

ALIA HEALTH LIBRARIES SECTION. VICTORIAN GROUP  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on Tuesday 10th March, 1992, at the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute, at 5.30 pm.

1. Present : E. Meldrum, J. Marshall, R. McIvor, L. Belkin, J. Hindson, S. O'Callaghan, J. Rusciano

Apologies : D. Lloyd, K. Hutton

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 3.1 PROGRAMME FOR 1992

CD ROM networking at Fairfield was nominated for the 21st May, 5.30 for 6.00. This will be catered for with the Section paying the bill.

For the SWETS demonstration on the 26th March, J. Rusciano to organise food with J. Marshall.

Other ideas for future meetings included Lisa Belkin speaking on personal bibliographic software (PROCITE). "Libraries under seige" was the suggested title for a seminar/meeting to be held on library management and survival while dealing with reduced resources.

ACTION : J. Rusciano and L. Belkin to look at ideas, and find possible speakers.

- 3.2 COUNTRY HOSPITAL LIBRARIANS

The VICGRATIS Meeting is to be held on the same day as the SWETS demonstration which should allow Country Librarians the chance to attend both.

- 3.3 LIBRARY STATISTICS

E. Meldrum informed us that K. Hutton is looking at different statistics and different ways of presenting them.

4. NEWSLETTER

*a couple*  
Congratulations to the Newsletter committee on a very impressive presentation. There have been several submissions for the next Newsletter. It was suggested that J. Rusciano should write an article on Networking at Fairfield as a preview to the meeting on the 21st May. L. Belkin is to ~~look at an~~ automated list of mailing addresses for the newsletter. *the*

*recipients*  
*of the newsletter not already on the ALIA mailing list.*

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

No Treasurer's report this meeting.

7. **VIC BRANCH COUNCIL REPORT**

J. Marshall did not attend the meeting on the 12th February, but has received the minutes.

8. **AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**

ACHS : The criteria for nominations for ACHS surveyors were discussed. They currently preclude any nominations for allied health professionals. Consideration may be given later in the year regarding lobbying to change this restriction.

RURAL HEALTH UNIT : The Federal funding for the Unit appears to be in jeopardy. The Rural Health Alliance is still keen to attempt to pursue a co-ordinated national approach.

Discussion ranged over the topic relating to reciprocal recognition of professional qualifications between Australia and New Zealand. Representatives of member organisations were asked to check which NZ qualifications were recognised by Australian professional body.

9. **MAYFIELD EDUCATION CENTRE**

A brochure and covering letter has been produced by Mayfield for a one day course on running a small health care library. The course is not aimed at qualified librarians. The Committee discussed the problem of such courses undermining the attempts to convince institutions that they should be employing qualified library staff. It was decided that ALIA should deal with the problem. J. Marshall had rung them and was waiting an answer.  
ACTION: J. Marshall to follow up with ALIA.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was as listed in the agenda.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Congratulations to Enid Meldrum for the Anne Harrison obituary in the Newsletter. The Committee was concerned about the administration of the Anne Harrison Award. Past recipients of the award have not been presenting reports showing research being done. It appears that the National Section of ALIA administers the award at the moment, but the Committee felt that it should be the job of the Head Office.  
ACTION: J. Marshall to write to Helen Mandl at ALIA.

E. Meldrum informed the Committee that the Medical Informatics Association had a meeting on on-line searching and databases. Perhaps we should be going to such meetings.

It was decided that we should be advertising our meetings in Branch Watch.

ACTION: L. Belkin to send fax of next meetings flyer to Branch Watch.

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 14th April at 5.30pm.