

Board of Education Report

The Board of Education met on 11 and 12 February 1988. Among the items it discussed were the following:

Conditions for Associateship

New application forms for the assessment of both Australian and overseas qualifications under the revised conditions for Associateship have been prepared and the Assistant Executive Director has written to proposed members of the interviewing panels seeking their agreement to participate on the panels. A list of all new members of the Association will be published periodically in *InCite*.

As the majority of applications for the recognition of overseas qualifications received by the Association come from Britain, the United States and Canada, the Association resolved that the Board automatically recognise for professional membership the graduates of those courses which are currently recognised by sister associations in those countries. Further information will be sought from the Library Associations of New Zealand and South Africa to determine whether automatic recognition might be granted to some of the courses available in these countries. If, in the future, a large number of applications for the assessment of overseas qualifications is received from another country, the process by which these applications are assessed will be investigated to determine whether automatic recognition might be given to the graduates of some courses taught there.

Changes

The Board resolved that its Continuing Education Committee be replaced by the Professional Development Committee and that this committee will be responsible for the continuing education program and its promotion, workforce statistics and trends, and Fellowships and awards.

The Course Recognition Committee has been replaced by the Professional Standards Committee. This committee will be responsible for Course Recognition Committee membership, the review of annual returns, state assessment panels, reports on applications, the assessment of overseas courses and

paraprofessional courses, and membership.

The Chairman of the Board of Education will be responsible for publicity and liaison.

Moir MacKinnon, the current Chairman, Marianne Broadbent, Deputy Chairman, and Jeanette Knox, Convener of the Course Recognition Committee are all stepping down from the Board on 30 April 1988. Eric Wainwright has been elected Chairman of the Board. Mairéad Browne has been elected Deputy Chairman and Ed Parr, Convener of the Professional Standards Committee. Twila Herr remains Convener of the Professional Development Committee.

Library technicians

The Secretary has received information from library and information studies schools offering undergraduate courses regarding the amount of credit they give to library technicians wishing to enrol in first award professional courses.

Helen O'Brien and Marianne Broadbent are to use this information to develop a position paper on the links between librarian and library technician courses. This paper will be presented to the June/July Board meeting.

Green paper on higher education

Eric Wainwright is to prepare a short submission for the Board on the Federal Government's Green Paper on Higher Education. It will be included in the agenda for the General Council meeting in March.

WAPSEC Report

The Chairman is to prepare a brief response to the WAPSEC (West Australian Post Secondary Education Commission) report 'Librarians and Information Resource Management'.

Workforce data

The Board has been conducting tests on the methodology for a survey of advertisements for positions in library and information science. These tests have demonstrated the feasibility of expanding the project on a national basis. A proposal for such a survey, to be carried out over a three-year period, will

be forwarded to the August 1988 meeting of General Council.

Course recognition visits

Three course recognition visits are scheduled for 1988: Monash University, the University of NSW and Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education.

CE program

Eight LAA funded continuing education activities were held in 1987 and one has been carried forward to 1988. Two of the three LAA approved activities were held in 1987 and the third is being run in 1988. The Association invested \$2,110 in the continuing education program in 1987.

Tenders have been accepted for seven of the seventeen identified priority areas and another two courses are to be run as LAA approved activities. One further tender is likely. Three other courses have been endorsed as LAA approved activities.

The Assistant Executive Director and the Programme Support Manager are preparing guidelines for branches which will set out their responsibility with regard to continuing education. Branches will also be asked to consider their continuing education needs earlier than in the past.

LAA Study Grant Awards

Two study grants have been awarded for 1988:

- an award of \$2,846 to M. B. Robson for an examination of pre-school children's library work in the USA and
- an award of \$4,500 to L. Luther for an examination of the provision of an information service to a technology park.

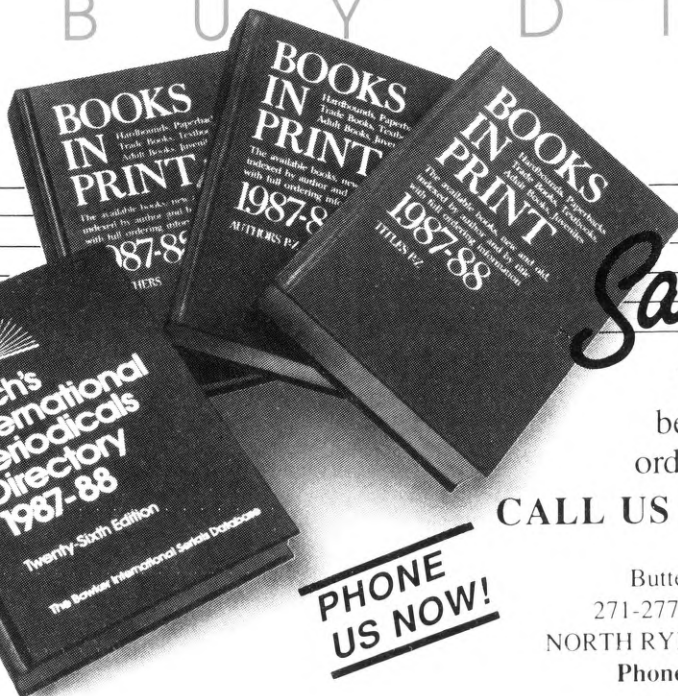
Barry Scott has provided a copy of his study grant report, 'Publicising the public library, the American way'.

Metcalf Medallion

The Metcalfe Medallion for 1988 has been awarded to Anne Casey, a student at RMIT.

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