

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA  
MEDICAL LIBRARIES SECTION  
VICTORIAN GROUP

Executive Committee Minutes (6/87)

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting (Victorian Group) held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 26th August 1987 in the Medical Library, Alfred Hospital.

1. Present: Veronica Delafosse, Andrew Rooke, Susan McNair, Enid Meldrum, Jocelyn Dixon, Sandra Russell, Jean Leith.

2. Apologies: No apologies.

3. Minutes from the previous meeting: The Minutes of the meeting held 15th June 1987 were taken as read.

4. Business arising from the Minutes:

CE activities for 1988: Vic Branch had requested more extensive details of the proposed CE activities for 1988 than the outline we had been told would suffice. These details have now been provided. The topic chosen is "Negotiating skills within organizations".

5. Additional correspondence

Date	From	To	Subject
11.8.87	MLS NSW	Secretary	Minutes
11.8.87	Vic Branch Council	" "	President's Rpt '86
13.8.87	MLS SA	" "	Minutes
13.8.87	Pat Nakouz	" "	Thank you note
11.8.87	Mrs K.F.Russell	" "	" " " "
19.8.87	MLS Nat Secretary	" "	Draft standards
19.8.87	LAA Head Office	" "	Office bearers'guide
19.8.87	S.Russell	" "	Libraries/nurse educ.
19.8.87	President MLS	" "	Fiona Picken
20.8.87	NZLA Health Lib Sect	" "	Newsletter
25.8.87	MLS Nat Secretary	" "	Agenda AGM
25.8.87	LAA Head Office	" "	ILL vouchers

The Draft Standards were discussed. The Working Party is still of the opinion that the budget and staffing figures are unrealistically high, especially in the current economic climate, at least for hospitals in Victoria.

6. Treasurer's Report

The current balance for section activities is \$120.81.

Copies of the Booklist are selling steadily. Sales to the value of \$2189.94 have so far been recorded.

7. Branch Council Report.

- 188 people attended the LAA 50th Anniversary party in Queen's Hall, which was thought to be an excellent attendance.

- RMIT Dept. Information Services has produced a video, part of which shows interviews in libraries around Melbourne. It would appear to be a most effective way of illustrating the diversity of librarianship and the range of options offered to young librarians. - SOLV Campaign has managed to get another 1.5 million for Victorian public libraries.
  - Sue Cosse, the new LAA Director, takes up her appointment in November.
  - Public Libraries Section standards are almost completed.
  - The Vic Branch Christmas party is scheduled for 4th December.
8. Booklist - Copies are still selling, and more orders could be expected after the Adelaide conference, as the organisers have agreed to include copies of the advertising brochure in the satchels for us. Of the 20 free copies we sent out, only 4 letters of receipt have been received. Brenda Heagney's review in the latest issue of ASLN was noted, along with her suggestions for some improvements for the next edition.
9. Quality Assurance: - The Working Party has produced a statement as to what they believe is the function of the QA Sub-Committee. The Executive Committee has endorsed their statement, and note that a file on QA will be kept for access upon request by any member.
10. Section Funding. - The Special Libraries Section has approached Branch Council to request that membership of one section or interest group should be included in the membership fee as previously. We are still interested to pursue the matter of section funding, but will await further debate on the matter.
11. Fiona Picken. - Plans have been finalised for Fiona's visit to Melbourne. The request from MLS National Executive for assistance with part of her interstate airfare (\$100.00) will be sent to Branch Council.
12. Gratis scheme for Victoria. - Expressions of interest in a Gratis scheme for Victoria will be sought in the newsletter to be posted shortly. Returns will be co-ordinated by Judy Stoelwinder (Austin Hospital).  
A scheme involving a CMLO funded employee at Brownless Medical Library is also being investigated in an attempt to lessen the burden of the increased cost of ILLs.
13. Other business. - "Thank-you" letters for speakers - Jocelyn Dixon to write as required; and also notify INCITE and BRANCHWATCH of dates of meetings.
- Duty statements for committee members. E.Meldrum to search through LAA Office Bearers' Guide to see whether any suggestions are offered.
  - Office bearers for 1988. Sue McNair has prepared an excellent (and amusing) nomination form to be posted shortly. Replies are to be returned by 12.10.87.

- AGM/Christmas Party: venue will be Lincoln Institute, Abbotsford campus; date: 27th November; time: 6.00 for 6 .30pm. Quotes from two catering firms are expected shortly. Jean Leith will organise, with assistance as required. Entry cost is expected to be around \$12.00.
- Replacement for Regional Medical Librarian - as no advertisement for this position has been sighted, it was decided to write to the HDV asking for their plans in this matter. Bill Sinclair's advice will be sought. E.Meldrum to follow up.
- There will be a meeting on Index Medicus/CD ROM at Monash Medical Centre, Clayton Campus, on 22.9.1987.
- Executive Committee meetings for 1988 - monthly meetings should be considered in an attempt to cover the business more quickly.
- Sandra Russell tabled three LAA Position Papers on the dollar crisis.
- The Geddes Report, part 2, was tabled , and possible implicatiaons for hospital libraries were mentioned. However, as hospital libraries were not specifically (or consistently) implicated, it was decided to observe at this stage, rather than attemnpt any action.
- Andrew Rooke suggested another topic for a 1988 meeting - along the lines of marketing library services.

14. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 21st October.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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