



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 46th Annual General Meeting of the Library Association of Australia will be held in Sydney on Thursday 8 August 1985 in the Galleries of the State Library of New South Wales, commencing at 6 pm.

AGENDA

1. Notice convening meeting.
2. Apologies.
3. Minutes of the 1984 Annual General Meeting.
4. Presentation of 1984 Annual Report and Balance Sheet, and Income and Expenditure Account.
5. Presentation of supplementary Balance Sheet and supplementary Income and Expenditure Account to 31 July 1985.
6. Appointment of auditors.
7. General business (see 2 below).

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. (a) That the *Australian Library Journal* be no longer supplied to personal members as part of their membership package and that the membership fees be reduced to reflect this;
(b) that a members' and non-members' subscription rate be struck for the *Australian Library Journal* and that these rates apply from 1 January 1986;
(c) that institutional members shall receive the *Australian Library Journal* as part of their membership package and that the *Australian Library Journal* publication's account be reimbursed accordingly. (ACT Branch)
2. That when motions are passed at the Annual General Meeting, General Council should not have the power to overturn them and that By-law 16A be amended accordingly. (ACT Branch)
3. That General Council consider initiating an award, to be presented in conjunction with the Association's national conference, to honour a young Australian writer's contribution to contemporary Australian literature. (ACT Branch)
4. That the General Council of the LAA ensure the relocation of LAA Headquarters to Canberra in the next 5-7 years' time, as part of the forward planning for the Association, in order to facilitate better access to the processes of Federal Government on behalf of library and information services. (ACT Branch)
5. That LAA members be eligible to join two sections of the LAA, or a section and an SIG for their basic joining fee. (Acquisitions Section, Victorian Group)
6. That the Library Association of Australia investigate the feasibility of a general publicity campaign aimed at a wide audience on the theme of what libraries and librarians can do.

Discussion

The LAA is constantly reacting to problems which arise in connection with libraries, including funding and industrial problems. Such problems very often arise from ignorance of what libraries and librarians are all about, what libraries can offer, why librarians are necessary and what they can do. A publicity campaign, aimed partly at funding sources and employers, but not neglecting the wider community, would be useful in raising awareness and would contribute to prevention of future problems. Such a campaign would be a proactive rather than a reactive approach by the Association. It is not intended that such a campaign compete with the Public Libraries or Special Libraries campaigns, but be a broader, more low-key, ongoing thing, emphasising services to users.

An investigation would be necessary into the most appropriate way to conduct the campaign and associated costs. One suggestion is a video(s) for television station community announcements. Some co-ordination with the Australian Library Promotion Council may be possible, but we wish to promote librarians as well as libraries.

(SA Branch)

Rules of Meeting

1. All motions to be put to the AGM must appear in this published agenda.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. All motions additional to those on the printed agenda and in accordance with 2 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.
5. When addressing the Chair, the person desiring recognition will properly identify himself, giving his name and library. Only LAA members may speak.
6. 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.
7. 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 August 1985.
8. By general consent, if there be no objection, or by a two-thirds vote, any rule governing the debate may be suspended.
9. 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*, 7th ed., 1982. 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.

Inserts in this issue

The Annual Report is being mailed with all copies of this issue of InCite

To advertise in InCite ring Jenny Menzies on (02) 692 9233.

Overseas Staff Exchanges

Robyn Smith of Margate-Catherine Young Library in Florida, wishes to hear from Australian librarians who have participated in an overseas staff exchange so that she can benefit from their experience.

The LAA would also be interested to hear about the trials and tribulations, advantages and drawbacks of arranging an international exchange.

You can write to Robyn Smith at Margate-Catherine Young Library 5810 Park Drive, Margate, Florida 33063 USA, and please send a copy of your letter to Louise Lansley at the LAA, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo 2007, as your experience may be useful to other LAA members.

Donna Matthews of Maryland in the United States is looking for an exchange position in Australia. She works at the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Maryland. She is a qualified librarian with more than 20 years experience and works as an assistant co-ordinator. She is interested in a 6-12 month exchange. She can be contacted at: 126 Whitmoor Terrace, Silver Spring, Maryland 20901, USA.

Library Staff working in School Libraries in Western Australia that are open to the general public in the evenings are to be paid shift work penalties following an agreement reached between the Civil Service Association and the Minister for Education.

Library staff are to be paid pro-rata shift work penalties if they commence duty after 12 noon and work beyond 4 pm.

The Premier of Western Australia has directed the Public Service Board to discuss the problems associated with the proposed introduction of a broadbanded classification structure in the Western Australian public service with the Civil Service Association. The move follows concerted opposition to some elements of the proposed scheme by various occupational groups within the public service.

An application to vary the Teachers (Independent Schools) Award which covers library staff in Victorian Independent Schools is currently before the Commission and negotiations are proceeding with employers.

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**SACAE LIBRARY/UCLS (SA)
LIBRARY SERVICES IN
DISTANCE EDUCATION
Adelaide University Staff Club
22-23 August 1985**

Speakers include
Keith Harry, International Centre
for Distance Learning.
Denys Meakin, Open Learning
Institute.
Margaret Cameron and Christine
Crocker, Deakin University.

Registration: \$50 Library Association of Australia members; \$75 non-members.

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