
What is DCAHSL?

District of Columbia Area Health Sciences Librarians (DCAHSL) (formerly DOCHSIN) is the only local organization in the metropolitan D.C. area offering membership to both institutions and individuals involved in the field of health sciences information. Formed in 1973 as a cooperative effort between the three DC medical schools and their affiliated hospitals, its initial goal was to foster resource sharing and joint projects. That goal continues today in response to the rapidly evolving technologies and ever-changing economy of the health care industry. During the past 30+ years membership has expanded to include librarians, libraries, organizations and individuals interested in health sciences information.

What is DCAHSL's Purpose

- To exchange ideas and discuss problems and issues of concern to health science libraries and librarians.
- To promote a more thorough knowledge of health sciences librarianship by instructive programming and sponsorship of continuing education courses.
- To encourage and establish cooperative resource sharing projects among members.

How Does DCAHSL Serve Its Members?

- Provides a forum for the informal exchange of ideas and experience.
- Fosters resource sharing.
- Provides opportunities for professional growth through committee involvement.
- Sponsors approved CE courses.
- Holds five general meetings a year with informative programs.
- Publishes membership directory.
- Liaison with the Mid-Atlantic Chapter (MAC) of MLA.

Who Can Join DCAHSL?

Annual membership dues for both individuals and organizations are \$10.00. Free student memberships are available. Voting members are entitled to:

- Attend meetings.
- Participate on committees.
- Elect DCAHSL board officers.
- Serve as board officers.
- Participate in cooperative ventures.
- Annual Directory

DCAHSL Membership Application/Renewal Form

MEMBERSHIP DUES \$10.00 (Student Membership – Free)

Individual Institution (Voting Rep Non-voting individual)

Name _____

Library/Institution _____

Business Address _____

Mailing Address (if different from above) _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Business) _____

Fax _____ E-Mail _____

Program Suggestions _____

Return by March 30th with check payable to DCAHSL to:

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