

ALIA election results

Dagmar Schmidmaier AM has been elected as vice-president (president-elect) commencing her two-year term following the 2005 Annual General Meeting, and taking up the presidency following the 2006 AGM through to the 2007 AGM. Ann Ritchie and Rachael Browning have been elected as directors for a two-year term to commence following the 2005 AGM through to the 2007 AGM.

The count of the ballot was conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission, which declared the results:

For ALIA vice-president (president-elect) (938 formal ballot papers):

Kevin Dudeney — 273

Dagmar Schmidmaier — 665

and Dagmar Schmidmaier is declared elected.

For director elected by the general membership (941 formal ballot papers):

Ann Ritchie — 581 (458 first preference votes)

Rachael Browning — 354 (278 first preference votes)

Philip Keane — 205 first preference votes (then distributed to Ann Ritchie and Rachael Browning, and 6 votes exhausted)

and Ann Ritchie is declared elected.

For director elected by the National Policy Congress (19 formal ballot papers):

Ann Ritchie — 9 first preference votes (then distributed as Ann Ritchie had already been elected)

Rachael Browning — 13 (5 first preference votes)

Philip Keane — 6 (5 first preference votes)

and Rachael Browning is declared elected.

5791 ballot papers were distributed to the general membership and 50 to the National Policy Congress delegates. 83 ballots were excluded on the following basis: 37 received after the close of the ballot; 3 marked return to sender; 31 with no details on the envelope to identify the person voting; 12 incorrect ballot marking.

Ray Choate Scholarship

The Ray Choate Scholarship is a biennial award which enables the recipient to investigate a particular aspect of reference or information services that will lead to improved practice in the area. The research topic should relate to the Objects of the Association.

Applicants are required to be financial personal members of ALIA with an understanding of and experience in provision of reference services.

The successful recipient will be required to prepare a comprehensive report which may be published in the *Australian Library Journal* or other ALIA publication, present the report to the ALIA research committee within twelve months of the date of completion of the award, and make a presentation at an ALIA conference or event.

In awarding the Ray Choate Scholarship, ALIA reserves the right to make broad adjustments to the proposed project to ensure optimal relevance for the association and the wider profession.

Nominations will be considered by the research award panel for recommendation to the Board of Directors. Nominations close on 31 July 2005.

Nominations forms and further information available from <http://alia.org.au/awards/choate.scholarship/>, awards@alia.org.au or phone 02 6215 8218.



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