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## EDITORIAL STATEMENT

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## KEYNOTES

Did you know that 1986 is FHSLA's 25th anniversary? In trying to think of ways to celebrate this occasion, a display\* of items from the archives at the 1987 annual meeting in Miami came to mind. Last year Ada Seltzer established a permanent location for FHSLA's archives at Calder Memorial Library in Miami with Isabel Caballero as the archivist. A call to Isabel to find out what was in the archives revealed that there were two annual reports and three ALERTs, all sent by Ada. Well, this won't make much of a display, folks! Prior to the establishment of the permanent location, the archival materials were passed from officer to officer. A series of telephone calls has located only a small amount of this material. Surely there is much more out there somewhere. If you have knowledge of any of this material, please let me know as soon as possible.

In this issue you will find a history of our organization from its beginning in 1961 to 1970 sent to me by Beck Hutchinson. To my knowledge, there is no similar summary\* from 1971 to the present. At one time FHSLA had a Historian.\* Perhaps it is time to reinstate this office. Should this position be an elected or an appointed one? What should be the term of office? Please provide me with your thoughts on this issue.

At the 1987 annual meeting in Miami, we are planning to have an anniversary party to celebrate the end of our 25th year. We would especially like for all the past officers to attend. Maybe we could get a group picture. Do we have any photographers\* among us? The Program Committee is making plans now for the party. If you have any suggestions, please contact Lee Whiteside-Murphy, Program Chair.

In this issue you will note several firsts. This is the first time our newsletter has had vendor sponsorship. Our association has been very fortunate to have had good vendor support for our professional activities. The printing costs for this issue were paid for by EBSCO, and the mailing costs were paid for by The Network for Continuing Medical Education (NCME). Thank you EBSCO and NCME. Be sure to give our sponsors your support.

Another first is a new column in the ALERT called "New Members & Address Changes & Corrections". You may wish to photocopy this section and add it to your membership directory.

"Publications of Interest" is also a new column. Copies of any of the items listed in this first list are available through interlibrary loan from University Community Hospital in Tampa. For future issues, we would like suggestions\* from the members.

Judy Johnston of the University of South Florida Medical Center (USFMC) Library in Tampa has submitted a telefacsimile survey. If you have access to a telefacsimile machine, please fill out the form and send it to Judy. We will publish the results in the ALERT.

With this issue we bid farewell to Ada Seltzer, Past President, and first editor of the ALERT. She is leaving her position as Assistant Director for Public Services at USFMC Library in Tampa to become the Director of Rowland Medical Center Library at the University of Mississippi in Jackson. Ada has set a high standard of professional leadership that will be difficult to replace. Our best wishes accompany her as she undertakes this new position.

You are sure to have noticed that there are many opportunities for service presented in this issue. Perhaps you should consider volunteering to help.

\* Opportunities to volunteer.

Jo Ann W. Tibbs  
President

#### NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Kay Franklin of the West Florida Regional Medical Center Library, is experimenting with faxing ILLs. So far, she has been very successful, especially in utilizing NLM's free pilot project faxing service. She would like to know if anyone else in FHSLA has a fax machine and what their experiences are with it.

The FOCUS system is now up on the University of West Florida's online catalog (LUIS), and we are accessing it from our library with the dumb terminal we use for our MEDLINE searching. This is helping with our ILL procedures, as we can now locate books held by the FOCUS system libraries (We do not have access to OCLC).

The Palm Beach County Health Science Libraries Consortia Fall meeting was hosted by Carolyn Hill at the recently renovated Boca Raton Community Hospital Health Sciences Library.

Southeastern Atlantic Regional Medical Library Services--the two Florida representatives are Ted Srygley and Barratt Wilkins.

SIS--Suncoast Information Specialists is an association of approximately 80 information specialists in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties. The group meets bimonthly at various locations. Its purpose is to provide an open forum for communication, discussion and exchange of ideas in information management. Annual dues are \$5.00. For further information contact Doug Cornwell, President, at 866-5304. Other officers are Gwen Walters, Vice-President; Kit Boone, Secretary; and Betsy King, Treasurer.

The Health Science Center Library at the University of Florida sponsored two half-day seminars on the "Basics of Searching MEDLINE" on October 28-29, 1986. The sessions were designed for the health professional to learn how to search MEDLINE and included "hands-on" computer time. Peggy Hsu and Susan Woods taught the class.

