

1986 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Association's 1986 AGM was held in the Performing Arts Centre in Darwin on 2 July, and despite having to compete with the attractions of trips to Kakadu and other scenic spots it was attended by some 170 members and observers.

The meeting commenced with the presentation of LAA awards. Fellowship certificates were presented by the President, Ian McCallum, to John Brudenall and Margaret Medcalf, and a Letter of Recognition was presented to Robyn Young. Greetings were extended by the President of the New Zealand Library Association, Ken Porter, who invited everyone to attend the Association's next conference in Wellington in February 1987.

Corporate Plan and Review resolutions

After adoption of the 1985 Annual Report and associated financial statements members of General Council read the Corporate Plan and Review resolutions that had been passed at Council's meeting the previous week, and

members were invited to comment on these. There was widespread support for the majority of the changes which are to flow from the review, and the committee was congratulated on its work. Items which drew most comment were the proposed change of name to Library and Information Association of Australia, the reduced size of Council and the Executive, the resolution not to include the *Australian Library Journal* in the basic membership fee entitlement, and means of encouraging more members to participate in the Association's activities. The President announced that there would be a six week period for comment on the resolutions, which would be considered further by Council in November.

Notices of motion

Four notices of motion had been included in the meeting agenda, and two of these were passed, one in an amended form. These were

- that the LAA bestow a special honour on all members of 50 years' standing during the jubilee celebrations in 1987. ('to be awarded' was deleted before 'during . . .' as it was felt that this may restrict the options for bestowing the honour);
- that this meeting supports in principle the transfer of the LAA HQ from Sydney to Canberra, and requests the Executive to examine the feasibility of such a move.

These resolutions need to be ratified by Council before they can be acted upon, and

LAA Publications Board

The August meeting of the LAA Publications Board welcomed two new members, Frank Thompson, Director (Publishing), Australian Government Publishing Service, and Martha Heereu from LAA General Council.

For some time the Publications Board has debated the issue of promoting the use of acid-free paper. The use of 'permanent paper' could reduce the problems of deterioration of the nation's information resources in printed and written form. But the realities of cost and availability deter the paper, printing and publishing industries unless they are assured of large print runs with a number of clients using acid-free paper. The meeting felt it was high time the Association took to direct urging and lobbying. The Board now aims to do just that through seminars involving the industry and committed groups such as archivists, conservationists, etc. Plans are afoot for a seminar on

they will be considered by Council in November.

A motion to honour members of at least 25 years' standing with a Letter of Recognition was not supported because this was not considered an appropriate use of that particular award, and because it was thought preferable to confer awards on an individual basis, and for particular services.

A motion that any proposed changes in membership fees from 1987 be submitted to plebiscite of members was withdrawn, as it was contrary to the Association's constitution.

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the Production and use of Permanent Paper in Australia in March/April 1987 inviting participation of the Australian Pulp and Paper Manufacturers, publishers and institutions such as the National Library, Australian Archive: (Contact: Judith Baskin, Neil Radford.)

March General Council endorsed a set of Guidelines for the Organisation of Biennial Conferences, and the Publications Board has recommended the inclusion of two further items, namely, Guidelines for the publication of Conference Proceedings, and provision for an adequately sized and strategically located LAA booth for publications and enquiries.

On a more immediate practical note the Board is looking into the cost factor of Head Office storage of slow selling LAA and Divisional publications. Head Office and the Publications staff acknowledge the Association responsibility to promote and handle sales but the cost of space needs to be taken into account. To boost sales, regular advertisements for all LAA publications are being placed in sectional journals and to capture the non-member market.

New publications? November will see the publication of the Darwin Biennial Conference proceedings *Libraries and Lifestyle* (surely a record!) and Ausloan II. Ausloan first appeared in 1982 and was a best seller. This revision is a response to the changes and challenges in the areas of interlending, but the concept of a practitioner's tool and basic manual remains. An LAA Publications Kit with practical information on editing, style, printing with encouragement for submitting manuscripts and the 7th edition of the Directory of Special Libraries will follow soon after.

Carmel Maguire has resigned as Chairman of the Publications Board to give time to her commitments with the Department of Science in Canberra, and Neil Radford has taken over as Chairman for the rest of 1986.

Patricia War

Member, Publications Board