

MEDICAL LIBRARIANS' GROUP. (Victorian Branch).

NEWSLETTER.

May 1972.

The third meeting of the above group was held in the Conference Room, Monash Medical School, Alfred Hospital, at 6.30pm, Tuesday 16th May.

We were pleased to see 20 members present, and apologies were received from Miss J. Andrews, Mrs J. Barlow, Mrs D. Carr, Mrs J. Dawson, Mrs A. Drury, Miss S. Harvey, Mrs M. McKinnon, Mrs J. Marshall, Miss M. Pinder and Miss M. Robbins.

The meeting opened with a mention of the last newsletter, and a brief financial statement. Our finances now stand at \$45, which covers a membership of 41; some members having paid for 1972-73 as well as the current year. One quarter of our yearly subscription rates will be held for payment to the federal body pending advice on when and how they wish to receive it.

We were pleased to see several new librarians at the meeting, and hope that they will become financial members when the next subscriptions, \$2 for a full financial year, are due in July. It is suggested that members would like to pay their dues at the August meeting, to save sending cheques or postal notes.

Mention was made of several instances when the conveners have been approached by interested librarians not actively engaged in medical librarianship wishing to join the group. The conveners feel that this may have been a direct consequence of the paragraph they submitted to Vibra, and which appeared in the April issue, about the formation and activities of the group. After discussion with Miss Harrison and Mrs Baillie, the conveners feel that responsibility for the decision as to eligibility of membership should rest with the federal body.

The federal conveners have reported the formation of the group to the Australian Library Journal, but to date this has not been published.

The branch conveners have written to Mr. John Vaughan of the Medlars service asking him if he could address the group in Melbourne, and hope to hear from him in the next few weeks after his return from overseas.

Miss Harrison and Mrs Baillie reported on matters of interest from a federal level, saying that N.S.W., A.C.T., and S.A. had formed state branches, and that there have been activities on that level, but to date no formal activities have taken place on a national level.

Miss Quilter gave a brief report about the application of the Association of Hospital and Health Services Librarians to the Wages Board. The hearing has been set for Thursday 18th May, and is expected to produce an interim award to align the salaries of medical librarians with those of medical photographers, pending the outcome of a full scale work value study.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 15th August, at 6.30pm, at the same location - Conference Room, Monash Medical School, Alfred Hospital, and the conveners will arrange a speaker to talk on the subject of inter-library loan procedures and protocol.

The meeting then continued with some slides on the formation and work of Medlars, entitled "Medlars - what it is, what it does". These slides were made available by Miss Harrison, by courtesy of the National Library.

Discussion then centered around the display of stationery used in medical libraries, with interested members asking questions about various items from the librarians who had submitted them. The conveners intend to keep these samples on file for some time, and would appreciate any radical improvements or amendments in their stationery for addition to their file.

The meeting concluded with supper which was kindly donated by Mrs Baillie.