



THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
 MEDICAL LIBRARIES SECTION
 VICTORIAN GROUP
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES (4/85)

Minutes of the Executive Committee (Victorian Group) meeting (4/85)
 held at 5.30 pm on Thursday 30th May 1985, at Brownless Library.

ACTION

1. Present.
 Joan Martin, Sandra Russell, Barbara Jacoby, Aina Zalitis,
 Susan Liepa, Andrew Rooke, Bronia Renison.
2. Apologies.
 Mary Arnold.
3. Minutes.
 Moved that the Minutes of the previous meeting (30.4.85) be
 accepted. (Joan Martin, Aina Zalitis)
4. Business arising.
 Would be dealt with under specific topics during the meeting.
5. Correspondence.

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CORRESPONDENCE OUT: April 25th - May 25th 1985:

3.5.85	President	Asst. Exec. Dir.	Professional membership.
3.5.85	President	LAA Exec. Dir.	Professional ethics.
13.5.83	Secretary	Working Committee	Thanks and guidelines.
		Volunteers	

CORRESPONDENCE IN: April 25th - May 25th 1985:

3.5.85	Naida Tattersall	Secretary	LAA Conference, Darwin.
6.5.85	MLS, QLD.	Secretary	Minutes of meeting.
10.5.85	P. Nakouz	Secretary	Regional Medical Library news.
23.5.85	Asst. Exec. Dir.	Secretary	LAA Ann Gen Meeting.
23.5.85	Asst. Exec. Dir.	Secretary	Elections for 1986 Division Office Bearers.
23.5.85	Asst. Exec. Dir.	Secretary	Professional membership.
23.5.85	Asst. Exec. Dir.	Secretary	Applications for Special Grants.
23.5.85	L. Lansley	Secretary	LAA Salary Scales.

6. Business arising.
 Suggestions from Victoria, and other states for topics and
 meetings at the Darwin conference were:
 General meeting,
 Social function, eg. dinner,
 Library tours
 Alternative medicine resources,
 HCV Regional computerization,
 Assistance to S.E. Asian medical libraries,
 Session or workshop of medical interest within the program.

It would be desirable to avoid times conflicting with sessions held by the Special Libraries Section.
It may be possible to hold a combined session or social function with that Section.
The general call for papers is probably still to come.
We will need to allow some leeway in planning for the new Committee elected for 1986.
We should advise the Darwin Planning Committee that the Section will require some time, and that papers might be expected on one of some of the topics suggested. SR

We should check on the Statistics Compendium mentioned in the Queensland Minutes. SR

Nominations for Office Bearers, 1986:
The location of the next National Committee will be decided at the next Annual General Meeting.
Joan raised the possibility of electing a truly "national" committee, with members from all states. It would be difficult to arrange meetings. It may be possible to obtain special grants to finance occasional meetings, and/or use teleconferencing facilities. The LAA's timetable will just allow time to discuss this at the AGM. The meeting will need to decide how many committee members are needed.
Nominations will also need to be submitted for State elections.

Meetings of the General Council Meeting were tabled.

Special Grants:
We could apply for a recoupable grant for production of the new edition of the Book List. Seed money could be used to pay staff to do the bibliographic work and typing. The Publications Committee should work on this. SL

A non-recoupable grant could be used for a research project. We might employ someone to conduct a nominated research project, using our existing funds to employ that person initially to draw up a research proposal.
It may be preferable to leave this until 1986-87.
The idea should be raised at the next General Meeting. AR

7. Treasurer's Report.

There is a credit balance of \$339.04.

Money may be needed to pay for speakers, eg. \$50 is required to engage a speaker on stress from the Augustine Centre.
It was agreed that this was a valid expenditure. Andrew should make arrangements to engage the speaker, and advertise the meeting widely. AR
It was also considered reasonable to use some of the funds to provide good quality refreshments before general meetings.

8. General Meeting.

The next General meeting will be held at Brownless Library on 18th July. The subject will be Stress management and reduction, presented by a speaker from the Augustine Centre, and occupational diseases of clerical workers, presented by Prof. Tony Ryan. Andrew will make final arrangements, and send a notice to Incite and to the Special Libraries Section. AR
Betty McNeice is ready to assist when required.

9. Branch Council Report.

Mary has asked medical librarians to attend meetings run by other Sections. In the opinion of other Committee members, we should support Branch and other Section meetings if they are of individual interest, but we should not feel obliged to be represented at every meeting.

We should check what Mary has in mind. She is only obliged to attend Branch Council meetings, and should not feel she must go to others. She may be able to point out meetings of special interest to other members.

The Acquisitions Section has meetings which may be of special interest to medical librarians. Elizabeth Carvosso has sent a letter requesting our attendance, and ideas for future meetings. Bronia will ask her to send notification for inclusion in our Newsletter, and will suggest exchange of Newsletters. BR

We could suggest to them that a meeting on subscription agents would be useful.

10. Continuing Education Requirements.

Mary should check on what Branch Council is planning for Victoria and our replies should be submitted to Branch Council. MA

We would not expect a session exclusively for medical librarians. We should notify the LAA of our support for a wide spectrum of C.E. topics, especially Audio-visual copyright, and Stress Management. We should emphasize the need for topics aimed at small and special libraries. They should allow for the different scale of the special libraries. Present courses tend to be more suitable for large scale libraries. SR

Smaller libraries are catered for at local level, which needs special funds. There is a case for providing special grants for Sections representing the smaller libraries.

11. Proliferation of Conferences.

Points raised in discussion were:

There are too many conferences because the LAA Conference does not meet the needs of special interests.

It might be preferable to dispense with the general conference. There could be a change to combined sectional conferences, if required, with free time for intermixing. There would need to be a fully developed program for each section. We might look at the conferences of ANZAAS or the Royal Australian Chemical Institute as models.

Another alternative would be to have only sectional conferences spread over two years.

The LAA's statement on the Perth Special/Medical/Information Science Conferences is not correct. The conferences were not combined, and the Medical conference did not make a loss: \$1000 was donated to the Victorian Conference Committee.

Good venues and overseas speakers are an attraction.

Professional organizers are very useful. The LAA would not be as efficient as a local professional organizer.

12. Corporate Plan.

Send comments to Joan for discussion at the next meeting. JM

13. Standards.

The Draft Victorian Standards should be sent to the other State Groups, with a request for specific comments and criticism. PN
A national working group will be needed.
We should ask the LAA for a grant to allow for postage, photocopying, teleconferencing and occasional meetings.
Pat Nakouz should call the Standards Committee together, and decide on a strategy. The Committee should report to the national Executive.
The first national meeting could be held at the Conference, and observers could be allowed to attend.

14. Membership

Barbara and Susan have compiled a list of nonmember medical librarians. An invitation to become MLS should be sent to them after the current LAA membership has been produced. BJ/SL
Many nonmembers are country librarians, or librarians in hospitals which are institutional members.
Could we plan a meeting especially for country members?

15. Other business.

The National Book Council is getting ready to oppose the proposed tax on books.

The next meeting will be held at 5.30 pm on Thursday 11th July.

- cc. Joan Martin
Sandra Russell
Barbara Jacoby
Andrew Rooke
Mary Arnold
Bronia Renison
Susan Liepa
Aina Zalitis