

SWHSL Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2025, 12pm

Microsoft Teams

In attendance were:

Advocate Health: Karen Hanus (treasurer), Mini Prasad, Liz Suelzer, Kathy Koch (secretary), Rita Mitchell, Barb Ruggeri, Sarah Rowell, Meagan McConnell

Carroll University: Loren Mintz (presiding officer)

MCW: Jon Goodell, Kathryn Mlsna, Ashley Zeidler

ProHealth Care: Dora Davis

VA Medical Center: Anne Snieg

BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 12:03

Members on the call introduced themselves

Treasurer's Report – Karen reported that SWHSL is financially stable. The only expense in 2024 was food at last meeting. All libraries paid their membership dues. The new balance is \$3,782.76

Approval of minutes from last meeting – There were no changes to be made. A motion to approve was made by Jon, and seconded by Kathryn. Minutes were approved.

New Business

In person meeting ideas. Loren would like to host at Carroll and maybe use a space other than the library – maybe the ballroom. Will talk more about menu and events. Maybe tour of library, educational event? More to come.

Local Assistance Committee (LAC) of the 2026 MLA National Program Committee (NPC)

Barb and Karen have been appointed to be co-chairs of LAC. The conference will be at the Baid Center (convention center) in downtown Milwaukee. NPC has not met yet.

LAC tasks will include forming local committee (not sure how big yet), recommending a local service project, promoting local venues and attractions, contributing to the meeting theme and

local speakers. There may be a need for people to volunteer at 2025 MLA conference to promote Milwaukee.

If you are interested in being on LAC, let Barb or Karen know. They will be selecting members in May. Jon is interested.

Even if you are not on the LAC, send ideas to Karen and Barb.

Professional Development Grant

Kathy reported that no one applied for the professional development grant by the March 1 deadline. The next deadlines are June 1, Sept 1, and Dec 1. Information and form are on the SWHSL website - <https://swhsl.org/professional-development-grant>

Karen asked if we should we extend the March 1 deadline for people for people who had posters or lightning talks accepted at MLA because they weren't notified with enough time to apply.

Karen made a motion to extend the March 1 deadline to March 15. Jon seconded. Motion was approved. Loren will send email to SWHSL members with the new deadline information.

Karen asked if we need to adjust deadline to accommodate MLA meeting acceptance emails. With MLA in Milwaukee next year we want to make sure members can apply and use the funds for MLA. Decision was made to table until the next meeting.

MEMBER SHARING

EBSCO UI changes

Anne: Some problems with UI and not expecting where things moved. Biggest issue with logins and not being able to stay logged in - have gone back to classic UI until EBSCO figures out their login issue. Too many features have been combined.

Liz: Haven't switched yet, but digging into it. It's confusing and some basic things are gone. Noticed that there was supposed to be a Third Iron integration – was a webinar and a very involved process.

Mini: frustration with not being able to batch delete articles from folder.

Loren: got frantic call from faculty member as soon as it switched. Had a grad class and looked at tutorials from EBSCO website.

Tutorials - https://connect.ebsco.com/s/article/New-EBSCOhost-Quick-Start-Guide?language=en_US

Other

Kathy – accessibility and LibGuides – if you've done a review and have advice or resources.

Karen: anyone else hearing changes about DEI language/terminology and changing wording on library websites?

Anne has had to take things down per government mandate and there is no replacement. Issue that there are no standard replacement terms and how will that impact searching.

Jon: issue with ILS or institutional repositories and cataloging/metadata – if we use them are we “outing” people’s research?

[Qualtrics survey](#) on executive orders and perspectives of librarians on the impacts.

[Metadata Justice in Oklahoma Libraries & Archives Symposium](#) – plus three years of proceedings.

Loren: DEI office at Carroll changed to office of community culture a few years ago

Dora: At ProHealth Care, she was chair of DEI committee, and the entire program was disbanded after the election. But CME requires some DEI education for accreditation.

Jon: if academic health centers can’t make the case for DEI and its impact on healthcare, then who will? [ACGME DEI page](#)

Meeting adjourned at 1:04

Submitted by Kathy Koch, Secretary