

HEALTH INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES ASSOCIATED

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December 16, 1987

TO: All HIRA Members

FROM: HIRA Executive Board

This is official notification that, after much deliberation, the Executive Board has resolved to disband HIRA. The primary factors that led to this decision include the lack of participation as evidenced by the low attendance rate at meetings and the lack of committee involvement by the members. While both of these problems may be due in part to the current climate in healthcare institutions limiting time available, the fact remains that not enough members are willing or able to take part in the various functions of the group.

Another, more complex argument for disbanding is the uncertain direction of HIRA. Originally, the group was formed to share informational resources with each other. This was done primarily through meetings, which frequently seemed to lack focus, and through the HIRA catalog, which has not been updated in three years and likely would not be updated again for awhile. Also, as new directions and objectives were proposed, little interest or enthusiasm was generated.

Therefore, after evaluating all of these factors, we concluded that the only practical action to take is to disband. A legal consultation was then sought to determine the appropriate procedures for doing so, with our primary concern being the distribution of financial assets. The legal recommendation stated that because none of the current balance in assets represented this year's membership dues, none had to be returned to members. It should, however, be distributed to a group whose activities are substantially similar to our own or at least consistent with what HIRA did.

The Executive Board then passed the attached resolution which proposed four options for the distribution of assets. We ask that you please read them, then select at least two options on the enclosed ballot and return it to Mary Alexander at Botsford by January 6.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call on any member of the Executive Board as listed below.

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HIRA Resolution
12/87

RESOLVED, That HIRA be dissolved as of June 30, 1988 for reasons already stated. The division of HIRA assets should be brought to HIRA's voting body to be divided between at least two of the following options:

1. Wayne County Medical Society's newly established Metropolitan Detroit Foundation for Health Education (see attached copy for description).
2. United Foundation - A volunteer organization that provides financial support to over 136 charitable agencies who then offer a variety of programs and services for the residents of 112 communities in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.
3. Metropolitan Detroit Health Education Council (MDHEC) - A non-profit group whose purpose is to maintain a network of communication among organizations and individuals interested in providing health education. They currently have on-line data bases of worksite health promotion programs and community health programs. Future data bases include a professional education calendar, ethnic health education materials, audiovisual software and a speakers bureau.
4. Michigan Health Science Library Association (MHSLA) SPECIAL PROJECT - To sponsor the production of an audiovisual instructional program (format underdetermined) on Interlibrary Loan and DOCLINE activities in the state of Michigan.
5. Other

BALLOT

Please select at least two of the following options for distribution of HIRA's assets. Return this ballot in the enclosed envelope to Mary Alexander by January 6.

_____ 1. Metropolitan Detroit Foundation for Health Education

_____ 2. United Foundation

_____ 3. Metropolitan Detroit Health Ed. Council (MDHEC)

_____ 4. Michigan Health Science Library Assoc. (MHSLA)

_____ 5. Other (please specify) _____



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MEMORANUDM

TO: Candy Winfield
Grace, Audiovisual

FROM: Frank Helminski
Legal Affairs

RE: Dissolution of HIRA

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I understand that HIRA is an unincorporated association, which has about \$5,687.36 in assets, and that none of those assets represents dues for the current fiscal year or other monies that must be returned to the sender.

There are no specific laws governing the dissolution of unincorporated associations, but on the whole we can follow the laws for dissolving nonprofit corporations. Here is what you should do.

1. Hold a meeting of the Executive Board. Pass resolutions that the association should be dissolved, and that a plan for distribution of assets should be adopted. Design such a plan and have the Board approve it.
2. Remember, any creditors of the association must be paid first from these assets.
3. At that point, I think it would be wise to notify the members by mail that the resolutions have been adopted, and ask them to vote on the proposed plan for distribution of assets.
4. If a majority of voting members disapproves the plan, then adopt a plan that they will approve. Otherwise, go ahead and make distributions after the election. The funds should go to a group whose activities are substantially similar to yours, or at least consistent with what HIRA did.

Please call me (59054) if you have any questions now or later.

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