

Permanent Paper Seminar

The LAA and AACOBS jointly sponsored a seminar on the Production and Use of Permanent Paper in Sydney on 28 May. It brought together for the first time representatives of the paper-making, printing and publishing industries, with the objective of encouraging increased production and use of permanent paper in Australia.

The proceedings were opened by Mr A. Dix (Chairman of AACOBS), followed by Dr Jan Lyall (National Library), Mr Karl Schmude (University of New England) and Ms Judith Baskin (National Library), who summarised the nature and extent of the paper deterioration problem, the strategies needed to overcome it, the consequences of inaction, and the alternatives to paper-based information media.

Speakers from manufacturers (Associated Pulp and Paper Mills) and paper suppliers (Edwards Dunlop and B. J. Ball Pty Ltd) discussed the technical and economic considerations from their points of view. APPM makes permanent paper and the suppliers will provide it, but costs are higher, so demand is low. In the classic Catch-22 equation, low demand

means higher costs, which means low demand.

These economic considerations also affect the attitudes of publishers, who would be happy to use permanent paper if its cost was competitive. Speakers from MacMillan Australia and the NSW Government Printer addressed this dilemma.

The most important objective of the seminar was to formulate a plan of action to bring about a commitment to the widespread use of permanent paper. Dr Jan Lyall and a representative of Australian Paper Manufacturers agreed to pursue with CSIRO and the Standards Association of Australia the question of establishing an Australian standard for paper permanence. An informal group of several of the speakers, convened by Neil Radford (Chairman, LAA Publications Board), will provide on-going contact with the disparate groups represented at the seminar, and will liaise with the National Library, which has expressed interest in promoting the adoption by manufacturers of an Australian standard, when one is accepted.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 48th Annual General Meeting of the Library Association of Australia will be held in Canberra on Wednesday, 2 September 1987.

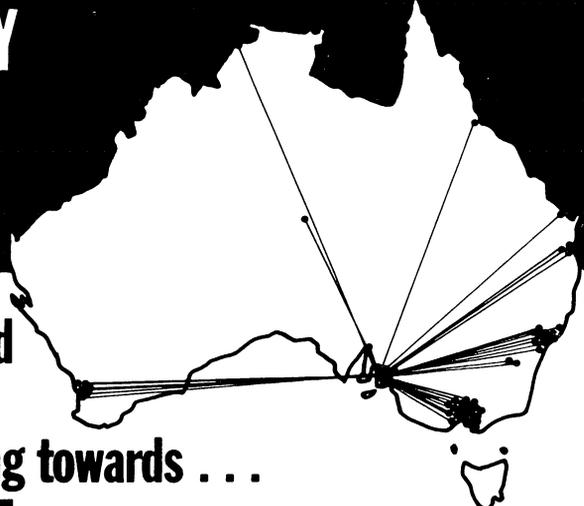
AGENDA

1. Notice convening meeting
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the 1986 AGM
4. Presentation of 1986 Annual Report and Balance Sheet, and Income and Expenditure Account
5. Presentation of supplementary Balance Sheet and supplementary Income and Expenditure Account to 31 August 1987
6. Appointment of auditors
7. General business (see 3 below).

RULES OF MEETING

1. Motions for discussion at the AGM are to be forwarded in writing, in duplicate, to the Director, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo by Friday, 31 July 1987. Motions should be signed by the mover either individually or on behalf of a Division of the Association. All such motions received will be published in the AGM agenda in the 21 August issue of *InCite* (No. 14).
2. All motions to be put to the AGM must appear in this published agenda.
3. The only terms that may be raised under General Business are those of an informal nature, or those that are within the scope of the business already laid down. Motions of a substantial nature relating to items not covered in the notice of the meeting will not be allowed.
4. If an item of urgency arises which is not within the business of the meeting the Chairperson has the power to accept it without notice, or rule that due notice must be given.
5. All motions additional to those on the printed agenda and in accordance with 3 above, and amendments shall be written in triplicate and signed by the movers (forms will be provided), one copy to be delivered to the Chair, the second to the projectionist, the third to the mover.
6. When addressing the Chair, the person desiring recognition will properly identify themselves, giving their name and library. Only LAA members may speak.
7. Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker, no speaker may have the floor twice on the same question until all who wish to speak have spoken.
8. Proxies. To be valid proxies must be in the form set out in By-law 15 and in the hands of the General Secretary (Ms Jan Cree) by 31 August 1987. Proxy forms must not specify how the holder of the proxy is to vote on specific issues.
9. By general consent, if there be no objection, or by a two-thirds vote, any rule governing the debate may be suspended.
10. The Chairperson's rulings on procedural matters may not be debated. The reference for rules and their interpretation by the Parliamentarian will be Joske's *The law and procedure at meetings in Australia and New Zealand*, 7th ed., 1982. A Parliamentarian will be appointed to advise the Chairperson on procedure and to assist in determining the results of a poll of members present if necessary.

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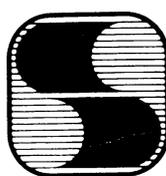
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