

MEDICAL LIBRARIANS GROUP - VICTORIAN BRANCH.REPORT OF MEETING, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1971.

Librarians met at 5.00 P.M. on Tuesday, 23rd November, 1971, in the History of Medicine Room, Brownless Medical Library, University of Melbourne.

Miss Harrison reported on a meeting of university medical librarians held in Sydney in conjunction with the LAA Conference in August, 1971. The librarians present at the meeting constituted themselves a National Steering Committee to form an Australian Medical Librarians Group, and agreed to call meetings in their home states to inaugurate State branches. Also agreed to contact a librarian in ACT., Queensland and Tasmania, centres not represented at the meeting, to secure all-state representation. Mrs Baillie and Miss Harrison were appointed co-convenors of the National Committee for the period 1972-73. Various problems were discussed.

Miss Harrison then read a report from Mr. George Franki that a N.S.W. branch had been formed at a meeting held on November 4th, 1971.

She then referred to the agenda of the current meeting, covering formation of a Victorian Branch of the Medical Librarians' Group, its form, financial support, appointment of office-bearers and plans for practical activities.

It was moved by Mrs Baillie, seconded by Mrs Schmeja, that the meeting should form a Victorian branch of the Medical Librarians Group.

Carried.

Moved Miss Robins, seconded Miss Didzys, that it should be an informal body, with Convenor as sole office-bearer.

Carried.

Moved Mrs Rock, seconded Miss Bennett that there should be an annual subscription of \$2.00.

Carried.

The meeting approved the proposal to apportion subscriptions between the national and state bodies 1:3, and to pro-rate initial subscriptions at \$1.00 to June 30th, 1972, thereafter collecting subscriptions for the financial year July 1st-June 30th.

The meeting then proceeded to appoint a Convenor. Miss Harrison and Mrs Baillie stated their desire to concentrate on the activities of the National Steering Committee and other medical library organizations. (Miss Harrison: Central Medical Library Organization and Committee on International Cooperation of the Medical Library Association; Mrs Baillie: AACOBS Committee on Medical Library Services). After some discussion Mrs Baker (Monash Clinical School at Alfred Hospital) and Mrs Meldrum (Alfred Hospital) agreed to act as co-convenors of the Victorian Branch.

Miss Harrison then vacated the Chair in favour of Mrs Baker and Mrs Meldrum. Substance of subsequent discussion:-

Frequency of meetings - every quarter. Four dates to be decided for 1972. Place of meetings - U.M.L. History of Medicine Room, or conference room at the Monash Medical School, Alfred Hospital, as the alternative, with the possibility of holding future meetings at various hospital libraries.

Time of meetings - tentatively suggested as 6.30 P.M.

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Suggested topics for discussion:

1. Workshop type discussion of stationery used by members, with aim to standardize forms and policy where possible (i.e. I.L.L.) and applicable.
2. Protocol for I.L.L.
3. University Reference Librarian to talk on overseas resources for answering requests unavailable in Australia.
4. Discussion of classification systems other than D.C.
5. Possible consistency and uniformity of cataloguing, especially for CMLO catalogue.
6. Subscription agencies - members experience both in Australia and overseas.

Projects to be delegated to sub-committees for the benefit of all members, and to aid inter-national co-operation include:

1. Preparation of a primer for use by members of the Medical Librarians' Group.
2. List of member libraries, name of librarian, times of opening, stock estimate, any specialities, policy on lending, phone numbers, etc. All this on standard form to be devised, and copy sent to members.
3. List of basic reference books for medical libraries, (and journals?).
4. List of airmail subscriptions.

The suggestion was made by Miss Harrison that brief items could be communicated to members via the Brownless Medical Library Periodical Mailing List, e.g. any items as to journals cleared from the Dead letter Office, and any available duplicates of Index Medicus, etc.

With the proposed appeal by the Association of Hospital and Health Services Librarians of Victoria, it was suggested that some help might be given by the Medical Librarians' Group, in the manner of comparable salary scales for University, State, and Commonwealth libraries.