



THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
 MEDICAL LIBRARIES SECTION
 VICTORIAN GROUP

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES (8/85)

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting (Victorian Group), held at 5.30 pm on Thursday 31st October 1985, at Brownless Library.

ACTION

1. Present. Joan Martin, Sandra Russell, Barbara Jacoby, Aina Zalitis, Bronia Renison, Andrew Rooke, Mary Arnold.
2. Apologies. Susan Liepa.
3. Minutes. Moved that the Minutes of the previous meeting (7/85) be accepted.
4. Business arising. Business would be dealt with under other items on the agenda.
5. Correspondence.

Date	From	To	Re
CORRESPONDENCE IN: September 17th - October 25th, 1985:			
30.9.85	C.S. Pivec	Secretary	Loan code for A/V loans.
30.9.85	B. Davidon	Secretary	Special grant application
30.9.85	E. Giddy	Secretary	GRATIS I.L.L. scheme.
1.10.85	LAA Conf. Comm.	Secretary	Invitation to LAA Conf.
1.10.85	J. Angus (LAA)	Secretary	Proc. 1984 LAA Conference
2.10.85	LAA Vic Branch	Secretary	Copyright Workshop notice
3.10.85	A. Rooke	Secretary	Branch Watch forms
3.10.85	LAA Vic Branch	Secretary	Minutes of meeting
4.10.85	LAA Exec Dir	Secretary	Corporate Plan & Review
4.10.85	Asst Exec Dir	Secretary	Travelling allowance
4.10.85	B. Pittard	Secretary	'Profiles' in <u>Incite</u> .
5.10.85	Acquisitions Sec.	Secretary	Newsletter
30.10.85	LAA MLS NSW	Secretary	Nurse education transfer.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: September 17th - October 25th, 1985:			
23.9.85	Secretary	E. Giddy	GRATIS I.L.L. scheme
23.9.85	Secretary	K. Croghan (WHIG)	MLS rep. on WHIG.
23.9.85	Secretary	LAA Exec Dir	Submissions on: International relations, Biennial conferences, Sale of membership lists.
23.9.85	Secretary	Asst Exec Dir	Nominations for officers.

6. Business arising from correspondence.

- Reply to Elisabeth Giddy that the Committee strongly urges her to be the convenor of a working group/subcommittee on a GRATIS scheme. It could be announced at the A.G.M. We should make a careful study before starting such a scheme, as knock for knock schemes may be going against other national trends, eg. NLA moving to become a library of first resort with reduced costs. SR

- Nurse Education. Discussion and action of the National Executive was reported. (See National Minutes 5/85.) The conclusions of the seminar held at Chisholm Institute, Frankston were reported. Megan Lilly will convene a committee for action. The MLS should be actively involved, and should coordinate lobbying on behalf of medical librarians. Joan Martin made known the activities of the MLS, at the seminar. There is a need to point out to the library schools (RMIT, Monash, Melbourne CAE, Gippsland IT) the need for opportunities for training in medical librarianship, because of the influx of librarians into the area. It offers potential for continuing education courses. SR

Victorian organizations which should be lobbied include:

V.P.S.E.C.
R.A.N.F. (Victoria)
Victorian Nursing Council
Minister for Health
Minister for Education
Director, Department of Health
Director, Department of Education
Steering Committee for the Transfer of Nursing Education
(Marty Robinson, Miss Pritchard)
L.A.A. Victorian Branch
L.A.A. U.C.L.S. Victorian Group
A.L.C.A.E.
College of Nursing, Australia.

We should ask the L.A.A. to assist with lobbying. Check Incite for the names of Lobbying Committee members.

We should send a preliminary letter as soon as possible, then follow up with a fact sheet. The letters drafted by the National Executive subcommittee could be adapted. SR/JM

We need to emphasize the need to retain strong nursing collections in the hospitals, therefore we need to ensure that funds continue to be made available to hospital libraries for nursing books. It is not yet known how many Schools of Nursing will be able to remain as viable units, and offer postbasic and continuing education courses.

We should consider convening another seminar, particularly to involve country librarians. Hospital and college librarians who were not at the Frankston seminar need to be informed of the situation, and involved very quickly. The seminar proceedings should be made available as widely as possible. Sandra should discuss with Megan Lilly, our proposed action, and the possibility of making a combined effort, eg. in deciding firm action. SR

- The Acquisitions Section Newsletter was tabled. We should send a copy of our Newsletter to their State Group as well as the National Section.

- The L.A.A. Conference in Darwin may clash with the A.L.A. conference. Barbara will check on this. If so, we should point this out to the L.A.A.

BJ

7. Treasurer's Report.

There is a credit balance of \$278.83.

8. Branch Council Report.

- Sale of Membership Lists: members will be given an option on their membership to release or withhold their names.
- The recoupable grant application was presented to Branch. It was considered to be well set out, and a worthwhile project.
- Members expressed concern about the image of librarians as presented in the Harpers Bazaar advertisement. Official complaints were lodged by the L.A.A.
- Copies of Branch Watch were distributed.
- This Group will need to appoint a new Branch Representative for 1986.

9. Annual General Meeting.

The meeting date clashes with a long-standing arrangement made by the Conference Committee. Andrew was able to change the restaurant booking to Thursday 21st November. Joan will send out an urgent notice of the change.

JM

A presentation will be made to Marjorie Pinder, to mark her retirement.

The meeting should be kept as short as possible. Reports of the Tokyo Conference (5ICML) can be included in the National Newsletter

- Elections: One nomination has been received. Retiring Committee members are Mary, Bronia and Aina. Committee members will need to ensure that sufficient nominations are received. Veronica Delafosse has offered to edit the Newsletter next year. Bronia was thanked for her editorial work this year.

10. Victorian Mailing List.

Helen Cotsell has advised that she will be able to maintain our mailing list on RWH Library's microcomputer. We will need to provide her with the addresses and stationery.

JM

11. Other business.

- Elizabeth Carvosso has asked for a M.L.S. representative on the Acquisitions Section Victorian Group. There are afternoon meetings each six weeks, and several evening meetings. We should ask for a volunteer at the A.G.M. Mary will check on details with Elizabeth, and advise her of our decision. We need to know whether they wish to have a representative on the M.L.S., or whether our Newsletter provides sufficient information.

MA

- We need to decide a policy on recruitment of interested non-librarians. They could be invited to attend meetings for a year, and be given the opportunity to talk with members. Mary should ask Branch Council's view, and tell them of our plan.

JM

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- A proposal at the National A.G.M. to link medical librarians in small States with Groups in large States was considered. We should find out the opinion of Tasmanian medical librarians with a view to inviting them to join this Group.

SR

Sandra was able to mention the possibility recently to Karen Carson, the new librarian at Launceston Hospital. She expressed interest, and also wishes to obtain a copy of the next Booklist.

12. Next meeting. There will be no further meetings this year, unless urgent business arises.
The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.