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1990 a flurry of activity

This year has begun with a great flurry of activity and enthusiasm in the national office, with membership renewals to be processed (all 8000 of them), brochures to be printed, the first issue of *inCite* to get out, completing the business from the end of 1989 meetings of the General Council and the Board of Education; not to mention planning for 1990.

Mary Papachristos joined the staff at the end of November 1989 as the Membership Services Manager. For the past 2 years Mary has been the General Councillor for Western Australia. Helen Mandl returned to the ALIA staff as the Division Support Officer following the successful completion of her Graduate Diploma in Information Management (Librarianship) at the University of NSW.

This almost completes the recruitment of staff in the Membership Section of the national office. The part-time position of Professional Development Officer has yet to be filled.

Denis French joined the Publication Unit as Graphic Designer in January. Denis has a background in educational and scholarly publishing.

In addition to the full range of services normally provided by the ALIA national office, a further three services will be developed during 1990. These include an industrial information service focusing upon award restructuring and its implications for libraries and their employees, development of an appropriate public promotions strategy based upon the recommendations of the national Library Promotion Forum as endorsed by the General Council, and the development of a targeted, national professional development program.

Behind this activity, the national office will continue to be involved with the development of the new national headquarter's building, and with the documentation and selection process for a replacement computing system for the office.

Many of these initiatives have arisen out of decisions taken by the November 1989 General Council meeting. In brief, these decisions can be listed as follows:

- * 1990 budget with a minor cashflow surplus, amended and approved via a postal vote;
- * building contract to be signed at \$2.322 million;
- * establishment of a working party to investigate all aspects of operations and funding of local presence;
- * funding for regional groups be at the rate of \$4 per member with a minimum payment of \$150;
- * adoption of amended Library Promotion Forum recommendations (see list elsewhere in *inCite*);
- * a decision not to continue with the Information for the Nation campaign;
- * reaffirmation of the ALIA commitment to the use of permanent paper for all but ephemeral records and publications;
- * endorsement of ALIA's role international relations and support for the Commonwealth Library Association;
- * endorsement of the statement on Free Library Service;
- * a working party established to recommend a policy on senior library appointments;
- * an award restructuring steering committee be established to advise Council and Divisions on award restructuring and its implications for libraries; ALIA to take a leading role in skills audits, training and accreditation;
- * endorsement of the revised Public Library Standards;
- * agreement to publish LINOS, but without ALIA endorsement;
- * establishment of the ALIA Press Board and its terms of reference to replace the Publications Board;
- * a small sub-committee established to assist with the investigation of the ALIA computing requirements;
- * endorsement of, and a \$4000 allocation for, the development of a national ALIA professional development strategy.

The above listing indicates some of the main decisions made by the ALIA's policy making body, General Council. If you are interested in further information on any of the above decisions or items on the agenda, please contact me on (062) 85 1877 or (008) 02 0071.

This promises to be a year of great change and challenge for ALIA, its members and the library and information industry. If your national office staff can be of assistance to you during this year, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to serve you, our members.



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