The meeting started at 10:30 a.m. with a roll call of the twenty members present.

I. The Treasurer's Report which stated that there are 43 members paid up and a balance of $2,700.00 was accepted.

II. Chairperson, Rayna asked for reports from the various committees:

1) Education - Mrs. Kirkpatrick outlined conclusions and priorities regarding continuing education courses determined by this committee.

2) Scholarship - Mrs. Grenier said that there seem to be many good educational opportunities which HSLIC members could attend if there were perhaps some funds to assist them. She asked for ideas and suggestions as to how this might be implemented.

3) Storage - Mrs. Damen reported the results of a questionnaire sent out which listed alternatives on long term storage of back files of journals. The preference seemed to be going with the University of Maine, Orono. Dr. MacCampbell had previously indicated that he would take one copy of the longest and strongest runs, charging $.10 per page for copying. This didn't answer questions regarding turn around time etc., but Miss Damen had not been able to reach Dr. MacCampbell for further clarification.

4) Special Libraries Division - Miss Damen went to the Maine Library Association meeting in Bangor. The division passed by the Board and accepted by the general membership. At the first organizational meeting of the division, Miss Damen was elected Chairperson, and they will have an Education Committee. At the moment there will be no assessment to belong to the Special Libraries Division, although members must belong to MLA, but there may be special dues in the future.

5) Project Evaluation - Miss Damen reported that within the next couple of weeks a project evaluation form which is sent about 3/4 completed now will be finished. This form will evaluate the HSLIC Grant Project over the past year, covers the various areas of things that HSLIC has done and will be sent out to all members. It is most important that everyone respond.

6) Nominating - Mrs. Butler has left Maine so Mrs. Genetti reported. No additional nominations had been received in response to the mailing, but since then a vacancy in the position of Vice-Chairperson has emerged. Volunteers for the office were requested. Please submit names to the Executive Board, since ballots should go out as soon as possible.
7) Chairperson Genetti expressed her thanks to the various committees for the work they had done. Particular note was made of the work Priscilla Platt had done on the ILL notebook and on the Union Lists and Jean Doty's work on the monograph union list. An analysis was made of the requests of the seven Maine Libraries given 250 stamps by NERMLS. Mrs. Read pointed out the tremendous job Mrs. Genetti had done in compiling these statistics by hand. The seven libraries are trying to get together to make cooperative acquisitions of the most requested titles. At the VA, Mrs. Page has just completed another Medlines Workshop for 9 people which proved most interesting and useful. This workshop was videotaped for NERMLS. It was basically for people who do not have terminals, but will be feeding information into terminals. Additionally, Mrs. Genetti thanked Marilyn Dean for her efforts on the HSLIC pamphlet and Mrs. Ricker for the exhibit material.

III. The By-laws were passed at the Fall Meeting in Waterville, and are supposed to go into effect at the end of this spring meeting. The by-laws call for a standing committee on programs and another on Resources Sharing. A notice will be sent out asking for volunteers for these committees.

IV. Directors Report

1) Mrs. Read said that a small grant from the VA for HSLIC and MMC has been given to put out an AV Union List. We will be borrowing the University of Connecticut at Farmington's AV program which is compatible with Orono's computer. If all goes well, the list should be out next fall, and should be free because of the grant. There are new ALA Anglo-American AV cataloging rules, and using MESH subject heading will probably make sense. If there is sufficient interest we could offer a workshop on AV cataloging.

2) Mrs. Read had a meeting with Richard Gross, former President of MLA, regarding planning a workshop next fall on "Health Information for the Layman". MLA, the Maine State Library, and HSLIC will be sponsors and Mid-Maine Medical Center will be the site.

3) Dr. Chen is planning to do a workshop on budgeting in the Fall.

4) HSLIC is continuing to look for funding since the grant is technically up in November, although possibly it may be continued to March 1979. The Maine Hospital Association has agreed to pick up one-third of the grant and possibly HSLIC could set up a consulting service for fees to generate additional funds. So far there has been 12 "interested" replies from small hospitals not meeting accreditation standards in their libraries. MHA has not yet outlined what they would be expecting Mrs. Read to do for them for the $10,000.00, nor has this proposal been passed by their board.

