

# Publications Board

**T**he Publications Board met in Sydney on 1 November. President Averill Edwards was welcomed to the meeting.

At its previous meeting the Board had resolved to recommend to General Council that it be abolished at the end of this year and replaced, from 1 January 1990, by a new body to be known as the ALIA Press Board. Consideration was given to making further recommendations to General Council about the membership of the new Board, which would have four members appointed by General Council. It was resolved to recommend that three members of the Publications Board and one other person be appointed to the ALIA Press Board. It was noted that the new Board would have power to co-opt and that it might be appropriate for someone knowledgeable about Divisional publications to be co-opted.

The Publications Board has for several years played a leading role in advocating the use of permanent paper for publications of lasting value. It has shown the way by insisting that Harrison Bryan's landmark encyclopaedia

*ALLAS* be printed on permanent paper. The meeting resolved to recommend to the new ALIA Press Board that a 'lobbying kit' about permanent paper should be prepared, using as a model the US Association of Research Libraries' kit 'Preserving Knowledge: The Case for Alkaline Paper'. The meeting also resolved to advise General Council against using recycled paper (which is not permanent) for non-ephemeral records and publications.

The Board considered several options presented by the Executive Director for staffing of ALIA Press until a full-time manager can be found. It resolved to recommend that, for the time being, publications work should be contracted out, with the *InCite* editor being made responsible for liaison and general supervision of projects.

Reports of progress with a number of publications were received. Vivienne Sigley's *Australian mottoes* is to be launched on 9 November, the *Researchers' guide to AV resources* will be launched on 13 November, and David Jones's *Australian dictionary of acronyms and abbreviations* should be received from the

printer in the second half of the same month. Barbara Brady's *Guide to Australian reference sources: social sciences* is receiving its final copy-editing, and Ena Noël reported that the manuscript of *The new classics*, a listing of award-winning children's books, is now complete.

The Association's First National Library Promotion Forum, held in Adelaide in August, recommended that the Publications Board commission a handbook on library promotion. This was thought to be a very worthwhile suggestion, and the Chairman was asked to consult further on it. A suggestion from the Canadian Library Association for joint publication of an annotated bibliography on library services to distance learning was considered and the Executive Director was asked to seek further details.

The meeting marked the last for David Jones, Neil Radford (Chairman) and Patricia Ward. Thanks were expressed to them for their work on the Board over a number of years.

Neil A. Radford  
Chairman

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