

News from the Board of Education

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION has held two meetings in 1981 – on 23 and 24 April and 25 and 26 June. Items considered by the Board at those meeting include:

Revision of education statements

Draft education statements were circulated in February to divisions, schools of librarianship and other interested parties for comment. Responses were received from eight schools, eight divisions and three individuals.

The Board wishes to give as full consideration as possible to the comments received, and a further series of draft statements is being prepared and will be available for comment before finalisation at the October meeting of the Board.

The statements will then be presented to General Council in November for adoption as Association policy.

Election of members of the Board

The Board believes that from time to time there may have been trends in the nomination and election of Board members – for example a state's rights approach or election based on a preponderance of practising librarians or library educators. It believes that it is essential that selection is based on the merit of the individual, particularly now that some members are to be elected by the membership-at-large of the Association.

WHAT'S IN ...

Contents of Australian Journals of Librarianship

SOCIETY FOR MASS MEDIA AND RESEARCH TECHNOLOGY (SMMART) Journal v11, no2/1981. Edited by Jennie Van Wageningen and Alma Chinner, Marden High School, Marden Road, Marden, SA 5070.

Indexing a Community Information File by *Marie-Noelle Mirza*;

Games People Play (Part 4) by *David Poulson*;

Library Services to the Aged: A study with special reference to the Riverland, SA by *Allison Goldsworthy*;

The Irrelevance of Education Technology? by *Ted Nunan*.

REVIEW v9, no2, June 1981. Edited by School Libraries Branch, Education Department of SA, GPO Box 1152, Adelaide, SA 5001.

Library design for the physically disabled by *Alice Grills*;

Bibliotherapy with parents by *Kathleen Wenger*;

Karrendi Parent Library by *Eleanor Kilpin*;

Storage of media software by *Val Gauld and Chris Larsen*;

Index of books reviewed – June 1981.

AUSTRALIAN ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES (AARL) v12, no2, June 1981. Edited by D.H. Borchardt, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Vic 3083.

Concepts of reference service in academic libraries by *Johanna Cook*;

The Australian library supply scene by *J. Mauch*;

Politics, libraries and UAP by *D.H. Borchardt*;

Staff and salaries in Australian university libraries in 1981 by *J. Hazell*;

Librarianship recruits by *Maxine K. Rochester*.

One means of ensuring that persons with the necessary background and experience are elected might be to have a nominating committee, as with elections for Executive Officers of the Association. The Board will be making recommendations to the November meeting of Council on this matter.

Continuing education NATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Board has considered a number of possible continuing education programs for 1982. Two which it expects to be able to mount as national programs relate to library management, emphasising supervision and directed to middle-level staff, and industrial relations, designed to acquaint staff with a range of industrial matters and appropriate industrial relations techniques.

PROGRAMS RELATED TO LAA22

Four overseas speakers for the Adelaide conference have agreed to take part in CE activities while in Australia. They are Dr Fred Ratcliffe (Librarian, Cambridge University), Dr Patricia Cianciolo (Michigan State University), Mr Charles Robinson (Baltimore Public Library) and Mrs Susan Martin (John Hopkins University).

All divisions, schools of librarianship, the national and state libraries and other related organisations are to be asked to indicate their interest in arranging CE activities with the speakers by October 1981. Each speaker will be limited to activities in two centres.

A PLANNING PROCESS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

A series of workshops based on ALA's *A Planning process for public libraries* was to have been the LAA's major national CE activity in 1981. It has not been possible to arrange the workshops this year, but they may be held in late 1982 or 1983 if support can be assured and a local tutorial team is available.

CE Committee

John Brudenall (Convener), John Cook and John Levett have been elected members of the CE Committee.

Assessment of overseas qualifications

The Board has been reconsidering its methods of assessing overseas professional qualifications. Council has accepted the Board's recommendation that such qualifications should be assessed in terms of the criteria set out in Part 3(5) of the *Statement on the recognition of courses in librarianship*, as exemplified in courses already recognised by the Association. These criteria relate to the core content of professional courses, and are set out on p73 of the Association's 1981 *Handbook/Membership Directory*.

The Board has appointed a sub-committee to evaluate applications with advice from the Committee on Overseas Professional Qualifications and schools of librarianship, and the committee will draw up appropriate guidelines.

Recognition of courses

The General Council has recognised the Diploma in Information Management-Librarianship and Diploma in Information Management-Archives Administration offered by the University of NSW. It has extended recognition of the Graduate Diploma in Teacher-Librarianship at Kelvin Grove CAE and the Graduate Diploma in Librarianship at the University of Tasmania until 31 December 1981, pending reassessment visits.

Razor Gang cuts

Sir Phillip Lynch's review committee has recommended cuts in two areas of concern to the Board – tertiary education fees and the amalgamation of CAEs.

On the Board's recommendation the Association is to express its concern to the Minister for Education at the planned imposition in 1982 of tertiary education fees for students beginning degrees and diplomas subsequent to an initial tertiary qualification. It is understood that fees will not be levied for recognised double degree or diploma combinations, but some first professional qualifications in librarianship may be affected.

The Board will keep a watching brief on proposed amalgamations of colleges of advanced education. Colleges offering librarianship courses which are likely to be affected are Kelvin Grove CAE, Adelaide CAE, Hartley CAE, Nedlands CAE and Melbourne State College.

Election of Chairman and Deputy

Edward Flowers and Margaret Trask have been re-elected Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Board until 30 April 1982.

Uni of Melb buys Witt

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE has acquired one of only six copies in the world of the Witt Library.

The collection of photographs and illustrations of paintings, drawings and to a lesser extent engravings covers western art from the year 1200 to the present. There are approximately 1.3 million illustrations.

The opportunity for Australia to acquire a copy of the collection arose when the Getty Museum in America was given permission to microfilm the Library at a cost of several million dollars. An additional five copies were produced at the same time.

One is to be held by the Witt and the others distributed to appropriate centres around the world. One of the microfiche copies was offered to the Department of Fine Arts at the University of Melbourne at a total cost of \$94,000.

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