

May Board of Director's meeting report



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The May Board meeting schedule is a busy one for both incoming and outgoing directors. On Wednesday 19 May incoming directors had an initial orientation session covering their responsibilities as a director, the work of the Board including meeting agendas and papers and decision making within the meeting and between meetings, planning processes and the scope of ALIA activities. On the Thursday afternoon the PricewaterhouseCoopers team leader for the Association's audit gave directors an overview of the external audit process, the preparation of the annual financial reports and director responsibilities in this area.

On Thursday 20 May the Board met for the day with the incoming directors as observers. This meeting was followed by the Annual General Meeting and a half-day meeting on Friday 21 May of the 'new' Board, with the incoming directors taking up their two year terms and Imogen Garner commencing her presidency.

Items covered on Thursday 20 May included:

- John Levett, chair of the Publishing and Editorial Reference Group joined the Board to discuss future directions for ALIA publishing and will again meet with the Board in July.
- The draft budget for the 2005 Library and Information Technicians Conference was endorsed.
- The April financial statements were accepted.
- The Board accepted the report on the internal audit of member engagement through self-nominating groups and thanked all those who had contributed. A separate report will be provided on this audit (under Initiative A).

Annual General Meeting

There was one motion under general business: Asia-Pacific Special, Health and Law Librarians' Conference: that the Asia-Pacific Special, Health and Law Librarians' Conference continue as a biennial event. Moved by Silvia Muscardin, convener, ALIA Special Libraries (SA) on behalf of ALIA Special Libraries (SA) and seconded by Maria Anthanasatos, convener of ALIA National One-Person Australian Libraries. The mover and seconder attended the meeting via teleconference.

This motion was lost 99-2 on arguments against it that under the current policy there is nothing to preclude a group or committee putting in a bid to the Board to run a special, health and law librarians' conference, whereas the motion requires groups to hold a special, health and law librarians conference every two years.

A foreshadowed motion 'To encourage special librarians to bring forward full proposals for their next conference to the ALIA Board as soon as possible' moved by Trevor Wakely and seconded by Eleanor Whelan was carried unanimously.

- The Board noted that the following submissions to government inquiries had been made by the Association: the Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Treaties (Australia and US Free Trade Agreement) [<http://alia.org.au/advocacy/submissions/jscot.html>]; the Senate Select Committee on the Australia/US Free Trade Agreement [<http://alia.org.au/advocacy/submissions/free.trade.html>] and hearing appearance evidence (Hansard); the Copyright Law Review Committee review of Crown Copyright [<http://alia.org.au/advocacy/submissions/crown.copyright.html>]; the DEST consultation paper *You can too — adult-learning in Australia* [<http://alia.org.au/advocacy/submissions/you.can.too.html>].
- The Board accepted the evaluation of the *aliaPUBNEWS* pilot

and has agreed to the development of *aliaPUBNEWS* as an ongoing service with additional content for members from July 2004 (under Initiative N).

- Groups business: The ALIA Mentoring Group SA was dissolved as an independent group and will now operate as sub-committee of ALIA South Australia.
- Policy statements: The Association's suite of public libraries related policy statements were reviewed by the Public Libraries Reference Group (PLRG) in consultation with a number of other groups. A new core statement was drafted and the Board asked that this be supported by guidelines that would include particular services areas such as young people, remote users, multicultural, and the Association's Online content regulation statement be added as a related document. The PLRG will report back to the Board on the guidelines.

Appointments to committees: two-year terms on these committees begin from the AGM [<http://alia.org.au/governance/committees/>]:

- Roslynn Membrey and Beth McLaren re-appointed to the ALIA By-laws Advisory Group;
- Moyra McAllister, Roslynn Membrey and Matthew Rimmer re-appointed to the ALIA Copyright and Intellectual Property Advisory Group and Eve Woodberry, the Australian representative on the IFLA Copyright and other Legal Matters invited to join the Group;
- Trevor Wakely, Sharon Howells and Tom Girke re-appointed to the ALIA Interlibrary Lending Expert Advisory Group. Sherrey Quinn did not seek re-appointment and was thanked for her excellent contribution and liaison role with the National Resource Sharing Policy committee;
- members of the ALIA Publishing and Editorial Reference Group have been re-appointed;
- Kate Watson and Tony Wauchope re-appointed to the ALIA New Generation Policy Advisory Group and expressions of interest will be called for the vacant positions. The Board thanked the retiring members for their outstanding work in establishing this group;
- Christine Mackenzie and Jan Richards joined the ALIA Public Libraries Reference Group. Christine Payne and Beth McLaren retired from the Group and the Board thanked them for their service;
- Maxine Brodie re-appointed to the Standards Australia IT19 committee;
- Dale Chatwin re-appointed to the Standards Australia Knowledge Management committee;
- Helen Roberts re-appointed to the Australian Libraries Copyright Committee and the Australian Digital Alliance;
- Ebe Kartus and Ann Huthwaite re-appointed to the Australian Committee on Cataloguing. The Board thanked retiring member Helen Hoffman for her longstanding commitment to ACOC.

