Report of the Board of Education 1991

by Anne Hazell



The Board of Education met in the conference room of ALIA House on 11/12 February. The President, John Levett, was present for the 2 days.

Membership of the **Board 1991**

Chair: Anne Hazell Deputy Chair: Joyce Kirk Subcommittees: **Employment** Chris Henderson

Eric Wainwright Vicki Williamson

Professional Standards Michael Middleton (conv)

Twila Herr Joyce Kirk

Training and Development Angela Bridgland (conv)

Jean Bailey Kay Poustie

Policy Statements

The Board of Education has decided to embark on the ongoing revision of the Education Statements. Owing to the rapid changes in the area of what was formerly known as Continuing Education or Professional Development, the first Statement to be revised is the former Statement on Continuing Education for Library and Information Services Workers. The new Statement is known as the Statement on Training and Development for Library and

Information Services Personnel and takes account of the implications of the Training Guarantee Act. Other Statements will follow after the revision of the Introduction to Library and Information Science Work.

Course recognition

A number of Course Recognition visits will occur during 1991. They are:

Charles Sturt University 6-7 May Graduate Diploma of Arts (Library and Information)

Graduate Diploma of Education (Teacher-Librarianship)

Queensland University of Technology (Garden Point) 20-22 May Grad Dip Lib Science

TAFE — South Australia 5-6 August Associate Diploma, Library Technician RMIT — Victoria University of Technology 19-23 August

Bachelor of Business (Information and Library Management)

Master of Business (Information Technology) Graduate Diploma in Information Services Bachelor of Social Science (Library and Information)

The Board spent some time re-examining various aspects of the recognition procedures to ensure that they are able to accommodate a library is Easter with publication later in the year.

Database

The national database of courses around Australia will be operational at ALIA House by mid year.

Survey

The results of the t & d needs survey undertaken at the Perth Conference and through inCite have been collated and will be sent to ALIA Divisions to use when planning their programs for the next 2 years. The information will also be used by the Training and Development Subcommittee in developing further packages and programs.

Employment

Employment ethics

Following queries from members about the way in which appointments are made in the library and information services industry, the Board of Education asked General Council to focus on the issue of ethical employment principles as a priority for 1992 in the ALIA Strategic Plan. It was decided that, within the Board's own work, the issue will appear in the Agenda on a regular basis.

Graduate destination survey

Gathering of data for this project has now been completed. Library schools distributed



The Board of Education. Standing (from left) Angela Bridgland, Jean Bailey, Twila Herr, Eric Wainwright, John Levett, Mike Middleton, Kay Poustie; Seated Christine Henderson, Vicki Williamson, Anne Hazell, Fay Nicholson (outgoing Chair).

range of situations such as courses offered on more than one site, off shore marketing of courses and the needs of merged institutions. During 1991 the Board plans to initiate discussion within the library and information services industry on a range of issues relating to course recognition. some of the issues to be discussed are the current process, outcomes to the industry, the value of the documentation process and employers' influences on courses.

Training and development

Packages

The expected completion date for the first T & D self-paced package, Automating a small the surveys which were then returned to ALIA and are at present being analysed by the Employment Subcommittee. Specific institutional results will be available prior to the scheduled recognition visits and the national results will be discussed at the ELISS conference in June.

Workforce survey

The first phase of this survey, which examined a wide sample of advertisements in major Australian newspapers of positions appropriate for library and information services graduates, is now complete. The final data is being aggregated and a report will be made to the Board at its June meeting.

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