


 The logo for the Alabama Health Libraries Association (AIHeLA) consists of the letters 'A', 'H', 'L', and 'A' stacked vertically and slightly overlapping. The 'H' is the largest and most prominent, with the 'A's on either side and the 'L' below it.


 A circular stamp from the University of South Alabama is overlaid on the word 'Synapse'. The stamp contains the text 'University of South Alabama', 'BIOMEDICAL LIBRARY', '10/87', and 'PROF COLLECTION'.
 

# Synapse

ALABAMA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Over the last year the Medical Library Association's Executive Officers have been seriously analyzing and evaluating the goals and directions of the Association. They have developed a strategic plan to guide medical librarianship and the MLA into the future. The process of strategic planning is not "fun" in that one is not amused by the technological and economic trends which influence our profession, but strategic planning is fascinating and challenging. Strategic planning causes the planner to step outside the known routine to consider the future and his or her preparedness for this future.

MLA's strategic plan was approved by the membership at the 1987 meeting in Portland. This approval brings the strategic plan to the next levels of the Association, the levels of Chapter, Section, and Committee. All MLA members and health science librarians in Alabama are encouraged to become involved in the strategic planning process in order to make the plan a meaningful part of their own profession and practice. Examining your own professional and personal response to the strategic plan will help you to look at the issues affecting health science librarianship in Alabama and develop goals and objectives for progress.

The Alabama Health Science Libraries Association Executive Committee is informally addressing MLA's strategic plan. Continuing education, professional status, adequate facilities and budgets, availability of technology, and resource sharing are some of the issues recognized by the Executive Committee as vital to the survival and continued growth of Alabama's health science libraries. However, the Executive Committee of the Association can not operate in a vacuum. Your input is necessary to help shape the present and future of health science librarianship in Alabama. Write or call any of the Executive Committee members to let them know what you feel are the trends influencing our libraries, the problems which can be addressed by the Association, and the future of our profession.

A copy of the Medical Library Association's strategic plan may be obtained from Maureen Battistella (UAB) or Lisa Rains Russell (UA).

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



August 15, 1987

Deadline for September issue of SYNAPSE.

September 9-10, 1987

Alabama Health Libraries Association Annual Meeting, Tuscaloosa, AL.

October 4-8, 1987

American Society for Information Science Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

October 14-16, 1987

Southern Chapter, MLA Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL.

October 28-31, 1987

Mid-Atlantic Chapter, MLA Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

November 15, 1987

Deadline for December issue of SYNAPSE.

January 9-14, 1988

American Library Association Mid-Winter Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

January 27-29, 1988

Special Library Association Winter Meeting, Williamsburg, VA.

February 15, 1988

Deadline for March issue of SYNAPSE.

April 17-23, 1988

National Library Week

May 15, 1988

Deadline for June issue of SYNAPSE.

May 20-26, 1988

Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

June 11-16, 1988

Special Libraries Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.

July 9-14, 1988

American Library Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

### THIRD ANNUAL ALHeLA COMPUTER WORKSHOP A SUCCESS

"New and Easy Way to Search Bibliographic Databases" was the focus of a highly successful workshop held Friday, June 12, 1987 at the Lister Hill Library. Nancy Clemmons (UAB) organized the morning session which consisted of demonstrations of seven front-end packages and online files, including Grateful Med, BRS Colleague, Minimedline, PDQ, Med-Base, PaperChase, and AMA/Net.

Dan Blucker (AUM) organized the afternoon session and opened it by presenting an introduction to the compact disc (CD-ROM) technology and describing the various products on display throughout the library. All participants were able to test the thirteen compact disc products and equipment provided by Micro-medex, Brodart, Bowker, and Silver Platter Information Services.

As the workshop registration closed at thirty persons, some who wanted to attend the program were unable to do so. Product descriptions and the bibliography on CD-ROM prepared by Dan Blucker are available by calling Nancy Clemmons at 205/934-2230.

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### ALABAMA HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK EXHIBITS AT MASA AND ALAHA

The Alabama Health Information Network has exhibited at two State health professional meetings in 1987, getting positive exposure for all health information services and facilities in Alabama. The annual meeting of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama (MASA) was held on April 23-24 at the Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham and was attended by over 500 physicians. The annual meeting of the Alabama Hospital Association and ten other affiliated Societies was held on June 17-19 at the Birmingham Civic Center.

