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NOTES FROM THE A.G.M.

The 'official' account of the A.G.M., has not yet been prepared, so there will be a full report on the resolutions made by the membership in the next Newsletter, together with the delayed financial report. The paper delivered by Reg Harris, on Bio-deterioration, forms a major part of this Newsletter, and a few other items are recorded here, for information.

Discussions centred on the items recorded in the Minutes of the Committee Meeting and circulated in the December Newsletter.

1. Subscriptions. It was felt that the recommended increase to £2 (£3 for institutions) did not adequately reflect the status of the group and would not allow a sufficient standard of production of publications. There was a majority vote for a personal subscription of £3 and £5 for institutions.
2. Publications. Investigations into the cost of producing the Newsletter by litho-printing indicated that the current run of 200 would not justify the increased cost. It was suggested that special report etc., which would have a resale potential outside the group, should be produced more professionally. (The survey of collections made by the group last year should, pending grants or loans, be produced in this way by July; free to members).
3. Professional Groups Committee. The Secretary's report was discussed at length and, although members felt that the B.C.G. should maintain links with the Museums Association, it is probable that the Group would resist formal affiliation. Regret was also expressed that the Museums Association Council had resolved to widen the scope of the committee to include non-discipline groups.

Because of shortage of time the meeting was unable to discuss a number of resolutions submitted by Graham Walley, of Nottingham Museums. It was agreed that these should be included in the Newsletter (see below) so that members could express their views to committee members before these topics are discussed. There may be time to cover some of them at the Specialist Session of the M.A. Edinburgh Conference, and it has been suggested that documentation, and relations with M.D.A. could form a topic for the Annual General Meeting 1978.

The A.G.M. marked the retirement of Geoff Hancock as Chairman of the Group. He has guided B.C.G. to a strong position and we are grateful to him for the work he put in.

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