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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS APPROVED

The revised constitution and by-laws mailed to all H.I.R.A. members last month have been approved. Thirty-five ballots were received. The documents were approved 34 to 1. The new constitution and by-laws will be officially in effect at the next general membership meeting.

77-78 MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE SOON

The 1977-78 membership dues will be requested soon. The proposed 77-78 budget does NOT require any dues increase to support proposed activities. Institutional dues at \$25.00 per year and individual dues at \$12.50 per year will be available for 1977-78. In addition, pro-rated dues for partial year memberships will be allowed under the new constitution. Representatives of member institutions may hold office and vote. Individual members may vote but not hold office. Individuals may serve on committees, however.

END OF C.H.I.R.P. GRANT

June 30, 1977 marked the end of the three year project grant from the National Library of Medicine which created Community Health Instructional Resources Program (C.H.I.R.P.), the H.I.R.A. grant program. Throughout the years of the grant, the C.H.I.R.P. program served as a liason between the H.I.R.A. Executive Committee and all working committees of the organization. With C.H.I.R.P. input, talent, hard work, experience, and financial resources, the young H.I.R.A. committees were able to produce an updated Union List, an interlibrary loan AV form, a sound/slide promotion package, a consultant clearinghouse, some cooperative acquisitions, several social meetings, and many excellent workshops. Real appreciation and the Executive Committee's full complement of gratitude go to the C.H.I.R.P. staff: Program Director Helen Dimanin, Associate Director Mary McNamara, and their invaluable Secretary, Yolanda. Special thanks also go to Jim Williams, who was named as Project Director for the grant.

The workshops made possible by the C.H.I.R.P. grant more than doubled the H.I.R.A. membership, as they drew large numbers of people from member and non-member institutions. Evaluations of the programs were, without exception, rated excellent. H.I.R.A. has developed a list of participants for future programs and a cadre of speakers from which to draw on for program meetings.

Although the C.H.I.R.P. grant funds will have ended, the possibility of utilizing some of the C.H.I.R.P. staff experiences and talents through a consultant service from Shiffman and Jim Williams is being discussed. A good use of H.I.R.A. funds could be to continue workshops on a fee for service arrangement.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LOSSES

Executive Committee losses in the past year have cut deeply. As you may recall, career moves prompted the resignations of H.I.R.A.'s Vice-President, Treasurer, and Program Chairman in three consecutive months. The offices of the Vice-President and Program Chairman remain vacant to date. Hilde Joseph was appointed Treasurer.

The Executive Committee is again facing losses due to career moves. Hilde Joseph and President Jan Closurdo will be moving into new positions soon. Helen Dimanin, who was an ex officio member of the Executive Committee as C.H.I.R.P. Director, will be leaving the committee with the demise of the grant. New ACTIVE officers are needed immediately.

Jan, Hilde, and Helen have all agreed to be as available as possible to new Executive Committee officers. In addition, the Executive Committee still boasts Tom Lyons (O.U.), Bayard Lawes (Beaumont), and Mary Dery (Grace). Jim Williams and Mary McNamara, also ex officio members from C.H.I.R.P. will be formally leaving the committee but retain an active interest.

OPEN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING FOR ALL INTERESTED

There will be an open meeting of the Executive Committee. Anyone who is interested in becoming more actively involved in H.I.R.A. is welcome to attend. The meeting will be held MONDAY, JULY 18, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac (in the four south conference room).

Current Executive Committee members (and that includes Jan and Hilde, who are delaying resignations for a short time) will be on hand to welcome all who attend and to describe proposed and current activities.

Note the date and time and WE'LL SEE YOU THERE.

KODAK WORKSHOPS

The H.I.R.A./KODAK co-sponsored workshop on super-8 was a resounding success. With a limitation of thirty participants, some registrants had to be turned down. The KODAK Corporation has asked H.I.R.A. to co-sponsor another workshop in the fall. This workshop, tentatively scheduled for October, will be a three-day session on sound/slide. KODAK will provide all equipment and all speakers. H.I.R.A. will provide a place, food, publicity, and the registration mechanism. H.I.R.A. members will get a 20% discount on the registration fee.

ANNUAL DINNER

The H.I.R.A. Annual Dinner is coming soon. The Executive Committee is currently considering locations for the gala event. If you have any suggestions, or any favorite places you'd like considered, call Tom Lyons at 377-2463. Our annual dinners have been grand fun in the past--we're expecting another good time this year.

BUAC REPRESENTATIVES

Jim Williams, as Librarian of the Shiffman Medical Library, which is a Participating Library in the Kentucky-Ohio-Michigan Regional Medical Library Program, has asked H.I.R.A. to provide two representatives to serve on a "Basic Unit Advisory Committee" at Shiffman. In order to provide and encourage communication between the Regional Medical Library and the basic unit libraries (like hospitals and agencies) providing library services to health care practitioners, each Participating Library in the three state region has been encouraged to develop a Basic Unit Advisory Committee. The BUAC is to consist of representatives of organized groups of basic unit librarians and/or other professionals. It will meet two or more times a year at Shiffman to discuss community and regional activities. Activities of all groups will be discussed in terms of how each groups activities will affect the others, how joint projects can be developed, and how goals interrelate. H.I.R.A., as an organized group in the Shiffman Medical Library service area, has been asked to name two representatives to the BUAC for Shiffman. If you are interested in serving the organization and the community in this way, please call Jan Closurdo at 858-3000, ext. 289.

NEW EDITOR FOR HIRAGLYPHICS

When a new President is elected for H.I.R.A., the publications committee will be re-activated with Jan Closurdo serving as chairperson and editor of HIRAGLYPHICS. This newsletter will serve as your basic source of business information. The new H.I.R.A. format for meetings will de-emphasize business discussions and actively promote educational programs. If you have an interest in writing for the newsletter, or if you have suggestions as to what you'd like to see in it, please let Jan know.