The regular meeting of the Colorado Council of Medical Librarians was called to order at 9:40 a.m., January 27, 1971 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Denver, Colorado by the chairman, Dorothy Bailey. Thirty-four members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Anne Singh and were accepted as read.

PROGRAM

A talk was presented by Mr. Harris Robnett, Program Director of Library Technology at the Community College of Denver, North Campus.

Sharon Davis discussed reference tools dealing with syndromes.

OLD BUSINESS

Robert Braude reported that the Regional Medical Library program is in operation but with some problems. There have been meetings in Omaha to try to establish procedures and Mr. Braude explained the basic framework of procedures, which is as follows. Funded by the National Library of Medicine, the participating libraries of the Midcontinental Regional Library can be reimbursed for making interlibrary loans if they do certain things for it, such as generate statistics and/or activities, make regular reports plus meet other regulations. The eight participating libraries are CSU, Univ. of Colorado Medical Center, Univ. of Missouri, Univ. of Nebraska, Washington Univ. (St. Louis), Creighton Univ., Univ. of Kansas (Kansas City), and the Univ. of Utah. It is not clear yet who can be a participating library and who is ineligible. The Midcontinental Union List of Serials lists seventeen libraries actually, including the eight participating libraries but only these eight can be reimbursed. The Linda Hall Library is not in the Union List of Serials and is not a participating library but should be.

Each of these eight participating libraries has a metropolitan area surrounding it for which it is responsible and for which it cannot be reimbursed for making interlibrary loans. Each can be reimbursed for making loans outside its metropolitan area. Libraries in each area must go through their regional library in order to distribute the load. An individual library may send a request directly to any library within the region but must state that the item wanted is not held by the participating library (a library in Colorado must state that the item is not at the Univ. of Colorado Medical Center Library). However an individual library in Colorado cannot go outside the region without going through the Univ. of Colorado, in order that the request be validated by the Regional Medical Library.

The Univ. of Colorado Medical Center Library is attempting to fill all requests for libraries in the state, regardless of the amount of information available though it is trying to verify every request sent out. Although the Univ. of Colorado Medical Center Library doesn't get paid for filling requests to the Denver metropolitan area, two-thirds of its loans are to this area and last year the number of requests was nine thousand. Monographs are a special problem as there is no easy way to find out if a request is in the region. The initial searching should be done by the borrowing library by calling or getting in touch with a couple of places and if this fails the library should then send the request to the Univ. of Colorado Medical Center Library and they will try to find it.
NEW BUSINESS

Phoebe Hayes, Director of the Bibliographic Center for Research, said that an added possibility would be for the Bibliographic Center to cooperate with the Midcontinental Regional Library. Procedures and a network have not yet been worked out however.

Dr. Rogers made a report regarding the AIM-TWX Service which was announced in the January, 1971 issue of the Denison Memorial Library Newsletter. It provides direct access to citations from the Abridged Index Medicus for the last five years. The University of Colorado Medical School Library can dial TWX in Santa Monica, be connected to the five year AIM list (which contains 20,000 articles a year or a total of 100,000 now) and do an on-line computer search. The formal conduct of the search is much like plotting a MEDLARS strategy although the rules are somewhat different. Index Medicus language must be used and everything must be typed into a TWX machine. One may state whether to print or print trial. Print trial prints the first two items with subject headings. Print prints everything except that it stops after the first five citations and asks whether to continue, then again after ten and so on. It is expensive - 55¢ per minute. The National Library of Medicine bears the computer charge but the requester must pay for everything on-line. One can ask for review articles only and have the rest printed off-line, mailed and receive it three or four days later. There is no charge for off-line. Computer time is 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mountain Time, Monday through Friday. Physicians requesting one of these searches should come to the Medical School Library the afternoon before to work out details. Dr. Rogers had some of these searches with him which we were able to examine later - one took thirty-seven minutes and cost $20.00. Dr. Rogers also mentioned that MEDLARS has used this service a couple of times for difficult searches, asking for subject headings and thus obtaining a preview.

Ruth Gilbert announced that help is needed for the ASIS convention to be held November 7th to 11th, 1971.

Dorothy Bailey reported that the Colorado Interlibrary Loan Code was the result of a workshop held at the University of Denver in April, 1970 to formulate an official state-wide code. A procedural workshop had been held at the last SLA meeting and problems were discussed. One of the main reasons for setting up a state code is because interlibrary loans are so slow and usually unverified. Robert Braude wrote a position paper telling essentially how the Midcontinental Regional Library network works and tried to explain how medical libraries in Colorado as a group work. Another workshop will be held April 23, 1971 at Western State College in Gunnison to hammer out a proposed state code to send around for approval.

Phoebe Hayes said that the ALA National Interlibrary Loans Code, 1968 was too restrictive for research libraries but that the ALA Model Interlibrary Loan Code could be adapted to any type of library, state or region. She said that there had been enough interest last spring to hold another workshop and that all types of libraries will be invited, whereas at the last one it had been public libraries primarily.

The next meeting was set for April 28, 1971 at Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary