The February meeting of the executive board was held at Mid Maine Medical Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Evelyn Greenlaw, Don Bertsch, Don LaMontagne, Wendy Troiano, Cora Damon, Ann McKay, Mary Anne Spindler and Nancy Greenier

EXCUSED: Jean Doty, Cindy Williams and Shelia Johnson

GUEST: Miss Jessica Gauvreau

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance: $5293.99

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Accepted. Will be published in Newsletter.

FUNDING ALTERNATIVE COMMITTEE: Mary Anne reported that this committee met on December 15th. She will submit a brief report of this meeting at the spring meeting so the membership can vote on some of the questions and concerns regarding the future funding of our cooperative.

This ad hoc committee had discussed such varied fund raising mechanisms as sponsoring grant applications, charging for workshops, decreasing the number of issues per year of the Newsletter, assigning specific obligatory chores to institutions which are HSLIC members, charging for NLMs and many more.

Mary Ann's report instigated a long, in-depth discussion by the executive board. The topic of financing HSLIC, of course, leads to the very question of HSLIC's survival. The members of the board were raising these questions: Are we becoming too introverted? Should we move more strongly toward regionalization within our group? Are we taking advantage of small "one time only" grants to support educational endeavors? Should we be asking more help from NLM? If we have to make choices, which are the most important functions of HSLIC which we must salvage?

Two recommendations came out of this discussion:

1.) Education Chairman Ann McKay will immediately start to seek external funding each time any kind of an educational program is being planned. This will become a matter of policy for the Education Committee.

2.) An ad hoc Planning Committee will be appointed immediately by HSLIC's chairman. This committee's charge is to investigate and report on a few specific, detailed ** plans of action upon which the membership will vote. Any alternative must contain some unpopular items, but we must soon make a definite decision, and set our course in that direction.

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MONOGRAPH UNION LIST: Evalyn presented a letter from Melda Page, in which Melda outlined a simple procedure by which USLIC members may submit their new books into a card catalogue to be housed at Togus, and to be available to USLIC members. The board voted to accept the context of Melda's letter as the official guidelines for submitting book titles to the common catalogue. This letter will be published in the Newsletter. MEMBERS: That letter is your procedure, and the common catalogue is effective immediately.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES: The executive board reviewed 1981's Goals & Objectives to be assured that they will be carried out by the spring meeting:
1. Archives - Nancy Greenier reported that this committee will meet on February 13th at Pen Bay. The executive board will receive a report at its next meeting.
2. Education - All projected activities either accomplished or scheduled.
3. Resource Sharing - All projected activities under way.
4. Communication - "" ""

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: We will need to have a report from Tony Gaer, Chair, nominating committee, by our next board meeting, March 17th, in order to have time for the slate to be published for the membership.

The next meeting will be held March 17th in the Portland area, place to be announced.

The April meeting will be held at Pen Bay on the 14th.

Nancy Greenier, Secretary

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