



Library Association of Australia

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 44th Annual General Meeting of the Library Association of Australia will be held in The Glasshouse Theatre, RMIT, Swanston Street, Melbourne, on Thursday 15 September 1983, commencing at 6 pm.

AGENDA

1. Notice convening meeting
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the 1982 Annual General Meeting
4. Presentation of awards
5. Presentation of 1982 Annual Report and Balance Sheet, and Income and Expenditure Account
6. Presentation of supplementary Balance Sheet and supplementary Income and Expenditure Account to 31 August 1983
7. Appointment of auditors
8. Motions submitted for discussions in accordance with notice in 27 May issue of *InCite* (no 9) as shown below
9. General business (see 1 below)

Notices of motion

"That the LAA revise the membership fee structure so that a scaled-to-salary fee be levied which:

1. Includes membership and a subscription to *InCite*,
2. Provides for charging additional fees for membership of sectional and special interest groups,
3. Provides for charging subscription fees for LAA publications, including the *Australian Library Journal*." (NSW Branch)

"That the LAA modify the output format of membership lists to remove information on the salary ranges of individual members." (Tasmanian Branch).

Rules of Meeting

1. The only items that may be raised under General Business are those of an informal nature, or those that are within the scope of the business already laid down. Motions of a substantial nature relating to items not covered in the notice of the meeting will not be allowed.
2. If an item of urgency arises which is not within the business of the meeting, the Chairman has the power to accept it without notice, or rule that due notice must be given.
3. All motions additional to those on the printed agenda and in accordance with 3., above, and amendments, shall be written in triplicate and signed by the movers (forms will be provided), one copy to be delivered to the Chair, the second to the projectionist, the third to the mover.
4. When addressing the Chair, the person desiring recognition will properly identify himself, giving his name and library. Only LAA members may speak.
5. Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker, no speaker may have the floor twice on the same question until all who wish to speak have spoken.
6. Proxies. To be valid, proxies must be in the form set out in By-law 15 and in the hands of the General Secretary (Miss Averill Edwards) by 6 pm on 13 September 1983.
7. By general consent, if there be no objection, or by a two-thirds vote, any rule governing the debate may be suspended.
8. The Chairman's rulings on procedural matters may not be debated. The reference for rules and their interpretation by the Parliamentarian will be Joske's *The law and procedure at meetings in Australia and New Zealand*, 6th ed., 1976. A Parliamentarian will be appointed to advise the Chairman on procedure and to assist in determining the results of a poll of members present if necessary.

Busting out all over



The National Library believes it has the largest 'accidental' collection of busts in Australia — 31! Most were acquired as part of small collections bought or bequeathed — the Library did not set out to collect them. Many notable figures are represented, though only seven are of Australians. These include Jack Lang, Adam Lindsay Gordon and Edmund Barton, whose inscription is misspelt as 'The Fedral Leader'.

National Library of Australia photograph by Hank Brusse

Australian information industry comes of age

WITH THE formation of an Australian Database Development Association, the on-line information industry in Australia has come of age.

The Association, formed in November 1982, represents both public and private sector organisations directly involved in the development or provision of access to Australian databases. Member organisations include CSIRO, ACI Computer Services, the Australian Road Research Board, and the Australian Council for Educational Research. Anyone interested in the development of Australian databases may join as an associate member.

ADDA will provide member organisations with a forum for the exchange of information on database development, and a channel for communicating the industry's concerns to government and other appropriate organisations. It will also keep those who create Australian databases in touch with those who use them.

What sorts of activities will ADDA undertake? To assess what needs to be done to promote the development of useful Australian databases, the Association needs to assess current activities. Its first project will therefore be to undertake a survey of Australian databases and how they're used.

ADDA will also run seminars and workshops on database production — the first will be held on 25 November, 1983 in association with the Footscray Institute of Technology Library. And there will be a newsletter to serve as a means of information exchange.

The cost of membership of the Australian Database Development Association is \$100 for full membership, \$50 for associate membership for an organisation, and \$25 for individuals.

For further information, contact the Chairman, Margaret Findlay on (03) 818 1271 or PO Box 53, Hawthorn, Vic. 3122.



Available again!

The revised edition of the 1982/3 LAA Publications Brochure, lists the LAA 20th Biennial Conference Proceedings and the LAA/NZLA Conference Proceedings as being out of print.

We are pleased to advise that this is not the case; additional stock of both publications is now available.



LAA Acquisitions Section National Seminar

AUTOMATED ACQUISITIONS SYSTEMS:

The Transition Phase

23rd September 1983, 9 am to 5 pm
Clairmont Inn, 5 Ward Ave, Kings Cross, Sydney

The seminar will interest those librarians who might be contemplating or are actively planning the automation of acquisitions.

Topics covered will include:

- communication with computer professionals
- preparation of specifications
- evaluation

For further information and registration form contact **Pam Glock, State Library of NSW (02) 221 1388**, by 2nd September 1983.