On October 27, 1986, the Health Science Center Library hosted a CAB (Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux) Online Workshop. The session was conducted by Elaine Cook from CAB North America. CAB covers all aspects of agriculture including human nutrition and medicine, veterinary medicine, and chemicals and their effects, among other topics.

The Louis Calder Memorial Library, University of Miami School of Medicine, is pleased to announce the implementation of telefacsimile service, June 1, 1986. Calder purchased the Onnifax 693 telefacsimile machine, acquired by public and academic libraries in Dade and Broward Counties through a grant from SEFLIN, the Southeast Florida Library Information Network. The telefacsimile telephone number is 305-324-4089.

Calder accepts documents and requests for services by telefacsimile, and will transmit documents and other service products to institutions and libraries with a telefacsimile medline. Telefacsimile enables the library to deliver and receive information within minutes. For further information please call Suzy Burrows at 305-547-6441.

#### INTERNATIONAL NOTES

Mrs. You-Chen Zhang, Acquisitions and Classification, Shanghai First Medical College Library and Lecturer, Department of Nutrition and Food Hygiene, School of Public Health at the College, is a visiting Assistant Professor at the Louis Calder Memorial Library of the University of Miami School of Medicine from September, 1986 - February, 1987. As part of an exchange program, Mrs. Zhang will be learning OCLC cataloging and participating in the activities of the Library's Technical Services Division. In October 1987, Calder Library Director, Henry L. Lemkau, Jr., will visit Shanghai as a guest of the People's Republic of China to give lectures on health sciences librarianship.

The Library of the Shanghai First Medical College, established in 1927, boasts 410,000 volumes, 2,000 current periodical subscriptions, a staff of 61, and more than 20 active exchange programs. It participates in four union catalogs, and offers interlibrary loan, SDI and DIALOG services. Construction of a new library building began in September, 1986. Computerized information storage will be implemented in the new facility, scheduled for completion in 1987.

CALENDAR

DECEMBER 1, 1986

DIALOG SAMPLER: New Search Features and Services. TECO, Tampa, Fl.

DECEMBER 2, 1986.

BIOSIS Training. Basic/Intro. Orlando, FL

DIALOG System Seminar. FIU Tamiami.

DECEMBER 3, 1986

BIOSIS Training. Basic/Intro. FIU Bay Vista Campus, North Miami.

DIALOG SCI-TECH. FIU Tamiami.

DECEMBER 4, 1986

1987 NLM Online Services Update. University Community Hospital, Tampa, Fl. (NOTE: This was cited incorrectly in the previous issue)

DECEMBER 4-5, 1986

BIOSIS Training. Medical. FIU Bay Vista Campus, North Miami.

DECEMBER 8-12, 1986

NLM Initial Online Training, University of South Florida, Tampa, Fl.

DECEMBER 15-19, 1986

NLM Advanced Online Training, University of South Florida, Tampa, Fl.

FEBRUARY 13, 1987

SLA Florida Chapter Meeting. CD-ROM, Orlando, Fl.

APRIL 21-25, 1987

Florida Library Association Annual Conference, Clearwater, Fl.

APRIL 30 - MAY 1, 1987

Florida Health Sciences Library Association Annual Meeting, Miami, Fl.

June 6 - 11, 1987

SLA Annual Conference, Anaheim, Ca.

NEW MEMBERS & ADDRESS CHANGES & CORRECTIONS

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South Florida Evaluation  
and Treatment Center  
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Miami, FL 33127

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PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Garfield, Eugene. "Current comments: Biomedical Decision-Making: Will Hospital Libraries Keep Pace with the Information Age? Part 1." Current Contents Clinical Practice 14 (June 23, 1986):3-7.

2. ----- "Current Comments: Biomedical Decision-Making: Will Hospital Libraries Keep Pace with the Information Age? Part 2." Current Contents Clinical Practice 14 (June 30, 1986):3-8.

3. Kadanoff, Diane Gordon. "Small Libraries--No Small Job!" Library Journal 111 (March 1, 1986):72-73.

4. "Low Stress Ranking Rankles Librarians." American Libraries 17 (July/August 1986):502-503.

5. Meltzer, Morton F. Marketing Yourself In Your Organization. Washington, DC: Associated Information Managers.

6. Robertson, W. "Malpractice Prevention checklist". American Medical Record Association Journal. A Section Connection 4 (May 1986).

7. White, Herbert S. "Why Don't We Get Paid More?" Library Journal 111 (March 1, 1986): 70-71.

FHSLA STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ted Srygley	Academic	1 year
Suzy Burrows	Academic	2
Cheryl Dee	Hospital	2
Naomi Elia	Other	3
Carolyn Hall	Hospital	1
Sarah Harmon	Academic	1
Gwen Walters	Hospital	3
JoAnn Tibbs (Ex Officio)		

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

In January the Membership Committee will be conducting a new member campaign. If you know any potential members, please give their names and addresses to your area representative on the membership committee.

- Patricia Cole, Chair - Central
- Suzetta Burrows - Miami
- Pauline Hicks - Tallahassee
- Richard Ikena - Northwest
- Patricia Jennings - Tampa
- Bettye Stilley - Jacksonville

PERSONALS

PATRICIA MONEYHAN has joined the staff of Borland Health Sciences Library, Jacksonville, Florida, as Information Services Librarian. Additionally, she will be responsible for Computerized Searching Services and Liaison with Hospital Libraries. Previously, Ms. Moneyhan served as Administrative Librarian at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Medical Librarian at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Okinawa, and Education Services Specialist for the U.S. Marine Corps in Okinawa.

FAM NEUMANN, formerly with the Borland Health Sciences Library, is now a reference librarian at the Library of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. Her home address is : 9 Tallowood Drive; Voorhees, NJ 08043.

YANDIRA GARCIA-BARCENA ("Jenny") joined the Reference faculty of the Louis Calder Memorial Library. Jenny received her M.L.S. from Columbia University and has 13 years experience in hospital, academic and public libraries.

DAVID OLSON, formerly Reference Librarian at the Louis Calder Memorial Library, University of Miami School of Medicine, is now Medical Librarian at JFK Memorial Hospital in Lake Worth, Fl. Mr. Olson received his MLS from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan and was most recently employed as a Reference Librarian, Online Searcher and Circuit Rider with the University of Miami School of Medicine Calder Library.

DAVID GINN, formerly Reference Librarian at the Louis Calder Memorial Library, University of Miami School of Medicine, and from 1983-85 Reference Librarian/Coordinator for User Education at the University of Illinois Library of the Health Sciences at Chicago, was promoted to the newly created position, Head of Reference/Education, effective September 1, 1986. In addition to coordinating the activities of an active reference department, Mr. Ginn will be responsible for implementing end-user education programs.

ROBERTA BRONSON and CLARISSA PICKETT have joined the staff of the University of Florida Health Science Center Library in Gainesville as Information Specialists. Ms. Bronson is a recent graduate of the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee School of Library and Information Science. Previously, she was Reference Librarian at Purdue University Veterinary Medical Library and Circulation Assistant at the Medical College of Wisconsin Library. Ms. Pickett comes to Florida from Louisiana Tech University, where she was Health Sciences Librarian at Northwestern State University in Shreveport.

Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children is a 60 bed pediatric orthopedic facility which opened in October 1985. CLAIRE KENNEALY, a USF graduate, came to the medical library from Smith Kline Bioscience Laboratories.

INEZ TAMANAHA came all the way from Hawaii to accept the position of medical librarian at the newly opened H. Lee Moffitt Hospital and Cancer Research Institute at USF.

ADA M. SELTZER, Assistant Director for Public Services at the Med Center Library at USF, is leaving in November to assume her new position of Director of the Rowland Medical Library at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

MARGARET GOSCINSKI has rejoined the staff of the Health Science Center Library at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Previously cataloger for Social Sciences and Government Documents at the University of Florida Libraries, she will be responsible for cataloging and classification of print and non-print materials for LUIS, the online catalog. Ms. Goscinski began her medical library career at the Health Science Center Library in 1982. She is a member of the American Library Association and the Association of College and Research Libraries.

DICK IKENA, EGLIN AFB, has good news....His second cardiac catheterization in 3 years proved positive. The CAD is there, but not worse.

FHSLA '87 MEETING

"Miami-Nice" Location of '87 FHSLA Meeting:

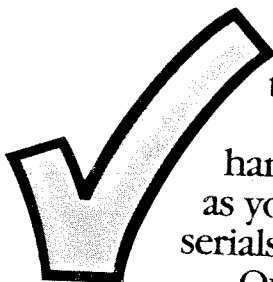
The most attractive, new Biscayne Bay Marriott Hotel and Marina is the location of the FHSLA '87 meeting. So reserve April 30th - May 1, 1987 for an informative and fun time, with a meeting theme of networking, hosted by the Miami Health Sciences Library Consortium. Day 1 features CE courses and a Bayside Welcome Cocktail Party, which will celebrate our group's 25th Anniversary! Day 2 will be the business meeting and program. This meeting has been planned specifically for a Thursday and Friday so that attendees may stay on if they wish and further partake of the many attractions of the new Miami. Future information will include specifics regarding courses and costs, as well as local attractions, such as the new Bayside Market, Center for Fine Arts, Art Deco tours and local restaurants.

