

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
MEDICAL LIBRARIES SECTION
VICTORIAN GROUP

Executive Committee Minutes 1/86

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting (Victorian Group) held at 5.30 pm on Thursday 30th January at the Medical Library, Alfred Hospital.

- 1 Present Sandra Russell, Kathy Hutton, Andrew Rooke, Max Smith, Veronica Delafosse, Barbara Jacoby
- 2 Apologies Joan Martin, Jean Leith
- 3 Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting, 31 October 1985, were accepted as read.
- 4 Additional Correspondence

Date	From	To	Subject
CORRESPONDENCE IN: 24.1.86 - 31.1.86			
20.1.86	SACAE Library	Secretary	Seminar
24.1.86	MLS NSW Group	Secretary	Minutes
24.1.86	SLS Vic Group	Secretary	Office Bearers
29.1.86	MLS WA Group	Secretary	Office Bearers

CORRESPONDENCE OUT 10.12.85 - 31.1.86			
10.12.85	Secretary	Tasmanian MLS members	Joining the Vic. Group
24.1.86	Secretary	SACAE Library	Acknowledgement of letter of 20.1.86

5 Business arising from correspondence

Acquisition Section, Victorian Group, Representative

Max Smith will represent the M.L.S. Victorian Group. He attended a meeting on 5th December 1985, and reported on proposals to mount the W.L.N. acquisitions system on ABN, and to form a Victorian Library Supply Group. He also noted that Elizabeth Carvosso will contact the Committee regarding a serials workshop for medical librarians.

Gratis ILL Scheme

On the suggestion of Elisabeth Giddy (VRWH) the Gratis Scheme was discussed. It is not essential that the Committee assume responsibility for organising such a scheme. A call for volunteers to form a sub-committee will be made at the first General Meeting.

Action Kathy will write to Elisabeth outlining the Committee's discussion.

Transfer of Nurse Education

A letter was tabled regarding the anticipated problems of library resources. This letter will be sent out to a number of

organisations in February. The letter outlines areas of concern, namely the need to establish library resources within the appropriate colleges, and the investigation of funding assistance for libraries in hospitals that will offer clinical experience to students.

Action Sandra and Kathy to arrange mailing.

Courses in Medical Librarianship

The objectives of the letter sent on 13 November 1985 were to alert selected Victorian library schools to the future expansion of Medical Librarianship following the transfer of nurse education from hospitals, and to offer assistance in establishing elective units and/or continuing education courses.

Action Sandra will investigate the curricula of the medical librarianship unit offered in N.S.W. Andrew will follow up the lack of response from Monash University. Barbara will investigate the courses offered by the American Medical Library Association.

Rationlisation of journal subscriptions

Mary McGill (VRMH) proposed this topic for discussion. The Committee suggested that a list of proposed new journal subscriptions in Victorian medical libraries be collated in June or July each year, to be distributed to the membership. The object of this list would be to assist librarians to avoid duplication of peripheral journal titles. This suggestion would be discussed at the first General Meeting.

Action Kathy to write to Mary outlining the Committee's suggestion.

List of recommended books, journals and reference materials for small health science libraries

The General Council of the LAA has approved a recoupable grant of \$2500, of which \$700 is available for the employment of a compiler (60 hours), and \$200 for a typist (25 hours).

Concern was expressed at the publication price calculated by the LAA, of \$15.60 for members and \$23.40 for non-members.

Veronica Delafosse and Veronica Speirs now comprise the Publications Committee responsible for overseeing the production of the List. The estimated publication date is April 1986, therefore the appointment of a compiler is the first priority. Other areas for discussion include the format of the publication, subject areas and individual titles for inclusion.

Action Max and Veronica will contact individuals regarding the position of compiler. The Publications Committee will reassess the production costs of the List. Veronica will contact individual libraries for suggestions on the List's content.

Tasmanian M.L.S. Members

Sandra wrote on 10th December 1985 offering affiliation with the Victorian Group to Tasmanian members.

Seminar on information needs and resources in the health sciences

The projected date for this seminar to be hosted by S.A.C.A.E. in association with S.A. Group of the M.L.S., is 28 November 1986.

