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NATIONAL COMMITTEE

As you will all know, the National Committee is now located in Western Australia and we are listing separately the names of all office bearers for the Section and its Sectional Groups.

Because we are such a small group, our office bearers occupy the same positions in the W.A. Group, with our Group representative on the L.A.A. W.A. Branch Council being Anne Gillett. It is something we do not recommend as it is very difficult to wear two hats, particularly when we do not hold separate meetings. Our main Section activities relate to issues affecting the L.A.A. as a whole. We have spent a great deal of time on the Trask report, the Role of Sections and of course, discussions on matters relating to the forthcoming Australian Medical Librarians' 5th Biennial Conference.

At present, our President is overseas and during her absence (1.5.83 - 18.7.83) Anne Gillett is Acting President. Our Secretary (Judy Baumann) who has been on extended maternity leave has now resigned, so Rita Higham has stepped in firstly as Acting Secretary and now as Secretary.

Our President (Eff Horner) writes en route to Hong Kong ...

"Whilst I am on long service leave in England, I am going to the British Conference of the Institute of Information Scientists at Oxford in July, and to the Library Association's Medical, Health and Welfare Conference in July. So I shall be able to make some pretty pertinent comparisons with our own Conference."

AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL LIBRARIANS' 5TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

As most of you will already know, this is being organised jointly by the L.A.A. Medical Libraries Section and the Medical Librarians Group (W.A.) and is to be held here in Perth from Sunday, 18th to Friday, 23rd September, 1983 inclusive. It is to be followed by three other L.A.A. conferences (Special, ISS and Law) which finish on 1st October.

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The Conference Steering Committee became the Conference Planning Committee during last year when Ingrid Sims, (President of the Medical Librarians' Group (WA)) took over as Convenor at a meeting of the MLG (WA) to which most of our members also belong. The Committee comprises:

CONVENOR:	Ingrid SIMS
COMMITTEE:	Cheryl HAMIL Ethel HORNER Barbara PROUD
CO-OPTED MEMBERS:	Sue BOLTON Anne LE FEVRE

Eff is the only L.A.A. member on the Committee and has worked hard on our behalf. She writes that the "Committee lived through moments of panic when [it] wondered if anyone would come but [it] now thinks it will be good. [It] has arranged a lot of different happenings including a management seminar, specialist workshops, overseas reports, "how-we-done-it-good" papers, L.S.C.C. meeting, et al."

The Conference programme is with the printer and it is expected to be distributed very shortly.

Whilst Eff is overseas, our Treasurer (Denis Kelly), will attend the meetings to keep us informed of developments.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Section will hold its AGM during the Conference and the Agenda will be distributed in due course. If Sectional Groups or members have issues which they wish discussed, please let us know as soon as possible. Two items which will definitely be on the Agenda are:

1. Our suggested name change from Medical Librarians' Section, to Health Libraries Section
2. The rotation of the National Committee and its relation to location of the next Australian Medical Librarians Conference.

Please give these matters your consideration between now and September and be prepared to vote on the issues at the AGM.

SECTIONAL GROUPS

Your Section places a great deal of importance on communication. We are distributing our minutes to all groups and we would like to see each Sectional Group do likewise. In this way we shall all be fully informed as to what is going on at both National and State levels.

We extend a welcome to Queensland as our newest Sectional Group and wish them luck. Its members are hardworking and enthusiastic and we welcomed their response to our call for comments on the Trask report and Role of Sections. Brisbane is the venue for next year's Joint LAA/NZLA Conference, and the Queensland Sectional Group is organising one session of medical interest, together with a function for members of the Section.

The names and Addresses of the office bearers of the various Sectional Groups are:-

NEW SOUTH WALES GROUP

President: Mr John HOLGATE, C/- Royal Hospital for Women, 188 Oxford Street,
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Secretary: Mrs Frances L. AITKEN, C/- Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Missenden
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Treasurer: Mrs Shirley McGLYNN, C/- Commonwealth Institute of Health, University
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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GROUP

President: Mrs Elizabeth GATEHOUSE, C/- Adelaide Children's Hospital, 72 King
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Secretary: Mrs Pamela GRIFFITHS, C/O Royal Adelaide Hospital, North Terrace,
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Treasurer: Mrs Barbara MISKELLY, C/O Modbury Hospital, Smart Road, MODBURY SA
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QUEENSLAND GROUP

President: Miss Frances FLYNN, C/- Central Medical Library, Medical School,
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Secretary: Ms Joanne AUSTIN, C/- Library, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Ipswich
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Treasurer: Mrs Hazel E. JONES, C/- Library, Department of Health, Administration
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VICTORIAN GROUP

President: Mrs Susan LIEPA, C/- Library, Moorabbin Hospital, PO Box 72,
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Secretary: Miss Aina ZALITIS, C/- Central Cancer Library, Cancer Institute,
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Treasurer: Miss Judith A. QUILTER, C/- Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital,
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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GROUP

President: Mrs Ethel M. HORNER, C/- Princess Margaret Hospital for Children,
GPO Box D 184, PERTH WA 6001 (09)382 8465

Secretary: Mrs Rita HIGHAM, C/- Princess Margaret Hospital for Children,
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Treasurer: Mr Denis KELLY, C/- Princess Margaret Hospital for Children,
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A FINAL WORD FROM YOUR SECTION

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Perth in September. We know that present financial constraints will prevent some of you from coming to the West, but September - October are not only the LAA Conference meetings in Perth, but also good months for wildflowers and sightseeing.

Do try to make it a Conference/holiday trip.