

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

MEDICAL LIBRARIANS' SECTION

VICTORIAN GROUP

Minutes of a General Meeting and of the Annual General Meeting, 1982, held on 3rd August 1982, at the Austin Hospital Medical Library.

Present: J. Martin, S. Hill, J. Quilter, A. McLean, A. Webb, E. Howard, M. Pinder, M. Papile, K. Johnson, S. Saefjay, F. Baker, P. Nakouz, K. Edwards, J. Burn, A. Parkhowell, B. Jacoby, J. Odgers, M. Rock, W. Parks, Y. Sutherland, B. Lee, M. Williams, M. Hall, E. Haerhoff, S. Leipa, K. Gray, C. Gilbert, J. Dixon, J. Foreman, J. Wright, A. Zalitis.

Apologies: A. Harrison, M. Gavin, E. Osborn, J. Brooks, E. Giddy, H. Cotsell, R. Cotsell, A. McGalliard, J. Oliver, P. Smith, B. McNeice, J. Leith, M. McKinnon, H. Murphy, J. Riches, L. Crowther, E. Meldrum, M. Newton, S. McKeown, B. Freeman, N. Worswick.

The President welcomed Ellen Howard (working at Monash University Biomedical Library, on exchange with Sandra Russell), Jan Wright (Department of Education Library), and R.M.I.T. Librarianship students on placement at the Victorian Health Commission Library.

GENERAL MEETING

1. Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 17th May, 1982, were accepted (Moved: C. Gilbert; seconded: M. Hall).

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

2.1 Aims statement

The meeting was informed that a copy of the Victorian Group's Aims Statement had been sent to the National Executive for consideration.

3. Correspondence

Correspondence as listed was accepted. (Moved: A. Zalitis; seconded: A. McLean).

4. Report from Victorian Branch Council

Minutes of Branch Council meetings of 12th May and 19th June, 1982 were tabled. Attention was drawn to discussion on responsibility for library service to occupants of hospitals and gaols, at the meeting on 14th July.

5. Reports from Working Group

5.1 Publications Working Group

Merle Hall (Convenor) reported plans to update the core list of books and journals for hospitals and ancillary services. Members with suggestions for additions and amendments were urged to contact the group.

5.2 Standards Working Group

Pat Nakouz (Convenor) reported on the work of the group. The group did not intend to concern itself with standards for the disabled, as this work was being done by the L.A.A. The group felt that although accreditation standards for hospitals included standards for hospital libraries, more evaluative criteria were required to guide the hospital manager.

5.3 Continuing Education Working Group

It was noted that Barbara Jacoby had replaced Sandra Russell as convenor of this group. A report was not yet available.

6. Progress Reports, Programme

6.1 A/V Workshop, Ballarat, October 21st, 1982

A call to membership of the planning committee was made.

6.2 Combined Meeting, Special Libraries' Section and Medical Librarians' Group, 21st September, 1982

Jan Wright suggested the Royal Children's Hospital as a potential venue of interest to Special Libraries' Section members. Establishing a programme of mutual interest appeared to be presenting some difficulties, and members were asked to pass on suggestions to Jan Wright or Sue Hill.

6.3 Christmas Party

It was reported that arrangements had been confirmed, and that the cost was expected to be \$18 a head.

7. "Air and Share"

7.1 Notice was given of the 5th International Congress on Medical Librarianship, Tokyo, 1985. Documentation was tabled.

7.2 Attention was drawn to the "Trading Post" sheet distributed with the meeting papers. Such a sheet could be included in mailings whenever material was available.

7.3 Notice of a series of seminars on medical education (submitted by Majorie Pinder) was given. Documentation was tabled.

8. General Business

AACOBS Representation

Sue Hill drew attention to the fact that medical libraries were not represented on AACOBS. Discussion was deferred until possibilities were thoroughly investigated.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

9. Presidents' Report

The President, Joan Martin, presented the first Annual Report. Copies would be distributed with the minutes.

10. Treasurer's Report

The report was presented by the Secretary in the absence of the Treasurer, and was accepted. (Moved: M. Williams; seconded A. Zalitis).

11. Affiliates' Donations, 1983

It was agreed that the suggested donation from affiliate members in 1983 would be \$10.

(Moved: P. Nakouz; seconded: M. Hall).

12. Election of Office Bearers and Executive, 1982/83.

As no nominations had been received prior to the meeting, offices were filled at the meeting, as follows:

President: Sue Leipa  
(Moved: P. Nakouz; seconded: K. Gray)

Secretary: Aina Zalitis  
(Moved: A. McLean; seconded: K. Gray)

Treasurer: Judith Quilter  
(by general agreement)

Committee members:

Anne McLean  
Joan Martin  
(by general agreement)

Pat Nakouz thanked the departing Executive. Joan Martin thanked Anne McLean and the Austin Hospital for hosting the meeting.

PANEL DISCUSSION - MEDICAL LIBRARY USERS' NEEDS

Panel: Sally McManamny, Lecturer, School of Nursing, Lincoln Institute.  
Joy Clayfield, Lecturer, School of Physiotherapy, Lincoln Institute. Larry Osborne, Deputy Medical Superintendent, Austin Hospital.

Sally McManamny and Joy Clayfield had agreed at short notice to replace the advertised panellists Mary Buttifant (Alfred Hospital) and Ray Cotsell (Lincoln Institute).

Sally McManamny offered perspectives of a student, a nurse educator, and a hospital ward nurse, offering many suggestions as to what library needs were in each case. Joy Clayfield mentioned the deficiencies of many hospital libraries and suggested how the needs of physiotherapy students might be better met by hospital libraries. Larry Osborne took an administrative/research, rather than clinical, perspective, and covered staff, physical resources, library materials and additional services.

Sue Hill thanked the guest speakers.