

1987 Annual General Meeting

ED takes out Library Manager Award

The 1987 AGM was held in the Theatre of the National Library of Australia in Canberra on 2 September. The meeting commenced with the presentation of the H.C.L. Anderson Award to Mr James G. Dwyer and Professor Jean P. Whyte. It is the first time that two H.C.L. Anderson Awards have been given in the same year, and it was particularly fitting that this should happen at the AGM, which was a part of the Association's 50th Anniversary celebrations.

The Annual General Meeting approved the minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 3 April 1987, as well as the minutes of the 1986 AGM, the presentation of the 1986 Annual Report and Balance Sheet, and Income and Expenditure Statement, and the presentation of the Supplementary Balance Sheet, and Supplementary Income and Expenditure Statement to 25 August 1987.

There were six notices of motion included on the meeting agenda under General Business, and these were:

1. That the recommendations of the Working Party to Look at the Feasibility of Moving the Head Office to Canberra be put to a vote of the membership at large.
(NSW Branch)

2. That all options for the reorganisation and location of the LAA Head Office function be explored in the light of the Corporate Plan and the most efficient means of delivering services to the membership in all geographic locations.
(NSW Branch)

3. (a) That the financial regulations C30, C32 and C33 of the Constitution of the Library Association of Australia be repealed.

(b) That Branches and other Divisions receive their full allocations of annual credits under regulations C19 and C20 regardless of any surplus from annual trading accumulated by a Branch or other Divisions.

(c) That Branches and other Divisions choosing to pursue a policy of accumulating a surplus from trading be obliged to show evidence of forward planning for the deployment and expenditure of these funds to the General Council annually.

(d) That Branches and other Divisions be encouraged to increase their range of revenue sources and to adopt entrepreneurial attitudes in financial management.
(Queensland Branch)

4. General Council be requested to consider increasing the annual credits for operating expenses for Branches and other Divisions
(Queensland Branch)

5. In the light of the healthy financial state of the Association, it is moved that one Section/Special Interest Group be included as part of the membership fee structure.
(Victorian Branch)

6. That this 48th Annual General Meeting of the Library Association of Australia remind General Council that the business of the Association must be conducted in accordance with the Charter, By-Laws and Regulations.
(Wilma Radford)

All notices of motion were passed with the exception of No. 1, which was amended and passed as follows:

'That any recommendations of General Council for action arising from the discussions of the report of the Working Party to Look at the Feasibility of Moving the Head Office to Canberra be put to a vote of the membership at large.'

The resolutions need to be ratified by Council before they can be acted upon. Some of the resolutions were not ratified by Council because it felt that action taken at the General Council meeting on 5-6 September following the AGM negated this need. Council did not ratify the first two resolutions regarding the Association's move to Canberra because it made a number of other resolutions regarding the proposed move.

It approved in principle the option of retaining the Ultimo building and either building or purchasing in Canberra, as was put forward in the Head Office Location Working Party report, and this is to be looked at further by the Executive Committee. General Council is also to ensure that any building program embarked upon would not affect the level of service delivery to members, particularly during 1988.

Council also asked the NSW Branch, with the assistance of the Director and Assistant Director, to look at what constitutes a local presence and what the Association should do to establish a local presence in each state. This will be considered by General Council at its meeting in April 1988.

Council did not ratify parts (a) and (b) of resolution No. 3, however it did ratify parts (c) and (d) and resolution No. 4. It did however recognise that these were major changes to the Association's financial management and that there had been inadequate time to consider the implications, and the Director has been asked to circulate a paper before the end of January for comment from divisions. The decisions will not be implemented until the paper is considered by General Council in April 1988.

Resolution No. 5 was not ratified by Council as it considered it to be contrary to the recommendations of the Corporate Plan and that the Association should try any new initiatives such as the payment for Section and Special Interest Group membership for more than a period of 12 months before such a move was reviewed.

Resolution No. 6 was ratified, and Council noted that it must act in accordance with the Constitution of the Association.

Jenny Adams
Director



Georgina Cane is the first recipient of the LAA's Library Manager of the Year Award.

Georgina is the Executive Director of ASCIS (Australian Schools Catalogue Information Service) where she has been responsible for establishing a schools information service currently serving over 5,000 schools across Australia. ASCIS was established in 1983 as a public company representative of all the government and non-government education systems across Australia.

The essential purpose of ASCIS is to provide a mechanism for sharing catalogue and other information and to provide service, using that data, to education systems and schools.

As Executive Director, Georgina has been responsible for the overall management of ASCIS, including the financial management of an annual budget of \$700,000. She has successfully negotiated difficult and complex contractual arrangements with the company's contractors and provided appropriate mechanisms for the development and maintenance of automated library systems.

As the first Executive Director of ASCIS she has been responsible for the development of appropriate office management structures and has welded a constantly expanding office staff into a cohesive unit.

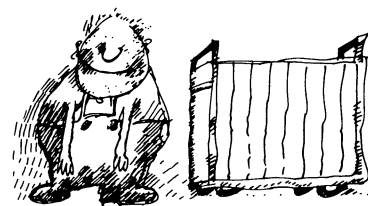
Georgina has established sound client relationships leading to high customer satisfaction and has shown outstanding initiative in proposals for and development of new services.

The manner in which Georgina Cane has undertaken her duties and the high level of responsibility which she has accepted, make her an outstanding manager and a particularly worthy recipient of this new award.

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