

## **SWHSL Meeting Minutes**

**August 15, 2025**

### **Carroll University**

In attendance were:

Advocate Health: Karen Hanus (treasurer), Mini Prasad, Kathy Koch (secretary), Liz Suelzer, Jennier Deal, Barb Ruggeri, Sarah Rowell

Carroll University: Loren Mintz (presiding officer)

Marquette University: Annie Lipski

MCW Libraries: Jon Goodell, Kathryn Mlsna, Ashley Zeidler

VA Medical Center: Anne Snieg

The meeting was called to order at 11:37

Ice breaker game was held.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The only expense since the last meeting was the professional development grant. Dues will be collected closer to the end of year.

### **Presiding Officer 2026**

Kathryn Mlsna volunteered. Anne Sneig will assist and potentially take on the role in 2027.

### **Professional Development Grant Presentation**

Kathy Koch spoke about her experience at MLA 2025 in Pittsburgh

### **MLA 2026 Local Arrangements Committee**

Karen and Barb are cochairs for the Milwaukee meeting next year. The conference will be held at the Baird center; still waiting for hotel info. If you are an MLA member and are interested in serving on the committee, please let them know. They will also reach out to all MLA members in WI to let them know of the opportunity. Duties will be a dining guide, info on fun things in the area, suggesting venues for vendor reception, selecting a service project, creating a transportation guide, and creating blog post content. MLA membership is now a year from when you join, not the calendar year. Committee will reach out to UWM and Madison students to let them know about meeting. You can also earn AHIP points for being on the committee. The theme is Cultured Collaborations and the dates are May 19-22, 2026

Kathryn made a suggestion for a service project that can we volunteer at vs just donating. Mentioned that maybe MCW could do poster printing, and suggested MPL central branch tour.

### **SWHSL's Future**

Barb – Our organization group came together for free document delivery before free share existed and for in-service learning, but things have evolved since then. There are other organizations that can fill this roll. We are the last consortium in the state. Is it worth the effort? Could efforts be combined with WHSLA? Maybe enact changes after MLA meeting?

Karen – There is membership overlap with WHSLA. We have \$3000 in treasury, and we could award more grants to spend it down next year to help with MLA attendance. We really only spend dues on lunch for in-person meetings. Money was acquired from joint meetings with Midwest MLA, but this profit sharing is no longer happening. Money will go away eventually – in about 6 years if we keep giving out a \$500 professional development grant each year.

Kathryn - How much overlap is there with WHSLA and Midwest MLA? Librarians can attend SWHSL without any costs to them (because the institution is the member and pays the dues). What are benefits from all the groups? Can our purpose be adjusted, and can we reenvision what we can be? What do we want the group to be – what are our needs? Is cost a hindrance to some? Would like to know what the other groups do and provide as benefits.

Kathy - Kentucky health science association stopped operating as a formal group and now meets socially with no dues or officers. It's challenging to get people to serve in SWHSL officer roles.

Liz - Is willing to put together a form to gather data on what members want from SWHSL.

Anne – Could a quick comparison chart of 3 groups (SWHSL, WHSLA, and Midwest MLA) be done and shared? How they function, dues, and what they offer.

Karen – If we have money, then we need treasurer. No one is going to come after us if we don't follow our guidelines.

Group agreed to discuss this more at the next meeting.

Could a small group put together info for the next meeting? Liz is member of all three organizations (SWHSL, WHSLA, and Midwest MLA) and volunteered to lead the group. She will ask for volunteers for a small group to work on this. Loren volunteered to help.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:59pm

Submitted by Kathy Koch, Secretary