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Message from the Chair, Richard Barry

The opening column of my term as chair used the image of the journey, relating an upcoming hiking trip in the Grand Tetons to the year ahead. Now, at the conclusion of my term of office, my vision has changed from that of forecast to hindsight. The image I would like to now convey is one of continuing to contribute to a path made of bricks that leads to the future. It is still tied to the journey theme, and walking, moving forward, but now it is not a path that others have made, but a path and walkway we are creating.

As each of us move in and out of volunteer or service positions (committee members, chairs, officers, etc.) our talents and service are new parts of the brick walkway that are added to those who held the position before us. The general direction of the path has been laid out through annual and strategic planning. We continue to monitor the direction. The brick work that has already been provided to this point in time provides guid-

ance, direction, and creativity allowing those behind us a smooth journey.

The Nursing and Allied Health Section is a path for professional enhancement, professional support, and professional identity. Our programs and speakers, selected specifically for our work related issues and needs, offer insights, “how to’s,” and shared first-hand experience. The network connection through the listserv and Web page allows us to call for help, share in thought-provoking and intelligent discussion, or reach out in support of one another as part of the community of nursing librarians. We have lived with this idea for years and the identity as a NAHRS member seems commonplace, but to those who are exposed to it for the first time, they are impressed by who, what, and where we have been.

My term has added another brick in the path known as NAHRS. Each of the committee

chairs and the committee members have all contributed to the brickwork of our organization. This is not a monument we build for ourselves, but a testament to the quality and dedication of our members. It is time for my labor to end, and for another to take my place. And so it goes. How vital it is that the work continue, that we maintain and increase the vitality of NAHRS, so as to nurture future contributions to the good work we have inherited.

Thank you all for your support.

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MLA in Orlando, Warren G. Hawkes

NAHRS in cooperation with several SIGs and sections will be offering two programs for MLA 2001 in Orlando. Special thanks are extended to Rebecca Abromitis of the Mental Health SIG and Susan Murray of the Consumer and Patient Health Information Section for taking the lead and developing the consumer health information program.

1.) Mapping the Literature: From Theory to Adaptation and Implementation

Tuesday, May 29, 2001, 2:30pm-4:00pm

(Co-sponsorship with Complementary Medicine SIG, Chiropractic Libraries Section, Collection Development Section)

The program will focus on the theoretical development of a bibliometric methodology to map the allied health literature and its relationship to issues of access and collection development. Subsequent discussion will focus on the adaptation of the methodology for use

within any field of health science literature. Presenters will also offer some practical aspects/insights into managing the volume of data collected and analyzed as part of this process. An additional model for use in veterinary and toxicology collections will be discussed.

Moderator: Warren G. Hawkes, MLS, AHIP, Director, Library/Records Management, New York State Nurses Association, Latham, NY

Bibliographic Topography: Efforts to Access the Lay of the Land

Barbara Frick Schloman, Director, Library Information Services, Libraries, Kent State University, Kent, OH

Cartographers of Nursing Literature: Gathering the Data for the Mapping

Susan K. Jacobs, Health Sciences Librarian, Elmer Holmes Bobst Library, New York University, New York, NY

Evaluation of Veterinary Medicine and Toxicology Collections in an Academic Library

J. Crawley-Low, Veterinary Medicine Library, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK

2.) Consumer Health Information: Special Needs for the Mental Health Population

Wednesday, May 30, 2001, 9:00am-10:30am

(Co-sponsorship with Mental Health SIG, Consumer and Patient Health Information Section)

The program will focus on building librarian competence in providing mental health information to consumers. Rather than focus on actual library resources, this session will be devoted to developing public service skills to meet the challenges of providing information to patients/families/consumers such as: aware-

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ness of patrons' emotional development when recommending resources; the stigma of addicted, mentally ill, or homeless patrons; special issues for recently diagnosed patients; and interacting with patrons with some form of mental illness.

Moderator: Margaret Allen, MLS, AHIP, Resource Librarian Consultant, Cinahl Information Systems, Inc., Stratford, WI

[A Primer for Librarians Providing Services to Mentally Ill Consumers and Their Families](#)

Liz Bruno, MSN, Director of Educational Services, St. Vincent's Medical Center, Jacksonville, FL

[Delivering Evidence-Based Patient](#)

[Information: You Can't Always Get What You Want, But Did You Get What You Need?](#)

[Impact of a Depression Theme Month for NHS Direct \(UK\)](#)

K. L. Dearness (1), A. Tomlin (1), B. Gann (2),

M. Jordan (2); 1-University of Oxford, Centre for Evidence Based Mental Health, Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM; 2-National Health Service (NHS) Direct Online, Winchester, UNITED KINGDOM, Consumer Health Information: Special Needs for the Mental Health Population



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Election Results, Jeanne Gittings

I want to thank all of the individuals who were willing to run for offices in NAHRS this year. They were all outstanding candidates!

The following individuals were elected:

Elizabeth(Betty) Warner, Chair-Elect
Priscilla Stephenson, Secretary-Treasurer
Ellen Hall, NAHRS candidate for the MLA
Nominating Committee

Congratulations to all of you.

Jeanne Gittings, Chair
Nominating Committee



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Goal 1. Professional Development

A Memorandum of Understanding was drawn up between NAHRS and the Mental Health SIG. Rebecca Abromitis, co-convenor of the SIG, worked diligently to develop and execute an agreeable statement. The agreement was signed on August 24, 2000 and the transfer of funds into the NAHRS treasury completed. This relationship is based upon the understanding that NAHRS will sponsor topics at the Annual Meeting of interest to both the Mental Health SIG and related to the NAHRS section. Program Liaisons from both groups will work collaboratively on annual programming. Separate accounting records will be kept to assure the SIG money is used only for annual programming. Annual treasurer reports will be given to the Mental Health SIG conveners. The memorandum will end when SIG funds are depleted.

