

**ALIA HEALTH LIBRARIES SECTION NATIONAL EXECUTIVE  
MEETING HELD 11 OCTOBER 1994 AT THE MS SOCIETY LIBRARY  
LEVEL 11 447 KENT STREET SYDNEY**

**PRESENT:**

Cate Dawson Graham Spooner Ruth Mitchell Margo Drake Toni Silson  
Virginia Staggs Ian Stubbin (Chair)

**APOLOGIES:**

Pam Pitkeathly

Minutes of the previous meeting held were confirmed.

**BUSINESS ARISING**

1. NZLIA/ALIA 1994 Joint Conference Wellington. Report  
Eleven health librarians from Australia attended.  
The AGM of the HLS was held.  
IS addressed the Conference and reported on the following:

- GRATISNET aroused much interest amongst New Zealand health librarians
- The Executive for the 1996/97 Health Libraries Section will be Western Australia; this was passed unanimously. WA will present the 1997 Specials/Health/Law Conference.
- Melbourne will bid for the 2005 International Congress of Medical Librarians if the Australia 2000 bid is not successful
- Following some discussion, it was decided that there will be no Anne Harrison Award for this year
- The 2nd edition of the National Minimum Standards for Hospital Libraries was ratified by the membership; this document has been sent to ALIA for publication

**2. Funding for the National Executive**

IS reported that 50% of the surplus from the last Specials/Health/Law Conference will be sent to ALIA. Health Libraries Section is to contribute \$12,000 seed money to the 1995 Conference. This is one third of the total.

**3. Library Competency Standards**

Comment on the verification draft of the Library Competency Standards is due to be sent to ALIA by 18 October 1994. All members of the Executive were encouraged to send in their responses.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

TS presented a statement of income and expenditure for this year.

**5. 1995 Conference**

CD reported that a coherent social programme is not available; only the Conference dinner has been organised. IS to write to Kay Vincent expressing concern at the apparent slow progress.

**6. Dates of Future Meetings**

Next meeting of the HLS Executive Tuesday 22 November 1994 9.00am  
at Royal North Shore Hospital Medical Library

**OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Committee members

Pam Pitkeathley will be retiring from Cumberland College end November. She will be invited to continue to attend meetings; her contribution to the Health Libraries Section would be valued.

The meeting ended at 8.15pm.