



LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Election of Executive Officers and 1 member of General Council to hold office in 1985 and 1986.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Association's By-laws provide for a General Council consisting of the Executive Officers, the Chairman of the Board of Education, one member appointed by each Branch, and two members appointed by the membership of the Association.

In accordance with Divisions F and H of the Regulations, nominations are now called from financial members of the Library Association of Australia for the following positions:

- President 1985*
- Vice-President 1985 (President-elect 1986)
- General Treasurer 1985 and 1986
- One member of General Council elected by the membership of the Association to hold office in 1985 and 1986.

*Note: An election to fill the casual vacancy in the office of President 1985 is necessary in accordance with Regulation F19(2). The elected Vice-President 1984 resigned before taking office.

Candidates and nominators should read the relevant Regulations carefully. Please note that nominations shall be

- in writing;
- signed by two financial members of the LAA;
- accompanied by the written consent of the nominee, who shall supply a curriculum vitae and a statement of professional concerns (each of no more than 100 words).

Nominations must reach the Executive Director, LAA, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007 by 5 pm on 1 September 1984.

Jenny Adams
Executive Director



Short Shrift

compiled by David J. Jones

Population information in nineteenth century census volumes (ISBN 0 89774 122 6) by Suzanne Schulze. Excellent guide to US Census publications, 1790-1890, the sort of information in them, whether available in microform. Published in 1983 by Oryx and available James Bennett. US\$65.00.

Who needs languages? (ISBN 0 85837 495 1) If you do, this guide to language courses available in Sydney has been published by the School of Modern Languages at Macquarie University. Loose-leaf. Self-indexing. Covers part-time, non-examining centres for adults. Très bien fait.

Style manuals of the English-speaking world: a guide (ISBN 0 89774 089 0) by John Bruce Howell. Very well annotated bibliography in typical Oryx style. Includes nonsexist style manuals and references to a couple of sets of guidelines on disabled persons in print. Australia well represented. Published last year at \$24.95 and available from Bennetts.

Publications of political organizations in Queensland held in University of Queensland Libraries (ISBN 0 908471 04 1) by Joy Guyatt and Greg George. Bibliography of the ephemeral stuff of politics. Very useful historical notes on the parties great and small, funny and deadly serious. Occasional publication no 2 of the Fryer Memorial Library, University of Queensland, St Lucia, Qld 4067. Costs \$15.00 (\$16.50 posted).

Conference News



Profile on Rodney Gilbert

Rodney Gilbert, Assistant Supervisor of the Production Services Branch with the Queensland Education Department, will address the LAA-NZLA Conference being held in Brisbane from 27-31 August this year. His topic will be 'Children's TV and Literacy'.

His academic qualifications include a Bachelor of Educational Studies completed in 1980 at the University of Queensland, and a Master of Educational Studies from the same institution, completed in 1983.

Mr Gilbert's professional experience makes him well equipped to speak on this issue. From 1965 until 1970, he worked as a teacher at various primary schools around Queensland; in 1971 he was employed as an education and training consultant in the Visual Products division of 3M Australia. He then worked as studio teacher/liaison officer for the Radio and Television Services section, Queensland Department of Education. In 1974 he became Assistant Co-ordinator for the Radio and Television Services section, Queensland Education Department, and worked in this capacity until taking up his present position in 1981.

In addition to his professional experience, Mr Gilbert is widely involved in associations pertinent to the issues of children and television. He has been a member of the Australian Society for Education through Film and Television, Television Society of Australia, Australian College of Education, and Australian Society for Education through the Arts.

Children and Reading — by Patricia Adam

Children's Marketing Manager with Penguin Books Australia, Patricia Adam will address the August LAA-NZLA Conference in Brisbane this year on the publishing dilemma 'What Will Children Read?'

Publishing a children's book is a long process involving numerous adults — author, illustrator, publisher, editor, sales and marketing personnel, and so on. Booksellers, parents, teachers, librarians, reviewers, are among the many other adults whose influence is important in the complete publishing cycle.

In determining what children will read, Ms Adam asks: 'Is it the publisher who determines what a child will read? Is it the librarian, is it the parent? Are children themselves in any way involved in this publishing process and to what degree are they free to select and determine which books they will read and enjoy? In publishing children's books, many adults have to be satisfied and hopefully the children are ultimately satisfied as well.'

Patricia Adam's experience with children and books makes her well suited for her topic. She worked as publicity officer for Foster Parents Plan of Australia and public relations officer for the Children's Welfare Association of Victoria, before taking up her present position with Penguin Books Australia.

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