

AUSTRALIAN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ASSOCIATION
HEALTH LIBRARIES SECTION
MINUTES, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 21 SEPTEMBER 1995

1. **PRESENT** Judy Stoelwinder, Peter Nunn, Andrew Rooke, Karen Tempest,
Stephen Due, Melanie Kammermann
APOLOGIES Sandra Hodgson, Jan Riches
2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING 17 AUGUST 1995**
Minutes confirmed as being correct
3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
 - 3.1 **ALLIA Survey of Victorian Hospital Libraries**

Melanie has completed changes to the survey which the Committee have approved. It was agreed that the title of the survey be changed to ALLIA Survey of Health Libraries rather than Hospital Libraries and see what sort of response is obtained from non hospital health libraries. Stephen pointed out that an improved response rate will only be achieved if the Committee stringently follow up non responding libraries. The survey will go into Health Inform as a separate flier.
 - 3.2 **Metropolitan Hospitals Planning Board**

As yet no letter has been written to the Board. Since the last meeting the Board have released four discussion papers. The discussion paper Undergraduate Education, Postgraduate Training, Research and Development makes no mention of libraries. The Committee can only assume that libraries come under the Board's broad term "infrastructure". As a consequence the section's response needs to focus on libraries as part of the infrastructure and their experience with information technology.
4. **PROGRAMME FOR 1995**
 - 4.1 **Country Librarians**

The fliers are complete. Keynote speaker is Derek Whitehead who will be talking about, and prompting discussion on, issues he believes will be important to libraries in the future.
 - 4.2 **AGM / Christmas Party**

Jan has sent a deposit and confirmed a booking at Poytonz for Friday 1 December. The Committee have set the prices at \$20 per head for members and \$30 per head for non members.

Action: Peter to oversee production of the flier and send it out around November 1.
5. **HEALTH INFORM**

The September issue of Health Inform is in the final stages of being put together. 200 copies will be printed.
June issue has been put on VicNet
Fantastic news is that Health Inform is to be indexed back to 1993 by Australian Library

and Information Science Abstracts.

On receiving a letter from the solicitors, Phillips Fox, the lead article of the September issue on fax ILL systems was dropped. An intellectual copyright dispute between Laurie Davis, the system's developer, and Fairfield Hospital has arisen.

There was much discussion about an approach made by the 1996 WA National Executive regarding Health Inform becoming the National Newsletter. Andrew has had discussion with the editorial team at MMC who in general are supportive of the idea:

- smaller states will be taking on the national co-ordination in the coming years and they are often in need of extra support
- opportunity to make Health Inform bigger and better than a newsletter
- there is some concern about the lack of Victorian focus
- National Executive would fund Health Inform leading to more money being available for Vic HLS to run continuing education activities, etc.
- now that Health Inform is being indexed by ALISA there may be more incentive for librarians to contribute articles
- Health Inform could be a springboard that brings greater focus to Health Librarianship

The approach from the WA National Executive was informal and obviously no details have been worked through or an agreement from the other states sought. The Committee discussed a number of scenarios for coordinating and producing Health Inform but ultimately no action can be taken without further discussions with the WA National Executive.

Action: Judy to write to Cheryl Hammitt

Adam will coordinate Health Inform while Andrew is on leave in December and January.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

In Jan's absence, Judy reported an approximate balance of \$1800.

7. VIC BRANCH

Jan attended Vic Branch in Judy's absence. The next Vic Branch meeting is on 21/22 October in Albury. There's a meeting on 31 October at 4 pm at the World Trade Centre to discuss next year's conference. Vic Branch are calling for office bearers.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Discussion of Correspondence Listed

8.1.1 C Cherrett on Division Reports

Action: Peter and Karen to put together 300-400 words outlining the year's highlights for inclusion in InCite. Deadline is 1 November.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

Meeting closed 7.15 pm.

Next meeting 19 October 1995