The Continuing Education Committee is pleased to announce the following courses to be offered at the 1987 Annual Meeting in Miami: one, CE 246 Basic Budgeting for Health Sciences Libraries; and two, CE 245 Marketing Library Services. Basic Budgeting for Health Sciences will be taught by Gary Byrd while the instructor for Marketing Library Services will be Dr. JoAnn Bell. Both courses will provide participants with .8CEU's from the Medical Library Association. Course day for both classes is Thursday, April 30th from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM. The CE Committee would like to thank all of the members who participated in course selection through either the 1986 Annual Meeting or the ALERT CE surveys. Your input enabled the committee to select the most desired course offerings. Further developments regarding these courses will be announced in the ALERT as the annual meeting draws closer.

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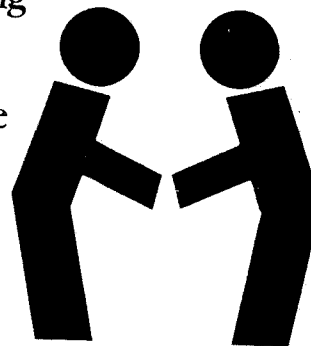
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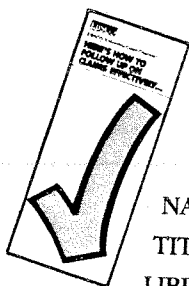
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Officer's Meeting  
Florida Health Sciences Library Association  
April 28, 1986

Ada M. Seltzer, Past President called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Attending were present and immediate past officers: Jo Ann Tibbs, President; Lee Whiteside-Murphy, Vice President/President Elect; Pat Jennings, Secretary; Ann Conlan, Treasurer; Polly Duffey, past Secretary; Pat Cole, Membership Committee Chair; Iris Renner, incoming ALERT editor; and Pat Craig, past ALERT editor and publisher.

The implementation of the strategic plan was discussed. The 10% new membership goal and ways of implementing that goal were talked about. Jo Ann Tibbs will appoint a new membership committee with Pat Cole remaining as the Chair. The program committee this year has taken note of a request to help with new technologies through the annual meeting program. A survey of CE courses desired will be undertaken through the ALERT. There is no particular item targeted regarding Cooperative Arrangements for 1986/87. As stated in the 1986 Annual Meeting minutes Network Development objectives A and B are to be implemented for 1986/87. Within Network Development objective A the geographic locations FHSLA would like to see targeted for consortium development are Orlando, Tallahassee, and Broward County. Region 2 help will be requested for these areas. There followed a discussion of consortium interest with the Orlando area. The Strategic Planning Committee shall be a permanent committee. Polly Duffey has volunteered to be the CE Coordinator for this year.

The ALERT newsletter editor for this year will be Iris Renner. A change to the bylaws regarding the newsletter editor will need to be made this year. Guidelines will need to be established for newsletter coverage and the rotation schedule for publication responsibilities (UF, USF, and Miami) arranged. It was mentioned that one of the exhibitors at the annual meeting has offered to pick up mailing costs.

1986 Directory. The treasurer shall provide to the ALERT newsletter publisher and the Directory publisher the mailing list. Also, the Treasurer's list should be given to the membership committee to aid in their work towards a new Directory.

Jo Ann Tibbs stated each new officer should get a box of the official FHSLA stationary. Jo Ann has a prototype of a new "invitation to join" membership form. Only three committee volunteer forms have been returned to Jo Ann so far. A new volunteer form will be inserted into the next issue of ALERT. Lee Whiteside-Murphy will provide to Polly Duffey the annual

meeting CE course survey results. The next strategic planning meeting will be in December 1986 while the next Executive Committee meeting will be in October 1986.

Year end transition duties. The annual meeting minutes shall be submitted by July 1, 1986 and published in the July edition of ALERT. The past President's duties also should be finished up and information passed to the present President by July 1st. Local arrangements for the next annual meeting in the greater Miami area will need to be investigated and J. Tibbs will appoint a committee for local arrangements.

