



Library Association of Australia

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Election of TWO members by the membership of the Association

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Membership of the Board of Education is as follows:

- three professional members elected by the Professional Committee of General Council;
- seven members, of whom at least four must be professional members, elected by the membership-at-large of the Association;
- the President of the Association *ex officio*;
- the Executive Director as a non-voting executive member. (By-law 24)

The terms of office of three members of the Board end on 30 April 1986. Two members are now to be elected by the membership of the Association to hold office until 30 April 1989. The Professional Committee of General Council will elect the third member.

Nominations are hereby called for the two positions. Nominees must be financial members of the Association. They need not be professional members, however to comply with By-law 24 at least one of the two members elected must be professional members.

Nominations shall be

- in writing;
- signed by two financial members of the Association;
- countersigned by the nominee;
- accompanied by a curriculum vitae (giving full details of academic and professional qualifications) and a statement of concerns, each to be not more than 100 words.

Nominations close with the Executive Director, Library Association of Australia, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007 at 5 pm on 1 September 1985.

Board members retiring on 30 April 1986 are Marianne Broadbent, Denis Richardson and Eric Wainwright. They are eligible for re-election.

Other members of the Board are Mairead Browne, Gael Fraser, Jeanette Knox, Moira Mackinnon, Michael Middleton, Edward Parr and Janette Wright.

Jenny Adams
Executive Director

Continuing Education — 1986 Priorities and Tenders

Tenders are now being called for 1986 nationally funded LAA continuing education activities.

In mid-April all of the Association's 90+ divisions (including sections, branches etc) were asked to look at priority areas for 1986. In many cases, branches, sections and groups have sufficient human and financial resources to mount courses and seminars themselves. There may be some areas however, where the group needs an input of funds or outside assistance to develop, implement and evaluate a particular CE activity. In these situations, national funds can be sought to provide such assistance and take the 'risk factor' out of developing new activities.

Funding of Activities

Funds provided to tenderers are meant to cover the development, implementation and evaluation of activities. The fees charged are set by the CE Committee and remitted to the Association's CE account.

The CE Committee hopes that in most cases, the funded activities reach a breakeven point. Some activities are subsidised to a greater extent than others because of the nature, content and 'newness' of the area or because of the geographic location in which it is held. The funds sought and provided to successful tenderers for the 1985 program were relatively modest amounts. Some institutions and individuals in fact put far more time and money into the activities than they received in funds from the national pool.

Some of the activities for which national funds have been used in 1985 include funds to develop and run an introductory course on on-line searching in Hobart, the revision and mounting of the 'Managing People at Work' course in Sydney, decision-making for automated systems in Melbourne, a management development course for librarians run by J.P. Young and Associates in Adelaide and a national workshop on the research use of audiovisual materials.

Registration fees for some of these courses may have been perceived to be high. However, it must be remembered that these are courses where branches and divisions sought outside assistance. This usually has to be paid

for at a somewhat higher rate than the honorary efforts of office holders and members themselves.

1986 Tenders

Secretaries of all branches and divisions have been sent copies of the list of 1986 activities for which funds have been sought as well as the 1985 *Guidelines to Tenders* and tender submission forms. Further copies are available from the LAA office if required. Tenderers are also welcome to submit proposals for activities not yet listed as priorities.

Tenders for activities could be from management and consulting organisations, large libraries, library and information studies schools, library co-operative groups, LAA branches and divisions themselves or any combination of these groups. The tendering system introduced late in 1984 has in fact uncovered a wide range of organisations, institutions and individuals who are interested and willing to become CE providers for LAA members.

The CE Committee is keen to stimulate and fund the development of CE activities for members in less populous areas or who may not be able to attend courses for other reasons. These activities could take the form of learning packages, video programs, teleconferences or travelling workshops.

Tender submissions for 1986 activities are due in by October 10, 1985. The CE Committee expects to have discussed the relevant tenders with branch officers and made decisions about which activities will be funded by mid-November 1985. This means that all branches, divisions and tenderers can be notified before the end of November and Australia's Summer sleep!

Communication

The successful operation of the nationally funded CE program is dependent on goodwill and good co-operation between and among many people — within branches and divisions, between divisions and the CE Committee, and when identified, between branch officers and successful tenderers. 1985 has been something of a learning exercise in this respect.

Any members or potential tenderers who have any queries about CE activities should get in touch with Sue Phillips or Jenny Adams in the LAA office (02-692 9233), with Marianne Broadbent, Chair of the CE Committee (03-660 2900/2562) or with local Branch secretaries.

Marianne Broadbent
Chair, LAA Continuing Education Committee

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