

Pressing business

Publications Board Report

The most important business on the agenda of the Publications Board meeting on 25 August was consideration of a report by Peter Clayton and Kerry Webb on the steps needed to establish ALIA Press as the commercial publishing arm of the Association. (General Council agreed in principle to the creation of ALIA Press at its March meeting and the business name has been registered.)

It was resolved to recommend to General Council that the aims of ALIA Press be:

- to publish items that will help promote and improve the services of libraries and other information agencies;

- to publish items that will help improve the standard of library and information personnel and foster their professional interests and aspirations;

- in doing this on a commercial basis, to ensure that ALIA Press publications make a reasonable profit and at the least cover all costs.

The third point is important. ALIA Press is to operate on a commercial (i.e. profit-making) basis, and projects unlikely to be commercially viable must be rejected. Some — such as conference proceedings or the Association's *Handbook* — may be published by the Association as a service to members, but will not be a charge against the Press's budget.

New Board

The Publications Board will further recommend to General Council that the Board be abolished from the end of 1989 and replaced by a new body to be known as the ALIA Press Board, with responsibility for oversight of the publications program.

ALIA Press will require an experienced manager for day-to-day management. However, ALIA's Executive Director, Sue Kosse, reported that response to the Association's advertisements had been disappointing and alternative approaches are being considered.

Publications in progress

Reports were received on various publications in progress. Vivienne Sigley's *Australian mottoes* should be available in October, as should David Jones's *Australian dictionary of acronyms and abbreviations*: both of these should excite interest beyond the local market of Australian libraries and librarians, and will be promoted widely. Harrison Bryan's *ALIAS* (Volume 2) should be delivered from the printer at any moment, and it was noted with pleasure that APPM, whose permanent paper is used in the set, have agreed to sponsor Volume 2 with a generous donation. Barbara Brady's *Guide to Australian reference sources: social science* is being copy-edited for publication towards the end of the year.

Board member Peter Clayton reported on negotiations with Oxford University Press (OUP) to co-publish a proposed *Companion to Australian children's literature* edited by Stella Lees and Pamela Macintyre. OUP has agreed in principle, and the Board authorised Peter Clayton and the Executive Director to negotiate the details of the contract.

InCite index

Alan Walker, indexer extraordinaire, has completed the indexing of the 1980 issues of *InCite*, and copies will be advertised shortly. The response will guide the Board in assessing the likely market for a full retrospective index, 1980—88. Alan is indexing the current (1989) issues of *InCite*.

Bargains

The Association had hoped to conduct a 'leaving Sydney' sale of publications, in order to reduce the amount of material to be moved to Canberra, but

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Listed below are changes in addresses and telephone numbers for the *Vital link* your listing of ALIA office bearers and staff. Keep your copy 'vital' by noting the changes now.

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General Secretary and South Australian Branch Councillor: Anne Harris, the Orphanage Teachers' Centre, Education Department of South Australia, GPO Box 1152, Adelaide, SA 5001; telephone (08) 372 1818.

Western Australian General Councillor: Mary Papachristos, Manager Library Services, Department of Corrective Services, 441 Murray Street, Perth, WA 6000; telephone (09) 426 7599.

Branches

ACT Branch President: Kay Winter, c/o AIDAB Library, 62 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra, ACT 2600; telephone (062) 76 4590.

Special Interest Groups

Online Users' Convener: Jean Geue, correct telephone number (062) 83 2303.

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Acquisitions Section, National and Victorian Group Secretary: John Thawley, c/o CSIRO Information Services Unit, 314 Albert Street, East Melbourne, Vic. 3002; telephone (03) 418 7274.

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University and College Libraries Section, South Australian Group Secretary: Peter Jacobs, now at Law Library, University of Adelaide.

Copies of the Vital link are still available. Members wishing to receive one should contact ALIA head office by mail: PO Box E441, Queen Victoria Terrace, ACT 2600; or by telephone: (062) 85 1877; or (008) 02 0071 (toll free). This is a free service to members.

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porting to the Executive Committee and General Council (and various other committees) on financial matters. Help is available to division treasurers as required. Simon recently joined the Association in Sydney and will continue his valuable contribution until a permanent Financial Services Manager can be found.

Finance Clerk, Helen McMillan

Helen is responsible for all orders for interlibrary loan vouchers, their despatch and redemption. She also provides assistance to the Financial Services Manager.

**InCite Managing Editor, Liz Murphy
InCite Assistant, Rose Hockham**

Liz will be happy to discuss editorial requirements and deadlines, while Rose will assist with advertisers' bookings and deadline dates, advertising possibilities and 'Events' notices, and account enquiries,

**Secretary to the Executive Director,
Thelma Hutchins**

WPO/Typist, Pamela Ford

Thelma's and Pam's direct involvement with members is minimal; they are more

concerned with behind-the-scenes duties — the preparation of agendas for the Executive Committee, General Council, Board of Education and Publications Board, minutes of meetings and general correspondence. However, Thelma should be contacted regarding travel and accommodation bookings for office bearers, and by people who have sat for the Association's Registration Examinations and require statements of results.

The office of the Association is at 40 Brisbane Avenue, Barton, ACT 2600. However, all mail should be addressed to PO Box E441, Queen Victoria Terrace, ACT 2600.

Staff are always happy to hear from members requiring additional information or assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact us, either at the address above or on the following numbers: telephone (062) 85 1877 or (008) 02 0071 (toll free); facsimile (062) 82 2249.

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timing and availability of staff made this impossible. However, following successful sales to delegates at recent divisional conferences, the idea of another sale has been reactivated. Watch *InCite* for some brilliant bargains in the near future!

Members wishing to know more about any of the matters reported here, or to discuss the Association's publishing activities generally, are invited to contact me on (02) 692 2990, or the Executive Director, ALIA.

Neil A. Radford
Chairman

ALIA Publications Board

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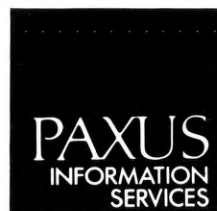
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