

AUSTRALIAN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ASSOCIATIONHEALTH LIBRARIES SECTION (VICTORIA GROUP)

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held in the Seminar Room, CSIRO Division of Biomolecular Engineering, on 11 May 1993.

Present:- Jo Marshall (in the Chair), Enid Meldrum, Jan Reiher, Lisa Belkin, Suzanne O'Callaghan, Kathy Hutton, Jenni Rusciano, Dorothea Rowse.

1. No apologies were received.

2. Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 1993 were confirmed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Statistics

There are complete and the results will be mailed out to participants.

3.2 Booklist

Inputting of data is complete - editing, pricing, checking etc are still in progress. Sponsorship and printing will be arranged by members of the committee.

4. Programme

4.1 Specials meeting at DA Information on 21 July - members to be informed via June flyer for ergonomics meeting.

4.2 Ergonomics meeting - everything is in hand.

4.3 Ethics meeting - talk will focus on reference quality and duty of care - dates tentatively 15, 22 or 29 September.

4.4 Ilanet/Document deliver meeting in October.

4.5 VALA Conference 9th-11th November.

5. Newsletter

Deadline for next Newsletter is 28 June.

6. Treasurers Report

Balance remains same as at previous meeting - \$531.02

7. Victoria Branch Council

- 7.1 Mentoring - reply sent; the committee supports the idea in principle but has problems with some suggestions for implementation - and no time available to assist in this.
- 7.2 Jo and Jan to attend the May meeting.
- 7.3 Question of a reduced membership fee for persons serving on ALIA committees to be raised.

8. Australian Council of Allied Health Professionals

In response to a perceived challenge to its position as the peak allied health professions body, the ACAHP has established a small working party to ascertain goals and objectives, and the means by which these may best be achieved. The working party's report has been received, and will no doubt form the basis of future activities.

Further to a meeting of directors, chairpersons and co-ordinators of allied health, a discussion paper on the Development of a National Allied Health Management Association has been circulated to all national allied health professional bodies, as well as Council members. Council has supported the establishment of a "management" group, but has some reservations about its ability to represent allied health interests from a practitioner's viewpoint.

Much of ACAHP's activities at the moment are being taken up with Casemix and its effect on allied health. Although hospital librarians are concerned about the effect of Casemix type funding on library services, we will probably have little to do with the actual implementation of the system. This current focus by ACAHP serves to highlight the difference within the professions loosely grouped under allied health - that is, the difference between the clinical and the non-clinical professions.

9. Correspondence

Enid reported on some of the correspondence listed in the Agenda, notably the arrival of publications from ALIA and the problems of libraries not being mentioned in any of the Casemix documentation.

10. Other Business

- 10.1 The Conference in Melbourne in 1996 was discussed briefly.
- 10.2 The problems with MEDLINE royalties were outlined.

11. Date of next meeting

8 June 1993