

MEDICAL LIBRARIANS' GROUP (VICTORIA)

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Minutes of the Meeting held in the John Lindell Library, Health Commission of Victoria, on Tuesday, 11th November, 1980.

APOLOGIES

Elisabeth Giddy  
Joan Martin  
Gerald Quail  
Lorna Crowther  
Linda Wilkinson  
Jo Marshall  
Pam Hill

Helen Cotsell  
Virginia Stevenson  
Sandra Russell  
Liz Osborn  
Yvonne Sutherland  
Jocelyn Brooks  
Geoff Wilson

New members were welcomed to the Group.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read. Proposed Val Strantzen. Seconded Anne McLean.

MEDICAL LIBRARY DIRECTORY:

Amendment sheets to the Medical Library Directory were distributed, having been typed and printed at the Lincoln Institute under the supervision of Barbara Jacoby. Further requests for amendment sheets should be sent to Barbara Jacoby, Lincoln Institute Library, 625 Swanston St., Carlton, 3053.

Note that the Fairfield Hospital Medical Library extension is now 436. Please send amendments to Barbara Jacoby as they arise.

NURSING BOOKS:

The list of core nursing books will be held over until the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Minutes of the Medical Librarians' Group of Western Australia meeting.
2. Letter from Secretary, Medical Librarians' Group of Western Australia, concerning the petition to form a Medical Librarians' Section of the L.A.A.
3. Letter from Paul Hodgson concerning above petition.
4. Health Libraries Section Newsletter (New Zealand)
5. Programme for Australian Medical Librarians' Groups' 4th Biennial Conference, Sydney, January 12th, 13th, 14th, 1981.
6. Letter from Biomedical Library Sub-Committee, University of Tasmania, concerning Judy Wolfe Memorial.
7. Letter from L.A.A. granting petition to form Medical Librarians' Section of L.A.A.
8. Copy of letter from Paul Hodgson to L.A.A. protesting formation of Section.
9. Letter from Secretary, Medical Librarians' Group of Western Australia, protesting formation of Section.
10. Letter from Medical, Health and Welfare Libraries Group (U.K.) Annual Conference, Stirling University, Scotland 3rd-6th July, 1981. One day workshop on international aspects of medical librarianship following on from Belgrade. Contact Miss Jenny Wade, Clinical Research Centre, John Squire Medical Library, Watford Road, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 3UJ England for details.
11. Letter from Ballarat College of Advanced Education in answer to Pat Nakouz's letter in Incite.
12. Minutes of Medical Librarians' Group (South Australia Branch)

ANNUAL REPORT:

Pat Nakouz presented the annual report. There were only two previous meetings in 1980. At the meeting on 25th February at the Royal Melbourne Hospital the future development of Medical Librarians' Groups was discussed. A questionnaire concerning future development had been circulated previously giving four choices and the majority voted to petition the L.A.A. to become a section. Mr. Euan Miller (L.A.A. Executive, Victorian Branch) spoke to the meeting about the attitude of L.A.A. towards Special Interest Groups and the advantages of becoming a section. The second meeting was held at Lincoln Institute on 27th May. Joan Martin talked on the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, and Mr. Joe Mauch, Library Services Manager from James Bennett, talked on the problems of the book trade.

Anne Harrison reported on the April meeting in Canberra of the Life Sciences Consultative Committee.

The petition to form a Medical Librarians' Section of the L.A.A. was circulated in all states and forwarded to the L.A.A. with a request that the matter be dealt with urgently, so that medical librarians attending the 4th International Congress of Medical Librarianship were members of a national body. The L.A.A. accepted the petition and there is now a Medical Librarians' Section of the L.A.A.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Fay Baker presented the financial statement at 30/6/80, which is attached to the Minutes. The biggest expense was incurred in producing the List of Journals. Expenses for this were not recouped because the List of Journals was printed in MEDLINER. However, this ensured it reached a larger number of people. Further expenses not shown are the catering for the November meeting and payment to Lincoln Institute for printing and typing the amendment sheets to the Medical Library Directory.

As the L.A.A. will audit the books automatically at the end of the calendar year, it was decided it was not necessary to pay an accountant to audit the books at the end of the financial year as well. Proposed Anne Harrison. Seconded Fay Baker.

JUDY WOLFE MEMORIAL:

A letter was read to the Group from the Biomedical Library Sub-Committee, University of Tasmania, saying a seminar room at the University would be refurbished and would contain a memorial to Judy Wolfe, founder Biomedical Librarian of the University of Tasmania, together with a commemorative plaque in Huon pine.

\$25.00 was suggested as a contribution from the Group, but after discussion it was decided \$100.00 was a more appropriate contribution. Proposed Marjorie Pinder. Seconded Barbara Jacoby.

Fay Baker said she would write to the Biomedical Library Sub-Committee, University of Tasmania, saying the Group would like to have a specific item for a memorial, either a book or a painting and asking for suggestions of items available for \$100.00.

AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL LIBRARIANS' GROUPS' 4TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE:

This will be held in Sydney on January 12th, 13th, 14th, 1981. Programmes have been distributed and are available from the Secretary, Jane Oliver.

MEDICAL LIBRARIANS' SECTION OF THE L.A.A.:

As previously mentioned, the petition to form a Medical Librarians' Section of the L.A.A. has been accepted. Fay Baker reported on this. It was felt medical librarians needed to be part of a national body at the 4th International Congress of Medical Librarianship. Medical Librarians' Groups could no longer remain as Special Interest Groups because of the change in rules for Special Interest Groups and M.L.G. (Victoria) had received funding from the L.A.A. for several projects. A questionnaire was sent out to members and the majority voted to petition the L.A.A. to form a Section. The petition was circulated to all states, and received well over the 25 signatures needed.

A Health Libraries Section of the New Zealand Library Association has also recently been formed and this may have influenced the decision to accept the petition.

Office bearers are needed for the new section. Anne Harrison agreed to be convenor of a steering committee for the new section. Proposed Fay Baker. Seconded Anne McLean. The present executive of M.L.G. (Victoria) form the rest of the steering committee.

4TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MEDICAL LIBRARIANSHIP:

This was held in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and was attended by Fay Baker, Pat Nakouz, Marjorie Pinder and Sandra Russell.

Fay Baker reported on the organisation of the Congress, Pat Nakouz reported on the papers given at the Congress, and Marjorie Pinder reported on the social aspects of the Congress.

All agreed the Congress was very worthwhile, and the personal contacts built up were valuable. Proceedings of the Congress and a report on the Congress by Pat Nakouz to the Health Commission are available on loan from the John Lindell Library, Health Commission of Victoria, 555 Collins St., Melbourne, 3000.

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The last two items on the agenda, twinning agreements with libraries in developing countries and hospital standards, were not discussed due to lack of time.

MEDICAL LIBRARIANS' GROUP (VICTORIAN BRANCH).

Financial statement at 30.6.80.

Total Receipts	\$1112.88
Total Payments	195.79

Cash in bank	\$ 917.09
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Payments	1.7.79 - 30.6.80	
3.7.79	Northern District School of Nursing Printing list of Journals.	\$138.70
18.7.79	Audit fee (L. Parker)	10.00
12.11.79	Expenses Meeting 12.11.79.	7.09
27.5.80	Flowers - Organisers of Canberra Conference.	40.00
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