

Meet your new directors

Kevin Dudeney has been returned for a second term on the Board of Directors, and Ann Ritchie joins the Board for her first term

Two nominations were received for the two vacancies on the ALIA Board of Directors for 2003–2004. Ann Ritchie and Kevin Dudeney have been elected. Following is a brief introduction to the new directors.

Kevin Dudeney ALIATec, B App Sc (Curtin), ADIPA(LP)

Present position: Library technician (Grade 2), NSW Department of Corrective Services

Previous positions: Assistant library technician, NSW Department of Corrective Services (1994–97); self employed book retailer 1988–1992.

Professional activities: ALIA Director 2001–2003; convenor/president ALIA NSW Library Technicians Group 1999–2003; Member of Parramatta City Council Library Advisory Committee 1991–1999.

Statement of professional concerns: ALIA as the professional association for the information and library sector needs to continue to represent and communicate with its members and on behalf of its members in a transparent and consultative manner. While there have been some changes over the past few years I believe these are only the beginning. As our sector faces the rapidly changing demands of information profession, ALIA needs to continuously monitor and modify its response to the sector's needs. Quality professional development opportunities need to be available, accessible and relevant to all members whether metropolitan or regional based. Active promotion of the benefits of ALIA membership to library and information staff at all levels is required.



Ann Ritchie, MSc, Grad Dip, B App Sci, AALIA

Present position: Project manager, National Standing Committee — Education, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners

Previous positions: Reference librarian, Northern Territory University (2002); reference database consultant, EBSCO Publishing (2001); Trainer and consultant, AIMA (1999–2001); library manager, Hollywood Private Hospital (1994–1999); research and publications, PIVET Medical Centre (1993–1994); librarian, Family Planning Association WA (1988–1993).

Professional activities: IFLA member — chair Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section; ALIA member — Health libraries Australia Professional Development Portfolio Leader; International Mentoring Association; ALIANT, facilitating mentors' training group; Past WA Branch Council representative and secretary Health Libraries, CPD officer, Mentoring Committee chair; publications on mentoring, CPD, marketing, availability of electronic health information resources; research in evidence-based health care and practice; ALIA Study Grant for Evidence-based healthcare (1999); ALIAWA Certificate of Recognition for services to mentoring; Outstanding achievement award from the Curtin University (Graduate Group Mentoring Program); Aurora Leadership Institute participant; Sharr Medal recipient 1988.

Statement of professional concerns: The profession needs a vision for the future which embodies the Association's values, and takes a realistic view of the competitive information environment. The ALIA Board of Directors must articulate a clear direction which is based on sound strategic and financial plans and which can be implemented through supporting the ALIA executive director. An assessment of ALIA's restructure is timely — has it achieved its purpose and objectives from the points of view of all stakeholders, including members?

The LISEKA project will be instrumental in creating a competency framework for career-long education and a reinvigorated profession. CPD will be a large component of this and needs a practical business model offering opportunities to members and outlining roles and responsibilities.

Librarianship can model evidence-based practice — REAP (Research Exchange and Partnership program) is one means of supporting this. ■



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