

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS / FAITS SAILLANTS DES CHAPITRES

Maritimes Health Libraries Association Chapter Highlights (MHLA)

With mounting pressure from employers for increased productivity and accountability, the chapter needed to review its purpose and strengths to ensure value for its members. In April 2012, the Maritimes Health Libraries Association (MHLA) embarked on *Vision 2020*, a strategic planning project. With the financial support of CHLA's Chapter Initiative Fund, 14 members gathered in Truro, N.S., to explore the relevancy and sustainability of the regional association.

A pre-meeting membership survey (50% response rate; $n = 16$) gauged the level of satisfaction with the association. During a one-day session, an external facilitator led the group through a series of structured exercises. The goal for the chapter is to develop a plan to sustain membership and support collaboration despite the financial and geographical challenges facing individual members. Priorities identified during this session included:

- Defining the scope of practice within the workplace
- Cultivating opportunities for projects/collaboration among chapter members
- Revitalizing the chapter's website
- Updating the chapter's constitution

Over the course of the summer, the executive will develop an action plan to realize these priorities over the coming years.

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