

**ALIA HEALTH LIBRARIES SECTION, VICTORIA**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MINUTES, 19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 1998**  
*Held at ANZCA*

**1. PRESENT**

David Lloyd, Helen Cotsell, Stephen Due, Kerry Johannes, Shanti Nadaraja, Majella Pugh, Andrew Rooke, Mellita Vertigan

**2. APOLOGIES**

Joanna Boast, Adam Clark

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> 1998**

Proposed - Stephen; Seconded - Helen

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil

**5. PROGRAMME FOR 1998**

5.1 *Evidence Based Health Care - 6<sup>th</sup> August*: Very successful, professionally and socially. However, some attendees did not want to fill in the evaluation form and discussion ensued as to whether it was necessary. Many came late and comments were made about the event not starting on time. The display of EBH books was well received. A substitute person was nominated to write up the session for Health Inform, as the original volunteer was ill.  
*Action: Andrew*

5.2 *Practical skills for intranet and web publishing (possible training session)*: David phoned RMIT for a quote for 16 people, late September, and a response was due by the end of the week.  
*Action: David to continue to organise.*

5.3 *Vicgratis/Country Librarians meeting, October 30<sup>th</sup>*: Marianne Broadbent was suggested as a speaker, Shanti to check on cost. Also Virginia Walsh on the ALIA/ACLIS merger - David to follow up. Other items: Six web pages in the 'show and tell', 5 minutes each; Lorena to be approached to speak about the completion of her Anne Harrison Award work and thesis; Jeremy about 1 to 1 1/2 hours for Vicgratis (Mellita to check). A 'plenary' speaker, Prof Lim from Monash, to be approached to speak in the morning (11 am to noon, including question time) on the serials crisis - the increasing cost of journals and the cutting of titles / impact of electronic publishing. (Monash Biomed is to cancel 20%, the Brownless 52% this year, which places pressure on hospitals). Dorothea Rowse may also be asked. Lunch to be catered for at the Epworth, and there will be an afternoon break.  
*Action: David, Mellita, Andrew (Dr Lim) .*

5.4 *AGM/Xmas party, Thursday 3rd December*: William Angliss is available, and has been booked for a maximum of 60 people. The 3 course meal is to cost \$20 (possibly \$25 to include pre-dinner drinks and nibbles), drinks to be billed to each table - Shanti to see if this can be changed to immediate payment by individuals. There is a separate room for the AGM, scheduled for 20 minutes, from 6.30pm. Dinner to start at 7pm, Shanti to check if that can be 7.30. Mellita and Shanti to view and decide the menu. Live music was discussed, as well as a speaker - Terry Lane, Tonia Roberts were suggested.

Shanti has arranged for SPP to donate champagne as a table prize, DA a \$75 hamper, Ovid - EBM on disk for one year (\$1,700) and perhaps dinner for 2 in Sydney during Online Ondisc; Blackwells to be contacted.

*Action: Shanti and Mellita to continue to organise.*

**6. CODE OF ETHICS GROUP**

Subcommittee still conferring.

**7. STATISTICAL SURVEY**

Nothing to report. Stephen reviewed page size (A3) and quantity with Andrew.  
*Action: Stephen to send Andrew the printed item by snail mail.*

**8. ANNE HARRISON AWARD**

There were four expressions of interest for the Cochrane Collaboration training in Adelaide, and three applications had been received. The committee decided on Kate Roberts from La Trobe University's Borchardt Library's reference division's Health Sciences Team.

*Action: David to advise all applicants.*

**9. AUSTRALIAN HEALTH LIBRARIES AT YOUR SERVICE BROCHURE**

There had been a major problem with the graphic artist: his office was inundated with effluent, and his work was damaged. Mellita felt that the sketches he provided were not professional, and has lost confidence in him. She will find someone else - Stephen also had a suggestion. There had already been an order placed by a NSW library for the finished product.

*Action: Mellita*

**10. HEALTH INFORM**

Late September's issue was proceeding well, 14 pages and more to come. Items include: Stephen's lead on "why do you need a library now everything is on the 'net'", an analysis of the statistics gathered in the annual survey, Majella on knowledge management, Lucia Mason on the electronic resources session at Fuji Xerox, Adam on "confessions of an ILL hack", the country report from Hamilton Base Hospital, and the latest Vic 1 developments.

**11. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The balance as at 25<sup>th</sup> July was \$4,447.76, plus the term deposit of \$6,223.33. The latter matures on 27<sup>th</sup> September. It was agreed that the Christmas function would be heavily subsidised - perhaps \$10 - to attract members in readiness for Victoria's turn as the National Executive in 1999.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE****12.1 In from**

12.1.1 ALIA Manager, Policy Development and Support, 19/5/98  
Non receipt of Vic minutes

12.1.2 ALIA Manager, Policy Development and Support, 17/8/98  
Draft charter of renewal for ALIA/ACLIS body

12.1.3 ALIA  
Flier re Australian Library Week, 17-23 May 1999

12.1.4 Jennefer Nicholson, 17/8/98  
ALIA Draft education policy statement

12.1.5 ALIA, 17/8/98

Metcalf Medallion advice and application form

- 12.1.6 Jennefer Nicholson, 17/8/98  
Draft statement on core knowledge for the library and information services sector
- 12.1.7 1999 ALIA study grant awards
- 12.1.8 Tricia Scolaro, National President of HLS, 29/7/98  
National guidelines for hospital libraries
- 12.1.9 Tricia Scolaro, National President of HLS, 30/7/98  
Call for agenda items for the AGM in Adelaide
- 12.1.10 Tricia Scolaro, National President of HLS, 30/7/98  
Stephen's membership of the National Committee in 1999

12.2 **Out from**  
Nil

**13 ALIA/ACLIS MERGER**

David advised that the leadership committee had been dissolved, and that the General Council had taken over. The merger would take place in 2000, and more discussion would be had. Stephen had sustained abuse from ALIA Head Office for raising issues regarding opening the changes up to democratic involvement with the members. He also felt that ALIA needed to address the issue of technological change as soon as possible.

**14 OTHER BUSINESS**

- 14.1 *National Executive 1999*: Succession to two committees, organising two national conferences needed to be addressed asap. Jo Marshall to be contacted by David. Why did keynote speakers have to come from overseas? Majella to represent the Committee at the AGM in Adelaide.  
*Action: David*
- 14.2 *Hospital library standards*: Stephen is on this group, and is looking for input/suggestions.  
*Action: All*
- 14.3 *Photographing future functions*: Photographs would be taken, then displayed at the AGM in a 'year in review' display, possibly a slide show, and be used in Health Inform.

**15 NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, September 16th 1998, ANZCA, 5.30 pm.