

Four new General Council positions

At a meeting by teleconference in January 1999 General Council established four new General Council positions as agreed by the ALIA membership in adopting the Charter of Renewal at the Extraordinary General Meeting on 27 October last.

Principle 1 of the Charter of Renewal states:

That the number of positions on General Council be increased by creating four new positions for councillors: two to be institutional members and two to be personal members and that all four positions be elected by the membership at large.

Prior to the January meeting General Council had sought legal advice about the processes and procedures, including changes to the ALIA Constitution, which would be required in order to enact Principle 1 of the Charter.

To enable the creation of four new General Council positions General Council voted by special resolution to amend By-laws 2, 14(1) and 33 of the ALIA Constitution. The amended By-

laws and necessary supporting documentation were then forwarded to the governor-general for approval as is required of organisations incorporated under Royal Charter. At the same meeting General Council voted to amend Division C of the Regulations to provide for the election of four new general councillors.

Following the governor-general's approval of changes to the By-laws, nominations are now being called to fill two institutional members and two personal member positions on General Council.

Under By-law 7 of the ALIA Constitution a member organisation is represented by an individual appointed under the authority of the governing body of the institution and this shall be evidenced in writing and lodged with the ALIA executive director. So to be eligible to stand for an institutional member position on General Council you must be the duly nominated representative of

your institution as recorded in the membership record held by the Association for your organisation. Your organisation must be a financial member of the organisation at the time of nomination. Personal members of the Association are eligible to stand for a personal member position on General Council. Personal members nominating for a position on General Council must be financial members of the Association at the time of nomination.

Nominations close on 14 May 1999. Where the number of institutional member and/or personal member nominations exceeds the number of positions to be filled a ballot of members will be held. It is expected that the closing date for a ballot will be 15 July 1999. To obtain further information about nominating for the new General Council positions refer to the Call for Nominations in this issue of *inCite* or contact Marie Murphy in ALIA National Office. ■



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Call for nominations

Nominations are called for TWO institutional members and TWO personal members of the Association to fill four new positions created on General Council under Principle 1 of the Charter of Renewal.

An institutional member is the representative of a body corporate or an unincorporated association appointed pursuant to By-law 7.

A personal member is a member of the Association who is a natural person but not an institutional member.

Nominees for institutional member positions on General Council must be the nominated representative of an organisation which is a financial member of the Association at the time of nomination; nominees for personal member positions on General Council must be personal financial members of the Association at the time of nomination; however nominees need not be professional members.

Under the regulations approved by General Council for the first election of general councillors

to the four new General Council positions nominations may be called in an edition of *inCite* following a timetable determined by General Council. The term of office of general councillors elected in the first election shall be as determined by General Council but shall not exceed two years. It is expected that one institutional and one personal member of General Council will be elected to hold office until 31 December 1999. One institutional and one personal member will be elected to hold office until 31 December 2000.

Nominations must be in writing, be signed by two financial members of the Association and include the consent in writing of the nominee. Nominations forms are available from ALIA National Office.

Nominations close at 5pm on **14 May 1999** and should be sent to the acting executive director, ALIA, PO Box E441, Kingston, ACT 2604, e-mail: enquiry@alia.org.au

Further details are available from Marie Murphy at ALIA National Office or via <http://www.alia.org.au/gc/call.for.nominations.html>