- Christine Mackenzie and Angela Bridgland were appointed to the National Awards Panel. The Board thanked retiring members Ian McCallum and Mairéad Browne.

Expressions of interest for position vacancies for the ALIA By-laws Advisory Group, the ALIA Interlibrary Lending Expert Advisory Group, and the ALIA New Generation Policy and Advisory Group are being called for in *inCite* (see p? for details).

- IFLA: The Association will vote to support IFLA proposals to revise the Association Membership category and amend the statutes to create a new category of association membership for other than national associations.

ALIA will host a reception at the Australian embassy during World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) Buenos Aires in August to recognise Alex Byrne's position within IFLA, with the holding of the WLIC (IFLA) in our region and supporting Alex's presidency and theme which emphasises partnership. LIANZA will be invited to participate.

- Allied bodies: the Association will become a Foundation Member of the Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS); and the national library member of the proposed Australian Committee of the Blue Shield,

an international cultural heritage representative body.

Christine Mackenzie, Angela Bridgland, Deanne Barrett and Vicki McDonald completed their terms following the AGM. My thanks to them all for their invaluable contribution to the Board and their commitment to the Association.

Friday 21 May

The president Imogen Garner welcomed new directors Gill Hallam, Roxanne Missingham, Meredith Martinelli, and Carol Newton-Smith. Items discussed included:

- Vice-president Gill Hallam was appointed as the company secretary, and with Ann Ritchie appointed to the Board's finance committee.
- Gill Hallam, Niki Kallenberger and Paul Genoni were appointed to the ALIA Education Reference Group;
- Lothar Retzlaff, Margaret Smith, Rosemary McLaughlin and Anne Girolami were appointed to the ALIA Library and Information Week planning and advisory group. CASL and the New Graduates Group will be invited to nominate a representative. The group will report to the July Board meeting on the dates, options for the theme and related advocacy focus for 2005.
- the program for the regional National Policy Congress meetings;

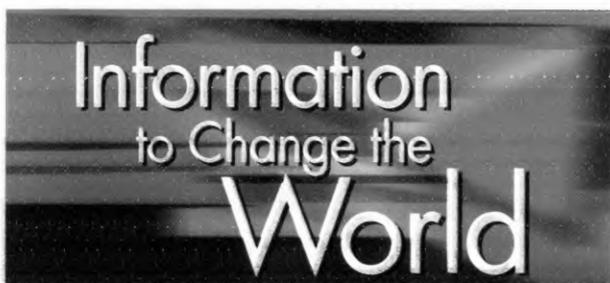
- preliminary identification of themes and priorities for the ALIA 2005–2006 plan;
- the ALIA advocacy and lobbying plan. Current priorities are public access to online information through libraries and library networks, and copyright and IP.

Quarterly reports from ALIA representatives on other committees were received from the following and are available on the website:

- Maxine Brodie — Standards Australia IT19 Committee
- Sherrey Quinn — National Resource Sharing Policy Committee
- Vicki McDonald — Regional Cultural Alliance
- and updates were provided for CREATE Australia, the Australian Coalition for Cultural Diversity, the National Scholarly Communications Forum, Library Board of Western Australia, and the Collections Council of Australia.

ALIA advisory groups — reports were received from the following and are available on the website:

- Online Content and Regulation reference group
- Public Libraries reference group
- Purchasing and Consortia reference group.



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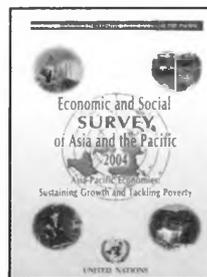
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