

Report from General Council Meeting

THE FINAL meeting of General Council in 1982 was held in the Association's office on 26 and 27 November. The following summary reports on the major items discussed with some items being covered separately in this issue of *InCite*. Members may seek further information from their Branch Secretaries or LAA Head Office.

Manpower Study

The Association has now published the manpower study carried out by Vanessa Bourne, Michael Hill and Barrie Mitcheson under the title *Library and Information Work*. The study had been circulated to members of the Committee of Australian Libraries Schools for comment. While most reviewers had some reservations about aspects of the methodology of the study and the format of the report, most felt the data was very valuable and accepted there would be an oversupply in the library workforce by 1985.

At its August meeting, Council established a working party to make recommendations on possible action on the predicted oversupply of manpower. The working party reported to Council with a large number of recommendations requiring detailed consideration by Council. Due to the lengthy agenda, full discussion of the recommendations was deferred until the March 1983 meeting.

General Council discussed a number of recommendations from the Library Workforce Conference. This is reported elsewhere.

Interlibrary Lending and Document Supply

The 1982 AGM of the Special Libraries Section voted unanimously to ask the Association to set up a working party to review the situation relating to document supply in Australia. The *Australian Library Journal* has also carried articles recently on this matter.

Council resolved to establish a joint LAA/AACOBS working party to examine the concept of a centre of first resort for document delivery in Australia. Council also requested that information be sought from the Tertiary Education Commission on the progress of the study into interlending.

Statement of Free Library Service to All

At the August meeting General Council discussed whether there should be a revision of the Statement on Free Library Service to All in the light of changing perceptions of the profession and the marketplace about the value of information. A subcommittee was established to reassess the statement and make recommendations to General Council.

Council resolved that the Association retain a statement on Free Library Service to All, but that the present statement be amended. The amended statement appears as an insert to this issue of *InCite* for your information.

Code of Ethics

A working party convened by Margaret Cameron has been established to prepare a draft code of ethics to be disseminated as widely as possible to the membership for input and comment. The working party is to report to the July 1983 meeting of General Council.

National Language Policy

A number of conferences have been held recently on this topic. The LAA has been represented. While it was possible to put

forward some views on the importance of libraries to a national language policy, there was a general lack of understanding and appreciation by other sections of the community of the role libraries could play.

The Association has prepared a submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Education and the Arts, on the reference, development and implementation of a coordinated language policy for Australia. Copies are available from the LAA Office.

National Information Policy

The Association has met with AACOBS, the Australian Computer Society and the Institute of Radio and Electronic Engineers to discuss the formulation of a national information policy.

Public Relations Consultant

Following the successful employment of a public relations consultant for LAA22 James Dwyer presented a proposal that the LAA employ a public relations firm for promotion and public relations purposes on an ongoing basis, the firm to cover day-to-day needs and conference promotion. General Council resolved to employ a public relations consultant.

Applications for Special Grants 1983

General Council received a large number of applications for funding for special projects in 1983. The following were approved:—

1. Public Libraries Section — \$9,000 grant — in aid for revision of public library standards.
2. Education for Librarianship Section — \$500 — recoupable grant for conference.
3. Special Libraries Section WA Group — \$8,000 recoupable grant for 6th National Special Libraries Conference.
4. Information Science Section WA Group — \$5,000 recoupable grant for national seminar.
5. Medical Librarians Section WA Group — \$3,500 recoupable grant for national conference.

Finance

General Council reminded divisions that all expenditures of funds must be for the purposes which promote the aims and objectives of the Association.

Differential Fees

Council resolved that differential fees be charged for all Association activities and publications, and that the differential for publications be 50 percent. That is LAA members receive a discount of 33⅓ percent.

Membership Goals

General Council has set a goal of a 5 percent increase in membership for 1983. As an incentive, the first Branch to exceed that level of increase, based on 31st December 1982 figures, will be given an unconditional grant of \$500. There will also be a prize for the member (excluding staff and the Executive Committee) who nominates the most new members in 1983.

Institutional Membership

Council resolved that a category of 'voucher only' membership be available for institutional members with a library staff and materials budget under \$25,000 per annum and the fee to be \$50.

Divisional Matters

General Council was very pleased to ratify the formation of an Acquisitions Section and a Queensland group of the Medical Libraries Section.

