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Minutes of the Meeting held in The Board Room,
Lincoln Institute on Tuesday 27th May, 1980

APOLOGIES

Marjorie Pinder
Judith Quilter
Helen Gotsell
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Amy Bush
Anne McLean
Sylvia Edwards
Win Gleeson
Sandra Russell

Marion Rock
Elisabeth Giddy
Marguerita Neal-Adam
Jocelyn Brooks
Annette Plomley
Pat Nakouz
Sandra Naude
Jean Foreman
Lorraine Bell

New members were welcomed to the Group.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Health Librarians' Group Newsletter
2. Future of Medical Librarians' Groups

The petition to form a Medical Librarians' Section within the Library Association of Australia was circulated to Medical Librarians' Groups in all states. No reply has been received from the N.S.W. Group or the ACT Group. Tasmania, the Northern Territory and Queensland are supporting the petition while W.A. is considering becoming incorporated within the W.A. Companies Act and staying outside the L.A.A.

There are well over the 25 names needed on the petition which can now be forwarded to the L.A.A. Anne Harrison expressed the importance of forming a National Section as soon as possible so that medical librarians attending the 4th International Congress of Medical Librarianship are members of a national body. It was suggested that a letter asking for the matter to be dealt with be forwarded urgently with the petition.

3. Following discussion of a questionnaire received by Judith Quilter from a student of librarianship at a college of Advanced Education, it was agreed to send a letter of protest to the Australian Library Journal about questionnaires sent out in this way without adequate preparation and supervision of the students. It was felt this level of research was too difficult for most students.

The motion was proposed by Anne Harrison and seconded by Joan Martin.

MEDICAL LIBRARY DIRECTORY:

Barbara Jacoby from Lincoln Institute has taken over the preparation of amendments to the MEDICAL LIBRARY DIRECTORY which should be ready within a few weeks.

4th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MEDICAL LIBRARIANSHIP

Programmes for the Congress are available from Fay Baker. People wishing to go to the Congress might like to write to the Yugoslav Airlines with their itinerary as J.A.T. have indicated they are prepared to offer a small discount on the airfare to Belgrade.

FUTURE MEDLINE DEVELOPMENTS:

Anne Harrison reported on the recent meeting in Canberra of the Life Sciences Consultative Committee. MEDLARS Analysts from each state have elected representatives to this Committee. Victorian representatives are Anne Harrison, Anne McLean, Patricia Nakouz and Sandra Russell. It has been recommended that meetings be held every six months, and they be scheduled in advance so that agenda items can be suggested and discussed by MEDLARS Analysts prior to meetings. Items discussed at the meeting on 16th April included a decision not to have non-metropolitan users automatically represented, the equalising of costs of training and attendance at meetings (which was raised by W.A.) and the imposition of a levy on MEDLINE centres to fund an Australian Medical Index. As it is possible that in the future the MEDLINE network may be less specifically medical, it is important that medical librarians be represented to put forward their views on its development.

NURSING BOOKS:

Joan Martin and Merle Hall will discuss setting up a Committee to compile a list of core nursing books.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Fay Baker received a letter from Dr. Marr from the Australian Institute of Pacific Studies asking for help in collecting medical journals to be sent to Vietnam. Anne Harrison said it was a policy decision in these cases that a specific library be designated which would send a list of specific requests and arrange transport.
2. Joan Martin said Lincoln Institute would be holding an exhibition of books from the British Council on Handicapped People during June.
3. Anne Harrison said application forms for research grants from the Department of Health were available.
4. The University of Melbourne Staff Newsletter lists a number of medical lectures of interest to medical librarians. This has been sent out as a news item with the Brownless Medical Library new periodicals list.
5. Pat Nakouz asked if superseded copies of Monthly Index Medicus and MESH could be donated to her for use in newly established hospital libraries.

Joan Martin talked on a seminar on patient education she attended at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, and Mr. Joe Mauch, Library Services Manager from James Bennett, talked on the problems of the book trade.