HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY COOPERATIVE OF MAINE

The May 7, 1974 meeting was held at the Bangor-Brewer TB & Health Association Center with the following 15 members in attendance:

Carolyn Wood, Norma Mitton, Karen Berg, Nancy Grenier, Joan Staats, Gabriel Kirkpatrick, Mary Wandersee, Margaret Speirs, Donald Broderick, Paul Lazarus, Catherine Smith, Chris Lavlin, Sarah Fulton, Rebecca Larsen.

A demonstration of the Xerox 400 Telecopier started the meeting. The Telecopier is a device with most advantageous applications for health science libraries. It can provide a copy of an article over a telephone line in about four minutes per sheet of paper. The equipment is portable and usable wherever there is a telephone. The Xerox company rents the Telecopier at a monthly charge. Its applications in a hospital are many, so the cost could be shared by departments, while operation at night and on week-ends when long distance rates are lower would keep down the expense. If the HSLC had a central journal storage area, this would be an extremely useful piece of equipment. It was fascinating to learn about this machine and its possible applications.

The business meeting following the demonstration was chaired by Gabriel Kirkpatrick. Cathy Smith submitted the report of the nominating committee, which was accepted after some discussion, as follows:

**Advisory Board:**

- Dr. James MacCampbell, Librarian, University of Maine
- Robert Woodward, Librarian, Bangor Public Library
- Dr. Hadley Parrot
- Joan Staats, Librarian, The Jackson Laboratories
- Eleanor Cairns, Librarian, Maine Medical Center

**Officers:**

- Co-Chairpersons: Melda Page, Librarian Veterans Administration Center and Gabriel Kirkpatrick, Librarian Augusta General Hospital. Secretary: Rebecca Larsen, Librarian, Thayer Hospital
- Treasurer: Margaret Speirs, Librarian, Bangor-Brewer TB & Health Center

**Area Leaders:**

- North: Marilyn Dean, Librarian, A.R. Gould Memorial Hospital
- Bangor: Cathy Smith, Librarian, Easter Maine Medical Center
- East Coastal: Nancy Grenier, Librarian, Knox County General Hospital
- South: Carolyn Wood, Librarian, Regional Memorial Hospital
- Central: Mary Wandersee, Librarian, Department of Health and Welfare
- York County: (open)

It was moved and seconded and passed the vote be accepted and submitted to the membership to be voted on.
As coordinator Chris reported on some of his recent activities, among them attendance at the library consortium workshop held at the County Library in Boston. He explained the health sciences library hierarchy. It can be illustrated as a triangle with basic unit libraries at the bottom, above them second level libraries, then third level, and at the apex the fourth level, which in our case is the National Library of Medicine. The third level is represented by regional medical libraries, County in this area, while second level libraries comprise those of the nation's medical schools as well as large hospitals and laboratories like the Maine Medical Center and Jackson Laboratories. Basic unit libraries are the rest of us. It is up to us to find what role we can take in the action.

Joan Steats helped clarify this report by giving a brief background of the NEHLS set-up and how it has progressed since its inception in 1965. A second level library would be so designated in this region by NEHLS, Tagus expanding as it is might become a second level one.

In the course of the discussion following the report of the workshop it was decided the word "and information" could be added to our name to clarify our intents and purposes further, and that we like the word "consortium" better than "consortium", so we shall continue to use it. This was moved, seconded and passed. The name will be: Health Sciences Library and Information Cooperative.

Chris asked if the group would be willing to set up some kind of evaluation procedure for the position of coordinator, since it will have to be competitive under the regulations of the grant. It was moved, xxxxxx and passed that the Executive Committee will do this as soon as possible.

Chris continued his report by telling where he had been and what he had been doing. He has made visits all over the state - to Aroostook County twice, to three regional Maine Hospital Association meetings, and to the M.F. Hospital Assembly. Many who attended that meeting were very impressed by what this organization is doing in Maine. He also will be attending the M.F. Hospital Librarians meeting at Northampton, Mass. Cathy Smith is the treasurer of this group.

June 6 and 7 is the Maine Library Association Meeting for which Chris is putting together a slide presentation and panel discussion to show what the organization is doing. He hopes this will also constitute a meeting of the MSIC. On June 16 he has promised to have a booth at the Maine Hospital Association meeting to show what we are doing. He is at the same time gathering statistics about what, who and where we serve. Future ideas are to get the standing committees activated, and an educational survey of the membership to help in planning workshops.

Paul Izzerus wondered if the change in leadership of the VA at the national level will make a difference in the support we are receiving from Tagus. Chris doesn't know, but thinks the VA will go on as it is. Paul suggested we keep notes on what to avoid in setting up a workshop. When we have one we should be sure it really tells something. He added he is pretty certain the medical school will be started in Maine. When it is it will have a positive impact on the cooperative. If the grant is not forthcoming, alternatives must be sought. (Chris has been working on this.) Foundation funding is one area to be investigated, and since it is not too good a source, other funding methods should be checked.

As the meeting closed, Nancy Grenier urged careful preparation of workshops when we hold them. Cathy Smith asked us to complete the forms showing our holdings of books and journals that she sent out during the early winter, so the lists of where publications are available can be prepared for us all. Nancy moved the survey be considered closed to expedite its completion. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.
The officers and area coordinators will be considered the steering committee.

Discussion concerning an administrative liaison committee resulted in the decision to table the appointment of one at this time, but to have Chris Lavin maintain contact with administrators on a one to one basis and to use the steering committee in this capacity when needed. This decision was presented as a motion and passed.