

# Board of Education report

## ACT

• **12/7-13/12 ACT Branch.** *Council meeting.* NLA, 4th Floor Conference Room, 5:30pm, unless otherwise announced. (12/7, 9/8, 13/9, 11/10, 15/11, 13/12). Contact: Sally-Anne Leigh, Branch secretary, ph 02 6249 3681, fx 02 679 9655, sallyanne.leigh@anu.edu.au

• **13/7 APSIG.** *Oliver Mann*, NLA's regional officer in Asia, will give us an up-to-date report on Indonesia. NLA, 4th Floor Conference Room, 12:30-1:30pm, all welcome, bring your lunch. Contact: Marie Sexton, ph 02 6262 1519, m.sexton@nla.gov.au

• **22/7 ACT Library Technicians' section.** *Our annual cool yule dinner.* The Restaurants, CIT Reid Building K, Level 1, 7 for 7:30pm. A christmas buffet for \$28.50. Come and have an enjoyable time. *RSVP by 12 July* to: Glenis Matheson, ph 02 6201 5695, glenism@cts.canberra.edu.au

• **2/8 ACT Library Technicians section.** *General meeting.* CIT, Reid Campus Building D (room n° on door), 5:30pm. Contact: Beth Clary, president, ph 02 6234 2225, beth.clary@radford.com.au

• **13/12 ACT Branch.** *Christmas drinks/celebration.* Details: to be advised. Contact: Sally-Anne Leigh, Branch secretary, ph 02 6249 3681, fx 02 679 9655, sallyanne.leigh@anu.edu.au

## NSW

• **7/7 NSW Local Studies section.** *Local studies and the web seminar.* State Library of NSW, McDonalds Room, 9:30-4:30pm. \$60.50 ALIA members, \$71.50 non-members (cost includes lunch/morning tea and GST). For further information contact: Leonie Masson, ph 02 9936 8412 or John Low, ph 02 4723 5044, fx 02 4723 5059, jlow@bmcc.nsw.gov.au <http://www.alia.org.au/sections/local/nsw/web.seminar.html>

• **15/7 NSW Library Technicians' section.** *General meeting, guest speaker: Janice Biggin*, library services co-ordinator, discussing the library's decision to appoint their first LT. Blue Mountains City Library, 104 Macquarie Road, Springwood, all welcome. Contact: Kerry Darnell, ph 02 9715 8316, kerry.darnell@tafensw.edu.au

• **18/7 Hunter Valley Regional Group.** *Guest speaker: John Levett*, ALJ editor, will address the group on a topic he promises will be controversial. For further details contact: Diane Schofield, ph 049 524 820, diane.schofield@hunterlink.net.au

• **19/7 NSW Far North Coast Regional Group.** *General meeting.* All library personnel — librarians, library technicians, library students and library assistants — are warmly invited to attend. Lismore Base Hospital Library, 5:30 for 6pm. *RSVP by 12/7* to: Michael Wheeler, secretary, ph 02 6620 3995, fx 02 6620 3875, mwheeler@scu.edu.au

• **21/7 NSW TAFE section.** *Job seminar — stepping up: strategies for interview success.* OTEN, 51 Wentworth Road, Strathfield, 1:30-4:45pm. Cost (including GST): \$33 ALIA members, \$44 non-members. *RSVP by 14/7* to: Margaret Roberts,

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## April and May 2000

The ALIA Board of Education has met twice this year, once by tele-conference on 5 April 2000 and once in Canberra on 4 and 5 May 2000. Board members welcomed Janine Schmidt to her first meeting in May.

### The role of the Board of Education in the new Association

Following incorporation of the Association under Corporations Law, the May meeting of the Board of Education discussed its role within the new Association. The Board of Education drew up a *Statement of purpose* for feedback from the ALIA Board of Directors. They also put forward suggestions regarding the composition of the Board of Education and the conduct of Board business to the Board of Directors.

### ALIA membership categories

In 1999, with General Council's agreement, a Board of Education working party developed a paper *ALIA membership categories*. The paper was distributed to divisions and also placed on the ALIA web-site and ALIA members were encouraged to respond. The Board of Education considered these responses at its May meeting and forwarded *ALIA membership categories* to the Board of Directors for its consideration of appropriate action arising from the paper.

### Research forum

The Board of Education is hosting a research forum *Survival, improvement, innovation: how research makes good practice, how practice makes good research* on Monday 23 October 2000. Further details of *Survival, improvement, innovation* can be found on ALIANet at <http://www.alia.org.au/> or can be obtained by contacting ALIA National Office. Registration for *Survival, improvement, innovation* is available through the ALIA biennial conference registration brochure.

### Continuing professional development

In May, the Board noted that over 300 members had joined the continuing professional development compliance category of membership. The Association's activities to support members participating in the category, including exploration of strategic partnerships with training providers, provision of the *Career development kit* and the establishment of a CPD e-list, were also noted.

### Education policy statements

During 1999, the Board of Education revised the *Introduction to Education Policy Statements* and *Education Policy Statement N° 1: Recognition of entry level courses* to incorporate the context of the statement *The library and information sector: Core*

*knowledge, skills and attitudes.* The May 2000 meeting noted the decision previously taken to defer implementation of the revised Statements.

The Board explored how to gain feedback from schools of library and information studies on the appropriateness and applicability of the revised *Education Policy Statements*. The Board agreed that this would be best achieved by implementing the revised statements and trialing the revised *Education Policy Statement N° 1* by incorporating these revisions into course recognition documentation, including Annual Course Returns, in 2000. Library and information studies schools will be asked to provide feedback on the criteria.

### Library and Information Services Industry Training Package

At the April tele-conference, the Board of Education received a report on the *Library and Information Services Industry Training Package*. The report introduced issues relating to library technician qualifications and also workplace assessment, which require consideration by the Board prior to recognising courses based on the *Training Package*. The Board established a working party to report back to its July meeting on these and other issues related to the Training Package.

### Metcalf Medallion

At the May 2000 meeting, the Board determined that the Metcalfe Medallion would not be awarded in 2000. Following lengthy consideration of the comments of the selection panel, the Board agreed to implement a comprehensive review of the criteria for and expectations of the award. The Board agreed to suspend the Metcalfe Medallion award for this year, while the review is undertaken, which will ensure that entrants for the award would not be disadvantaged during this period.

### Teacher-librarian advocacy

Arising from a discussion between the Board of Education and the ALIA National School Libraries Section in April 1999, the Board established a working party to consider the Association's role in advocating the need for teacher-librarians to have librarianship qualifications. At the May 2000 meeting, the working party reported that teacher-librarians primarily sought assistance in raising the awareness of those involved with the employment of teacher librarians on both the issues confronting teacher librarians and the benefits of employing teacher librarians. The Board decided to consult with the ALIA National School Libraries Section to develop an information pack for principals on these issues. ■