At each meeting ALHeLA staffed a booth displaying the Association's banner and offered free Medline searches, Brandon Lists, Multi-Media Health Library brochures, and SE/A pamphlets. Grateful Med packets and Medlars information folders were displayed and drew numerous inquiries.

The Alabama Health Information Network is composed of the Alabama Health Libraries Association (ALHeLA), the Southeastern/Atlantic Regional Medical Library Service (SE/A), the Lister Hill Library of the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and the Jefferson County Hospital Library Association. These four groups contributed funds to co-sponsor the MASA exhibit. The Alabama Hospital Association exhibitor's fee was included in ALHeLA's affiliate membership dues in ALAHA.

# Proposed Amendments

The following proposed By-Laws changes have been recommended to the ALHeLA Executive Council. Through this issue of Synapse we are presenting them to the membership. A vote on these amendments will be taken at the business meeting to be held at the ALHeLA annual meeting scheduled in Tuscaloosa during September, 1987.

Specific changes are underlined.

## ALABAMA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

### PRESENT BYLAWS

Article II: Purpose

Article X: Disposition  
on Dissolution

[Replace entire paragraph]

### PROPOSED CHANGES

#### Section 3: Purposes

The purposes for which the Alabama Health Libraries Association (ALHeLA), is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in section 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State, or local government for exclusive public purpose.

Specific changes are underlined.

ALABAMA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION  
PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

PRESENT BYLAWS

PROPOSED CHANGES

Article VI: Election of  
Officers  
Section 1: Time of Elections

Elections shall be held in  
November

Elections shall be held at the  
annual meeting of the entire  
membership.

Article VI: Election of  
Officers  
Section 5: Elections

Elections for officers of the  
Association shall be conducted  
by mail ballot of all members  
of the Association.  
Each member of the Association  
shall have one vote.

Elections for officers of the  
Association shall be conducted  
at the annual meeting of the  
entire membership. Elections  
shall be by ballot with the  
exception of unopposed slates  
which shall be accepted by ac-  
clammation. Each member...

Article VI: Election of  
Officers  
Section 4: Submission to  
membership

Following a nominating committee  
meeting...

Following a nominating committee  
meeting, the committee chairman  
will submit a slate of officers  
consisting of Vice President/  
President Elect, Secretary and  
Treasurer (in the odd year), and  
three members at large to the  
President at least six weeks  
prior to the annual meeting.  
The nominating committee chairman  
shall report the slate of candid-  
ates for each position to be  
filled at the annual meeting.  
Further nominations may be made  
from the floor at this time.



# Executive Committee

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The first regular business meeting of the 1987 Executive Committee was held Friday, March 20, 1987, at the Sheraton Riverfront Station, Montgomery. The meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. Present were Maureen Battistella, Marlyss Giles, Robert Veenstra, Daniel Blucker, Amy Nichols, Lisa Rains Russell, Nancy Clemmons, Bobby Powell, Barbara Doughty, and Pat Hall.

Lisa Rains Russell discussed plans for a marketing workshop in Tuscaloosa in conjunction with a September 9-11, 1987, fall conference. A workshop was set for June 12, 1987, at Lister Hill. The topic was to be user friendly database software for bibliographic searching. Nancy Clemmons was appointed as the coordinator for this workshop. Other topics for further workshops included telefax and Docline.

Committee decided that proposed bylaws changes were to be published in the June 15, Synapse.

Bobby Powell reported that the types of materials included in archives are workshop programs, minutes, treasurer's reports, Synapse, directory, and final membership lists for each year. Synapse issues missing from current archives are volume one, number six and volume two, number one.

Pat Hall read Mary Ann Donnell's report on the January 23, 1987, marketing workshop at AUM. It was accepted, and committee decided to use Donnell's suggestions for workshops as a basis for deriving written policy for ALHeLA's workshops.

Exhibits were planned for meetings of allied and other health related organizations within the state.

Bob Veenstra and Dan Blucker reported progress in coordinating interstate and intrastate liaison respectively. Liaison Committee was charged with the responsibility for drafting a letter to be used in contacting out-of-state organizations for directory and newsletter exchanges. Approximatley ten out-of-state contacts were targeted for this proposed exchange.

Other committee reports were read and approved.

