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book in its present format is expensive and time-consuming to compile and produce. The Executive Director and Executive Committee have suggested that it should be published by a looseleaf folder of materials published by the Association, and that all material will be of uniform size and available for sale as a

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wing courses have been recognised by the Association — **Western Australian Diploma of Teaching** (Teacher Lib), **Bachelor of Education** (Teacher Lib), **Graduate Diploma in Teacher Lib** and **Associate Diploma in Lib** to 31/12/89. (GC 236/84) **Western Institute of Technology** — **Diploma of Applied Science** (Information & Studies) and **Graduate Diploma in Information Studies** to 31/12/89. (GC

Technical College — **Certificate and Diploma in Library Practice** to 31/12/89. (GC 237/84) **South Australia Institute of Technology** — **Diploma in Library Science** — until 31/12/89. (GC 239/84)

has endorsed the Board's proposal on its views on possible future professional membership. (GC 232/84) The discussion papers are available from the Assistant Executive Director.

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for CE programs had been received by the CE Committee held a conference on 11 December to select successors and Branches have now been working on these. They will be working with the CE Committee to assist in mounting programs in 1990/91. (GC 240/84)

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cial membership at 31 October was 399 ALJ subscribers. This was below 1983 figures.

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has approved formation of a Central Regional Group, a NSW Group of the Collections Section, and a Rare Books and Collections Special Interest Group. (GC 241/84)

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cial Interest Group of the Association changed its name to Information Management Consulting Association which Council considers to be inconsistent with LAA policy. However, Council wishes to re-group in the Association, and has agreed to the change provided the group changes its affiliation in an acceptable way on letterhead and other items. (GC 242/84)

tees

decided at its August meeting that all committees should present an annual report so that Council could assess their effectiveness and decide whether they should continue. Reports of 24 committees or of LAA representatives on other bodies were considered. The Committee to Monitor Library

Standards, Working Party on Legal Responsibility of Librarians, Futures Committee and Committee on Standards for Library Service for Handicapped Readers have been dissolved. A full list of committees and representatives on other bodies will be included in the new format *Handbook*. (GC 248/84)

Council found the review process useful and has asked the Executive Director to consider any further measures needed to ensure committees are active and productive. (GC 272/84) It has also asked the Industrial Information and Research Officer to prepare a position paper on the progress of standards for particular types of libraries, and present proposals for revision where appropriate. (GC 273/84)

1984 Biennial Conference

The report of the Brisbane Conference Committee was tabled. Although accounts are not yet complete a healthy profit is expected. Council thanked the Committee for its work in organising a most successful conference (GC 276/84) and Christine Crocker for her liaison role with Council. (GC 277/84)

1986 Biennial Conference

Expressions of interest in the position of organiser of the Darwin conference have been received and a decision is to be made shortly. The Conference Committee has proposed three principal overseas speakers, and Council has agreed to invitations being extended to them. (GC 280/84). Details will be published when acceptances have been received.

1988 Biennial Conference and IFLA

The 1988 Biennial Conference is to be held at the University of NSW, from 27 to 30 August, and an Australian theme and speakers are proposed. A joint steering committee for the two conferences has been established, and appointment of a joint organiser is seen as a priority. (GC 282/84) Planning for the conferences will be able to proceed more rapidly once IFLA has agreed to a format for its conference, and potential sponsors are identified.

Council has unanimously endorsed an Executive Committee recommendation that as a matter of policy and subject to the availability of funding the Executive Director attend and represent the Association at annual IFLA conferences. (GC 285/84)

International relations

- The International Relations Committee is preparing a statement on international relations for Council's consideration at its March meeting. (GC 284/84)
- John Brudenall represented the Association at the 1984 IFLA Conference in Nairobi and has reported on a number of issues related to broadening LAA involvement in IFLA, and to the hosting of the 1988 conference. The Executive Director is to visit IFLA prior to her annual leave in December, and she and Mr Brudenall will develop his proposals further for Council. (GC 286/84)

LAA House

Software for the new membership database is almost finished, and it is hoped that it will be operating in time for processing 1985 membership renewals. Disk capacity on the new system has proved too small for all functions to run concurrently, and the Executive Committee has authorised purchase of additional disk space. (GC 287/84) Air-conditioning has been installed in LAA House. Replacement of the windows and exterior painting are now the only major renovations to be completed.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN ONLINE INFORMATION CONFERENCE, 1986

Call for papers

The First Australian Online Information Conference will be held in Sydney on 20 — 22 January, 1986. As well as demonstrating the range of online databases, hosts and services now available, the Conference will explore new developments in online searching and major issues affecting online public access, and use of remotely stored databases.

Expressions of interest are sought from those wishing to present papers. Papers will focus on either a disciplinary based approach, such as law or medicine, or a topic, such as downloading, training, searching techniques, marketing or electronic publishing. An abstract of no more than 200 words should be sent to:

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