

Train Line



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The members of the Training and Development Committee of the Board of Education for 1991 are Angela Bridgland (Chair), Jean Bailey and Kay Poustie. They would all welcome your input, so if you have some training matter on your mind, don't hesitate to write or call.

You will see from the above that the PC Committee has been re-named the Training and Development Committee. In keeping with the new name, this column heading has changed from the somewhat tenuous 'PDQ' to the more robust 'Train Line'. I hope you enjoy it. My title, too, is now 'Training and Development' Officer. Stein and Shakespeare aside, the Board believes this name better reflects the scope

of the job, and should be relevant for some time to come.

Thank you once again to the many readers who completed the Professional



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Development Survey in *inCite* 16 last year and sent it back to me.

The results are finally available, and exciting stuff they are. In the following issues of *inCite*, I shall share with you some of the interesting aspects of the survey. However, you may like to know that over 700 members responded, which is more than 10 per cent of personal members and is thus, for a survey of this type, a very good response. More than 400 of you took time to write comments,

suggestions, complaints, ideas, or simply expressed your support of the survey in particular, and training and development in general. For this support, much thanks. It is indicative of the value you place on this aspect of your chosen profession and of your Association's activities.

The survey form itself proved easy-to-use, thanks in part to the skills of the *inCite* Graphic Designer.

Having handled and rehandled the replies many times over the last few weeks, I have an overwhelming impression of the wondrous variety of the ALIA membership. The range of comment was very wide indeed. It is so wide, that I know that some of you will be disappointed no matter what program is developed. However, while ALIA in all its many Divisions, analyses the results and formulates a strategy, do look round you for ways of answering your own needs, in perhaps a different way from what you originally envisaged.

As information professionals we pride ourselves on our information gathering and processing service. Perhaps we can combine our own skills with some creativity, to provide for our own needs in some areas. Think about it.

The results of the survey are being sent to ALIA Divisions for further analysis and feedback. If you believe this will not reach you but would like to contribute to the consultation process, please contact me. □

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