

MEDICAL LIBRARIES SECTION
VICTORIAN GROUP

Executive Committee Minutes (2/87)

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting (Victorian Group) held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 4th February 1987 in the Medical Library, Alfred Hospital.

1. Present: Veronica Delafosse, Andrew Rooke, Sandra Russell, Susan McNair, and Enid Meldrum.
2. Apologies: Shirley White, Jean Leith.
3. Minutes from the previous meeting: The Minutes of the meeting held 13th January were taken as read.
4. Business arising from the Minutes:

Draft standards

Pat Nakouz, Convenor of the Victorian Working Party held a meeting on 30th January to discuss the current draft. Ideas presented and discussed at this meeting will be combined with those submissions from other interested librarians, and forwarded by Pat to Lindsay Harris.

National Information Policy

The LAA's National Information Policy, having been circulated previously, was discussed.

Various points were raised, among them being:

- (i) have any NIP's from other countries (e.g. US/UK/Canada) been studied?
- (ii) have other relevant international information agreements been studied in the light of our national obligation under these agreements?
- (iii) it was felt that "the well-being of Australia depends upon an information driven recovery" was a rather wide statement.
- (iv) part 3 of the proposed list of responsibilities for the Government deals with indentifying a Minister to be responsible for ensuring effective co-ordination of information. It was felt that a Minister in the field of Science, Technology, or Economics would be more appropriate than one in the Arts, thus reflecting the growing importance of technology in information access.
- (v) that comments on the policy would appear much more pertinent under the banner of our new name - Australian Library & Information Association.

Action: Enid to send a reply to LAA.

5. Treasurer's Report

The current balance is \$32.08.

6. Branch Council Report

Nothing to report, as there had been no meeting since our previous meeting.

7. Additional correspondenceCORRESPONDENCE-IN:

Date	From	To	Subject
27/1/87	LAA WA Med Lib Sect	President	WA Med Lib Sect
3/2/87	Vic Branch Council	Secretary	Minutes
4/2/87	LAA SA Med Lib Sect	Secretary	Minutes

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

20/12/87	President	LAA	Booklist
2/2/87	President	DA Book	" "
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2/2/87	President	Regional Med Lib	Booklist

The letter outlining the situation in WA regarding the LAA Med Libraries Section (WA Group) and the WA Medical Libraries Group was discussed. It was decided to stop sending the Minutes of our meetings to the WA Medical Libraries Group, as our meetings deal mainly with LAA matters. However, in the interests of national health sciences librarianship, we will continue to send them our Newsletter.

Action: Enid to reply to LAA Med Lib Sect (WA Group)

8. List of Recommended Books ...for Small Health Sciences Libraries:

Copies of the Booklist should be available from the printer within a week. Arrangements have been made with various booksellers for free postage of the advertising flyer. A list of publications to receive free copies for review purposes was compiled, as was a list of various overseas library associations to receive the advertising flyer.

9. Quality Assurance:

Anne McLean (AuH) has agreed to be convenor of the working party on quality assurance.

Sandra tabled some papers from Biblio Medica Canadiana on quality assurance sent to her by Lindsay Harris.

10. Special Libraries Publicity Task Force:

Aina Zalitis (VCI) has agreed to be our representative.

Action: Veronica to ring secretary of SLPTF.

11. Other business:

The interstate move of our newly elected committee member, Shirley White, has caused an unforeseen vacancy on our committee.

Action: Enid to ask Jocelyn Dixon (Mercy Maternity) to join the committee.

First General Meeting for 1987:

For security reasons, we are unable to use WEHI as our venue as hoped. The Lincoln Institute was suggested as an alternative. It was decided to ask Alan Saunders of the National Drug Information Centre (Victorian Branch) to be our guest speaker. March 12th was set as the tentative date, pending the availability of the speaker.

Action: Veronica to ring Anne Parkhowell re Lincoln Institute as our venue. Enid to ring Alan Saunders.

Other speakers for 1987 were suggested: Jane LaScala, State Librarian of Victoria; Josephine McGovern, retired Parliamentary Librarian; Prue Deacon, Healthnet.

Sandra raised the problem of continuing frustration with Dewey Decimal Classification, particularly in classifying nursing texts.

Action: Enid to write to the DDC Liaison Committee to alert their attention to our problems.

The number of journals cancelled by NLA as listed in the latest MEDLINER is cause for grave concern.

Action: Enid to write a letter to NLA.

Mention was made of an item in a recent AACOBS newsletter. A study by the Department of Science on Access to Technical Information is currently being undertaken by Professor Carmel Maguire. Areas studied will include libraries covering DDC 500-699.

Action: Enid to write to contact officer re med.libraries.

12. The next meeting of the Executive Committee is to be held on Wednesday 18th March at 5.30pm, Alfred Hospital.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

ADDENDUM: 5/2/87. The next committee meeting will be Wednesday 25th March, as the general meeting will be 19th instead of 12th, due to unavailability of the speaker on the earlier date.

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