

**ALIA HEALTH LIBRARIES SECTION
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Meeting Held 16 November 1999 at Alfred Hospital, Health Sciences Library

1. PRESENT

Veronica Delafosse, Stephen Due, David Lloyd, Lorena Smirneos

2. APOLOGIES

Gabby Fennessy, Helen Stanton

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. Proposed –; V. Delafosse
Seconded – S. Due

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No business arising.

5. BUSINESS

5.1 HLS Program for 2000

There was some discussion regarding the objectives for the Health Libraries Section for 2000. It was decided to carry forward certain objectives and for new ones to be added where appropriate.

5.2 NLM printed list of serials

L. Harris (SA) had asked HLS to consider writing to NLM regarding the demise of the printed List of Serials. It was decided that there was no point in pursuing this as NLM had already decided to discontinue the print version of the index. V. Delafosse had kept copies of MEDLIB-L discussion where the decision to cancel the print version had been discussed.

5.3 Health Libraries Standards

L. Harris has been preparing the draft of the National Health Libraries Standards. Final amendments were due by 19/11/99. L. Harris was hoping to have a copy for the printers by March 2000. There was some discussion as to different possibilities for printing and distribution. S. Due to check with L. Harris regarding this issue.

5.4 Health Libraries Research

There was some discussion on the need for further research in health libraries. Research such as the Rochester study needs to be undertaken on a regular basis and in different areas. Various options and types of research were discussed. It was thought that a Delphi study could look into various research topics that were important to health libraries. A couple of topics suggested included "Impact of technology on library services and practices" and "Impact of technology on user information seeking behaviour".

5.5 Copyright

There was nothing to report on this issue.

5.6 Conference Melbourne 2001

There was nothing to report on this issue.

5.7 Professional Development

H. Stanton unable to attend, so no report available. The questionnaire on professional development would be sent out with the newsletter. Responses were to be sent back to H. Stanton.

Some discussion followed regarding ALIA's professional development program (see Incite Nov. 1999, p.20-21). An item on ALIA's PD program and what it means to health librarians will be included in the next newsletter. V. Delafosse to write a short item.

5.8 Anne Harrison Award

Arrangements are being made for advertising the year 2000 award.

5.4 Health Libraries Research

Corporate structure has been decided and will be implemented. A letter from Jennefer Nicholson had been received regarding the winding up of accounts under the old ALIA sections. There are still some unknowns : financial arrangements for 2000 and divisional structure. A committee is investigating these issues.

5.10 Financing the section in 2000

Deferred until next meeting.

5.11 Proposed national statistical survey

The survey has been sent to groups for review. The survey will be deferred until next year.

5.12 Committee for 2000

Members of the National Executive Committee present at the meeting indicated that they would continue in their positions. It was decided that the position of project officer was required for the committee, and that nominations for this position would be called for.

6. Newsletter Editor's Report

The September/October newsletter has been distributed. G. Fennessy unable to attend, so nothing further report.

7. Treasurer's Report

V. Delafosse stated that she had received a letter from Lyndall Merton (ALIA finance officer) asking for HLS Nat. Exec. budget information up to then of November.

Veronica reported that the current closing balance as of 8/10/99 is \$4,280.39. We received \$3,000 seeding money from the Hobart conference. \$500.00 was received from newsletter advertising.

8. Correspondence Report

P. Deacon – ICML 2005

J. Nicholson – letter of thanks to S. Due regarding input into draft constitution for ALIA

9. Other Business

There was no other business

10. Future Meetings

10.1 This was the last meeting for 1999.

10.2 The first meeting for 2000 will be in January.