



AUSTRALIAN
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HEALTH LIBRARIES SECTION
(Victorian Group)

Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th October 1993 at 5.30pm in the Board Room, Walter & Eliza Hall Institute, Parkville.

PRESENT: Jo Marshall (Chair); Lisa Belkin; Kathy Hutton; Jan Reiher; Suzanne O'Callaghan; David LLoyd; Enid Meldrum.
Special guest: Derek Whitehead, SLV.

1. APOLOGIES: Dorothea Rowse

2. Our guest speaker, Derek Whitehead spoke on Special Libraries and the DNC, as well as a range of other matters relating to ABN, Casemix funding for hospital libraries; ACLIS/ALIA; lobbying, etc.

3. Minutes of the meeting held 14th September 1993 were confirmed.

4. Business arising:

4.1 Statistics - Kathy Hutton mentioned that 31 libraries have returned their annual statistics so far, as against 19 ~~last~~ ^{Sep.} ~~year.~~ ^{27 last year.} A brief mention was made of Andrew Rooke's suggestion of a monthly exchange of statistics between comparable sized hospital libraries as a step towards a benchmark standard.

4.2 Booklist - a report on work to date was sent by Veronica Delafosse. Amongst the report was mention that she was investigating the possibility of using a printer who would charge by unit cost, thus enhancing flexibility of number of copies to be run.

4.3 Nominations for the 1994 Executive. 5 nominations have been received so far, with a few more as possibilities. Jo Marshall suggested holding a small dinner for the present Executive as a reward for the year's work.

4.4 No one as yet has agreed to be ACAHP representative.

5. Programme for remainder of 1993:

ILANET/VicGratis - October 22nd.

AGM/Christmas Party - December 3rd. It was agreed that the invitations should be sent in the first week of November, plus the Agenda and Minutes of the 1992 AGM.

6. Newsletter - The September 1993 issue has just been released. The deadline for the next issue is 26th November, with the release scheduled for the first week in December.

7. Treasurer's report: Balance \$1002.45

8. Vic Branch report. Jo Marshall mentioned a highly successful dinner hosted by Meg Paul to welcome the new Executive Director of ALIA - Virginia Walsh.

9. Australian Council of Allied Health Professions.

Casemix matters: The inaugural meeting of the National Allied Health Casemix Committee was held in August 1993. Lindsay Harris was able to attend some of the meeting on behalf of ALIA HLS. An executive committee was elected, with responsibilities for the interests of the professions not directly covered within the executive spread between them. Librarians are not specifically covered, but the Victorian Clinical Casemix Committee Allied Health representative, Christina Wilson, will keep us informed should any matter with implications for librarians be raised.

A meeting was held with the National Board of Education, Employment and Training regarding support for the clinical component of health professional training (i.e. hospital placements for physiotherapists, occupational therapists, etc.). E.Meldrum was unable to attend the meeting, but has since raised the issue of information resource support for these students. They all wish to use our libraries, but we receive no allocation for this support.

10. Correspondence - as listed in the Agenda.

11. Other business - Jo Marshall mentioned a teleconference being run in the U.S. for users of the Internet, and wondered whether we could either watch it here, real time, or down-load it for screening later. She will make enquiries.

12. Date of next meeting: 9th November 1993.