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**AAHSL Annual Business Meeting Minutes**  
**11/10/20**

President Sandra Franklin convened the meeting via Zoom at 3:05 PM PT with approximately 145 members present. She noted that last year's Program & Education theme was resilience, and how 2020 has been so very challenging. President Franklin is proud of what the AAHSL Board, staff office, and volunteer committees and task forces have accomplished this year, and thanked the members for their support.

Attendees were reminded of their agreement to abide by AAHSL's Code of Conduct, and duty officers Jerry Perry and Louise Miller were introduced. A land acknowledgement for the Washington DC area was read:

The Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries acknowledges the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of all indigenous peoples that call this land home.

The AAHSL Annual Meeting was originally scheduled to meet in Washington, D.C. We take this opportunity to celebrate and support the many indigenous communities of Washington, D.C. and surrounding areas. Our capital is surrounded by over a dozen tribal nations. Today, roughly 4,163 American Indians live in Washington, D.C.

The next time you find yourself in D.C., take time to visit the National Museum of the American Indian. <https://americanindian.si.edu/>

Also, please visit the DEI section of the AAHSL webpage where we have shared information about the indigenous tribes of Washington, D.C.

**Recognition of Retired, New, Interim and Acting Directors**

Directors who have retired in the last year included:

Neal Nixon, University of Louisville  
Marita Malone, Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine  
Sandra Martin, Wayne State University  
Geneva Staggs, University of South Alabama  
John Meador, University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Janice Swiatek, UConn Health  
Sarah Morley, University of New Mexico  
Gretchen Arnold, University of Virginia Health System

A moment of silence and reflection was held for Jeff Williams, the late director of NYU Langone Library.

New/Acting/Interim Directors:

Barnaby Nicolas, NYU Long Island School of Medicine  
Vida Vaughn, University of Louisville  
Annie Thompson, University of Southern California  
Lisa Smith, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
Charles Greenberg, Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine

Scott Thomson, Rush University Medical Center  
 Charlotte Beyer, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science  
 Alexa Stoneman, Touro University Nevada  
 Hannah Rutledge, University of Pennsylvania  
 Zahra Kamarei, Arkansas Colleges of Health Education  
 Liz Stellrecht, University at Buffalo  
 Elizabeth Kiscaden, Creighton University  
 Denise Hersey, University of Vermont  
 Janet Crum, University of Arizona  
 Libby Ingram, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
 Ann Yurcaba, Drexel University Libraries  
 Vanessa Smith, Meharry Medical College  
 LaVentra Danquah, Wayne State University  
 Angela Rand, University of South Alabama  
 Stephanie Atkins Sharpe, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
 Kimberly Loper, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine  
 Joseph Nicholson, NYU Langone Health  
 Hongjie Wang, UConn Health  
 Laura Hall, University of New Mexico  
 Bart Ragon, University of Virginia Health System

**Secretary/Treasurer’s Report**

Tania Bardyn noted that as expected with the pandemic, membership has slipped a little in FY2021. Several members have requested hardship assistance and the Board is trying to support them because every member counts. The Board is very glad to know that despite these tough economic times, members still see the value of AAHSL membership. She described AAHSL’s current membership: 115 full members, 31 associate members in the US, 6 associate members in Canada, and Developing Schools at 15, and new schools at 1 member, for a total of 168 members.

AAHSL’s financial reserves as of September 30, 2020 were as follows:

Checking	\$382,724
Savings	\$122,502
Fidelity Brokerage Account	<u>\$412,609</u>
Total	\$917,835

Data on AAHSL’s annual financial performance showed that net revenue goes up and down every year, depending on the amount of programming that the Board invests in. This is another reason to keep a healthy amount in reserves. AAHSL was very fortunate that the hotel in DC where we were contracted to hold this year’s annual meeting let AAHSL completely out of the contract with no penalty. We’re also doing BETTER this year over the same period last year because:

- Much of AAHSL’s budget is volunteer travel: committees, fellows, leadership, which didn’t happen this year.
- Much of the Future Leadership activities went virtual, which saved travel, food, etc.
- The investments have been doing well.

- Membership is still pretty strong, and we are able to help members that are having financial hardship.

The FY2021 budget was approved by the Board as follows:

Income	\$313,900
Expenses	<u>\$271,762</u>
Net Revenue	\$ 42,138

### Committee Highlights

President Franklin highlighted the work of several AAHSL committees:

- CFAS representatives Chris Shaffer and Lynda Hartell continue to distribute CFAS News.
- Implementation Task Force on Competency Based Medical Education, chaired by Amy Blevins, is completing a Scoping Review.
- DEI Committee chaired by Cristina Pope completed its nine webinar series with facilitator Jessica Pettitt; offered Code of Conduct training with SMARTS Consulting for AAHSL & MLA Board members. DEI looks forward to offering more programming and training.
- Scholarly Communications chaired by Emily McElroy continues to maintain a web page on the AAHSL site and distribute updates/statements from OAWG and SPARC. The Board agreed to renew the association's SPARC membership.
- There is a new Task force to review the status of Osteopathic members and make recommendations for future member status. There are currently 17 osteopathic member institutions in AAHSL.
- A working group is examining AAHSL website content for refresh and archival priorities.
- The MLA/AAHSL Joint Legislative Task Force made virtual visits on Capitol Hill to the offices of select representatives and senators during the month of June.
- AAHSL was represented in a joint response with MLA to the NLM RFI on the implementation of the 2017-2027 Strategic Plan, in addition to numerous legislative sign-offs throughout the year.

Several committee chairs also shared updates:

Assessment & Statistics: Matt Wilcox reported on the surveys submitted to date and that the deadline is being extended through the end of the month. The committee is also recruiting a new volunteer editor to replace Steve Squires.

Task Force on Library Services for Associated Clinical Organizations: Megan von Isenburg shared that there is a detailed report and spreadsheet that will be available in the members-only section of the AAHSL website.

Research Services Committee: Gabe Rios reported that the committee will be hosting a webinar on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Future Leadership Committee: Janice Jaguszewski reported that the 2019-2020 Fellows cohort completed their year virtually. The program is going on hiatus for the 2020-2021 year. In the interim,

the FLC will be awarding Leadership Diversity Scholarships, as well as implementing a “buddy system” for new library directors.

### **Recognition of Board Service**

Outgoing board member Past President Judy Cohn, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey was recognized.

### **Nominating Committee and Election of Officers**

The slate for election of Board members for 2020—2021 are:

Member At Large: Gabe Rios, Indiana University for a full 3-year term

President-Elect: Melissa De Santis, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

The slate passed by vote of the membership.

### **New President’s Remarks**

President Elect Shaffer quoted the often misattributed quote “Never let a good crisis go to waste” to introduce his presidential year. Often attributed to Winston Churchill, the quote is of unknown origin. Shaffer described the coming year as “stay the course while learning from the experience.” He gave the example of increased attendance at virtual annual meeting programming as a silver lining to the pandemic – something we should continue in the post-pandemic world. He also warned board members that they should find a misattributed quote to share at future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 PM PT.

Drafted by Louise Miller

Reviewed by Tania Bardyn