Maureen Battistella adjourned the meeting after the next meeting was set for June 12, 1987, at Lister Hill.

# PLAN TO ATTEND

MLA President Keynote Speaker for  
1987 ALHeLA Annual Meeting  
by Lisa Rains Russell

Judith Messerle, Immediate Past-President of the Medical Library Association, will be the keynote speaker for the ALHeLA Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 10 at the Sheraton Capstone Inn, Tuscaloosa. Ms. Messerle's remarks will revolve around the subject of her article "Health Sciences Libraries: Strategies in an Era of Changing Economics", Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 75(1); January 1987. After her presentation, Ms. Messerle will lead a panel discussion by four ALHeLA members on their "strategies" for coping with change. The Banquet and Business Meeting will be held Thursday night.

Other conference activities reflect the overall theme of "Managing Medical Libraries in an Era of Change". On Wednesday, September 9, an all-day workshop, "Achieving Excellence: A Communication Approach", is being planned. The workshop will be co-sponsored by the Health Sciences Librarians Roundtable of the Alabama Library Association and will be conducted by members of the Staff Training and Development Department, University of Alabama. A minimum of 20 participants will be required to offer this workshop.

A "Management Film Festival" will run from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Thursday and Friday. The Film Festival is being coordinated by the Multi Media Library of Lister Hill Library. ABULS Participants will hold their annual meeting concurrent with the Thursday morning Film Festival. A telefacsimile demonstration is planned concurrent with the Friday morning Film Festival.

The 1987 NLM Online Update could not be scheduled in conjunction with the ALHeLA Annual Meeting. However, tentative plans are to offer "Searching Specialized Health Care Databases, TOXNET, CHID, PDQ", on Friday, September 11. (Registration materials for the Annual Meeting will be mailed in mid-July. For more information on meeting activities call Lisa Rains Russell 348-1360).

Managing the Medical Library  
in an Era of Change

1987 ALHeLA Annual Conference  
Capstone Sheraton Inn, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

September 9-11, 1987

Wednesday, September 9

"Achieving Excellence: A Communication Approach" Workshop

8:30 - 12:00

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch on Your Own

1:00 - 4:30

Thursday, September 10

8:30 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 11:00 Parallel Sessions

1) ABULS Participants Meeting, 1987

2) Management Film Festival

11:00 - 1:00 Lunch on Your Own

1:00 - 1:30 Registration

1:30 - 2:00 Welcome & Introductions

2:00 - 3:00 Keynote Speaker: Judith Messerle, President, MLA 1986-87  
"Health Sciences Libraries: Strategies in an Era of Change"

3:00 - 3:30 Break

3:30 - 4:30 Panel Discussion

7:00 - Banquet followed by ALHeLA Business Meeting

Friday, September 11

8:30 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 11:00 Parallel Sessions

1) Management Film Festival, Part II

2) Telefacsimile Demonstration

9:00 - 12:00 "Searching Specialized Databases in Health Care (Tentative)  
TOXNET, CHID and PDQ"

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch on Your Own

1:00 - 5:00 "Searching" continued



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS AND ON THE MOVE

BECKY BUCKNER, Medical Librarian at Gadsden Memorial Hospital, will be leaving in August to assume the position of Bibliographic Instruction Librarian at Jacksonville State University. Thanks to Becky for contributing to ALHeLA in so many ways, not the least of which were serving as the Association's President, 1982/1983, and as Chair of the Association's Exchange Committee, 1986/1987.

ROMILDA COOK, Medical Librarian at Baptist Medical Center-Princeton, will be retiring this summer after many years of service. Best wishes!

PATRICIA FARRIS, formerly a reference librarian at the University of South Alabama Biomedical Library, has relocated in Florida.

TESUK IM, Interlibrary Loan Manager at the Lister Hill Library since 1982, will be leaving the library this summer and is relocating in Missouri.

MARY ANN DONNELL, Health Sciences Librarian at Providence Hospital, Mobile, is in the process of moving into the beautiful, new building that has become a landmark in the city.

MAUREEN BATTISTELLA, Lister Hill Library, spoke at a breakout session of the 1987 annual meeting of the Alabama Medical Records Association, June 17-19 in Birmingham. Her topic was on the "Coordination of Medical Information."

NANCY CLEMMONS, Lister Hill Library, has been elected Vice Chair/Chair Elect of the Public Services Division of the Medical Library Association.