NAHRS is in the process of developing two programs for MLA 2001 in Orlando.

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for use within any field of health science literature. Presenters will also offer some practical aspects/insights into managing the volume of data collected and analyzed as part of this process.

2). Consumer Health Information: Special Needs for Mental Health Populations - The program will focus on building librarian competence in providing mental health information to consumers. Rather than focus on actual library resources, this session will be devoted to developing public service skills to meet the challenges of providing information to patients/families/consumers such as: awareness of patron's emotional development when recommending resources; the stigma of addicted, mentally ill, or homeless patrons; special issues for recently diagnosed patients; and interacting with patrons with some form of mental illness. Warren Hawkes, Program Chair, planned and made all the arrangements for these educational sessions.

The Section newsletter, under the watchful eye of its chair, June Levy, has evolved into electronic format. This provides a more dynamic presentation of information and allows for hot links to related and fuller developments of the information presented. The newsletter continues to be archived on the Section's Internet site, which is maintained by Barbara Schloman. Section Archivist Everly Brown has collected a hard copy for our ongoing archives collection.

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Goal 2. Advocacy

Professional excellence is the goal of the Awards Committee, led by Judy Burnham. This annual award for Professional Excellence will be revealed during the business meeting. This award not only bolsters the enthusiasm of the award recipient but also provides positive reinforcement in the workplace for the professional information manager.

The Section listserv (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NAHRS>) participation has increased as a result of a letter writing campaign to encourage members to sign onto the list. It is very important to be signed onto the list in order to receive the NAHRS Newsletter. The listserv also provides a great place to ask questions specific to nursing informatics.

The Section's "Globalization Initiative" continues to provide a vital link between current NAHRS members and international medical librarians. These global partnerships are being facilitated by Nelia C. Wurangian, Membership Chair. Nelia recently connected Richard Barry from the American Nurses Association with Mission College in Bangkok, Thailand regarding the possibility of a six-month sabbatical at Mission College's new library.

Goal 3. Organization

The Nominating Committee, under the direction of Jeanne Gittings, prepared a slate of candidates for the annual NAHRS election. The election was completed by February 15, 2001.

The results of the election are as follows:

Elizabeth (Betty) Warner, Chair-Elect

Priscilla Stephenson, Secretary-Treasurer

Ellen Hall, Nominee to the MLA Nominating Committee

In 2000, the NAHRS Newsletter was published four times. The first three copies were in print and Volume 20, issue 4, was posted on the NAHRS listserv & website: our first electronic issue. The newsletters included reports and regular columns on the NAHRS Mapping Nursing Lecture Project, In the literature, NAHRS events in Vancouver at MLA and the ICIRN report, etc. Some topics covered were "Nursing Journal: No They are Not All Online for Free", by Margaret Allen, and "Tracking and Capturing Grey Literature: Not a Black and White Matter", by Christina Campbell. We are seeking volunteers for the position of Executive Committee Editor and Advertising Editor for 2001. We will continue to seek advertisers for the new year.

Jeanne Gittings, as Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee,

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reviewed the Section's Strategic Plan for currency. Since the plan was adopted only last year, no revisions or discussions were need. Jeanne has also reviewed and updated the Section Procedure Manual.

The Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section has 348 members as of January 31, 2001.

Goal 4. Research

The Task Force to Map the Literature of Nursing has more than 30 members. Most are researching specific nursing disciplines, with others contributing consulting, technical and editorial assistance. The first group of Phase 1 papers analyzing source journal citations from 1996-98 have been submitted for review by other members. Phase 2 (1997-99) and Phase 3 (1998-2000) projects will complete coverage of all major nursing disciplines. The goal is to complete research and papers by early 2002. Phases are determined by the issue years for the source journals chosen for each study. For more information this project, see MLA Poster Session from 2000 online at.

<http://www.library.kent.edu/nahrs/archives/annmtg/2000mtg/poster.htm>

Goal 5. National Information Policy

Governmental Relations Committee Liaison Yelena Friedman continues to monitor information regarding digital initiatives at the federal legislative level. When appropriate the information is disseminated to the membership.

Goal 6. Information Technology

Our Web site now has members only password protected access to the newsletters, both current and archival. The information in the newsletters provides the core tangible value to our association. The listserv provides the other valuable asset of our association, that of being able to network with our peers on issues and topics of special concern to nursing and allied health information professionals.

As mentioned previously, the Section Newsletter is now published only in an electronic format and distributed to those members who are signed up for the Section listserv.

Motion

This report is informational and requires no action by the Board of Directors.

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In The Literature...., Cynthia Burke

“Sample Issues”

There are free samples everywhere: in the grocery stores, in the mail, at conferences (there will be plenty at MLA) and even online. Samples are a means to determine that a product or service is worth a further investment of time and/or money. Some companies give small samples, just enough to taste it. Others give large samples, enough to whet your appetite. So it is with sample journal issues. Some publishers offer sample issues in order to let the reader determine if the journal is a worthwhile investment. Feel free to sample the sites below.

Health Affairs (<http://www.healthaffairs.org>)

Synergy (<http://www.blackwell-synergy.com>)

CrossRef (<http://www.crossref.org>)



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NAHRS Executive Committee Meeting: Monday, May 28, 3-4pm

Current and newly elected executive members are invited to attend an executive committee meeting to review items to be presented at the annual business meeting as well as review section-related issues for the coming business year.



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