

President-Elect Report April 26, 2024

I'd like to start by giving a HUGE thanks to Past-President Mandy Neudecker, the OHSLA Executive Committee, and especially President Mary Pat Harnegie for all of their support and guidance as I've reacquainted myself with this role over the past year. Mary Pat has been a great mentor for me and all-around hand-holder! The year has gone by very quickly! I'd also like to thank Loren Hackett for her help on the Programming Committee. Biweekly President meetings helped tremendously and made this position a very collaborative effort and not just me tackling these "tasks" one at a time. I hope to continue this collaboration with our incoming President-Elect to start planning for the fall meeting and other OHSLA activities. 2024 is OHSLA's 30th anniversary!

The fall meeting was held at OhioNet in Columbus 10/20/23. This was our first in-person meeting in five years. Putting the meeting together was met with challenges in finding space with tech and finding programming. I'm sure everyone has heard by now that there can be difficulties in securing programming in today's environment. I know we have discussed this many times as a group. Our event included a program on "Creating a One-Page Disaster Plan," an NNLM program. We were fortunate enough to have the program creator Dan Wilson from the University of Virginia, present this live to us via Zoom. This allowed for some great face-time and discussion. Following lunch and our business meeting, we had an unstructured format in the afternoon for open discussion, it being the first time we'd seen each other in years (other than over those fabulous video connections!). The meeting evaluations were very positive.

Thanks to Noreen Mulcahy and Neil Nero for providing us with their time and expertise to present at our spring meeting. Intent is to hold fall meeting in person if circumstances allow. A lot of circumstances need to align for an in-person meeting. For my last "plug" as President-elect, I want to remind everyone that there is always an opportunity to join the Programming Committee, and if you feel that's beyond your bandwidth at the moment, we still want to hear your programming suggestions.

If any of you are Midwest Chapter members, you may have attended the roundtable on the future of conference planning for the Midwest Chapter, or taken the poll they sent outlining their future conference format ideas. I will be paying close attention as Midwest continues to tackle this issue for any opportunities for OHSLA to contribute, participate, and benefit from what other health sciences libraries groups are doing.