**REPORT TO HSLI BOARD**

**June 23, 2025 meeting**

*Report prepared by Ramune Kubilius, HSLI liaison to Midwest/MLA (6/3/2025)*

**Notes from the May 30. 2025 meeting of the Midwest/MLA State Liaisons Committee (\*)**

Hayley Severson took over from Stephanie Henderson as Midwest / MLA “Representative at Large”. Hayley is the chair of the state liaison committee and will serve a 2-year term.

State group liaisons (new reps- \*):

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| Illinois: Ramune Kubilius |
| Indiana: Bethany McGowan |
| Minnesota: Andrew Crow |
| North Dakota: Sara Westall \* |
| Ohio: Mary Pat Harnegie |
| Wisconsin: Rita Mitchell \* |
| Michigan: Merle Rosenzweig |
| Iowa: Jill Edgerton |
| Kentucky: Gina Genova \* |

**Conferences-**

* **Midwest / MLA virtual conference 2025: October 9-11**
  + October 14 – October 17, 2025
    - CE on Tues, Oct 14. Optional travel day on Oct 15 for in-person components.
  + Host (“watch party”) sites:
    - University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis, Minnesota
    - Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
    - Western Michigan University Homer Stryker MD School of Medicine, Kalamazoo, Michigan
  + *Call for proposals went out June 2nd, after liaisons’ meeting:*

[*Midwest Chapter - Medical Library Association - For Presenters*](https://mcmla45.wildapricot.org/mwcmla25-Presenters)

**Midwest/MLA state liaisons- selected updates from those on the call:**

* **ILLINOIS** (Ramune Kubilius): Sent link to the liaison group on HSLI 2025 conference dates and invited them to share information with their states’ library group members.
* **INDIANA** (Bethany McGowan): IHLA is working its listserv from “IUPUI” to “IU” (IUPUI separated in 2024). Health Sciences librarian summit: June 26 at IU.
* **IOWA** (Jill Edgerton):Hardin Library is looking for a new director. ILAHSLA is having membership difficulties; recently had conjoined meeting with another group. Monitoring state legislation challenges.
* **KENTUCKY** (Gina Genova): KMLA dissolved as a formal group with bylaws at the end of 2024. No longer collect dues, have a chair and vice chair to call meetings 3-4 times a year to keep the ~consistent group of about 10-15 medical librarians in KY engaged and exchanging ideas. Watching legislative issues in the state.
* **MINNESOTA** (Andrew Crow):55 members (not all current).State group met last week.For annual meeting: plan to offer a CE on “Slow Librarianship” , <https://meredith.wolfwater.com/wordpress/2021/10/18/what-is-slow-librarianship/> (RK noted the MLA course, “It’s an Art, Not a Science: Building a Practice of Slow Librarianship as a Health Sciences Librarian Leader – CE400 – MLA”); identifying speaker on access to government information- (Hayley Severson offered name of local speaker: Finding Government Information during the 2025 Administration Transition The librarian who made is Jen McBurney at UMN). Several of the ND librarians joined the MN state group. Statewide initiatives may be on hold du to federal funding initiatives.
* **NORTH DAKOTA** (Sara Westall): Not many health sci librarians in ND; there is no interest in health sciences from the larger state association. Some librarians joined MN state group; as a group, created a journal club for critical appraisal skills. ND is hiring director, School of Medicine has new dean. Legislative challenges: book ban bill (vetoed by governor but may arise again).
* **OHIO** (Mary Pat Harnegie): OHSLA has a change of leadership effective 7/1/25. Pausing monthly Take-A-Break sessions till September. TAB is a monthly 1 hr session hosted by one of the 3 presidents (elect, present, and past president). We use this time to highlight activities by one of members or a specialty event in a member hospital.
* **WISCONSIN:** (Rita Michell):Awaiting details on Midwest/MLA 2025 viewing event at MCW; holding off on planning fall WHSLA activities. Aware that not all WHSLA members are Midwest/MLA members. MLA 2026 will be hosted in Milwaukee—that will factor in WHSLA planning.

**Discussions**:  
PubMed in Open Science platform: Submitted prior to the meeting from Margaret Hoogland (Ohio): “I would be curious to see if anyone has thoughts about moving PubMed to an Open Science Platform. A German group is leading the initiative.”

Link: <https://absolutelymaybe.plos.org/2025/02/14/what-if-we-cant-rely-on-pubmed/>

Discussion: This issue may be of greatest interest to the searcher community?

Bethany McGowan shared:

* + an upcoming virtual meeting notice: June 12: “Information event ‘Resilient and independent life science research infrastructure”

<https://eveeno.com/information-event-olspub>

* + A corresponding German-language meeting already took place on 14 May 2025. You can find the recording on the ZB MED YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/FqVEv1hwLU0>
  + The project website will keep you up to date on the current status of OLSPub: <https://www.zbmed.de/en/research/current-projects/olspub>
* Mary Pat: Many subscription journals post in PubMed. How would access to those work in an Open Science platform. It seems that PubMed Central meets that need.

**Next Midwest/MLA liaisons’ meeting**: date not yet set. Group consensus was for quarterly meetings.