

hand so that he could get some idea of the key issues for the Association.

He made the very pertinent point that his impression was that we were a very introspective group. He noted that we have a budget in excess of \$1,000,000 per annum but that very little of that is spent on such things as lobbying, publicity, etc. and that the majority of items on our agenda were internal issues. A quick run through the September Council agenda shows that not much has changed. Out of 74 items of business only about 20 are of an external nature. We cannot, however, place all the blame on Council as much of its agenda is driven by the divisions of the Association. It is therefore an issue that must be addressed by all of us and we must ensure that more of our money is used to attract outside attention.

I look forward to being a continuing part of the Association and of watching and, hopefully, helping in its continued progress. There are so many people that I would like to thank and it is difficult to name them all but it would be remiss of me not to single out a very special few.

I would very much like to thank all the office bearers of the Association who are too numerous to name but who carry out the most incredible amount of work, particularly in view of the fact that they do it in their spare time and who remain incredibly committed. I would like to thank the Presidents of the Association that I have worked with — Warren Horton, Ron Davis, Ian McCallum and Peter Dawe — and the two Secretaries with whom I have been closely involved — Averill Edwards and Jan Cree. I must mention Anne Hazell with whom I worked on the Corporate Plan and Review Committee along with Warren Horton. It was one of the most stimulating times of my life and I am very grateful that I had the opportunity to work with two such distinguished colleagues and to work on such a significant project for the Association.

I would also like to thank the staff of the Association who are a committed group of people often much undervalued and unrecognised for the vital work that they carry out. It is easy to say that they are paid to do it but if you knew the hours they work and the cheerfulness with which they deal with criticism, you would understand that they often take on far more than they are being paid for.

Lastly, I would like to thank you, the members, for your support of the Association and I hope that I will continue to maintain contact with you through the Association and to see you at the IFLA/LAA Conference in Sydney next year.

Jenny Adams  
Director

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