



## CPHSLA Winter Meeting 2003

- When:** Monday, December 8, 2003 (9 am - 4 pm)
- Where:** Chambersburg Hospital
- What:** Evidence Based Medicine Workshop  
(based on information gathered at the QuintEssential Conference), CPHSLA winter business meeting, and discussion about EBSCO
- Hostess:** Debra Miller
- Cost:** \$10.00 per person
- Deadline:** Monday, December 1, 2003

Further details and registration form at:  
<http://www.cphsla.org/workshops/CPHSLAWinterMeeting03.pdf>

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

9/10/2003

### CHECKING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY



Previous Checkbook Balance	\$1,013.73
Credits	
Dues	\$ 30.00
Meeting Registrations	\$ 240.00
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$ 270.00</b>
Expenditures	
Meeting Expenses – 5/16 Meeting	\$ 169.63
Website and Domain Name Expenses	\$ 150.00
Meeting Expenses – 9/10 Meeting	\$ 350.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 669.63</b>
<b>Current Checkbook Balance</b>	<b>\$ 614.10</b>

### CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

Initial Amount	Interest Rate	Current Value	Renewal Date
\$5,000.00	1.49%	\$8,395.47	12/03/2003
\$1,000.00	1.05%	\$1,639.26	11/17/2003

**Total CD Value** **\$10,034.73**

### TOTAL ASSETS

Checking Account	\$ 614.10
CD's	\$10,034.73
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$10,648.83</b>

Submitted by Deborah Lovett, Treasurer

**MEMBER NEWS**



**Retirements**



Just a note to let you know that effective November 20th I will be retiring from the Health Science Library, Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center, Pottsville, PA. The future of the Library is unclear. At this time a replacement has not been found. In emergencies contact Donna Lawson, Director Education at 570-621-4368 or by email [dlawson@gsrcmc.com](mailto:dlawson@gsrcmc.com)

**Velma L. Sippie**  
Librarian  
570-621-4466



On Friday evening, October 17th, a group of librarians met to honor **Margaret Hsieh** on her retirement. We met at What If at Spinner's in Hershey and had a delightful meal. Margaret was presented with a dozen roses and an NLM mug filled with Hershey Hugs and Kisses as a gift from CPHSLA. Margaret has served as the librarian at the Reading Hospital and Medical Center since 1990, and prior to that was the librarian at the Reading Rehabilitation Hospital from 1985 to 1990. While a member of CPHSLA, she hosted several meetings and CE programs. Her commitment to medical librarianship and networking should serve as an example to all of us. She will be deeply missed. We wish her well and hope that she enjoys her retirement in Sunnyvale, California.

*Submitted by Deb Lovett*

CPHSLA Colleagues,

I have accepted the position as library director at Reading Hospital & Medical Center. I will be there as of the week of November 17th.

Therefore, that creates an opening for a part-time position here at St. Joseph Medical Center. I am forwarding you the ad from our Human Resources Department in the event you might know of someone who would be interested in applying.

Thank you,  
Kathy Mazurek (detail of ad follows)

**Job Posting**

**Medical Librarian Part Time Days**

St. Joseph Medical Center in Reading, PA is currently in search of a Medical Librarian to provide day-to-day operational oversight and client assistance in our Medical Library.

The incumbent will perform reference service, execute literature searches and document delivery, maintain a variety of quantitative and qualitative records, prepare reports, and collect required statistics.

Other responsibilities include: the supervision of circulation and maintenance of library materials, acquisition of new textbooks, journals, audiovisuals, and other resources, and instruction to clients in the use of the library and its resources.

Requisite education and skill set includes a Masters Degree in Library/Information Science and at least one year of experience in a professional library setting (preferably in a Health Sciences Library). Must have excellent communication and interpersonal skills to correspond with hospital staff at all levels.

