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cisions were made. Now is your opportunity to influence the programmes and structure of your Association.

The Report is to be formally considered at the Darwin General Council meeting in June and will also be on the agenda at Executive Committee and General Council meetings between now and then. To marshal your comments for presentation in time for due consideration, they will need to be received at LAA House by April 30. So we have 10 weeks to decide how we face the next decade.

Some background might help. The Committee's brief was to prepare a corporate plan, review present structure and functions in relation to objectives, and where appropriate to recommend alternatives. The information gathered came from 135 verbal and written submissions and from 251 questionnaire responses. The Report has 61 pages, plus appendices, with separate sections on future direction, name and objects, structure, functions, and membership and fees. A suggested timetable for adoption begins this July. It represents a lot of work and even more thought by a Committee most able to advise on our future. I urge you to read it.

There's no escape; I'll be writing on this subject again (and again). For the moment I'll leave you with the redefined objectives which to me reflect the Committee's determination to widen our horizons.

'That the Association redefine its working objectives as —

- (i) to promote and improve library and information services in the best interests of the community which they serve;

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As I write, General Council's special meeting to receive and discuss the Report with its authors (Jenny Adams, Anne Hazell and Warren Horton) was only two days ago. The Report is less than a week old, so few people have reflected upon its contents. Now is your chance. Council directed that an edited summary appear in this *InCite* and that a procedure be established for sending the full report to any member keen to crystallise forward options for the Association. In addition, all Councillors, as well as the Committee, agreed to act as information sources for members seeking clarification of contents before contributing to implementation. No other de-

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CORRECTION

In the article 'Should the Children Choose?' (*InCite* October 25 1985) it was stated that the West Australian Young Readers Book Award was run by the Children's Book Council. In fact it is administered by a sub-committee appointed by School Libraries Section, with members derived from interested groups and individuals concerned with books and reading for young people.

- (ii) to improve the status of librarians and other information service professionals;
- (iii) to continue to encourage the involvement in the Association of people working or interested in library and information services.'

I trust I've encouraged your involvement. Let's hear from you.

Ian McCallus
President

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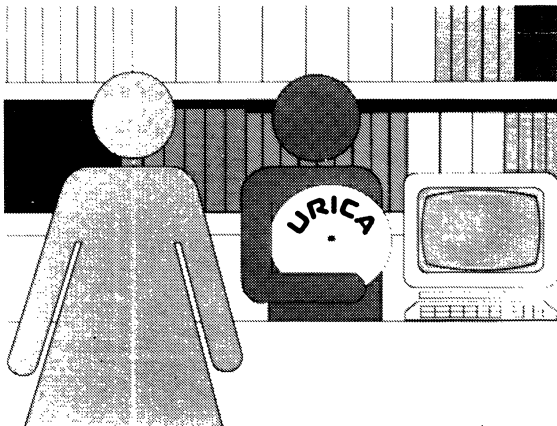
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