

Activities/Discussions/Meetings Report
NEW ACADEMIC HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARIES
September 23, 2014

Meetings

AAHSL New Libraries “Informal” conference call meeting – September 23, 2014
Attending: Nadine Dexter, Debra Rand and Joanne Muellenbach.

1. The list serve has been updated and new members have been added.
2. There has been informal and formal advising of new and developing medical school libraries upon request. This involves active support from committee members to others who are creating new medical school libraries in other institutions. We should continue to review the new medical schools on the AAMC site and reach out to the new and developing medical school libraries.
3. Let membership know that there is a new dues structure that provides for a discounted membership for developing schools.
4. We conducted a needs survey of new and developing medical school libraries last October 2013 and identified areas of need. This survey should be updated as soon as possible, and once a summary of the findings is created, we would organize a series of brief (7-minute or so) presentations on the topics of interest. The presentations could be delivered online via webinar software. Sample topics of interest from the previous survey included: budgeting; collection development; information literacy and biomedical informatics; and personnel.
5. A new outreach goal has been identified by the committee for this year. We would like to reach out to all new applicant schools that have a new librarian and offer support as they develop their new medical library.
6. The survey should be resubmitted to new applicant school librarians this year to identify new areas of support.

7. New medical school libraries are encouraged to participate in the annual AAHSL statistics survey and to use the AAHSL tools to create peer groups and compare themselves to others.
8. AAHSL new library directors are encouraged to attend a sharing session on topics of interest at the AAHSL meeting in November. More discussion needs to happen to determine the exact date and time for the informal sharing session.
9. WebEx should be scheduled for January 2015.
10. We have identified Joanne Muellenbach to be designated as Chair-Elect.
11. Debbie will coordinate a date for our next meeting, which will be via teleconference, probably the week of October 27th. Those of us who will be going to the AAHSL conference will also plan to meet in person in Chicago.

Activities

1. Survey of new library directors.

This was completed November 30, 2013.

2. Development of a new academic health sciences libraries listserv.

An AAHSL listserv already exists, thanks to Louise Miller. It has been updated thanks to Debra Rand.

Discussion Held at AAHSL 2013

1. New Chair and chair elect and number of openings on the committee:

As of December 1, 2013 Nadine Dexter became Chair, and Debra Rand the Chair-elect. Committee members are: Joanne Muellenbach, Nancy Bulgarelli, Bradley Long, all are appointed for three years (2013-2016). The plan is to recommend moving one member into the Vice-Chair position at the 2014 AAHSL committee meeting. A new member should be appointed for 3 years to fill the vacancy. This will then stagger the years for two of the three membership positions. If we do the same the following year (2015), then it will achieve a three-member, three-year staggered term. There was further discussion about whether membership should be limited to "new library" members. It was determined that no limits can be made to the membership but membership suggestions from the Chair can strongly recommend candidates from new libraries.

2. Can osteopathic members serve on the new library committee?

Since Osteopathic libraries may become Associate Members in AAHSL, they may participate in our committee deliberations. They may be committee members, too. But they can't be officers. Which means that it might be a good idea to delay their membership on the committee until the full terms of service are achieved.

3. Creation of a blog for the new libraries group

There was a brief discussion about creating a blog for the new libraries group. Several members expressed an interest in it but it was pointed out that it has to be maintained and this will take commitment and effort.

4. Creation of webinars for specific topics

The new libraries committee is currently discussing two webinars. But the second would be dependent on the success of the first. Louise Miller said that she thought we could use AAHSL funds so we have budgeted \$99.00 for it. There was a discussion to determine if NAHSL did indeed get the budget proposed to the AAHSL Board. (No one heard back). The Webinar software Louise recommended was "GoToWebinar." You get one free trial, which we could do for the first Webinar. Then we would use the \$99 for the other, if we did another one.

5. Development of case studies instead of webinars?

It was suggested that we develop case studies instead of webinars. There was no final conclusion. They can be done but would they be interactive? Would they be as useful? Questions to consider: Who will work the webinar? Can Louise at AAHSL headquarters provide assistance?

Submitted by: **Nadine Dexter**

Committee members:

Nadine Dexter, Chair

Debra Rand, Vice-Chair; incoming Chair for 2014-15

TBD incoming Chair for 2015

Nancy Bulgarelli (2013-16)

Bradley Long (2013-16)

Joanne Muellenbach (2013-16)

Board Liaison: **Neville Prendergast**