X was amended to allow electronic voting.
- These changes were approved by Dena Hanson, MLA Bylaws Chair.

The ratification was moved by Heidi Heilemann and seconded by Patricia Gallagher.

Section Programming Report

Susan Sanders announced that she needed at least three program ideas for the 2012 Annual Meeting to suggest at the Section Programming meeting. The theme for the 2012 MLA conference is "Growing Opportunities: Changing Our Game," with the focus being baseball.

- Patricia Gallagher reported that the Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section (NAHRS) requested that the HHS Section partner with them to sponsor a session dedicated to the 45th anniversary of the NAHRS. Since they already have other sessions planned, they also requested that the HHS Section take the lead.
- Susan Sanders suggested the topic of Civil War medicine, which "changed the game" in medical history.

- Melissa Nasea proposed the history of Sports Medicine as a possible topic.

Further discussion included that the Section call for contributed papers to involve MLA members and the number of sessions that the Section should lead and co-sponsor. Ideas for sports metaphors and themes were also discussed to develop names for the sessions. These ideas included “hitting it out of the ballpark,” “changing the game,” “taking one for the team,” “league of their own” for the NAHRS session, “field of dreams,” and “grand slam.” Baseball history, as well as baseball and medicine were also briefly discussed to generate ideas.

Section Council Report

Patricia Gallagher reported on the following issues discussed at the Section Council meeting:

- Books panel would like to partner with Sections and SIGs for topics to be published.
- Sections need to update their websites.
- Section Shuffle at the 2012 Annual Meeting will be May 20th at 6pm.
- There were problems with the election process: low response to nominations and nominees not submitting paperwork on time. Patricia Gallagher will be on the ballot for the Nominating Committee. Jo Dorsch was elected Vice-Chair of Section Council.
- Two new SIGs were established: Informationists and Translational Sciences.
- The “Rethink Your Section” Survey was discussed, and results will be published.
- The committee that was responsible for developing the history of the Sections was unable to complete the task.
- The 2013 Annual Meeting will be in Boston and is a joint meeting with the International Congress on Medical Librarianship, International Clinical Librarian Conference, and the International Conference of Animal Health Information Specialists. The theme is “One Health: Information in an Interdependent World.”
- The MLA Headquarters staff and their responsibilities have changed: Lisa Fried has left; therefore, Carla Funk is taking on Awards. Deb Cavanaugh is now the liaison to the CE Committee.
- MLA is interested in establishing a Disaster Preparedness specialization.
- The MLA paid lobbyist was let go, as part of the budget reduction.
- Job description for future Section Council Chairs was developed.
- Some sections have defined their quorum as the members present at the meeting.
- New Section Council Chair is Ysabel Bertolucci.
- The work of the committee to document the Sections’ history will continue.
- Conveners of SIGs will be surveyed.
- The problem of conflicting Section Business Meeting times was discussed.

There was a debate about extending the free section allowance from six months to one year.

Membership Committee Report

Susan Sanders reported that the HHS Section has a total of 101 members, and 27 new members have joined since January 2010. She sent welcome letters to all new members. Sanders also called for a volunteer to take over as the Membership Committee Chair, as she is now the Section Chair-Elect, and Patricia Gallagher suggested asking a new member to take on this position.

Oral History Committee Report

No report was given, as the Oral History Committee meeting had not been held at the time of this business meeting.

Website and Listserv Update

After Patricia Gallagher called for a volunteer to take over the Listserv, Leslie Behm agreed to take on this task. Then, Gallagher reported that the HHS Section website receives about 1,500 unique visitors a month. She also stated that she will be making updates to the Section website.

***Incipit* Report**

Michael Flannery thanked Melissa Nasea for approaching the HHS Section newsletter with an “innovative and progressive viewpoint.” Nasea stated that she needs content from Section members in a timely manner.

Questions about the newsletter from a new member led to the suggestion that a list of new members should be sent to the Listserv Manager, so that he/she can be add the new members to the listserv.

New Business

Gottlieb Award

Michael Flannery reported that Stephen Greenberg, who was supposed to be a member of the Awards Committee for the Gottlieb, was not included in the Committee due to a failure in communication. The suggestion was made to contact Carla Funk, who is now the new Awards liaison, to resolve this issue. Further discussion included methods of promoting the Gottlieb Award.

Formation of Standing Advocacy Committee

Michael Flannery proposed that the ad hoc Advocacy Committee be established as a standing committee that could promote historical interest through MLA, such as establishing a regular column with a historical focus in the *Journal of the Medical Library Association*. Lucretia McClure volunteered to continue as chair of the Advocacy Committee. Michael Flannery, Stephen Greenberg, and Donna Hirst volunteered to participate as members of the committee.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was submitted by Stephen Greenberg and was seconded by Susan Sanders. The meeting was adjourned at 6:08pm.

Minutes submitted by **Deidra Woodson**

Secretary/Treasurer

History of the Health Sciences Section Treasurer's Mid-Year Report May 2011 – September 2011

Date	Activity	Credits	Debits
05/06/2011	Treasurer's Annual Report	6286.91	
09/01/2011	Section Membership Dues	262.90	
09/30/2011	Balance	\$6549.81	

As of May 6, 2011, the budget of the History of the Health Sciences Section was \$6,286.91. The actual number reported at the Annual Meeting was one cent off this amount. The Secretary-Treasurer apologizes for this inconvenience. The Section did not incur any expenses at the MLA 2011 Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, nor has the Section had any expenses since the Annual Meeting. Between February 1st and August 31st, 22 members have either joined or renewed their membership to the Section, bringing the account balance to \$6,549.81.

HHSS Listserv

We invite all MLA and HHSS members to join the official HHSS listserv.

The *members-only* listserv will be used to promote and communicate activities of the Section. It may also be used as a forum for its members to discuss relevant issues and concerns.

Be assured that email traffic will not overwhelm any of us. It will, however, provide a convenient means to communicate.

While joining the listserv is an optional benefit of being a member, we strongly urge members to sign on.

Instructions for Signing On

- Send an email message to major-domo@mlahq.org
- Leave the subject line blank
- In the body of the text, enter: subscribe hhss@mla-hhss.org your email@place.org

- Respond to the email you receive to authenticate

- Receive confirmation and begin participating

Questions?

Contact Listserv Chair Donna L. Hirst at donna-hirst@uiowa.edu

Section Officers and Committee Chairs

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Chair: [Joan Stoddart](#), 5/11-5/13

Chair-Elect: [Susan Sanders](#), 5/11-5/13

Secretary/Treasurer: [Deidra Woodson](#) , 5/11-5/13

Immediate Past-Chair Chair: [Michael Flannery](#), 5/11-5/13

Section Council Representative: [Michael Flannery](#), 5/11-5/13

Committee chairs:

Bylaws: [Patricia Gallagher](#)

Continuing Education: [Stephen J. Greenberg](#) & [Patricia E. Gallagher](#)

Listserv: [Donna L. Hirst](#)

Membership: [Susan Sanders](#)

Newsletter: [Melissa Nasea](#)

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