



# INCIPIT

## History of the Health Sciences Section Newsletter Medical Library Association Volume XIII Issue 1 April 2001

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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,

Barbara Van Brimmer  
Chair, History of the Health Sciences Section  
Curator- Medical Heritage Center  
Prior Health Sciences Library  
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### HHSS Business Meeting

The History of the Health Sciences Section Business Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 29, 2001, 12:30-2pm. Please feel free to bring your lunch to the meeting. It is the one time of the year that we can actually meet face-to-face, report on our activities, and plan for the coming year. So do plan to come learn about what the section has been up to and help us plot our course for 2002. Below is a draft agenda. Please contact Heidi Heilemann (Heilemann@stanford.edu) if you would like to add anything to the agenda. I will look forward to seeing many of you there!

#### AGENDA

History of the Health Sciences Section Annual Business Meeting  
May 29, 2001 12:30 - 2:00 pm

#### Call to Order

**Introductions** - Attendees &  
Executive Committee

**Minutes** - May 9, 2000 Meeting

**Treasurer's Report**

**Unfinished Business**

Program Committee - update (Heidi Heilemann)

Election Results (Stephen Greenberg)

Continuing Education (Pat Gallagher)

Incipit (Fred Pachman and Colleen Weum)

Website (Pat Gallagher)

Listserv (Heidi Heilemann)

Membership - Need a new chair

Section Council (Stephen Greenberg,  
Diane McKenzie is proxy)

**New Business**

Programming for 2002

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

Goals for 2002

### 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 Lucretia McClure outline the contributions and accomplishments of two of 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 Osler, and Margaret Charlton 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.

#### IAIMS 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 Florance 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. Buchanan 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 Heileman.

### 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](mailto:sgroves@ala.org)>.

## NEW Editor for INCIPIT

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 in to 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,

Colleen Weum

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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](mailto: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  
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# 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.]

[D. The fiscal year for the Section shall be the calendar year.]

[E. ] If dues are unpaid two months after the renewal date, the dues shall be considered in arrears and without further notice the member will be suspended from all rights and privileges.

#### Article IV Officers

##### Section 1 Officers and Terms of Office

A. Elective 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 for 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 [Section Council Representative] Representative to 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.

[ G. 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 officer'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, to

act as Program Chair for the Section, and to perform all other duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Section.

C. The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be to be responsible for incoming and outgoing correspondence, to prepare [take] minutes of all meetings, [to handle correspondence,] to distribute notices, to receive and account for all monies due the Section, to prepare the Section annual report for the membership and the MLA headquarters by April 1 of each year, and to perform all other duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Section.

D. The duties of the Representative to the Section Council shall be to represent the Section on the MLA Section Council by attending the meetings of the Council, to transmit to the Council recommendations that have been approved by the Section, to communicate Council business to the officers and members of the Section, to report on Council Activities to the Section Chair, and to perform all other duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Section.

E. The duties of the [Alternate] Representative-Elect to the Section Council shall be to attend the meetings of the Section council, to serve as Representative whenever the Representative is unable to do so, to assume the office of Representative and serve out the unexpired term should the Representative become unable to complete the term of office, and to perform all other duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Section.

##### Section 3 Elections

A. The Nominating Committee shall prepare annually a slate (of at least one, but more are preferred) nominee(s) for each elective officer whose term expires.

B. Ballots shall be mailed to the voting membership by the Nominating Committee at least sixty (60) days prior to the Section's Annual Meeting and shall be received by the Nominating Committee by the date previously announced for counting ballots. Candidates shall be declared elected upon receiving a majority of the votes cast. Where there are more than two candidates, a plurality shall elect.

##### Section 4 Vacancies

A. A vacancy arising in the office of Chair shall be filled by the Chair-Elect, who shall cease to be Chair-Elect, shall serve out the unexpired term of the Chair, and shall continue as Chair for the full succeeding term to which he or she was elected.

B. A vacancy arising in the office of Representative to the Section Council shall be filled by the Representative-Elect, who shall cease to be Representative-Elect, and shall serve out the unexpired term of the Representative.

##### Section 5 Candidate for the MLA Nominating Committee Membership

A. The name of one Voting Member of the Medical Library Association, chosen by the Nominating Committee, shall be submitted each year to the Section Council as a potential candidate for membership on the MLA Nominating Committee; this submission shall be made to the Council before its final assembly at the MLA Annual Meeting. The potential candidate shall prepare a biographical statement

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 or 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 terms 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.

**[Section 2 Parliamentarian**

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