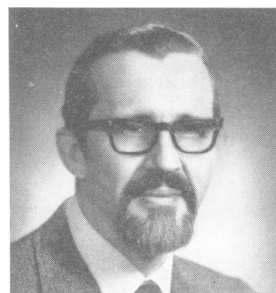


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A deficit budget was approved by the Board of Directors at its midwinter meeting in Chicago, February 6-7, 1970. Anticipated income increases totalling almost \$19,000 will be more than offset by upgrading Central Office personnel, by granting salary adjustments, and by providing competitive fringe benefits. Other anticipated cost increases are: higher *Bulletin* costs, the 1970 MLA Directory, higher budgets for Exchange lists and *Vital Notes*, and expanded committee activity. There should also be sufficient operating income to fund new activities such as those of the Committees on Goals, Regional Medical Libraries, and Medical Library Technicians. The Board agrees that non-travel expenses of the Continuing Education Committee should be reimbursed for pre-convention time required to set up the courses.

At the New Orleans meeting, the Board will recommend an increase in annual individual dues to \$30.00. At present membership level this would increase Association income by \$16,000, covering an anticipated deficit of \$6,000 and permitting serious consideration of appointment of a Director of Medical Library Education without major inroads into reserve funds.

It will also be recommended that detailed requirements for institutional membership be determined by the Membership Committee with Board approval rather than to continue specific details in the By-laws. It should be possible to respond to changing needs without revising the By-laws whenever, for example, the Membership Committee decides minimal requirements should be fifty currently received journals instead of twenty-five.

By mail ballot, the membership approved the Report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Standards for Medical Library Technicians by a vote of 1,175 to 126. To implement this program, the Board has established a Committee with the following charge, "There shall be an eight-

person rotating Committee on the Medical Library Technician Program each of whom shall serve for four years. Two new members shall be appointed each year. One of the senior members will be appointed Chairman each year. Its duties shall be: (1) to inform community colleges and other institutions of the existence of medical library technicians' standards endorsed by the Association and to interact with them in seeing that courses established meet these standards; (2) to revise the standards as necessary; (3) to serve as the Association's expert body responsible for answering questions from the public about medical library technicians; (4) to act as the clearing house for questions regarding specific areas of technician programs, e.g. recruitment, and for referral to the proper Association committee."

Mr. Robert Braude, University of Colorado Medical School, has agreed to be Chairman of the Committee. Other persons who have been asked to serve are: Miss Helen Yast, Mr. Richard Miller, Mrs. Jeanne Hartenstein, Mr. Jim Ekendahl, Mrs. Phyllis Mirsky, Miss Mary Elsie Caruso, and Mrs. Janet White.

Approval has been given to publication of *Current Catalog* proofsheets, a Supplement to *Medical Reference Works, 1679-1966*, and a first edition of a Directory of Medical Libraries in the United States prepared by the Committee on Surveys and Statistics in cooperation with the American Medical Association. The last of these publications is being reviewed by the Publication Committee.

Miss Gertrude Annan has agreed to serve as the first Chairman of the Janet Doe Lecture Committee which shall have the function of selecting the lecturer for the annual meeting and shall consist of the three most recent lecturers with the senior lecturer as Chairman and two members appointed at large for terms of one-year duration. Dr. Frank B. Rogers, Mr. Alfred N. Brandon, Mr. Thomas Basler, and

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Miss Alice C. Joyce have been asked to serve on this Committee. It is not expected that there will be a Janet Doe Lecture at the New Orleans Meeting but place is being held on the New York program for a lecture.

The Board has approved the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee for the establishment of an *Ad Hoc* Committee to Develop a New Certification Code. Mr. Warren P. Bird, Duke University Medical Center, has agreed to serve as Chairman of this long-awaited committee, which will examine the procedures for accreditation and standards for certification. The committees on Curriculum, Certification, and Continuing Education will be represented on the new committee.

The final draft of the ANIL Standards for Library Services in Health Care Institutions was endorsed by the Board with special support for the provision which recommends constant revision of these standards. MLA members who served on the Hospital Library Standards Committee are: Grace J. Lyons, Chairman, Helen Crawford, Helen L. Price, Helen Yast, Vera S. Flandorf, and Barbara Coe Johnson.

The Board has discontinued its exploration of possible lower subscription rates for bulk sub-

scriptions by the Association to *Adverse Reactions Titles* which was reported in this "Page" last time. Misgivings about precedent and discriminatory pricing motivated the decision.

The *Ad Hoc* Committee to Review the Structure and Goals of the MLA has formulated a promising plan to establish an Elections Committee to improve the nomination procedure. Every effort will be made to have this in by-laws revision format for the New Orleans meeting. The proposal anticipates regional group and subject interest group participation.

The Board of Directors agrees that it is proper for the Association to support those parts of the Continuing Education program which relate to the basic work of the Committee from which the courses result, such as planning, preparation of syllabi, and committee communication. However, the actual expenses of the courses, such as printing of the syllabi, honoraria of instructors, transportation of instructional materials, and rental of equipment, should be covered by tuition fees. To conform to this policy, a fee of \$20.00 will be charged for Continuing Education courses offered at the New Orleans meeting.