

**THE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE OF TOLEDO  
AND LUCAS COUNTY**

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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE OF  
TOLEDO AND LUCAS COUNTY

REGARDING: NEW FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ACADEMY OF  
MEDICINE LIBRARY

At the June meeting of the Council of the Academy of Medicine, Maurice A. Schnitker, M.D., Director of the Academy of Medicine Library presented the necessity for changing the financial support of the Academy Library. The following information is supplied to explain why this change will be necessary in the near future.

Doctor Schnitker reviewed the historical background of our Academy Library. With its establishment in 1921 as part of the Academy of Medicine, the Library had no budget. In 1938 Doctors Fred M. Douglass, Sr., Benjamin Gillette, and Eugene Ockuly organized a Library Association separate from the Academy of Medicine with its own Board of Directors, non-profit under the laws of Ohio, with a very modest dues structure for members which allowed purchase of good journals and books. For approximately the past twenty years the Medical Advancement Trust (MAT) has supported the Library to the amount of \$10,000 a year. In addition the Library has had income from dues of its over 300 members, occasional gifts, and some money used from the income of the Helen M. Bowman Fund, to make up a total budget of approximately \$20,000 a year that it has cost recently to operate the Library.

In March, 1969 the Staff of the Maumee Valley Hospital voted to dissolve the MAT. It was also voted that the remainder of the fund be divided equally between the Foundation Fund of the Academy of Medicine and Medical Library Association. With a budget of slightly over \$20,000 a year this would give the Library about two years in which to inaugurate a new financial program and have it in operation.

There has been some question in the past as to the continuing need for our Academy Library, especially in view of the development of the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo with its own library facilities. About two years ago, after much lengthy discussion and diligent soul searching, the Board of Directors of the Academy Library voted unanimously that our Library should continue in existence and be maintained in our community. This position has been approved by Doctor Glidden Brooks, President of the new Medical School and Mr. Watterson, Head of the new Medical Library. In fact, Mr. Watterson has said that he plans to make the new Medical School Library chiefly a research library. As you know, our

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