6 Treasurer's Report

The Victorian Group is \$184.34 in credit.

7 Branch Council Report

Joan advised, prior to the meeting, that there has been an increased grant per head from \$1.40 to \$1.60 from the Victorian Branch, and that the LAA Handbook is being reprinted.

8 Activities Program

Jean Leigh was proposed as Convenor of continuing education, with Andrew to assist. 'Alternative medicine' is to be the topic of the first General Meeting, proposed as the 6th March. Other topics suggested for future meetings included: assessment of microcomputers for small libraries; drug information systems; medical statistics; book publishing.

It was agreed that if individual speakers required payment, \$50 would be appropriate.

Action Sandra is to contact Jean regarding the position of Convenor. Andrew is to investigate speakers and venues for the first meeting.

9 Victorian Mailing Lists

The library at the Royal Womens' Hospital has agreed to maintain a Victorian mailing list with work addresses where appropriate, to utilise existing courier systems.

Action Kathy and Veronica will compile the entries, and liase with Helen Cotsell (VRWH)

10 Other businessDarwin Conference

'Alternative medicine resources' and 'Legal aspects of patient education' will be the two papers offered by the M.L.S. The M.L.S. National Executive has requested assistance in obtaining speakers for the second topic.

Action Sandra and Max will contact likely speakers.

Hospital Librarians' Award

The Victorian Allied Health Professionals Association (VAHPA) has requested that work begin on a new award, and that definitions of 'librarian' and the relevant qualifications be made. A sub-committee will need to be established to liase with VAHPA, obtain information from the LAA and other M.L.S. groups, and prepare a submission.

Pat Nakouz (Health Department Victoria) referred to the Committee the question of including a scale for Regional Medical Librarians in the award. This would need to be discussed by the proposed sub-committee.

Action Sandra will contact hospital librarians who may be interested in forming a sub-committee. The VAHPA request will be discussed at the first General Meeting. Kathy will write to Pat outlining the Committee's decision.

Standards for Hospital Libraries

The Committee will await news from Pat Nakouz (former National

Convenor of the Standards Committee) regarding her request to the LAA for temporary ratification of the Victorian 'Minimum standards for hospital libraries' 1983.

Appointment of a State Peer Review Contact Officer for Librarians
The Committee decided that it would be appropriate that the Contact Officer be a hospital librarian. The duties would include: liaising with the National M.L.S. Representative; developing strategies; assisting in the arrangement of Victorian meetings.

Action Sandra will contact the National M.L.S. Representative (Francis Bluhdorn), and will attend the first Victorian meeting of Contact Officers on 4th March at the A.M.A.

1985 Conference Committee

The Convenor advises that \$5000 has been put aside for the printing and postage of the proceedings in February. The following allocation of the remaining \$9000 was accepted by the Committee:

\$5000 Anne Harrison Fund

\$2000 LAA

\$2000 National Executive M.L.S., for the 1986 conference

Action Joan will forward, in February, documentation to support the establishment of the Anne Harrison Fund, along with the Treasurer's report of the conference finances, and the Committee's suggestions for the allocation of profits.

Privatisation of hospitals

The VAHPA is concerned about medical staff establishing private clinics within hospitals, and using hospital resources, including libraries. The VAHPA has queried whether the Committee believes that these medical staff should pay for library services received.

The Committee decided that no recommendation for the charging for library services could be made. At present honorary visiting staff to hospitals use library facilities to obtain information for their work with both public and private patients. The separation of library service according to whether the patient is public or private could prove difficult for librarians, and ineffective. However the situation may need reassessment if privatisation of hospitals continues to grow.

Action Sandra will inform the VAHPA representative of the Committee's decision.

Newsletter

A request has been made by Veronica, the Newsletter's editor, to Royal Southern Memorial Hospital's administration to cover the costs of printing and posting the Newsletter for 1986. A donation of \$25 will be offered by the Committee. Topics for inclusion in the first Newsletter for 1986, expected to be posted in February, were discussed.

11 Date of the next meeting

The next Committee meeting will be at 5.30 pm on the Thursday following the first General Meeting, at the Alfred Hospital.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.