

New Health Sciences Libraries Task Force

The AAHSL Board is interested in exploring ways to support new medical school/academic health sciences libraries as they begin to develop and go through the process of becoming fully accredited. While AAHSL supports the creation of a discussion list and provides meeting space, the question was raised whether there are other ways that AAHSL could be of value or assist new or emerging libraries.

The Board recommended bringing together members associated with new libraries to discuss the questions below and develop a proposal with recommendations for the AAHSL Board of Directors:

- Would it be useful to have a phased dues structure until a library reaches the associate or full member status? Would phasing in dues according to the LCME accreditation steps make sense?
- What meeting venues would be useful for this group? Would meeting at MLA be better than at the AAMC meeting?
- What value could AAHSL membership bring to new academic health sciences libraries?
- How can we begin to engage librarians in the early stages of the medical school development? Should AAHSL be tracking provisional members and contacting them in the early stages?
- Are there are initiatives or actions that AAHSL could pursue to assist new libraries?

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