

# Honouring Our Heritage: Manitoba Association of Health Information Providers (MAHIP) Chapter History Project

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## Timeline of Achievement

1976

**Oct. 20 1976:**  
First meeting of Manitoba Health Libraries.

**1978:**  
MHLA received chapter status.

**1979:**  
Serials Holdings of Member Libraries is produced.

**1979:**  
First issue of MHLA News is published.

**1980:**  
Selected Books and Journals for Manitoba Health Care Facilities is published.

**1982:**  
MHLA Union book catalogue begins.

**1983:**  
Winnipeg Health Information Trial Project (WHINET).

**1983:**  
CHLA/ABSC 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference "Rights and Responsibilities" is held in Winnipeg.

**1987:**  
MHLA INFOHEALTH Task Force Report

1989

## Background

The Manitoba Association of Health Information Providers (MAHIP), formerly Manitoba Health Libraries Association, has been in existence since 1976. The membership wished to undertake a history project to reflect almost 35 years of chapter activity. The identified goals of the project were:

- An open-access digital repository of association documents and supplementary materials
- A timeline of association achievement.

*"Twenty-one attended and voted unanimously to organize on a formal basis."*

## Methods and Selection Criteria

A working group from the association was formed to gather, sort and organize association documents.

Selected core documents reflecting the course of the association's history were digitized and posted on a wiki.

### Selection Criteria:

- Membership Directory,
- Executive meeting agendas and minutes,
- Programme reports,
- Status reports on memberships, finances, and strategic planning,
- Annual General Meeting notice, nomination slate, biographies, agenda, minutes, financial statements and President's report,
- Committee minutes if any,
- Significant correspondence, other than newsletters and directories from other organizations,
- Photographs, with copyright permission as required, and background information.
- MHLA newsletter and published documents.

*"My initial impression of MHLA Members was their tremendous spirit of cooperation."*

## Digital Archive

- MHLA News issues 1979-2000
- Executive members lists from 1976-2010
- MHLA Constitution and Bylaws
- Birth and Growth of the Manitoba Health Libraries Association
- MHLA INFOHEALTH Task Force Report 1987
- Task Force on the Future Directions of the Manitoba Health Libraries Association report 1993
- Access to Knowledge-Based Health Information in Manitoba: A Position Paper 1998

*"The chapter then was composed of a wide range of people working in diverse settings, resourced at various levels, but their willingness to share and collaborate was amazing."*

## Results

MAHIP has created an accessible and rich resource for the history of health libraries and health information provision in the province of Manitoba. The following outcomes were achieved:

- A retention policy for association materials
- An organized collection of documents for deposit to the Manitoba Archives
- An online repository of digitized materials and personal interviews
- A timeline of achievement reflecting the highlights of association history

[Mahip.pbworks.com/FrontPage](http://Mahip.pbworks.com/FrontPage)

*"Being a member of MHLA/MAHIP played a significant factor in my professional development as a health librarian."*

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**1990:**  
The first edition of the MHLA Audio-Visual Union List is produced. The Barbara Carstens Memorial Fund is created.

**1993:**  
Task Force on the Future Directions of MHLA is published.

**1997:**  
MHLA e-mail listerv is created.

**2002:**  
MHLA changes name to "Manitoba Association of Health Information Providers (MAHIP)".

**2009:**  
CHLA/ABSC 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, "The Sky's the Limit" is held in Winnipeg May 30 – June 3.

2010

**1992:**  
CHLA/ABSC 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference "Worlds to Explore" is held in Winnipeg. First appearance of Chapter Gifts at the conference banquet.

**1995:**  
Docline is investigated.

**1998:**  
Access to Knowledge-Based Health Information in Manitoba is published.

**2001:**  
Focusing on the Future visioning workshop is held.

**2005:**  
First MAHIP Journal Club meeting is held.

**2008:**  
MAHIP website is created at mahip.wordpress.com.