

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
MEDICAL LIBRARIES SECTION
VICTORIAN GROUP

Executive Committee Minutes (7/87)

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting (Victorian Group) held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 21st October 1987 in the Medical Library, Alfred Hospital.

1. Present: Susan McNair, Enid Meldrum, Jocelyn Dixon, Sandra Russell, Jean Leith.

Apologies: Andrew Rooke, Veronica Delafosse.

2. Minutes from the previous meeting: The Minutes of the meeting held 26th August 1987 were taken as read.

3. Business arising from the Minutes: There was no business arising, as relevant items were listed later in the Agenda.

4. Additional correspondence

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| 6.10.87 | NSW MLS | Secretary | Minutes |
| 19.10.87 | NZLA Health Libs Sect | " " | " " |
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| 19.10.87 | SA MLS | " " | " " |
| 21.10.87 | LAA Director | " " | Thanks to Exec. |
| 21.10.87 | " " " | " " | Acting Director |
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| 21.10.87 | " " " | " " | LAA AGM |
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5. Treasurer's Report

The current balance for section activities is \$178.27.

Copies of the Booklist are selling steadily. Sales to the value of \$2575.83 have so far been recorded.

7. Branch Council Report.

The idea of a local presence for the LAA, especially in WA and Victoria, was discussed. LAA General Council has granted \$10,000 to each of these states towards establishing and maintaining an office. Three options are presently under consideration: using established agencies; joining other groups; operating independently. Membership reports from Head Office are still unsatisfactory. Various useful information required continues to be unavailable.

The last meeting of the Branch Council was taken up almost entirely with discussion on the 2nd Geddes Report, and the Hancock Report. The Hancock Report on the State Library Development Study appears comprehensive, but no timetable has been specified for implementation.

7. Booklist - As reported earlier; sales to the value of \$2575.83 have been made.

8. Conference Report - As most members of the Executive were able to attend the conference, only a brief report was given.

- National Section for MLS in 1988-89 will be Queensland.

- 1989 Australasian Medical Libraries Conference will be in Auckland in November 1989.

- Draft National Minimum Standards: The Victorian/W.A. amendment to staffing levels was accepted; the Victorian amendment to the standard relating to the budgets was rejected; the Victorian amendment to suggested periodical and monograph stock levels was accepted, as was the long list of editorial amendments submitted by the WA section. As such, the Draft Standards were then passed, and will now presumably go to LAA Head Office for ratification and publication.

The Anne Harrison Award for 1987 was awarded to Linda Mulheron of Westmead Hospital for study on user education.

A name change for the section was suggested, subject to a referendum of all members.

Admiration was expressed at both the organization and content of the conference. Enid Meldrum to write a letter of congratulations, with a special mention regarding the successful conduct of such a potentially difficult AGM.

The Fiona Picken follow-on visit to Victoria proved most successful.

9. Gratis scheme for Victoria; CMLO supported ILL scheme.

In response to a questionnaire seeking interest in a proposed scheme for Victoria, 27 replies have been received in favour. Ideas discussed amongst the Executive will be forwarded to the questionnaire co-ordinator, Judy Stoelwinder, with the recommendation that the 1988 Executive co-opt a Working Party to investigate the scheme.

CMLO supported ILL scheme - A meeting of likely major users of such a scheme will be held in November, at which a firm undertaking will be sought for various trial periods.

10. Other business Duty statements for committee members: a brief statement of duties has been prepared, and a draft will be circulated for comment at the next meeting. Sue McNair (Newsletter editor) has prepared a detailed guide for future editors, which should be most helpful.

Office bearers for 1988: nominations were received for President: Veronica Delafosse; Treasurer: Andrew Rooke; Newsletter editor: Jenny Bergin; Committee members: Jocelyn Dixon, Bill Freeman, Jan Riches, Anne McLean.

The position of Secretary has yet to be finally decided.

Our present Branch Council Representative - Sandra Russell - will not be available in 1988. The members of the 1988 executive will therefore need to appoint a representative or will need to create a roster of attendance dates to be shared amongst the Committee.

- AGM/Christmas Party: venue will be Lincoln Institute, Abbotsford campus; date: 27th November; time: 6.00 for 6.30pm. Quotes from two catering firms were assessed. It was decided to accept the quote from the N. Carlton firm "Mary & Steve", at \$10.00 per head. Entry charge was set at \$12.00. Jocelyn Dixon is to finalise arrangements with the caterers; and with Jean Leith regarding purchase of drinks.

- Life Sciences Consultative Committee held in Adelaide 18/9/87: Sandra Russell will contact our representative, Aina Zalitis, for a report on this meeting.

11. Date of next meeting: A date in early 1988 was recommended for the incoming Executive.

In the absence of the President, Veronica Delafosse, the Past President, Sandra Russell, thanked the members of the committee for their work during the year, especially Sue McNair, our Newsletter editor, who is leaving her job at CSL, and moving to Tasmania.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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