

Notes from the Executive Director

General Council meets in Adelaide

Early in 1988, the South Australian Branch invited the General Council to hold one of its meetings in Adelaide during Alan Bundy's term as President. This was not possible in 1988, and so the July 1989 Council meeting was sched-



uled for Adelaide. The Branch organised a most attractive venue for the meeting — the Meridien Lodge — and the annual general meeting was held at the Adelaide College of TAFE College Arms. The General Council is the Association's chief policy-making body. It is comprised of the President (Chairperson), the Vice-President, the Immediate Past-President, the Chair of the Board of Education, and the Branch Councilors from each State and Territory, two of whom are elected as the General Treasurer and the General Secretary. The Executive Director, the Membership and Division Services Manager, the Financial Services Manager and the Educational and Industrial Information Manager provide support to the Council.

The Council meets three times each year. The Adelaide meeting was its second for 1989.

ALIA national office staffing structure

Council approved the proposed staffing restructuring for the national office. The basic changes include the definite career paths, and salary levels more

accurately reflecting responsibilities, skills and experience. The sections include: membership, including membership processing and industrial and educational services; financial services, including the inter-library loan voucher service; and ALIA Press, *InCite*, secretarial services and a provision for a conference secretariat.

The next issue of *InCite* will carry more complete details of the structure, positions, responsibilities and people.

ALIA and ACLIS

A joint meeting of ALIA and ACLIS Presidents and Executive Officers had proposed a means of cooperation at the national and State and Territory levels for ALIA and ACLIS. This was in line with ALIA's decision in March not to be a member of ACLIS, but to promote cooperation and joint action. The Council endorsed the proposal for cooperation, which was publicised in *InCite*, 8 June 1989.

Senior library appointments

The Industrial Educational and Industrial Information Manager developed a discussion paper for the Council on the Association's policy towards senior library appointments, and the need for appointees to be qualified in library and information science. Council decided to establish a small working party to develop this policy further.

National headquarters building, Canberra

The Building Project Manager provided Council with a progress report on the building, including further design developments, and with the information needed to select a builder. Council decided to accept the tender of \$2 355 000 from the Canberra-based building firm of Kell & Rigby.

IFLA Conference, Paris

The Association's Vice-President, Lynn Allen, in her capacity as State Librarian of Western Australia, is attending the IFLA Conference in Paris. The Council accepted her offer to represent the Association at the IFLA Conference, and in particular to represent the Association at the voting meetings.

Public library standards

After considerable discussion, the Council resolved to encourage the National Public Libraries Section to employ a consultant to proceed with the

editing of the draft Standards and to then circulate the revised document for comment. These comments should then be included in the revision, and the final version presented to the November General Council meeting for endorsement. The Standards would then be published by the Association.

Free library service to all

As previously reported, the Council endorsed the philosophy of free library service for the Australian community, and the Association's policy statement is to be re-worded to emphasise this philosophy.

National organisation of non-book materials

The Association's Audiovisual Services Committee substantially revised the Statement on the National Organisation of Non-Book Materials, and this revision was endorsed by the July meeting of the General Council. Copies of the Statement will soon be available from the Association's national office.

Three new Divisions

The Council endorsed the formation of the new Divisions: a Queensland Group of the Literacy Section, a Western Australian Group of the Local Studies Section, and a Policy and Planning Special Interest Group (Western Australia only).

Membership fees

Council endorsed an increase in membership fees equivalent to the CPI rise of 6.5 per cent, and an increase in Section and Special Interest Groups fees by \$1 to \$6.

Draft 1990 budget

The Council considered the draft budget at its meeting and added a further \$40 000 for development work on the Association's computing system, \$10 000 for contingencies, \$2000 for travel to IFLA in 1990, and a further \$1100 to my travel budget as Executive Director to attend the 1990 New Zealand Library Association Conference. The revised budget will be presented to Council at its November meeting for endorsement.

If you would like further details on any aspect of the Council meeting or its decisions, please contact me on (062) 85 1877 or (008) 02 0071.

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