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THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
MEDICAL LIBRARIES SECTION
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES (5/86)

Minutes of the meeting of the National Executive of the Medical Libraries Section held at 6 p.m. on Monday July 28th at the I.M.V.S.

Present:

J. Heath, E. Gatehouse, S. Cramond, J. Freund, L. O'Loughlin, L. Harris.

1. Apologies

B. Miskelly, J. Stokes.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the 4/86 meeting were accepted as correct.

3. Correspondence.

<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Re</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
<u>RECEIVED</u>			
23/5/86	NZLA Health Libraries Section.	Executive Committee Minutes	
6/6/86	LAA	Elections of national office bearers in 1987	
27/5/86	Vic. MLS	Executive Committee 4/86	
19/6/86	Secretary ALCAE Vic.	Transfer of nursing education	
18/4/86	NZLA Health Libraries.	A.G.M. minutes	
10/6/86	S. Nelles	Queensland meeting on hospital standards	
18/6/86	J. Rider-Jones.	Nursing education in W.A.	
19/6/86	" "	W.A. Union lists	
21/5/86	W.A. Committee on Nursing Library Services.	Minutes of Committee meetings for 21/5/86, 27/11/85, 14/8/85, 5/6/85	
19/2/85	WAIT	User survey of hospital libraries by WAIT nursing students	
11/6/86	S.A. Tertiary Educ. Auth.	Nursing education transfer	
15/4/86	F. Bluhdorn	Draft policy on health library peer review	
16/6/86	Chairman SAHC	Transfer of nursing education	
17/6/86	Director, SACAE	Nursing education transfer	
20/6/86	Secretary RANF S.A.	" " "	
26/5/86	Director SAIT	" " "	
15/7/86	LAA	Abolition of Library Research Foundation	
27/6/86	NZLA Health Libraries.	Executive Committee minutes	

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<u>Date</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Re</u>
2/6/86	MLS Secretaries.	Darwin Section AGM Agenda
6/6/86	Delegates	" " " "
11/7/86	M. Haslam	Gratissa launching function
11/7/86	J. McLoone	" " "
14/7/86	Incite	" " "
26/6/86	LAA	Submission Section grant & statement of income
19/7/86	Secretaries	MLS Groups. National Executive Minutes 4/86
22/7/86	NZLA Health Libraries	" " " 4/86
6/6/86	" " "	Australasian Health Libraries Conference on 1989.

A. NATIONAL SECTION BUSINESSACTION(A1) Darwin Section A.G.M. - Report

Jan Heath reported on the general conduct of the Section's A.G.M. in Darwin as well as on the two lectures organised by the Section. The A.G.M. itself had proceeded smoothly with the National President, who had attended the General Council meeting prior to the Conference, reporting that Council had approved the establishment of the Anne Harrison Trust Fund utilising the profits of the 1985 Melbourne Conference. This represented a major achievement for the Victorians Group and it was decided the establishment of the Fund and the contributions of Anne Harrison towards Australian medical librarianship should be advertised.

JF

The offer by the NZLA Health Libraries Section to host a 1989 Australasian Medical Librarians Conference in New Zealand was formally announced and it was resolved notification should be sent to all State Groups of a motion to this effect being placed on the Agenda of the Adelaide Conference A.G.M.

JF

There being no motions from the floor the A.G.M. had concluded with the President extending congratulations to Francis Bluhdorn on receiving the MLA's 1987 Cunningham Scholarship, Elisabeth Gatehouse for her award of an LAA Letter of Recognition and Barbara Biggins for the conferral upon her of the O.A.M., all section members honoured in recent months

Both lectures organised by the Section Annette Benson's address on the legal responsibility of librarians and Jan Heath's on Alternative Medicine Resources had been well attended and well received. The two papers, when published in the Conference Proceedings would represent valuable additions to the still small lexicon of Australian health librarianship literature.

(A2) Business arising from the A.G.M.

