Health Sciences Library and Information Cooperative of Maine

Minutes of a regular meeting held at the Thayer Hospital in Waterville on February 19, 1975 from 10am to 2:30pm with fourteen members present.

Report of the Coordinator:

Finances (1974) received in grant funds, $13,480; of this, $8,840 was paid as salary.

Sources of funds were University of Maine, Medical Care Development and the Veterans Administration.

HSLIC Treasurer's report: Received, $423.00 (1974); on hand, December 31, $139.62; Dues are now being received for 1975 (send to Chris Lavin at the VA).

Needed from Members: Current statistics, July through December, 1974; New signed agreements, and dues (see above).

Hopes to have word in March that grant funds will be released. Will contact the Maine Hospital Association for funds to carry out revision of Union List.

Nominating Committee Report - Accepted:

Co-Chairpersons: Cora Damon and Cathy Smith
Secretary: Rachel Dutch
Treasurer: Sister A. Roux
Area Leaders: North, Marilyn Dean; Bangor, Mike Coppel; East Coastal, Nancy Greiner; South, Mary Jane Coer; Central, Mary Wendorsee.

The meeting was chaired by Cathy Smith and Cora Damon assisted. Discussions included concrete plans that can and will be carried out in 1975:

- Draw together as a group to include all members;
- Expand into all health services activities in the state;
- Formal incorporation this year, if economically possible;
- List of periodicals most used by all;
- Larger libraries work with smaller ones;
- Up-date and expand Union List;
- Simplify format used for statistics;
- Compose a "state of the art" statement; (Co-chairpersons will undertake this.)
- Apply for membership as a sub-group in the Medical Library Association;
- Use the committees already set up to carry out projects;
- Renew the performance evaluation of the HSLIC Coordinator;
- Revise the Advisory Board; each region propose its own members.
QUESTIONS TO GET ANSWERED:

- Where do we stand in the NLM Regional Plan?
- Why are our grant requests constantly refused?
- Would incorporation change our status in grant requests?
- Are other library cooperatives incorporated?

PROPOSALS:

- Tape record subsequent meetings.
- That the Cooperative join the Maine Library Association (moved & passed).
- Smaller libraries be helped by larger. Report results to Coordinator who will handle this area.
- Members are asked to make a list of their affiliations and send them to Chris.
- Work to complete journal holdings using the MLA Exchange lists. In this connection, need seen to join the Medical Library Association. (Moved and passed HSLIC of Maine seek MLA membership.)
- Continue efforts toward creation of a Central Processing Area. The Maine Hospital Association might be interested. Chris will pursue this idea.
- Set up a meeting of the Cooperative to be attended by representatives from NLM and NERMLS.
- Update Union List - complete and accurate. An editor selected to set down guide lines for submitting materials for the list. Approach Maine Hospital Association and/or IHSE for funding of a computer printing.
- A regularly published HSLIC Newsletter. Nancy Greenier will publish it, but members will write complete, clean copy and submit it to Nancy. She will set up publication dates for 1975, send a list of items to include and also send pre-publication notices.

Discussion of committees formed over past year and a half - drop or continue? It was moved and passed that they be disbanded and reconstituted as necessary.

Future meetings to be held in different member libraries to get a chance to see what others have to work with.

Next meeting at St. Mary’s Hospital in Lewiston.

A Committee to find out what journals not held by HSLIC members are most needed: Melda Pate, Cora Damon, Becky Larsen.

Next workshop will be on cataloging. Discussion re: 1-2 days; where held; how to include extreme northern members; also invite non-members.

HSLIC could have exhibits at hospital association meetings.

Melda described a 16 mm film about hospital libraries borrowable from Countway; informative for committee members and all other hospital personnel.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca C. Larsen, Secretary Pro-tem.
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