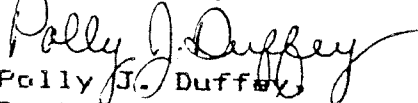
FHSLA brochure. Ada asked the new officers to determine if a new brochure is feasible to produce in the coming year. A new brochure which could be used for several years would be very useful to the organization.

Ann Conlan will be taking care of the tax exemption for the coming year. Ada will submit the annual report to the Florida Secretary of State by July 1, 1986 and mail a duplicate report to the FHSLA archives in Calder Library.

Ada expressed again her thanks and congratulations to new and past officers. She very much enjoyed her term of office and working with her other fellow officers. Jo Ann Tibbs thanked Ada for being such a valuable President to FHSLA and all present joined in expressing appreciation for Ada.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Polly J. Duffey  
Past Secretary

FLORIDA HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
COMBINED MEETING OF EXECUTIVE AND STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEES  
April 27, 1986

Ada M. Seltzer, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Attending were Cheryl Dee, Ted Srygley, Jo Ann Tibbs, Gwen Walters, Sarah Harmon, Ann Conlan, Polly Duffey, Lee Whiteside-Murphy, and Suzetta Burrows.

The strategic plan was the focus of the session. This document was looked at and discussed in terms of which goals would be practical to implement this year.

The Membership Goal. Discussion focused on what would be a realistic membership attainment for this organization. After lengthy pros and cons, concensus was reached for the new goal to become to increase membership by 10%. The association's new directory will be published in July. Any membership not renewed by June shall be dropped from the rolls. The present membership committee with Pat Cole, Chair, shall stay in place with the help of additional members.

Suzetta Burrows arrived and thanked Ada for presiding this far. The meeting proceeded with S. Burrows as Chair.

The Programming Goal. The Program Committee shall be composed of the President, the Vice-President, and two other members. One member will be needed as the local arrangements person and another member shall be in charge of the CE activities. The Vice-President shall continue as the Chair of the Program Committee and shall appoint the additional two other members. The Program Committee should do a CE desired course survey through both tomorrow's meeting and the Alert newsletter. It was suggested perhaps the Association could sponsor at the next annual meeting both a MLA CE course and a basic Region 2 course. Pat Craig will ask at the meeting tomorrow if anyone would like to volunteer as the newsletter editor for the coming year. He has agreed that USFMSL will provide publishing for one more year. The newsletter ALERT following 1987 shall go to another of the three Florida resource libraries to publish for two years. Newsletter publishing responsibilities will then rotate on a two year basis between UFHSCL, USFMSL, and UML which should allow any interested person within the state to be editor. A suggestion was made that perhaps one hour at next year's annual meeting could be devoted to library uses of microcomputers (i.e., software, E-mail, OnTyme, etc.).

The Cooperative Relationships Goal. Objective A (Identify organizations and contact them regarding possible mutually beneficial activities) remains the same. Objective B (Encourage existing relationships, e.g., State Library, by inviting representatives to Association meetings) has been ongoing. The State Librarian Barrett Wilkins has been mailed the ALERT newsletter and the yearly annual meeting packet. ALERT issues


are mailed to MLA/SC, FSLA, FLA, and other organizations within Region 2.

The Network Development Goal. S. Burrows, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee requested to step down and allow for someone with new energies and ideas to become Chair. Ted Srygley was selected for the coming year. For the current year the network development goal shall be implementing the new committee structure and encouraging the use of electronic mail and Docline. C. Dee volunteered to survey medical libraries for computer use in Florida and she will coordinate this with the state library. Objectives A and B are to be implemented this year. FHSLA will request the Region 2 office help with consortia development in Florida, especially in the Orlando and Tallahassee areas. Following discussion on this point, Ted Srygley will draft a letter to present to the Region office which Jo Ann Tibbs will amend, sign and mail. The President will also send a note to interested institutions or organizations in the Tallahassee, Orlando, Broward areas investigating interest in becoming a Florida consortium target area.