2.1 Nursing Education

The general belief in Darwin was that the National Section had done all that could be essayed on this issue and that the best results appeared to be occurring at the State level. The greatest problems remained in N.S.W. owing to the precipitous character of the transfer in that State. It was agreed

by the assembled members to write a letter of thanks to General Council for their offer of assistance and inform Council that the National Executive had no objection to any State Group approaching Council directly for support as long as the National Executive were also informed. The Executive would monitor the situation, seek details of ALCAE's resolutions on nursing education from its Darwin A.G.M. and raise the matter again with Council if this proved necessary. The SAIT Librarian Colin Taylor and the SACAE Librarian Alan Bundy were conducting a survey of College nursing resources nation-wide and this should yield valuable data. The Secretary reported a copy of a WAIT survey of hospital library usage by its nursing students had indicated problems at only one hospital so it seemed there were significant regional variations in the intensity of the issue as a difficulty.

JH/LH

2.2 Anne Harrison Trust Fund

Following from the discussion above the Fund would be given publicity through 'Incite. The constitution of the Fund and the selection of administrators would require clarification both with the Victorians and the other Groups. It was resolved to defer further consideration of this issue until the next meeting.

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2.3 Hospital Library Standards.

The Secretary adumbrated the Darwin meeting on Standards. Annette Benson, Librarian Gosford and Central Coast Area Health Services had tabled the N.S.W. draft version of Standards and much of this draft appeared acceptable to the other state representatives. It was agreed the Secretary as national co-venor of the Standards working parties should produce an amalgamated version of the Victorians, W.A. and N.S.W. draft standards incorporating the amendments suggested at the Darwin meeting. He would circulate this amalgamated edition to the working parties and then have them published in 'Australian Special Libraries News' for final comments. At the wish of the Darwin meeting copies of this proposed final draft will be sent to the Royal Colleges, the RANF, the ACHS and the para-medical professional associations for their endorsement. All going well it was hoped to present an approved set of Standards at the Adelaide Conference for ratification.

(A3) L.A.A. Corporate Review

The President described General Council's deliberations on the Corporate Review and Stephen reported on Branch's views of the matter. The Executive did not express any concern at the elimination of Councillors at Large but was worried at the prospect of the Library Journal foundering if its subscriptions were separated from the basic membership fee as well as charging additional fees for the membership of every Section. Clarification was also required of affiliated membership for Conference purposes and on the definition of professional criteria by the Board of Education. A letter outlining the Sections opinions is to be sent to the Executive Director.

LH

(A4) Draft statement for Job Sharing

A submission on this matter was received from the S.A. Health Commission. The Executive endorsed in principle the draft statement with the proviso that sharing in a supervising position must be clarified.

LH

(A5) Peer Review in Health Librarianship

The draft statement on the philosophy of peer review in health librarianship prepared by Francis Bluhdorn was approved by the Executive and it was resolved to write to Francis expressing the Executive's support for her draft peer review kit a copy of which she has shown to the Secretary in Darwin. The Secretary reported it appeared to be excellent and would be a valuable document as part of the Quality Assurance process.

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B. STATE SECTION BUSINESS(B1) State Supply Periodicals Tender.

The President announced she had asked Barbara Biggins, CAFHS, to join a joint working party with the Specials to review the unsatisfactory operation of the State Supply Periodicals Tender. The Specials President Edith Heinrich, had been asked to nominate a representative and the new Acquisitions Section would be also approached for a nominee. It was decided to nominate Irene Dorskatsch, Q.E.H. as the Section's second member of the joint working party.

JH

(B2) GRATISSA Organisation.

It was resolved to carry this over until the next meeting.

(B3) State Section Agenda

An Agenda was drawn up for the next general meeting. LH/JF

(B4) Other business

- (i) Stephen Cramond told the Executive of Branch's plans to celebrate the LAA's Golden Jubilee with a working party on the history of the Branch.
- (ii) The issue of sharing information on library automation is to be included on the next Agenda.

Meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.