

# CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

## ARE YOU FOR OR AGAINST IT?

Over the last year, the Board has carried out a review of the ALIA Constitution, with the aims of ensuring that our governance is simplified, reflects a modern Association, provides greater efficiency and flexibility, and acknowledges the expanding role of technology.

After a thorough discussion of the current constitution by ALIA's Finance and Risk Management Sub-Committee, the opportunity for feedback from members (Frontline, *INCITE* November/December 2013) and with guidance from the Associations Forum, the Board is proposing a number of changes, including: the introduction of online voting options at the AGM, the reduction of the AGM quorum from 21 to 11, the removal of the requirement for a Director representing institutional members (all Directors act on behalf of personal and institutional members), and a change of title from Executive Director to Chief Executive Officer.

It is proposed that the National Advisory Congress provisions be incorporated into the Association By-Laws instead of the Constitution, but there are no plans to discontinue this annual round of member gatherings. Further amendments tidy up the wording of the Constitution, for example, Secretary becomes Company Secretary.

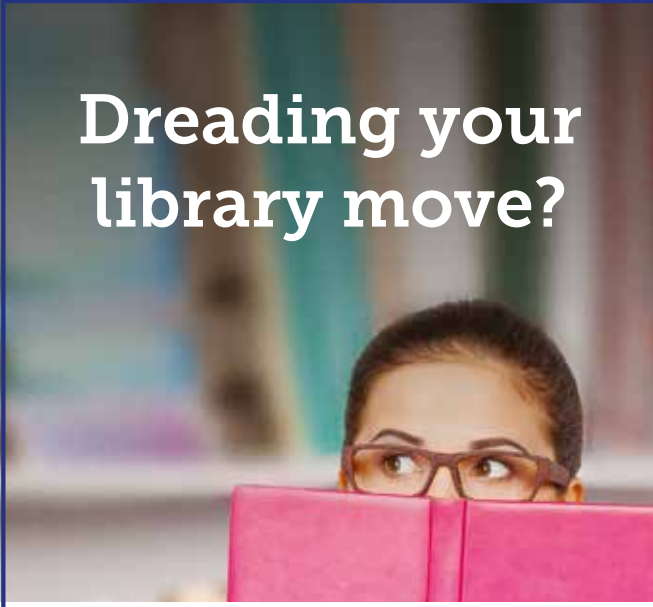
These proposed amendments to the ALIA constitution will be voted on by members, with a requirement for 75% of the votes cast to be in support of the changes; otherwise they will not be implemented. The changes will be voted on at the AGM, at ALIA House, Napier Close, Deakin, ACT 2600, at 6pm on Wednesday 21 May 2014.

For more information about the changes and how to vote at the AGM, visit the website [www.alia.org.au/agm](http://www.alia.org.au/agm).

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