

Chair-Elect Report
NAHSL Executive Board
Quarterly/Annual
November 4, 2022

Primary activity of the Chair-Elect this year has been related to the prospective NAHSL mentorship initiative conceived by Chair Rachel Lerner and myself in early 2022.

This initiative grows out of a desire to build upon Priority Areas 1 and 2 of the NAHSL Strategic Plan; as many NAHSL members have reported difficulty filling positions, we plan to use this mentorship program to promote interest in Health Sciences Librarianship, empower emerging professionals to feel prepared to apply for positions in our institutions, and grow NAHSL membership (Priority Area 1 Goals 2 and 3; Priority Area 2 Goal 2). We also wish to emphasize recruitment among traditionally underserved/underrepresented communities (Priority Area 1 Goals 4).

Funds will be sought for:

- Materials and outreach
- Mentor/mentee activities
- Compensation for mentors
- Other activities etc. TBD

I have started collecting and compiling information about Health Sciences Librarian education at MLS or equivalent degree-granting programs. As I hope to apply for an appropriate NNLM grant to support this project, I am also planning to attend the upcoming NNLM webinar “Grants and Proposal Writing” in February 2023 and I eagerly anticipate the announcement of funding opportunities.

Respectfully Submitted,

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NAHSL Chair-Elect 2022