

ALIA HEALTH LIBRARIES SECTION, VICTORIA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES, 13TH April 1999
Held At The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners

Amended.

PRESENT

David Lloyd, Diane Horrigan, Stephen Due, Kate Roberts

APOLOGIES

Majella Pugh, , Kerry Johannes, Shanti Nadaraja,, Mellita Vertigan

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES MEETING HELD 16TH March, 1999

Proposed - Stephen ; Seconded - Diane

BUS TRIP 1999

Diane has confirmed the date of Tuesday, the 6th of July for the Bus trip tour. It was discussed that a smaller bus (21 seater) would be hired. Diane has obtained menus of some restaurants in Lygon street and will choose and book a place for lunch. Discussion was made that there should be four libraries visited. The afternoon stop is Brownless Medical library, Diane will contact the Royal Melbourne, to ask if they would have a tour of their library. The cost of \$15 for members and \$20 for non members will still apply.

Action : Diane to send Shanti details for publication flyer.

PubMed

David has found a reference to a book titled :Medline for Health Professionals : how to search PubMed on the Internet (Hutchinson) which also contains exercises and tutorials.

Discussion was made that one of the Committee Members should obtain and read the book and also try the exercises for a possible recommended text. A seminar/workshop could develop from this. It was decided not to follow up contacting the Tasmanian Conference committee, to contact NLM on sending out a representative to teach PubMed.

Action : David to organise a committee member to obtain and read the book.

6. After 5 Function with Speaker

As Shanti was unable to be at the meeting, to give the members an update on this function no further discussion took place.

Action : Nil

7. Country Librarians Day

This day is usually held at this time of the year. A time in early June was suggested, before the bus trip. Geelong at this stage has been selected as the location for the day. Topics were discussed, to be held on this day, among them Internet training, free databases people can use on the Internet, Library Statistics, choosing a library software system, favourite Internet sites.

Action : David to contact country librarians, as to what topics and subjects would be of most importance. Stephen to find a possible computer lab/centre, to hold the function.

Cochrane Training

Another Cochrane training day will be happening most likely in June.

Action : Kate to organise date and location for workshop.

Statistical Survey

Email has been sent out, from Stephen, asking for volunteers, to revitalise the Health Library Statistics Working Group. Stephen stressed that it must be done in June to be a valid exercise.

"In addition, contributions are still needed from a number of libraries to complete the 1997/98 statistical survey, the results of which would normally be published in the next issue of the newsletter."

Action : Stephen, to organise, volunteers and to contact people directly.

HEALTH INFORMATION BROCHURE

Action : Nil

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

For future HLS Victorian meetings Stephen will give a quick update on the National Executive Committee's activities at each meeting.

Stephen contacted ALIA Office and some ALIA Council members about any funding available to the National Executive. A "no" response was at present the answer. Discussion was made that this placed some pressure on the National Executive to produce funds, especially, when organising the 2001 Specials, health and Law conference in Melbourne.

Stephen suggested that letters be sent from both the National and State committees to Trevor Wakely and Ann Alderslade who are General Council representatives, to put forward the argument that the sections should be receiving more funding.

Action : David to organise letters to be sent to Trevor Wakely and Ann Alderslade.

HEALTH INFORM

The first issue of Health Inform has been published. The deadline for articles for the next issue is the second week in May, and will be published in June. Possible topics for the next issue included, reports from SA and NSW on the Clinical Information Access Projects, done in collaboration with the respective Departments of Health and HCN. Reviewing articles from journals such as the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association.

Action : Kate to email suggested people about feature articles, and reminders to committee members about producing news worthy events for the next Health Inform issue.

Treasurer's Report

Action : Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Action : Nil

Next Meeting : 18th May at ANZCA from 5.30 pm