Dear History of Health Sciences Members:

Here I am again!! The Executive Committee is getting ready for the annual meeting in Orlando, Florida May 25-30, 2001 entitled 2001 an Information Odyssey. I hope many of you are planning on attending. Heidi Heilemann has worked very hard on programming and needs your support at our sponsored sessions.

Heidi, as incoming chair, has also graciously agreed to start her new responsibilities early and will lead our Business Meeting this year. I have the opportunity to vacation in Italy the end of May. It really was a difficult decision, but Italy won. I know Heidi will do an excellent job and I hope all of you will give her your full support.

We are still looking for a new Membership Chair. There is not a great deal of work involved. If anyone feels like volunteering, we certainly could use your help. If you know anyone who is too shy to come forward, please let Heidi know.

Thanks to Pat Gallagher’s efforts, the section’s website is back and functioning. Please take a moment to review Pat’s work. The address will be listed in this newsletter. Pat is always open to suggestions. Please let her know your thoughts.

Lastly, I wanted to let you know that we will be unveiling a new logo “concept” for our section at MLA this year. We were asked to come up with a logo for a quilt that is being created for the Sections. If you like the design we can continue to use it. If it is not acceptable, then we can start over. This topic will be on the business agenda.

Enjoy the meeting and I hope to see all of you next year. Best Wishes,

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2001 Annual Conference Program
The History of the Health Sciences Section is proudly sponsoring two sessions this year and co-sponsoring a third. A brief overview of these programs follows:

Profiles in Leadership: Time Travel with Some of Our Most Memorable Mentors
Monday, May 28, 2001 - 10:30am-12:00 pm.

Come hear Lucia McClure outline the contributions and accomplishments of two MLA’s great leaders: Frank Bradway Rogers, M.D. and Estelle Brodman, Ph.D. Two distinctively different careers will be profiled in a very personal way as their roles as mentors are presented. Next, Stephen Greenberg will explore the complex mentoring relationships among MLA’s founders: George Gould, William Oster, and Margaret Charteron and other MLA giants Marcia Noyes, John Ruhrah, and Elizabeth Thies. Then Richard Nollan and Thomas Singarella will profile a great leader in medicine. This talk will outline the practical evolution of medicine, and exercise as regimen, therapy, and prevention as outlined by William Buchan in 1769. A forward thinking leader for his time, Buchan’s purpose was to make medical knowledge generally available, to deter quackery, promote nursing and childcare in the home, and contribute to a more cooperative relationship between doctor and patient, something we all value today. This session is co-sponsored by the Oral History Committee and the Leadership and Management Section.

IAMS Then and Now: An Informatics Odyssey
Tuesday, May 29, 2001 - 2:30-4:00 pm

This session was designed to address the impact of IAIMS on health science libraries by looking at its earliest influences, its present incarnations, and how IAIMS will take shape for the next generation. Wayne Peay and Rachael Anderson have been invited to address IAIMS -- What We Got Right and What We Didn’t. These talks will be followed by two papers addressing current implementations of IAIMS: Laura P. Barrett, Victor Basile, and Judith Cohn from University Libraries of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey will present their paper entitled A Mutually Beneficial Impact of IAIMS on the UMDNJ Libraries Strategic Planning Process: What’s In It For the Libraries? Nancy K. Roderer and Regina Kenny Marone will present their paper entitled Library Contributions to IAIMS. Valerie Florence has been invited to give the final talk in this session, IAIMS: The Next Generation. This session is co-sponsored by the Medical Informatics Section.

From Idea to Research Plan: How to Get Started
Wednesday, May 30, 2001 - 9:00 - 10:30 am

Don H. Buchan will present "Using consumer health information to enhance knowledge and attitudes of parents with a low birth weight child admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit” and Jonathan D. Eldredge will address the more humorous side of research in his talk entitled "Humor amidst the otherwise serious pursuit of research." This session is sponsored by the Research Section. We are cosponsoring the session along with the Consumer and Patient Health Information Section.

For more details including the abstracts of these talks, visit our website.

Hope to see you all there!
--submitted by Heidi Heilemann.

Campaign for America’s Libraries
This year’s National Library Week promises to be one of the most exciting ever thanks to the public launch of The Campaign for America’s Libraries. Libraries of all types are invited to participate in National Library Week (April 1-7). The campaign is ALA’s new, five-year public education effort to educate people about the value of libraries and librarians in the 21st century.

The theme for National Library Week 2001 is @ your library. National Library Week will feature a national kickoff event and a host of local events to introduce the theme to the public.

"National Library Week is a perfect time to launch The Campaign for America’s Libraries to the public," said Nancy Kranich, ALA president. "National Library Week is our national holiday, a time to open our doors to the public and remind everyone about our various programs, services and technologies. It’s also a time to say ‘Come see what’s new @ your library.’"