Special Interest Group on Distance Education

In 1982, Council approved a special grant to the SIG to enable the preparation of guidelines for library services to external studies. The Guidelines have now been published. Council thanked the working party for the excellent work done and their speedy presentation.

AACOBS/LAA Committee on Information Technology

The LAA has nominated Doreen Parker, Barrie Mitcheson and Denis Richardson to be members of this Committee.

Committee to Monitor Library Standards

This Committee has been established to review all standards for libraries and make recommendations for action to General Council. Linda Beveridge (Convenor), Harry Bahlin, Michael Friganotis and Michael Middleton have been nominated by Council.

Committee on Standards for Library Services for Handicapped Readers

One of the recommendations from the Second National Seminar on Library Services for the Handicapped related to the formulation of standards. Council resolved to establish a committee to develop standards for library services for handicapped readers.

Committee on Professional Issues

Council has established this committee to take or suggest action on matters relating to professional employment outside the scope of the work of the Industrial Officer.

Warren Horton, Barrie Mitcheson and Denis Richardson have been nominated to the Committee.

National Library Advisory Committees

Council received reports from the LAA's representatives on the NLA Advisory Committees on Science and Technology (Barrie Mitcheson), the Humanities (Margaret Cameron) and Social Science (Ted Flowers).

Joint Standing Committee for the Book Trade

Denis Richardson and William Cations are the Association's representatives on this LAA, Australian Book Publishers Association/Australian Booksellers Association Committee. Council accepted a statement on local ordering in Australian Libraries. When this has been accepted by the ABPA and ABA it will be circulated widely.

Conferences

General Council approved Guidelines for the organisation of LAA Biennial Conferences prepared by the Executive Director.

Council received reports on progress with planning for the 1984 and 1986 Conferences.

The 1986 Conference is to be held in Darwin from 30th June to 4th July.

Funds were approved to proceed with a study of the feasibility and costs of the Association holding the 1988 IFLA Conference.

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International Relations Committee

The President, Judith Baskin, reported that she had been nominated as the Australian Councillor on COMLA, to meet in Nairobi in 1983. A regional training seminar is being planned to be held in conjunction with the 1984 LAA/NZLA Conference.

The second LAA China study tour has been deferred until the end of 1983. Final dates will appear in *InCite* in the near future.

The Executive Committee has nominated James Dwyer and Margaret Trask to the International Relations Committee until the end of 1983 and Council has nominated Judith Baskin until December 1985.

General Council is to meet in 1983 on 18/19 March (Sydney), 22/23 July (Melbourne) and 18/19 November (Sydney).

Susan Acutt
Executive Director.

AUSTRALIAN POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The inaugural Australian Postgraduate Research Conference will be held at the University of New South Wales on 21 and 22 February 1983. The Conference will focus on the many areas of research being performed by postgraduates in all disciplines at Australian universities. As well as the papers presented at the Conference, posters will be displayed and all submitted abstracts will be published.

Further details and information on registration can be obtained from:

**The Organising Committee,
Australian Postgraduate Research Conference,
Box 144, University Union,
University of New South Wales,
PO Box 1,
Kensington, NSW 2033.**

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SCHOOLS AND CHILDREN'S SECTION National Committee.

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Do write to these people with any information you can provide for circulation and publication for the benefit of all.

The AGM of LAA 22 gave us a good notion of what is wanted of us. We see ourselves as a clearing house and a channel for your views, so let us have them.

Some members in Children's and in Schools Sections have no sectional representation. Can you join in Branch activities and see that some professional development is mounted for you? Write to Barbara about what you are doing.

We plan to publish an insert to *InCite* twice a year and we'd like to publicise Schools' and Children's activities. In Adelaide the final joint meeting of the year will be lively. Lyn Arnold, the new Minister for Education will, speak. Brian Bahnisch of the Queensland Department of Education Libraries Branch has kindly consented to represent us at the Steering Committee for the 1984 Conference. Please feed in your requests for topics. His address is Staff Inspector, Resource Services, Department of Education, PO Box 33, North Quay, Brisbane, Q. 4000

The committee joins me in wishing to all our members a Happy New Year.