Qualified candidates may submit their resume to:

St. Joseph Medical Center  
Human Resources  
12th & Walnut Sts.  
Reading, PA 19603  
FAX: (610) 378-2706  
E-Mail: [jobs@sjmcberks.org](mailto:jobs@sjmcberks.org)  
Visit us online: [www.sjmcberks.org](http://www.sjmcberks.org)  
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# CPHSLA Meeting Minutes

## September 10, 2003

### Holy Spirit Hospital

The meeting was called to order by President, Debra Miller at 11:35 a.m. In attendance were:

Edie Asbury	Holy Spirit Hospital
Patrice Hall	Lois High Berstler Community Health Library
Nancy Henry	Penn State University, Life Sciences Library
Mike Heyd	Susquehanna Health System
Patricia Hines	Good Samaritan Hospital
Tracie Kahler	Penn State University, Office for Research Protections
Deb Miller	Chambersburg Hospital
Martha Ruff	Harrisburg State Hospital
Judy Welch	Carlisle Regional Medical Center

#### **Announcements:**

Debra Miller spoke about a program she is involved with for high school students interested in healthcare careers; as a part of MLA's mentoring outreach efforts, this is a good way to encourage future health/medical librarians.

#### **Approval of the Minutes:**

The Motion was made (Judy Welch/Tracie Kahler) to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer's report was postponed until the next meeting.

#### **Standing Committee Reports:**

##### **Program Committee:**

Suggestions for meeting topics include a program on DOCLINE and the Link-outs feature set-up for PubMed. Johnstown was a suggested location for a winter meeting. There was further discussion about providing bus transportation for members to attend the MLA/Washington D.C. meeting in the spring. The CPHSLA spring meeting could be held at MLA. Since everyone will not be attending the MLA meeting, the consensus was that this idea should be dropped and another program idea be developed for the spring meeting.

##### **Special Projects:**

No recommendations were made at this time.

##### **Exchange Lists:**

Exchange lists are due October 15, 2003.

##### **Membership Committee:**

A membership database is being developed by Deb Lovett to track annual dues payment by CPHSLA members.

#### **Standing Committee Reports, con'd:**

##### **Member-at-Large:**

Elinor Snow is on medical leave-a suggestion was approved by the membership to send flowers.

##### **Newsletter:**

The CPHSLA electronic newsletter is back; kudos to the editors, Laurie Schwing and Joan Appleton Costanza, on a job well done.

##### **Old Business:**

###### *Winter Meeting/Video Tape*

The video Safeguarding our Patrons Privacy continues to circulate among the membership.

###### *Elections*

The transition to the newly elected officers of the association is complete.

###### *Listserv*

The default on the listserv to "Reply to All" has been changed to "Reply" to a single sender.

##### **New Business:**

###### *Coliani Award*

Submissions for the MLA Colianni Award may be forwarded to Debra Miller who is serving on the MLA Committee.

###### *QuintEssential Conference*

3-4 CPHSLA members will be attending the joint chapter meeting being held in Philadelphia, Oct. 26-28, 2003. Debra Miller offered to share her hotel accommodations with other CPHSLA members if they are interested in attending.

###### *MLA Meeting/Washington D.C.*

A suggestion was made by Michael Heyd to consider subsidizing CPHSLA members for this meeting to encourage additional membership attendance by those who may lack adequate funding from their employers. Nancy Henry suggested that guidelines may need to be established for distributing the funds in an equitable manner. A determination of how many people might be interested in receiving funding will also be helpful. This idea will be discussed in more detail at the next CPHSLA meeting.

###### *Retirement Gift*

The membership discussed appropriate ways to acknowledge the retirement of colleague Margaret Hsieh.

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 a.m. was made (Nancy Henry/Judy Welch).

Respectively submitted by Nancy Henry

## CPHSLA Meeting Minutes for 9/10/03, con'd

The business meeting was then followed by "Reading Between the Lines," a two-hour teleconference on health literacy that aired from 1:00–3 p.m.

### Most of the 9/10/03 attendees at Holy Spirit:



### EBSCO Grant for MLA 2004

The EBSCO Annual Meeting Grant is sponsored by EBSCO Information Services and enables MLA members to attend the association's annual meeting. Each year awards up to \$1,000 for travel and conference-related expenses will be given to four librarians who otherwise would be unable to attend the meeting. To be eligible an applicant must be currently employed as a health sciences librarian and have between two and five years experience in a health sciences library.

