

Third ALIA Annual General Meeting Held in Sydney on 11 June 1991

The third Annual General Meeting of ALIA was held in Sydney during the period of the General Council meeting, with 25 members present beside the President, Vice-President, General Secretary, General Treasurer and Executive Director.

The meeting approved the 1990 Annual Report and Balance Sheet, which showed an excellent result for the Association, with a surplus after tax of \$40 000. This result had been particularly assisted by a net surplus of \$121 576.21 from the Association's 1990 Biennial

Conference, information that was received with acclamation.

A payout was required to the ACT Government for the concessional land lease for ALIA House in 1991. This would amount to \$191 666.66 and would be made from the Association's reserves.

The meeting heard with acclamation that Margaret Trask had recently received the Fellowship of the University of Technology Sydney. This was only the fourth occasion that this award had been made and Margaret was the first woman to have received it.

Warren Horton presented a special award to Harrison Bryan to commemorate his completion of the 3-volume work *ALIAS: Australia's Library, Information and Archives Services — an Encyclopaedia of Practice and Practitioners*. This work had originally begun as an Australian encyclopaedia of library and information science but grew to a much broader end result. Harrison Bryan conceived the work, organised the contributions and personally wrote a good deal of it. He accepted the award with pleasure. □

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disappointment was expressed with the standard of the report. It was agreed that the Association should convene a national forum in Canberra to examine issues raised by the Report.

• Review of Biennial Conferences: the WA General Councillor, on behalf of the 1990 Biennial Conference Committee, requested re-consideration of the concept of biennial conferences and would prepare

a paper to *inCite* on this matter.

• Public libraries and their funding base: I expressed concern about funding cuts to public library services across Australia and sought the views of Council. Support on this issue is to be sought from the Public Libraries Section.

• Federation 2001: the Commonwealth Government was providing funding for projects to celebrate the centenary of Australia's federation. Suggestions were sought from councillors for a suitable

forward-looking project. This could be a great opportunity for library promotion if the Association is able to do something clever that appeals to be politicians. Council agreed to canvass the views of the membership via *inCite*. It was suggested that the Association offer a prize for the best idea.

The next General Council meeting will be held on Friday, 22 November 1991 and Saturday, 23 November 1991 in Canberra.

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