

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA  
MEDICAL LIBRARIES SECTION  
VICTORIAN GROUP

Executive Committee Minutes 4/86

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting (Victorian Group) held at 5.30 pm on Tuesday 27th May, at the Medical Library, Alfred Hospital.

1 Present Sandra Russell, Jean Leith, Kathy Hutton, Veronica Delafosse, Barbara Jacoby, Max Smith.

2 Apologies Andrew Rooke and Joan Martin.

3 Minutes The Minutes were accepted as read.

4 Business arising from the Minutes

Gratis ILL Scheme

To date, there has been a poor response to the survey included in the Newsletter. The survey aims to identify individuals who support the scheme, and who would be interested in helping with the committee work required. Sandra advised members attending the Sections's General Meeting of 15th May that without a more positive response, the proposed scheme would have to be abandoned.

Action Kathy to ring E Giddy (VRWH) to query survey returns.

5 Additional correspondence

Date	From	To	Subject
26.5.86	K Mowat, Mt Eliza Geriatric Centre	Secretary	Statistics
26.5.86	MLS. Qld Group	Secretary	News
26.5.86	LAA. Exec Director	Secretary	Travelling & meal allowances.
26.5.86	L Lansley, LAA	Secretary	Job sharing
27.5.86	School of Info. Studies, Riverina/Murray Institute of Higher Education	President	Workshop on collect. development & selection.
27.5.86	S Holmes, Bendigo & Nth District Base Hospital	Secretary	Statistics

6 Business arising from correspondence

Australasian Medical Librarians' Conference

The Committee was interested in the suggestion of the NZLA's Health Libraries Section regarding holding a conference in New Zealand in 1989.

Action Kathy to reply to the NZLA Section noting our interest in the proposed conference, and to forward a copy of their letter to the MLS National Executive.

Medical Libraries Section. N.S.W. Group

In the Minutes of the meeting held on 29th April, in an item relating to nurse education, a survey of hospital libraries was mentioned. It was also noted that Frances Bluhdorn has a copy of

George Franki's submission relating to hospital libraries for funding from universities. MG Min 27051986.pdf

Action Kathy to write to the N.S.W. Group requesting copies of the questionnaire used for the hospital library survey, the survey results, and the Franki submission.

#### Exclusive journal agencies

In their reply to our letter of 20th March, the Victorian Group of the LAA Acquisitions Section wrote that they deplored the tendency towards exclusive agencies. They suggested a public forum to discuss the issue with the Australian firms holding the agencies. Max Smith will attend the Group's next meeting as this Committee's representative.

#### Draft Statement on Job Sharing

The Committee will discuss the statement during its next meeting, and will contact medical librarians who are/were in job sharing positions.

Action Kathy to ring Shirley White (VQVH), Sandra to contact Sue Liepa and Judith Evans (VMOU).

#### 7 Transfer of nurse education

Sandra recently attended meetings with representatives from the LAA University & College Libraries Section (UCLS), and with the Victorian Post-Secondary Education Commission (VPSEC) Joint Interdepartmental Steering Committee for the Transfer of Nurse Education, Subcommittee on Library Facilities.

The UCLS noted that lobbying by college librarians has not been coordinated, and that there are considerable variations in the funds offered to establish core nursing collections. Grants as low as \$15,000 have been offered to college librarians. The Section sees the immediate priorities as:

- i establishing what constitutes a core collection of library materials for nurse education.
- ii standardising funding.
- iii supporting the continuation of hospital libraries, and the establishment of networks among college and hospital libraries.

The Section intends to contact the Association of Librarians of Colleges of Advanced Education (ALCAE) to request that library statistics be kept for nursing students. The Section will discuss amongst its membership the development of a bibliography of library materials for a core nursing collection.

The VPSEC Subcommittee on Library Facilities has the following objectives:

- i to make recommendations regarding library resources.
- ii to make recommendations on the level and distribution of funding.
- iii to assess the impact on existing hospital library facilities.

- The Subcommittee agreed to take the following actions:
- i request the MLS Victorian Group to assist in the development of a bibliography of a core nursing collection. A seminar of nurse educators would then convene to discuss items on this bibliography.
  - ii write to the appropriate colleges advising college librarians that the Subcommittee proposed to make recommendations regarding funding levels and library materials.
  - iii investigate how funding has been allocated to date.

**Action** Sandra will discuss with the Victorian Group of the UCLS the joint development of a bibliography for a core collection of library materials for nurse education, and will attend the next meeting of the VPSEC Subcommittee. Sandra will write to the MLS National Executive outlining recent developments. Kathy will write to the Medical, Health and Welfare Libraries Group of the Library Association, England; the Health Libraries Section of the NZLA; the Royal College of Nursing, England; the MLS N.S.W. Group; and the Cumberland College of Health Sciences, regarding resource lists for nursing. Jean will make available appropriate lists of journals and AV from the Lincoln School of Nursing Library.

#### 8 List of recommended books...small health science libraries

The recoupable grant of \$2,500 has been received from the LAA. The Committee decided on the print type, colour and design of the front cover, and discussed the subject headings to be used. Prices and publishers will be added to the journal listings if funds permit.

The offer from the LAA to distribute the booklist through its offices, advertise the booklist in Incite and the LAA publications list will be accepted. It is intended to launch the booklist at the next Victorian Group General Meeting, probably in August, and offer copies for sale.

#### 9 Anne Harrison Fund

The Committee discussed the submission drafted by Joan Martin outlining the objectives and administration of the Fund. The Committee thought the submission was excellent, only altering details about the amount of the award payable to recipients.

**Action** Kathy to send copies of the submission to the LAA and the MLS National Executive.

#### 10 Treasurer's report

Two recent letters from the Treasurer, Andrew Rooke, to the Treasurer of the LAA Victorian Branch, Bruce Davidson, emphasized the lack of funds available for the Group to conduct Section activities. After paying expenses for a recent General Section Meeting on serials management, attended by over thirty members and students, there is expected to be a mere \$147 in remaining funds.

11 Branch Council Report

A report from Joan on the meeting of 14th May, noted that the Treasurer had reiterated his earlier comments that unless groups had specific projects requiring the use of any funds carried over from 1985, then they might be required to return such funds to the Branch. It was noted that a subcommittee has been formed to investigate the recruitment of new members. The LAA recruitment video was shown. Members of the Executive Committee expressed interest in viewing the video in the near future.

12 Other BusinessGeneral Meeting

The Committee agreed that the meeting on the 15th May was most successful.

Action Kathy to write to Elizabeth Carvosso, Bennett-Ebsco, thanking her for her talk on serials management, and for making available copies of Periodicals workshop guidelines (Bennett-Ebsco, revised 1986). Jean to write a summary of the meeting for inclusion in the next Newsletter.

Newsletter

The Committee decided to mail complimentary copies of the Newsletter to the college and universities in Victoria offering courses in library and information science.

13 Date of the next meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting will be at 5.30pm on Tuesday 15th July, at the Medical Library, Alfred Hospital.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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Kathy Hutton  
Secretary