5) Work is continuing on the State Medical Library proposal. Representative Libby Mitchell has indicated willingness to sponsor legislation and Mrs. Read is speaking with key legislators. There appears to be quite a bit of interest, but Mrs. Read had no idea whether anything will come of it. It is important that if we are trying to get physicians to come to Maine that there are research facilities available to them. If the bill does go, it will be drafted in the Fall and go before the Legislature next spring. Work on this will give HSLIC exposure and good publicity.
The proposal would provide for an office with a secretary, a person to do educational work and another person to set up state wide planning, possibly including setting up some grants for local hospitals. Other ideas are some circuit riding people (there is a grant in now for such a person in Northern Maine), a telephone reference service. Even if the proposal doesn't fly this year, it might go another year.

6) Mrs. Read has been doing education programs on a somewhat checkered basis and would like to do it on a more regular basis. She needs to hear what members would like to have for workshops, etc.

7) HSLIC was asked if they wanted to have a speaker at the MHA Annual Meeting. Mrs. Nancy Farrell will be lecturing on "Women in Management in Health Care Service", on June 19, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the Treadway in Rockport. This is not a librarians meeting but for medical records, administrators, auxiliaries, etc.

8) The new Union List of all medical holdings in Maine whether the holder belongs to HSLIC or not has just been completed and is available for distribution. It is a supplement to the old list so hold on to that as well. UMO plans a total revision next year. Charlie Campo, UMO needs to have updates on title changes, additions and deletions and suggests sending these in as they occur so that there isn't a tremendous backlog all at once. The Medical Holdings list will cost $10.00 for non-members and for second copies; first copies are free to members.

9) There is a possibility of a New England Union List of serials, but Arlee May confirmed this would be a very slow process at best. There are problems even within states of who can loan to whom, so interstate would be even more chaotic. Mrs. Genetti noted that in regard to inter-consortia ILL across state lines we have already started negotiating, and even if we don't get a New England wide union list, Judy Littlefield at the VA has a set of state union lists and will provide telephone information from them. Also, the VA's usually have their own regional journals so try borrowing from the individual VA.

10) HSLIC is already circulating an exchange list with our newsletter, but there has been little progress so far with Edith Saltzman for interstate exchange lists.

V. Miss May said there has been some discussion about a sub-contract for Maine, possibly using Togus. The State Medical Library proposal may have some effect. She discussed the new stamps issued on May 15, 1978 and explained the NERMLS contract with NLM was due to expire on that date. The new contract is being revised at NLM but nothing definite yet. Thus, the stamps for one quarter of the annual quota for the first quarter were sent out in good faith. If the contract comes through as we hoped, HSLIC members will be getting the remaining three-quarters of stamps. There is a possibility, however, that there will not be any provision for this. One theory is that charges should be phased in with a maximum charge of $5.00. Countway felt that beginning with a partial charge based perhaps on $1.00 or $2.00 and increasing over three years. Users may be asked to pay the full charge for obtaining the material, or possibly the borrowing institution would underwrite part of the charge, the user the balance. Such a system might be instituted through the purchase of stamps. Other regions are in a somewhat better position than Maine, but NERMLS will be striving for a subsidized document delivery system with some Federal and some individual funding involved. Miss May cited Widener charges as an example: $8.00 for a book and $6.00 for photocopying. Helpful will be the OC/LC terminals which
are now allowing people to know what materials are available in other places.

On the regional level, Miss May noted that Countway is the back-up to the system of HSLIC in Maine. Her office has 2 or 3 professionals and the support staff is mainly for document delivery. Another function of NERMLS is education. This year Countway finally got a librarian, Robin LeSoeur, who is most interested in visiting all the State groups. Possibly he could come to HSLIC’s fall meeting. Organizational changes include Mr. LeSoeur being named the RMLS Director and Miss May the Associate Director. Marion Levine will continue as document delivery supervisor, but her title is changed – Coordinator, Extension Services. In the RMLS picture the Advisory Group needs to be revised and revised. In naming the members of this Advisory Council, the State Librarians from each state will be appointed to the new Advisory Council. The next NERMLS newsletter will have a questionnaire regarding educational courses and Miss May urged everyone to answer this questionnaire as candidly as they possibly can. For the most part programs will be given in Boston, but perhaps workshops can be provided in local areas. Possibly NLACE courses will be offered, or something similar.

In closing, Miss May stated that Countway has statistics on what they provide to HSLIC, but they have no statistics on what we do locally. HSLIC may be asked to provide this information to Countway in order to bolster up their position.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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