



## Board of Education

Election of three members by the membership of the Association.

### Call for nominations

There shall be a Board of Education as follows:

- ten members, seven of whom shall be elected by the members of the Association and three shall be elected by the General Council;
- at least seven members of the Board must be professional members;
- the President of the Association *ex officio*;
- the Executive Director as a non-voting executive member.

There shall be as a minimum 3 practitioners and 3 educators on the Board: practitioners shall be defined as persons working in the field of libraries or information services and educators as persons teaching library or information science.

Terms of office of three members of the Board end on 31 December 1995. Three members are now to be elected by the membership of the Association to hold office from 1 January 1996 to 31 December 1998.

Nominations are hereby called for three positions. Nominees must be individual financial members of the Association at the time of nomination, however they need not be professional members.

Nominations must:

- be in writing;
- be signed by two financial members of the Association;
- include the consent in writing of the nominee;
- be accompanied by a curriculum vitae (giving full details of academic and professional qualifications) and a statement of concerns. The curriculum vitae should be arranged under the headings of Present Position, Previous Positions and Professional Activities. The curriculum vitae and the statement of concerns should each not be more than 100 words.

Nominations close at 5pm on 1 September 1995 and should be sent to the Executive Director, Australian Library and Information Association, PO Box E441, Queen Victoria Terrace, ACT 2600.

*Board members retiring on 31 December 1995 are Joyce Kirk, Roslynn Membrey and Jilleen Chambers. Roslynn Membrey and Jilleen Chambers are eligible for re-election.*

*Continuing members of the Board are Collette McCool, Kay Poustie, Margaret Findlay, Donna Reid and Roy Sanders.*

## Access points for information

### The Upper Murray Regional Library experience

Public libraries face a massive task in going on-line. Regional public libraries face not only the problems involved with introducing automation in their libraries, but also a major hurdle in the fact that country telephone exchanges are inadequate for most electronic data transfer. The Upper Murray Regional Library is a case in point.

The Upper Murray Regional Library is a typical regional rural public library that covers a large geographic area, however, in this area there are four STD regions and only one branch with a local call rate from Albury-Wodonga. It is uneconomic to put all 15 branches on-line (it would cost over \$120 000 per annum to put all branches on-line to process 210 000 loans) so the library developed a strategy where the larger libraries came on-line, closer smaller libraries dialup for the hours they are open, a hub is located at one library into which two others dial in, and five distant off-line libraries update overnight.

The biggest problem, after putting in place a system which allows this degree of flexibility, was the quality of the phone lines and the difficulty in getting prompt and action-oriented attention. Problems so far have been:

- At Wodonga two or the four wires

had corroded so an intermittent fault occurred (mux and modems dropping out). Telecom would not look at the line until all software and hardware had been double- and triple-checked.

- At Jerilderie an out of area line had to be put in especially for the library because of problems in the local exchange. Despite this provision the line speed of the modem had to be dropped to 2400 which of course costs more.
- The line speed at Mulwala also had to be dropped from 9600 to 2400.
- At Corryong whenever it rains the line drops out.
- At the hub at Culcairn Library there are constant problems with the lines dropping out. All the equipment has been tested, the modems have been reset to 2400, but the fault still persists. The lines from Holbrook to Culcairn and Henty to Culcairn also do not reliably operate at 9600 and there too the multiplexers have had to be reduced to a slower speed.

Librarians have the skill, interest and the structural ability to provide public access to electronic information, however, at this stage the superhighway is only a gravel one with quite a number of potholes which can become impassable with heavy rain! ■

## Australian Library and Information Association

### Election of Vice-President 1996

(President-elect 1997)

#### Call for nominations

In accordance with Division J Regulations, nominations are now called for the position of Vice-President 1996 (president elect 1997). Nominees must be individual financial members of the Association. Candidates and nominations should read the relevant regulations carefully. Please note that nominations must:

- be in writing;
- be signed by two financial members of the Association;
- include the consent in writing of the nominee;
- be accompanied by a current curriculum vitae (giving full details of academic and professional qualifications) and a statement of professional concerns. The curriculum vitae should be arranged under the headings of Present Position, Previous Positions and Professional Activities. The curriculum vitae and the statement of concerns should each **not be more than 100 words**.

A passport style photograph will also be required.

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### Nominations

This is the time of year that we ask our members to nominate colleagues for some of the important positions that make up the Association.

Nominating a colleague, or indeed accepting nomination is not something that is done lightly. These positions are ones of responsibility; they require hard work and persistence. However with all this, they offer even more in return: a greater knowledge and understanding of the broad concerns and interests of our Association.

The knowledge that the Association and profession as a whole can have a positive impact on our workplaces and goals.

We would encourage you to nominate those colleagues who you believe have a role to play in the continued development of our Association. If you are asked to accept nomination, please consider the important input you can make as an office bearer.