Copies of the revised Strategic Plan are to be mailed with the July ALERT newsletter. Before December the Strategic Planning Committee will draft a letter outlining tentatively the implementation process for the next four years (a five year plan). The next Strategic Planning Committee meeting shall take place in either Tampa or Orlando. The meeting location depends upon the geographic makeup of the members (air fares will be investigated). The next Executive Committee meeting will take place about the first of October in Tampa (the exact date to be determined in the future).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

  
Polly J. Duffey  
Secretary

## HISTORY - FLORIDA MEDICAL LIBRARIANS

A special meeting of the Medical and Hospital Librarians of Western Florida was held in the Medical Library at the Veterans Administration Center, Bay Pines, Florida, at 10:30 A.M. on April 19, 1961. The purpose of this meeting was to form a permanent organization. Mrs. Florence Bulmer, Chief Librarian, VA Center, Bay Pines; Mrs. Eleanor P. Diekema, Librarian, Manatee Veterans Memorial Hospital, Bradenton; Mrs. Helen C. Donnelly, Librarian, VA Center, Bay Pines; Mrs. Lewis Hughes, Red Cross Staff Aide, Memorial Hospital, Sarasota; Mrs. Christine J. Metcalf, Medical Librarian, VA Regional Office, Pass-a-Grille, St. Petersburg; Mrs. Stephania Osborn, Librarian, St. Anthony's Hospital, St. Petersburg; and Mrs. Pauline H. Wooldridge, Director, Department of Medical Library, Memorial Hospital, Sarasota, attended. Mrs. Rosemary Leal, Tampa General Hospital, Tampa, and Mrs. Ruth Schaeffer, VA Hospital, Lake City, had been invited but were unable to attend. They expressed, however, keen interest in the organization.

Temporary officers were selected by drawing names from an envelope. Mrs. Hughes drew the names and the following officers were chosen to serve until the organization could be completed and a regular election held;

President	Stephania Osborn
Vice-President	Pauline Wooldridge
Secretary	Mildred Moore
Treasurer	Florence Bulmer
Membership Chairman	Eleanor Diekema
Publicity Chariman	Helen Donnelly
Social and Program Chairman	Christine Metcalf
Parliamentarian	Leona Hughes

Mrs. Osborn requested that she be permitted to withdraw in favor of Pauline Wooldridge as President and consented to serve as Vice-President. This was approved and Mrs. Wooldridge presided for the remainder of the meeting. The name of the organization became "Regional Conference of Florida Medical Librarians", with a district or section number to be assigned if other local groups were formed in other sections of the state. Membership was to consist of three classes: 1). Active members were to be persons employed in a professional capacity as medical or hospital librarians, 2) Associated members--persons regularly doing volunteer or clerical work in these libraries, and 3) Honorary members-- persons who previously held positions as professional medical librarians and such other persons as chosen by vote of the group. Fred Bryant, Librarian of J. Hillis Miller Health Center Library, University of Florida, Gainesville, was elected the first honorary member. Annual

dues for active members was to be \$2.00, \$1.00 for associate members, and no dues for honorary members. Four meetings were to be held each year at different libraries with the date to be set by the hostess. Fred Bryant was invited to attend the executive meeting on May 24th. A public meeting and Open House was to be held at St. Anthony's following a luncheon with Mr. Bryant as guest speaker, for prospective members and interested persons. No definite geographical limits were set for membership.

In 1963 it was proposed that in order to get more active members the associate member category be eliminated. The proposed amendment was submitted to active members for their vote.

During the first few years membership and attendance at regular meetings was small but on September 23, 1964, at the Mound Park Hospital, St. Petersburg, twenty-two persons were present. It was at this meeting that it was announced that Fred Bryant was leaving the state at the end of the year to assume his duties as librarian at Pennsylvania State University, Milton S. Hersey Medical Center. Mr. Bryant, who had been instrumental in the development and training of hospital and medical librarians, had given his enthusiastic support to this organization since its formation. Mr. Mayo Drake, who became acting head librarian at the J. Hillis Miller Health Center Library and his staff members continued his lead. Mr. Ted Srygley as the new director of the Library attended his first meeting on January 27, 1967 at Mound Park Hospital, St. Petersburg, and has been a firm backer and supporter of the group since that time.

From its conception, the organization adopted the practice of having many of the meetings in the form of workshops. This practice has been continued through the years and has been especially beneficial for members who have no professional library training.

It was first discussed in 1964 that there should be a change in the name of the organization, since the word "regional" was very vague. Various names were proposed and finally, after a mail vote, the Regional Conference of Florida Medical Librarians became the Florida Medical Librarians. The first meeting of the Florida Medical Librarians was held at the Halifax District Hospital, Daytona Beach, with twenty-one members and guests present. On April 21, 1967, it was voted to change the number of meetings from 4 to 3, and the general times of meeting will be in the months of January, April, and October. At this meeting it was decided that officers would serve for two years instead of one. On April 17, 1970, the by-laws were amended to read: "A minimum of two meetings each year are to be held within the fiscal year--the duration of each meeting to be decided upon by the prospective hostess, the Program Chairman and the Executive Committee."