AMY NICHOLS, University of South Alabama Biomedical Library, has resigned in order to accept another position. Amy is not leaving Mobile, and has indicated that she will finish out her year on service on the Executive Committee of ALHeLA.

# SE/A RMLS

The Regional Advisory Council (RAC) of SE/A RMLS met April 24, 1987 in Baltimore, Md. Chris Jones (VA, Biloxi, Ms) is RAC chairman.

Progress on developing a Hospital Library Preceptorship Program was detailed by the sub-committee on education. The RAC is developing a manual to train preceptors (experienced librarians) to work with those hospitals who use part-time or medical records personnel, secretaries or clerks in their libraries. Generally, there is considerable turnover among those who have the library as an additional responsibility, Therefore, it was felt that having the less experienced and untrained person come to the preceptor's library and observe would be more beneficial and practical than the basic skills training which is being phased out. At present RML is looking into a 5 or 6 module of self-instructional materials to replace basic skills.

In addition, an information needs assessment of physicians (other health providers will be surveyed later) is under way. Results of this survey should be presented at the October RAC meeting. A report on Docline shows its continued growth of 164 participants in Region 2. 1987 Enhancements include monthly statistical reports on borrowing or lending (summary and detail) as well as annual cumulations. The Docline manual is being revised and DOCUSER an on-line name/address directory will be available later. An afternoon small group discussion centered on proper assimilation of "information brokers" who financially benefit from DOCLINE or networks for free ILL (consortia) into the framework of RML activities.

If you have any questions about the RAC or any concerns you would like presented at the October RAC meeting, please contact me.

# Subscription Study

The following study is provided by Joe K. Weed, Vice-President, Director of Marketing at EBSCO Subscription Services.

## SELECTED STATISTICS USING TITLES COVERED BY THE ABRIDGED INDEX MEDICUS

This study was based on prices of 115 journals covered by the ABRIDGED INDEX MEDICUS during the period from 1983-1987. (One title covered by AIM was excluded because of publisher restrictions.)

The prices used were the least expensive, annual retail subscription rates available to non-membership institutions in the U.S. Rates were those current in February of each year to insure accurate, current-year data.

The title breakdown, geographically, is as follows:

TOTAL SAMPLE-----115 TITLES (100%)  
 U. S. PUBLISHED-----101 TITLES (87.8%)  
 NON-U. S. PUBLISHED-(13 BRITISH, 1 CANADIAN)-----14 TITLES (12.2%)

PRICE COMPARISON OF THE TOTAL SAMPLE (115 TITLES), BY YEAR					
	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
Total Subscription Price (all 115 titles)	\$7,202.47	\$7,686.45	\$8,348.35	\$9,139.70	\$10,079.64
Average Price Per Title	62.63	66.84	72.59	79.48	87.65
Average Annual Percentage Increase	7.6%	6.7%	8.6%	9.5%	10.3%

During the period 1983-1987 the total price increase for all titles was \$2,877.17, or 40.0%. The average annual percentage increase was 10.0%.

PRICE COMPARISON OF ALL U. S. PUBLISHED TITLES (101), BY YEAR					
	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
Total Subscription Price (all 101 U. S. titles)	\$5,745.80	\$6,167.20	\$6,781.50	\$7,495.50	\$8,208.00
Average Price Per Title	56.89	61.06	67.14	74.21	81.27
Average Annual Percentage Increase	8.4%	7.3%	10.0%	10.5%	9.5%

During the period 1983-1987 the total price increase for all U. S. published titles was \$2,462.20 or 42.9%. The average annual percentage increase was 10.7%.

PRICE COMPARISON OF ALL NON-U.S. PUBLISHED TITLES (14), BY YEAR					
	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
Total Subscription Price (all 14 non-U.S. titles)	\$1,456.67	\$1,519.25	\$1,566.85	\$1,644.20	\$1,871.64
Average Price Per Title	104.05	108.52	111.92	117.44	133.69
Average Annual Percentage Increase	4.4%	4.3%	3.1%	4.9%	13.8%

During the period 1983-1987 the total price increase for all non-U.S. published titles was \$414.97 or 28.5%. The average annual percentage increase was 7.1%.

PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL COST OF ALL 115 TITLES BY U.S. AND NON-U.S. TITLES, BY YEAR					
	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
U. S. Titles	79.8%	80.2%	81.2%	82.0%	81.4%
Non-U. S. Titles	20.2%	19.8%	18.8%	18.0%	18.6%

During the period 1983-1987 the total price increase was attributed 85.6% to U. S. titles, and 14.4% to non-U. S. titles.

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## RELATING LIBRARY INFORMATION TO THE QUALITY OF PATIENT CARE

One of the most significant contributed papers delivered at the 1987 Medical Library Association meeting recently held in Portland was that by David King of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Graduate School of Library and Information Science, "The Contribution of Hospital Library Information Services to Quality Patient Care". The following is quoted from the Handbook of Abstracts distributed at the conference. A tape recording of King's presentation is available on interlibrary loan from Mary Ann Donnell, Providence Hospital Health Sciences Library, Mobile. The paper will also be published this Fall in the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association.

"A study of the impact of information services on clinical care was carried out as a quality assurance project in eight Chicago area hospitals. The purpose of the study was to assess the ability of the hospital library to deliver, in a timely fashion, published information and library services which may be of value for clinical care.

"A random sample of 310 physicians, nurses, and other health professionals was selected and contacted by hospital representatives not associated with the library in each of the hospitals. Participants requested information related to a current case or clinical situation from their library. They then assessed the quality and clinical impact of the information, and the performance of the library in meeting their clinical information needs, on a questionnaire.

"In all, 176 usable responses were analyzed by the Library Research Center. Almost all of the health professionals considered the information accurate and relevant, obtained new knowledge pertinent to their case, and felt that the information led to better clinical decisions and higher quality patient care. Nearly three-quarters of the health professionals said that some aspect of case management definitely or probably would change as a result of the information received. Most respondents rated the performance of their library in response to their information request highly."

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Telefax equipment requires a large space to house the equipment.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Special training classes must be completed in order to do fax.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Pictures, graphs and charts can not be telefaxed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Telefax equipment and supplies are expensive.

If you answered false to all of the above then you are knowledgeable about telefax. If you'd like to know more about telefax, read on.

The term "fax" is a commonly used way to refer to facsimile. Fax can be used as a verb, "Fax me that document right away!" or as a noun, "I sent the article on my fax."

Facsimile, or fax, is an important communications tool which, in outward appearance, resembles an office copier. The difference is the ability of fax to send and receive copies over ordinary telephone lines. Fax saves time because it can send anything on a page to anywhere on earth in seconds. You pay for the initial equipment and supplies (thermal paper) and the phone line. There after, the price of a long distance call each time you send a document is all the cost involved. Fax can send copies of an article, as well as printed, typed, handwritten, drawn or photographed materials.

The newer models of fax can be preset to send a document "after hours" when telephone long distance rates are lower. Fax is available 24 hours world-wide. In addition, it is important for those in a "one-person" library to realize that the fax machine is designed to be unattended. It will receive articles even though you are not there. Also, most models now have a log function to keep track of what you have "faxed out" and what has been received on your fax. A single unit both sends and receives and units are now approximately the size of your typewriter (smaller than most conventional library photocopiers).

Fax is a complement not a replacement for existing means of sending articles. The varied nature of ILL requests means that for the "no rush" or "a speech in a month" the current ILL mail system is adequate. For the "I need this article this afternoon or before surgery tomorrow," fax is the answer.

Because I have recently visited fax demonstrations, I will be glad to inaugurate a "Dear Fax" column in Synapse for our next issue. In addition, the annual meeting of ALHeLA will include an exhibit of fax equipment.

Please send you "Dear Fax" questions to me by July 31.

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Would other departments be able to use your machine? \_\_\_\_\_. If so, which  
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interested in purchasing/leasing? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you feel you, your staff, your institution, or your patrons could benefit  
from having telefax? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, why? \_\_\_\_\_
7. If you have no plans at present to purchase fax, what are your reasons?  
cost? \_\_\_\_\_  
space? \_\_\_\_\_  
not needed? \_\_\_\_\_  
other? \_\_\_\_\_
8. If ALHeLA submits a grant proposal to improve communications and access to  
information through fax, would you be interested in your library being a  
recipient (provided grant is approved and funded)? \_\_\_\_\_
9. If yes to number 8, estimate amount of monthly fax usage:  
# of articles requested through fax \_\_\_\_\_  
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