

MEDICAL LIBRARIANS' GROUP (VICTORIA)NEWSLETTER - October, 1978.Minutes of the annual general meeting held at the Mayfield Centre on 9th August, 1978.

Apologies were received from Fay Baker, Jocelyn Brooks, Enid Meldrum, Marion Rock, and Elizabeth Griffith.

Liz Osborn suggested that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. Proposed Bernadette Selleck. Seconded Marguerita Neal-Adam.

Karen Bickerton was elected as the new Chairman. Nominated Ann McGalliard. Seconded Pat Nakouz.

Fay Baker was elected as the new Vice-Chairman. Nominated Anne McLean. Seconded Liz Osborn.

Jane Oliver remains Secretary. Nominated Fay Baker. Seconded Sandra Russell.

Correspondence:

A letter was received from Paul Hodgson about an Australia wide medical library directory.

- H. McDonald: His idea is that the directory should be an interface with MEDLINE.
- A. McGalliard: All medical libraries should be in the special libraries directory.
- H. McDonald: The special libraries' directory should be extended. The last one was put out in 1976.
- M. Pinder: Paul Hodgson may feel the directory will be helpful in planning.
- H. McDonald: The value of the directory depends on the resources the National Library puts into it. You can't get all small libraries into the special library directory. It is an honourary job with limited resources, both human and financial to be spent on it.
- A. McGalliard: The special libraries directory should be under Anstel. Anstel is doing good work.
- K. Bickerton: Leave it at sending Paul Hodgson the M.L.G. (Vic.) directory.
- A. McGalliard: Changes in the directory should also be sent to him. It shouldn't just be left.
- H. McDonald: Communication should be to the National Council of the Australian Medical Librarians' Group. It is a national council matter.
- L. Osborn: M.L.G. (Vic.) should write to the national council.

A second letter was received from Paul Hodgson about Abridged Index Medicus. He suggests its coverage would be better if letters were left out. (Letters from the B.M.J., J.A.M.A. Lancet and N.E.J.M. are included and comprise 18% of entries).

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- P. Nakouz: Letters are annoying if you think it is an article. Doctors often don't realise it is a letter.
- R. Tiernan: A letter is often the first piece of information on a subject or a correction to a paper.
- H. McDonald: Paul's idea is to search on a larger data base than core journals. He thinks there is value in including more journals.
- M. Neal-Adam: If the index is abridged letters can go as it only contains core material.
- H. McDonald: The matter needs more thought. How much do we use Abridged Index Medicus? Paul is thinking of bringing abridged Index Medicus into hospitals as a data base and the hospitals searching their own data bases.
- A. McGalliard: How many libraries have Abridged Index Medicus instead of full Index Medicus?
- P. Nakouz: Only Dandenong that I know of. Who worked with it?
- H. McDonald: \$5.00 searches run on Abridged Index Medicus could be available to hospital from the National Library.
- A. McGalliard: This would be no use to larger libraries.
- H. McDonald: It is a service in search of a market. The National Library is pushing Abridged Index Medicus.
- A. McGalliard: Abridged Index Medicus might be useful to an individual user but it is not a big enough data base for large libraries. A report should be written and circulated before the next meeting. People need to have time to think about the issue before the next meeting.

#### Chairman's Report.

Liz Osborne gave the Chairman's report on meetings during 1977-1978. A meeting was held at the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories on 8th August, 1977 at which the new C.S.L. library was inspected.

The last meeting for 1977 was held at the Hospitals and Charities Commission on 15th November, 1977. Sandra Russell gave a short talk on the meeting of the National Medical Librarians' Group and a guest from Toastmistresses gave a talk on how to run meetings. The February, 1978, meeting was held at the Brownless Medical Library, University of Melbourne and Anne Harrison talked on the history of C.M.L.O. and its present and future development.

On May 9th, 1978, a meeting was held at Hoechst Australia Limited. A talk on patient education was given and a film on drug development shown.

On the 7th June, 1978, a joint meeting was held with the Information Science Section (Victorian Group) of the LAA to examine MEDLINE - its present use and plans for future development. Sandra Russell and Anne Harrison spoke about their experiences using MEDLINE at Monash and Melbourne Universities, and Paul Hodgson (Australian MEDLARS Service) gave an insight into the future of MEDLINE outside the universities.

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He expressed hope that MEDLINE would extend into the hospital field in the near future. On July 3rd, 1978, a special meeting was held at the Royal Melbourne Hospital to discuss the L.A.A. interlibrary loan voucher system. Most libraries are participating in the system. A Basic Booklist Subcommittee comprising May McKeown, Gayle Edwards and Norma Worswick has been set up to update the basic booklist.

The revised journal list prepared by Ann McGalliard is ready for publication. Liz Osborn was thanked for the work she had done as Chairman.

#### Treasurers' Report

Anne McLean presented the Treasurer's report.

The books were audited at the end of June.

A statement of income and expenditure for the year ending 30th June, 1978, is attached. The donation to A.M.L.G. was refunded as A.M.L.G. is not having its own funds.

A. McGalliard asked for help with the directory and reminded members to send amendments to her.

H. McDonald volunteered to help Ann with the directory.

Anne McLean and Margaret Scott were thanked for their work in setting up the workshop.

H. McDonald: Congratulations on the workshop. It was helpful and enjoyable.

A. McGalliard: It should be the first of a series of workshops.

H. McDonald: It was one of the most successful workshops I have been to, well structured and practical.

A. McGalliard: The workshop was too short.

L. Osborn: There could be a longer one next time.

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#### Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be the last for 1978.

Date: Monday 13th November, 1978.

Place: School of Nursing Library, Alfred Hospital.

Time: 6.30 p.m. with refreshments at 6.00 p.m.

#### Following Meetings for 1979:

February: Tuesday 13th.

May: Wednesday 9th.

August: Thursday 9th.

November: Monday 12th.

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Chairman

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Please check the Medical Libraries directory for convenient times for  
ringing about interlibrary loans.

MEDICAL LIBRARIANS' GROUP, VICTORIAStatement of income and expenditure for year ending 30th June, 1978

Balance as per bank statement 1st July, 1977		\$348.32
<u>Plus receipts</u>		
Subscriptions	\$302.50	
Bank interest	11.05	
Donation to AMLG	<u>50.00</u>	<u>363.55</u>
		\$711.87
<u>Less expenditure</u>		
Stationery, printing & postage	\$ 94.29	
Refreshments	190.85	
Publications	17.11	
Gifts	51.25	
Refund of donation to AMLG	<u>50.00</u>	<u>403.50</u>
Balance as per bank statement 30th June, 1978		\$308.37

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE - FILL IN AND RETURN

NAME .....

LIBRARY .....

Please find enclosed my membership fee for 1978/79

Full membership \$5.00

(Applies to persons in employment (including part-time employment) and able to participate in the Groups activities.)

Corresponding membership \$2.50

(Applies to persons not participating in the Group's activities, (e.g. Interstate members); persons presently unemployed; and other interested persons.)

Return to:

Ann McLean, C/- Medical Library, Austin Hospital, Studley Road,  
Heidelberg, Vic. 3084