The campaign kickoff will be designed to introduce the campaign, attract media attention, and begin the process of reminding consumers that libraries are dynamic, modern community centers for learning, information and entertainment. For more information, contact: Sara Groves, Campaign Coordinator, American Library Association; Telephone: 312.280.1546 <sgroves@ala.org>.
NEW Editor for INCIPI
Greetings, I'm the Acquisitions and Collections Management Librarian at the Health Science Libraries, University of Washington, Seattle - home of the really BIG earthquake. One of my additional responsibilities is overseeing our Rare Books and Special Collections, see <http://healthlinks.washington.edu/hsl/locations/rarebooks.html> for a very quick overview of the collection and access. All of the HSL librarians liaison with the various Health Sciences departments, one of my areas is our Department of Medical History and Ethics, a natural tie into my responsibilities and interests. Along with being a member of MLA/HHSS I'm also active in ALHHS, and handled local arrangements for the 1992 annual meeting.
On a personal level, I'm an avid postcard collector. I enjoy traveling the back roads of the Western U.S. I attempt to fly fish [poorly] and salmon fish [usually they escape to live another day]. Occasionally I find a bit of time to work on small sewing craft projects. And, of course, I always read when time allows, armchair travel and local histories are my top choices. Although I will not be able to attend the annual meeting, I will be there in spirit with you. This euphemism translates to "I will be in contact with you soon after the meeting for your articles and tidbits for the next Incipit."
I very much look forward to working with you as the new Incipit newsletter editor. Have a wonderful meeting in Orlando.

Best,

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HHSS Webpage
The HHSS web page has moved! The new address is <http://www.mla-hhss.org>.

New on the Web links page is a set of links to educational programs in the history of medicine <http://www.mla-hhss.org/histed.htm>. Also, please feel free to send announcements of your institution's exhibits and programs to the webmaster, Patricia Gallagher (pgallagher@nyam.org), for inclusion in the News and Exhibits page <http://www.mla-hhss.org/news.htm>. If you wish to have an event listed, please provide a starting AND ending date, we don't want to "advertise" an exhibit that has already closed!

- submitted by Patricia Gallagher

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The History of the Health Sciences Section of the Medical Library Association

Bylaws

THE HISTORY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES,
A SECTION OF THE MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be The History of the Health Sciences, a Section of the Medical Library Association, Inc. (MLA).

Article II Purpose

The purpose of this Section shall be to stimulate interest in the history of the health sciences library collections, strengthen communication and cooperation among libraries with history of health sciences collections and history of health sciences librarians, and provide opportunities for the professional development of our members.

Article III Membership

Section 1 Classes

All and only member of MLA may belong to this Section.

Section 2 Rights and Privileges

A. Voting members of this Section shall consist of all members, except that only Voting Members of the Medical Library Association shall be qualified to move or vote on recommendations to the Section Council regarding MLA policies or actions, to vote on the selection of a candidate for the MLA Nominating Committee, or to vote on the selection of the Sections Representative and [Alternate] Representative-Elect to the Section Council.

B. Officers of this Section shall be Voting members of the Medical Library Association.

Section 3 Dues

A. Dues shall be determined by a majority vote of those members present at the [annual meeting] Annual Meeting of the Section. Dues shall be assessed on an annual basis for the period of the calendar year. Section dues shall not exceed MLA membership dues for Regular Members.

B. Section dues shall be payable on joining the Section and thereafter at the same time as are the Medical Library Association dues.

C. [Dues shall be assessed on an annual basis for the period of the fiscal year.]
Article IV Officers
Section 1 Officers and Terms of Office

A. **Elected** officers of the Section shall be a Chair, a Chair-Elect, a Secretary-Treasurer, and a Representative and [Alternate Representative] Representative Elect to the [MLA] Section Council.

B. The term of office of the Chair shall be two years as Chair Elect and two years as Chair. Chair Elect shall be elected in odd numbered years. **No one may serve more than 2 successive terms as Chair-Elect/Chair.** (The term of office shall begin at the end of the annual business meeting.)

C. The term of office of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be for two years, beginning at the end of the Annual Business meeting in even numbered years. **An individual may not serve more than 2 successive terms as Secretary-Treasurer.**

D. The term of office of the Representative to the Section Council shall be three years, **one-year terms as Representative-Elect, and a two-year term as Representative,** except that if the Representative's term be made shorter by action of the Council or Bylaws of the Medical Library Association, the term shall coincide with that action.

