

<p>AUSTRALIAN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ASSOCIATION HEALTH LIBRARIES SECTION MINUTES, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 22ND OCTOBER 1997</p>

1. **PRESENT**
Kerry Johannes, Melanie Kammermann, Stephen Due, Mellita Vertigan, Helen Cotsell

- APOLOGIES**
Anne McLean, Karen Tempest, David Lloyd

2. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 10TH SEPTEMBER 1997**
Proposed - Helen; Seconded - Kerry

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. **PROGRAMME FOR 1997**
 - 4.1 **VICGRATIS/Country Librarians Meeting**
The afternoon's programme has been altered slightly. The Committee were in favour of inviting Lorena Smirneos to talk about her project for which she was awarded the Anne Harrison Award. It was reported that DA considered morning tea expensive to sponsor.
Action: Melanie will book for 55, arranged presents for Meg, Jo and Larry, invite Lorena to speak and provide copies of the MLA Code of Ethics. Kerry will arrange a poster acknowledging DA's sponsorship of morning tea.

 - 4.2 **AGM/Christmas Party**
The AGM/Xmas Party will commence at 6.00 for 6.30 pm. The AGM will be held from 6.30 to 7.00 pm followed by the food and drinks until 8.00 pm. The venue is yet to be finalised.

5. **STATISTICAL SURVEY**
Just over half a dozen surveys have been received. Any feedback has been in the form of queries.

6. **ANNE HARRISON AWARD**
Lorena Smirneos at The Alfred Hospital was this year's recipient of the award. Lorena is designing a survey which will seek to ascertain how health professionals are using the Internet. Next year Sections are eligible to apply for up to \$1200 for the purposes of a continuing education activity. The Section plans to apply. A couple of possible topics include an Internet guide for librarians and evidence based medicine.

7. **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOR 1998**
Anne will not be continuing on the Committee. Karen is undecided and Helen will return if needed. Stephen has approached Andrew and Adam at VMCM about taking on the newsletter again. They are considering this. Shanti at the College of Anaesthetist was approached at the Perth conference about joining. She said she would consider this. It was also felt that Phillipa at A&RMC would be a welcome addition.
Action: Melanie to ring Shanti and Stephen to approach Phillipa and Andrew and Adam.

8. **HEALTH INFORM**
No report.

9. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
No report.

10. **VIC BRANCH REPORT**

No report.

The timetable for HLS members attending VicBranch for the rest of 1997 is :12/11 - Melanie.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

11.1 **IN From**

11.1.1 **National HLS Executive**

The National Executive produce a newsletter but no statistical survey.

11.1.2 **WA HLS Section**

No State newsletter or statistical survey are produced.

11.2 **OUT To**

11.2.1 **All State HLS Sections and National HLS Executive**

A letter was sent asking if any of these Sections produces a newsletter or administers a statistical survey.

12. **OTHER BUSINESS**

12.1 **National Executive**

At the National HLS AGM in Perth it was proposed that WA remain the National Executive in 1998 and then Victoria take over from 1999 until 2001. Being such a small Section, Tasmania do not feel that they could take on the National Executive in 1998 and 1999 and organise the 1999 conference as well. Melbourne will hold the 2001 conference.

Action: Mellita to write to the National Executive giving support to this arrangement and write to the Tasmanian Section to formerly extend out assistance where required in organising the 1999 conference.

12.2 **Vital Link**

There was ongoing discussion about Vital Link not being on the ALIA Web site.

Action: Mellita will write on to Virginia Walsh requesting that Vital Link to be mounted and kept updated on ALIA's Web site.

12.3 **Information Technology Networks and Library Consortiums**

Melanie briefly spoke about the papers and reports given and heard in Perth regarding the initiatives taking place in NSW, SA and QLD . She felt that it was important that links be made with Victoria's Department of Human Service's Library to ascertain whether a similar project is being planned.

The next meeting will be held at North West Hospital on Thursday 20th November 1997 at 5.30 pm.