Barbara Crompton

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DATES FOR MEETINGS 1983

The dates set for Executive Committee, General Council, Board of Education and Publications Board appear below.

Items for Agendas

The business of the Association is increasing in volume, consequently, rules for the preparation and receipt of items for General Council have to be tightened to ensure that General Councillors receive their agenda papers fourteen days prior to the meeting.

The deadline date for receipt of items appears below — anything received after this date will not be included in the Agenda. Due to persistent problems with the mail, members are advised to send material priority paid.

At its recent meeting, General Council reaffirmed By-Law 17.3 that each item on the Agenda must include:

- a) an introduction describing the item and quoting or referring to each relevant document;
- b) a statement of the financial considerations, if any;
- c) a brief statement of the objects; and
- d) the proposed resolution.

Members submitting agenda items for General Council Meetings are most welcome to seek guidance from their General Councillor, Councillors at Large or the LAA Office.

Executive		General Council		Board of Education		Publications Board
Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline	Meeting
Wednesday 16/1/83 Brisbane	Wednesday 12/1/83	Fri/Sat 18, 19/3/83 Sydney	Wednesday 16/2/83	Thurs/Fri 24, 25/3/83	21 days before meeting	Friday 4/2/83
Thursday 17/3/83 Sydney	Thursday 3/3/83	Fri/Sat 22, 23/7/83 Melbourne	Monday 20/6/83	Thurs/Fri 7, 8/7/83	21 days before meeting	Friday 6/5/83
Friday 22/4/83 Canberra	Friday 8/4/83	Fri/Sat 18, 19/11/83 Sydney	Monday 17/10/83	Thurs/Fri 20, 21/10/83	21 days before meeting	Friday 5/8/83
Friday 17/6/83 Canberra	Friday 3/6/83	Annual General Meeting Thursday 15/9/83 Melbourne				Friday 4/11/83
Thursday 11/7/83 Melbourne	Thursday 7/7/83					
Friday 16/9/83 Melbourne	Friday 2/9/83					
Thursday 17/11/83 Sydney	Thursday 3/11/83					

Classification research

READERS INTERESTED in classification research may not be aware that the Newsletter of FIDs Committee on Classification Research (FID/CR) is now published as part of the journal *International classification*, which appears three times a year.

Anyone who does not have access to this journal may obtain a copy of issues number 4 to 6 of the Newsletter from me (c/- Borchardt Library, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Victoria 3083). Issue number 6, which is most recent and the most interesting, contains the conclusions and recommendations of the 4th International Study Conference on Classification Research held at Ausburg from 28 June to 2 July 1982.

Readers may also be interested to note that the first volume of the *International Classification and Indexing Bibliography* (Classification systems and thesauri, 1950-1982) was published late in 1982 as a cooperative enterprise between the FID Secretariat and the INDEKS Company. (ISBN 3 88672 300 3, DM48-80).

J. McKinlay
Australian Member
of FID/CR

BISA Workshop

SOME SEVENTEEN librarians from South-East Asia attended a five-day workshop on ASEAN/Australia resource sharing in information retrieval and MARC held at the University of Sydney from 16-20 August 1982.

The workshop, organised by BISA (Bibliographic Information on South-East Asia), was funded by the Australian Development Assistance Bureau (ADAB) and the National Library of Australia (NLA). It was intended to bring senior librarians from the region to Australia to discuss developments suited to resource sharing and to explore ways in which such resource sharing might be made possible.

Those attending included the national librarians of Indonesia (Mastini Hardjo-Prakoso), and Papua-New Guinea (Sir John Yocklunn) and the deputy national librarians of Malaysia (Dr Donald Wijasuriya) Singapore (Yoke-lan Wicks) and Thailand (Suwak-hon Phadungath). The director of Indonesia's National Scientific Documentation Centre (Lumarish Pringgoadisurjo) and the chief librarians of Universit Sains Malaysia (Lim Huck Tee), University of the Philippines (Filomena Tann), National University of Singapore (Wai-chee Hochstadt) and the University of Papua-New Guinea (Alan Butler) also attended, as did computer experts from the Asian Institute of Technology (Michael Sherwood) and Universit Sains Malaysia (Lim Chee Hong). Five librarians training in Australia made up the complement of overseas participants, a number of different Australian institutions were represented by librarians.

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