AAHSL Program and Education Committee
2023 Committee Report
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Planning Process and Ongoing Work

The Program and Education Committee meets monthly. Keeping with tradition, the committee divided itself into three subgroups to plan the Matheson Lecture, the Education Program, and networking events in the form of a monthly directors-only e-Salon, with the subgroups holding periodic planning meetings.

The committee began its work by reviewing the 2022 annual meeting evaluations and conducted an additional 2023 program survey.

Additional activities included submitting a revised charter, which was accepted by the Board and participating in President Dexter's town hall on future annual meeting ideas (5/4/23).

e-Salons

These director-only casual, unstructured discussions have a general topic each month for attendees to share, brainstorm, and learn from each other. The topics will be geared to the unique needs of those in academic health sciences library leadership and facilitated by AAHSL members. Attendance is optional, free, and open to all AASHL directors.

2023 e-Salons included:
February: Open check in for 2023
March: Practical tips for managing burnout
April: Managing hybrid workplaces (including onboarding in hybrid environments)
May: Canceled
June: Salary Equity
July: Building Executive level Connections

August: Change Management
September: Assessment/Impact
October: Generative AI

Annual Meeting

The 2023 annual meeting will be held on November 3, 2023 at the Renaissance Seattle Hotel, Seattle, WA.

Full schedule

7:30 - 9:00	Members Networking Breakfast
9:15-9:30	President's Welcome; Land Acknowledgment; PEC Chair describing the day
9:30 – 11:00	Education Session: Engage with a panel of your peers on Transformative Agreements in Health Sciences Libraries
11:15-12:30	Roundtables
12:30 – 1:15	Networking Lunch
1:30-2:15	Committee roundtables - each committee introduces their work and charge; members move around to explore ways to be involved in the Association.
2:30-4:00	Matheson Lecture
4:30 – 6:30	Members Reception (with GIR attendees and Matheson lecturer)

Education Program

The Education session is entitled: Engage with a panel of your peers on Transformative Agreements in Health Sciences Libraries. The panel will discuss their different viewpoints on transformative agreements, moderated by a member of the PEC committee. The panel of AAHSL members includes: Barbara Kern (UChicago); Len Levin (Harvard); Chris Shaffer (UCSF)

Topic Roundtables include:
- AAHSL Statistics
- Born digital libraries: lessons learned
- Building your brand
- ChatGPT
- Data Management and Sharing
- Empowerment (individual, teams, organizations)
- Mentoring
- Promotion and tenure policies
- Recruitment and retention

- Satellite libraries
- Space planning and trends in space use
- Team building in the hybrid work environment

Matheson Lecture

Presenter: Chirag Shah, PhD, University of Washington, Founding Director for InfoSeeking Lab and Founding Co-Director of Center for Responsibility in AI Systems & Experiences (RAISE)

Title: AI Hopes, Hypes, and Horrors: How Do We Do this Right?
Description: Over the last several years, AI-driven informational systems have proliferated around us. The pace at which AI is getting integrated in search, recommendation, and decision-support systems has quickened recently. Many of these are built on hopes and hypes of what AI could deliver, but it is not always clear when or if a real value to individuals and society is provided that justifies the risks we take in building and delivering such solutions. These systems are often mired in bias and unfairness (to individuals or groups), lack transparency and accountability, and provide information that are fabricated and even toxic. We are at a crossroad where we have important choices to make that will impact many aspects of our lives in profound ways.

Can we overcome the challenges posed by applying AI solutions and leverage their potential for all of us? Can we mitigate risks and harms enough to bring the reward-to-risk ratio high enough for various areas like education, healthcare, and information access? Can we do this right? In this talk, I will bring forth some of these recent opportunities and challenges with AI in order to highlight where and why we are seeing the issues that hinder us from getting real benefits of AI at the societal level. My examples will come from accessibility, education, healthcare, and policy. I will then argue that we need advancements not just at technical levels, but also at policy, societal, and even philosophical levels. I may not have solutions, but I want to leave with the right or better questions for us to ask in this space

Members of the AAMC Group on Information Resources (GIR) have been invited to the lecture and reception.

Plans for 2024:
- Monthly director-only eSalons will be held on the 4th Friday in the month from 3:00-4:00pm ET from February to October.
- The 2024 Annual meeting will be held on November 7-8, 2024 in Atlanta, GA.
- In order to reduce meeting load and equitably distribute work assignments, the committee will eliminate subcommittees this year. We will revisit in 2025.
- With an additional ½ day of programming at the 2024 meeting, the PEC chair will work with other chairs to increase participation from other committees. For example, the Assessment and Statistics committee might provide a 90 minute workshop on utilizing AAHSL statistics.