E. [The term of the Alternate Section Council Representative shall be the same as that of the Representative.]

F. **Elected** officers shall take office at the close of the Annual Meeting following their election and serve, unless they resign, die, or are removed, until the close of the Annual Business Meeting at the end of their term of office, or until their successors have been chosen and assumed their duties.

F. Elections shall be by written mail ballot which shall be returned at least six (6) weeks prior to the annual meeting. If any elected officer cannot fulfill his/her term, the Chair shall appoint a Section member to fill the position until the next election.

Section 2 Duties

A. The duties of the Chair shall be to preside over all meetings, to represent the Section at all times, and on all occasions not in conflict with any other office's defined duties and responsibilities, to plan the annual meeting, to assist the Program Chair in planning the program, to submit an Annual Report to MLA Headquarters by the date requested, and to perform all other duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Section. **A Parliamentarian may be appointed by the Chair to serve a term concurrent with that of the Chair. This person may be reappointed to serve additional terms.**

B. The duties of the Chair Elect shall be to preside as Chair whenever the Chair is not able to do so, In...
and a signed statement of willingness-to-serve if elected as a member of the MLA Nominating Committee. This statement shall accompany the name submitted.

B. No person shall consent to being a potential candidate or a candidate for membership on the MLA Nominating Committee who is already such a potential candidate or a candidate for membership from some other unit of the Medical Library Association; no candidate for membership on the MLA Nominating Committee shall also be a candidate for an elective office of the Medical Library Association, or vice versa.

C. No one shall serve on the MLA Nominating Committee as a voting member for more than one term during a period of five years.

Article V Meetings
Section 1 Meetings

At least one meeting shall be held in each fiscal year. Additional meetings may be held. At least one meeting of the Section should be called the "Annual Meeting." All meetings shall be held at a time and place convenient for members. Notice of all meetings shall be disseminated to the membership at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting date. The Section's Business Meeting shall be held during the same period and at the same location as the Association's Annual Meeting. No Section meetings shall be held at the same time that General Sessions or Business Sessions of the Association's Annual Meeting are conducted.

Section 2 Quorum

Fifteen (15) percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

Article VI Executive [Committee] Board
Section 1 Executive [Committee] Board

The elected officers of the Section plus the immediate past-chair shall constitute the Executive [Committee] Board.

Section 2 Duties

The Executive Committee Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of [the organization] this Section between its Business Meetings, fix the time and place of the meetings, make recommendations to the membership, and shall perform other duties as are specified by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by this Section.

Article VII Committees
Section 1 Standing Committees

A. The Executive Board shall establish standing committees to consider matters of the Section that require continuity of attention by the members. The Executive Board shall recommend the name and size of each committee.

B. The Chair in consultation with the Executive Board shall designate and announce committee members and chairs in advance of the beginning of his or her term of office and when these appointments shall take effect. Unless otherwise approved by the Executive Board, members of standing committees shall be appointed for the term of two years, and may be reappointed for a second term. The Chair shall have the discretion to terminate appointments.

C. Standing committees of this Section shall consist of the Executive [Committee] Board, Nominating Committee, and Membership Committee.

Nominating Committee

The Chair shall appoint a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of candidates. The nominees must consent to their nomination in writing. The Committee shall mail ballots to Section members no later than ten (10) weeks before the Annual Meeting, and shall conclude the ballot no later than one (1) month before.

Membership Committee

The Chair shall appoint a Membership Committee to develop and implement tactics for increasing membership, and for promoting the renewal of memberships. The Committee shall work from membership lists provided by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2 [Other] Special Committees

The Section Chair may appoint such other special committees [and representatives] as are necessary with the advice and consent of the Executive [Committee] Board.

Section 3 Committee Chairs

Chairs of Committees shall be Voting Members of the Medical Library Association.

Section 4 Committee Reports

Each committee shall submit an annual report of its activities to the Section Chair. [who will submit it to MLA Headquarters as part of the Annual Section Report prior to the compilation of the Annual Section Report for submission to MLA Headquarters.

Article VIII Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of this Section, all liabilities and obligations shall be paid or adequate provision made for payment. Remaining assets shall revert to the MLA General Fund.

Article IX Parliamentary Authority
[Section 1 Rules]

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the Section in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws, and special rules of order the section may adopt.
A parliamentarian may be appointed by the Chair to serve a term concurrent with that of the Chair. This person may be reappointed to serve additional terms.

Article IX Archives

A permanent record of all meetings for the preceding two years shall be kept by the Secretary-Treasurer, with duplicates held by the Chair. Yearly deposits of archival materials shall be made to the MLA Headquarters for inclusion in the MLA Archives.

Article X Amendments

These bylaws may be amended or rescinded by two-thirds of members voting at any regular meeting of the Section, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the vote will be taken.

Amended June, 1996
Amended May, 1997
Amended April 2001