Priority consideration will be given to the applicant who is the following:

1. Attending the annual meeting for the first time
2. Presenting a paper or poster at the annual meeting
3. Having a MLA committee, jury or section/SLG assignment
4. Being an MLA member

The application deadline is DECEMBER 1. The application is available at [http://mlanet.org/pdf/grants/ebSCO\\_app\\_20030730.pdf](http://mlanet.org/pdf/grants/ebSCO_app_20030730.pdf).

The completed application should be sent to:  
Medical Library Association  
Professional Development Department,  
65 East Wacker Place, Suite 1900  
Chicago, IL 60601-7298.

For more information contact Lisa Fried at MLA headquarters ([mlapd2@mlahq.org](mailto:mlapd2@mlahq.org)) or Carolyn M. Brown, Chair of the Ebsco/Annual Meeting Grant Jury ([librcb@emory.edu](mailto:librcb@emory.edu)).

## Why Change Automation Systems: Medical Librarians ?

By Laurie Schwing, M.L.S.  
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Harrisburg Hospital

When librarians are afforded the opportunity to attend professional conferences, it is a chance to attend classes, forums, and networking events. As I discovered in March 2003 at Computers In Libraries [details at <http://www.infotoday.com/cil2003/default.htm>], it also provides a rare opportunity to chat with national experts who are trendsetters, keen observers, and knowledgeable stakeholders in both large-scale and small-scale library development.

After listening to Marshall Breeding (Technology Officer for Vanderbilt University and consultant/speaker/writer in the field of library automation) speak about next-generation library automation systems, I decided to approach him to ask the question, "Should we change library automation systems?"

In the non-partial way that consultants often conduct their discussions, Mr. Breeding proceeded to ask open-ended questions which I alone could answer for myself. Though this non-specific advice was not what I sought (I wanted names – give me names! - of automation vendors that he liked), it was gratifying to know that I could answer the questions and come to a crystal-clear conclusion on my own.

But, first, we should answer the basic question: why would anyone consider spending a lot of money to get a new automation system when they already have one? Suffice it to say that library management systems as we knew them are outdated. The new generation of systems encompasses knowledge management, open-linking, interoperable data, patron interaction, and meta-searching for e-journals as well as "inside" resources. These "legacy" systems are library portals with synergies of content from external and internal sources. They no longer contain proprietary data, but rather SQL and Oracle-based data, for example, that doesn't require "conversion" to any other platform when it is extracted or migrated in the future. It looks like the Web, not like a catalog card on a computer screen.

Though the new techno-words and jargon are not necessarily convincing, once you experience one of these systems first-hand, you're sold. It is more like "shopping" for information than doing a bone-dust title search in a text box and retrieving a short list of truncated, cursory titles that may or may not be on the shelf. Imagine seeing the book jacket when you search for a Dick Francis novel to take on vacation and knowing immediately where it is and if it's checked out and what other Dick Francis novels you might like!

## Why Change Automation Systems, con'd

Ask yourself first if you'd like a colorful and efficient library portal with content personalization, news feeds, a library catalog with pictures, instinctive search features in a World Wide Web (WWW) look and feel, and much more.

Then, get down to business and answer the following questions:

- ❖ Would you, if given the chance, select your current automation vendor all over again?
- ❖ Are you satisfied with the major features of your current system?
- ❖ Has the system that you bought continued to be the system that it is now, i.e., is it as good as it was then?
- ❖ Has the level of support kept pace with the company's growth and are you getting outstanding customer support?
- ❖ What opportunities are given for you to learn new features and new ways to use your current system?
- ❖ In light of the "new generation" of library automation systems, do you feel that your library and your organization might want to redefine how they use a library automation system?
- ❖ Given the mandate to reinvest capital monies into migrating the system that you have, do you feel that this is a chance to do a Request For Proposal (RFP) to look at other systems?
- ❖ Have you considered the possibility that in doing an RFP, your chance to get better pricing for your library automation system is very real.
- ❖ Are you willing to help do the work to transform current data to another system and/or platform?
- ❖ Are you willing to sell the system to your administration and find funding or re-work your present funding?
- ❖ Will your library be one of the front-runners in adopting important new technology for its users?

I strongly suggest attending a national conference to view the new vendors' systems as they are set up in the exhibit halls. Next spring we are lucky to have MLA so close and so ripe with automation excitement. It's the day that systems librarians have waited for as we finally trekked through another era of library catalogs into the "great outdoors" of portals.