

Report #10

**NDLA Health Science Information Section
Quarterly Report, May 2009
Karen Anderson, Chair**

The Health Science Information Section (HSIS) of the North Dakota Library Association held their spring meeting April 17, 2009. The meeting was held at the Harley E. French Library of the Health Sciences in Grand Forks but because of the flooding in our state, two other sites, Bismarck and Fargo, were set up for librarians to participate in the meeting via phone. We had four people in Fargo, three in Bismarck, and seven in Grand Forks. It worked out pretty well. The meeting started at 9:30 and ended at noon.

We discussed our scholarship fund for attending Midwest Chapter Meetings, approved policy handbook changes, and our 2009 Annual Conference Program. Travis Schulz is figuring out logistics for getting Max Anderson, MLIS, Technology Coordinator from the Greater Midwest Region/National Network of Libraries of Medicine (GMR/NNLM), to have a program on screen casting.

Theresa Norton presented the history and progress of the North Dakota Library Association blogs.

Facebook, the NDLA wiki, and other North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) updates were given.

Candidates for officers for next year are Mary Markland for Chair Elect and Theresa Norton for Secretary.

We had a Midwest Chapter report and then a discussion about which city will host the 2014 Midwest Chapter Meeting in North Dakota. It will be an agenda item for the fall meeting.

Barb Knight reported on the GMR RAC (Greater Midwest Region Regional Advisory Council) Meeting. She also reported on Go Local for North Dakota. Go Local North Dakota provides information and links to hospitals, doctors, clinics, support groups, immunizations, home healthcare and other programs and services people can use to find help for themselves and their loved ones. It was created by medical library personnel at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences with funds from the National Institutes of Health and the National Library of Medicine.

The Go Local project focus has changed from inputting to auditing and upkeep. Flood resources have been included as a feature recently. NLM is developing a disaster preparedness module that will be available later in 2009.

Ann Pederson talked about the state of our Emergency Preparedness Plan. During the recent flooding there were some problems using the regional checklist. It didn't always fit the situation. If we had a blog set up for emergencies, it would be an easy way to stay apprised of situations at various libraries. We should have buddies within and outside the state. We also talked about having remote access and backup up for our systems. Ann is planning to schedule a separate meeting to address these and other items for the Emergency Preparedness Plan.

Max Anderson from the GMR (Greater Midwest Region) gave an update on the Greater Midwest Region and he also presented an excellent podcasting workshop, "Can You Hear Me Now: How to Make a Podcast," in the afternoon.