

Board of Education Report

The Board of Education met on 22-23 October 1987. The following were the major issues discussed.

Associateship

General Council, at its meeting of 5-6 September, endorsed the Board's proposal for revised conditions for professional membership.

Head Office staff are to develop an appropriate membership application form and make any necessary modifications to the application form for assessment of overseas qualifications to take into account the revised procedures.

These will be introduced from 1 January 1988 and will be publicised widely through a variety of journals and by writing to related professional bodies. The new criteria used to assess eligibility for Associateship will be reviewed after five years.

Technician courses

The Board has received a letter from a librarian in a country centre concerning the lack of opportunities for persons in country areas wishing to undertake library technician courses.

Helen O'Brien has undertaken to investigate this matter and will report back to the February 1988 meeting of the Board.

Accreditation

The National Library Technician's Section has asked the Board of Education to determine the amount of credit given for library technician qualifications by tertiary institutions conducting first-degree professional library courses. The Secretary is to determine this for

the next meeting of the Board.

Helen O'Brien and Marianne Broadbent are developing a position paper on the links between librarian and library technician courses. This will be presented to the next Board meeting.

CTEC

The Chairman of the Board of Education has received a reply from CTEC noting the Association's interest in any review of computer/information science courses which CTEC might carry out.

AUSTUDY grants

The Department of Education has replied to a letter from the Board regarding the administration of AUSTUDY grants for persons wishing to undertake a postgraduate diploma in librarianship after completing a diploma of education. The Department has advised that it cannot approve AUSTUDY assistance unless completion of another postgraduate diploma is the normal admission requirement for a particular course.

Workforce data

Mairéad Browne and Helen O'Brien reported on their survey of newspaper advertisements for library positions. The analysis of data, using a KWOC index, has provided useful information about employment trends. Mairéad and Helen are to refine the technique and present a paper about their methodology to the next Board meeting.

Course recognition

The Board's recommendations concerning six courses which have been assessed since its July meeting will be forwarded to General Council for endorsement at its March 1988 meeting.

Information Work Definitions

At its meeting on 6 September, General Council endorsed the Board's Information Work Definitions, subject to minor modifications by the Board. This document was finalised at the October Education Board meeting.

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Ten tenders and four requests for approved activity status have been received for the national continuing education program for 1988.

Study Grant Awards

The Board has revised the conditions relating to the reports prepared by recipients of the LAA Study Grant Awards.

Future recipients of Study Grant Awards will be required to present a report in two parts: (i) a summary of the report, accompanied by a photograph of the author, suitable for publication in *InCite*; (ii) a comprehensive report presented in a form suitable for publication in an appropriate journal. These reports will be presented to the Board of Education at the same time, within four months of completion of the project.

A follow-up report will be required within 12 months of completion of the project. This report should demonstrate how the outcomes of the project have been applied to the benefit of the individual, institutions and broader professional base.

Meeting dates for 1988

The Board of Education will meet on the following dates in 1988: 11-12 February (Deadline January 18); 30 June-1 July (Deadline June 6); 20-21 October (Deadline September 26).

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