

REPORT TO HSLI BOARD

September 14, 2026 meeting

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Quarterly meeting

No quarterly meeting of the Midwest/MLA state liaisons' group is planned prior to the Midwest/MLA (virtual) conference in October. (The last meeting took place on June 22nd)

Hayley Severson (Medical College of Wisconsin) is the Midwest / MLA "Representative at Large", chair of the state liaison committee and is concluding a 2-year term; candidates are being sought to fill this role for the next Midwest/MLA election. https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cCSATU34PEmkHqu

RK: 2026 HSLI annual conference information has been shared with the state liaisons, inviting them to share the information on their state organization lists (not all groups have listservs)...

Midwest / MLA re-cap:

- **Chapter mixers**
Posted in site- monthly one hour member mixers, topics announced in advance, include: Aug 26- "Creating accessible conference presentations", July 29: AI in the library world, November 18: RTI – How to apply and what to expect
- **Virtual conference 2025: October 21-23** [virtual]
OCT 21 (CE), 22 (Day 1 - Care), 23 (Day 2 - Curiosity)
Theme: "Care & Curiosity: Values-driven health sciences librarianship"
The landscape of health information is shifting. As health sciences information professionals, how do we continue to provide culturally safe, compassionate, and evidence-based services when the frameworks that have long grounded our practice are being questioned? How do we sustain that work while caring for the communities we serve without losing ourselves in the process?
This year's conference will focus on care work, emotional labor, and professional purpose. Let's take this opportunity to learn new ways to practice values-driven librarianship and share ideas about peer support and self care.
NOTE: One CE will be offered virtually/free during upcoming virtual conference (October 21, 1 pm CST):
<https://www.mlanet.org/product/micro-changes-that-matter-strategic-responses-for-shifting-medical-library-environments/>
- **No progress to report: State liaisons' contributions towards strategic plan activities (reported in June):**
 - Begin working on identifying library schools in the state and potential contacts for outreach. [to create a mentorship program for lib school students by 2028]
 - Identify what groups are working in the library schools (state medical library associations, other chapters, MLA, relevant student orgs, etc.) for potential collaboration.**TO DATE- RK:** Sent list of 3 library schools based in Illinois

FYI: for anyone who might be interested- WHSLA blog-<https://whsla-wi.blogspot.com/>

The Wisconsin Health Science Library Association maintains a blog that can be viewed by non-members: "...featuring posts on medical and health science libraries, NLM, and learning opportunities for medical and health science librarians and library staff"