

**North Dakota Library Association  
Health Science Information Section (HSIS)**

**December 2009**

Officers for 2010:

Mary Markland, Chair Elect

Theresa Norton, Secretary

HSIS met at the 2009 NDLA Annual Meeting in Dickinson. Reports were made to the Section regarding the activities of the Executive Board, the GMR RAC Committee, and the MLA Greater Midwest Chapter.

Samanthi Hewakapuge the Consumer Health Coordinator from the National Network of Library of Medicine (NN/LM) Greater Midwest Region was a special guest at the meeting. At the Conference, Samanthi hosted a workshop titled "Savvy Search for Senior Health" which provided hands-on training to participants to assist them while working with senior patrons seeking health information.

Samanthi also informed the Section that there are traveling exhibits available through the NLM that are available free of charge to interested libraries. There are also new continuing education classes available through the GMR. These classes are titled Can You Hear me Now, Super Searcher, Geeks Bearing Gifts, and Patient Safety. Please see GMR website for a more comprehensive list of courses and additional information. Finally, funding is available to outreach libraries. Please see GMR website for more information.

Ann Pederson visited with the Section regarding disaster planning. Ann is working to have a place on the NDLA website where all libraries not just medical libraries can post their disaster plans. There will also be links to training and planning resources available through the webpage.

The 2010 HSIS Spring Meeting will be held in Jamestown on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Max Anderson from the Greater Midwest Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine will be hosting a workshop titled "Screencasting: Creating Online Tutorials". All interested welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Travis Schulz, Chair

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