

ALIA's 2004 National Policy Congress

The ALIA National Policy Congress (NPC) was established in 2000 to provide a means for the ALIA Board of Directors to consult with members and groups on policy and issues. The NPC has been held annually since 2000. The Congress is held in two parts — regional meetings followed by a national meeting. A regional meeting is held in each capital city and is organised by the ALIA Local Liaison Officer (LLO) for the region.

This article outlines who participates in regional meetings, the responsibilities of group delegates, dates for this year's meetings, and the regional meeting program.

Regional meeting participants

- Each ALIA Group may nominate a delegate to attend the closest regional meeting.
- National and multi-state groups may nominate one delegate only — that delegate is to attend the nearest regional meeting.
- Each group delegate holds one vote.
- If a nominated group delegate is from a remote area they may apply to National Office for funding to participate in a regional meeting.
- The ALIA Board endeavours to have a director attend each of the regional meetings as an observer.
- Individual ALIA members are encouraged to attend regional meetings as observers, however they may not vote.

- Each regional meeting nominates one group delegate to represent the meeting at the national NPC meeting.

Responsibilities of group delegates

Each group delegate needs to ensure that they understand their role in the NPC. Group delegates are responsible for:

- being informed about the program for regional NPC meetings;
- reading and understanding any background papers relating to program items;
- consulting with their group on the program and background papers;
- representing the views of their group at the regional meeting; and
- each group delegate holds one vote at the regional meeting — this vote is their group vote, not a personal vote.

A group delegate nominated as the delegate from the region at the national NPC meeting is responsible for representing the views of the regional meeting (not their group) at the national meeting.

Regional meeting dates

This year the ALIA NPC regional meetings will be held in late August through to early September. Once dates, times and venues have been finalised for each regional meeting they will be published on ALIANet through the events and NPC pages and through the aliaOBBL e-list (the e-list for ALIA group office bearers).

Regional meetings program

The ALIA Board of Directors set the program for the 2004 regional NPC meetings at the May Board meeting. The program includes:

- Celebrating success
- Outcomes of the review of member engagement
- NPC — future directions
- ALIA's 2005–2006 draft plan
- Access to group newsletters on ALIANet
- Questions on notice
- Questions without notice

Regional meeting feedback

The ALIA LLO responsible for organising the regional meeting is also responsible for writing the report of the outcomes of the meeting. The reports are published on the NPC pages on ALIANet and feedback is incorporated into the program for the national NPC meeting that will be held at ALIA House in Canberra on 19–20 November 2004.

Further information about the National Policy Congress may be found in the ALIA Constitution and By Laws (<http://alia.org.au/governance/>) and on the NPC webpages (<http://alia.org.au/governance/npc/>), or contact Georgina Dale, manager, member services and groups liaison ph 02 6215 8229, georgina.dale@alia.org.au. ■

ALIA CPD scheme audit 3 — the final audit for the original CPD scheme

It is that time again... the annual audit of ALIA CPD scheme participants is underway (ten per cent of members were advised in early June they had been randomly-selected for audit and requested to provide ALIA National Office with their paperwork by the first week of July).

All members participating in the CPD scheme are required to maintain a personal record of time spent on CPD activities, together with supporting documentation, to meet audit requirements.

The revised CPD scheme commenced on 1 July 2003 and from this date you are no longer required to provide ALIA National Office with these records unless advised that you have been selected for audit and required to establish proof of compliance OR when applying for a Certified Practitioner certificate upon completion of a triennium.

Record keeping

When you have registered, you may record your CPD points via the online tracking database (<http://alia.org.au/members-only/education/cpd/tracking/>) or you may prefer to use hardcopy (<http://alia.org.au/education/cpd/record.sheets.html>).

The CPD year commences on 1 July and ends on 30 June, irrespective of your joining date. Remember to start a new record sheet or online record for the 2004–2005 recording period on 1 July 2004.

The Summary of activities table (<http://alia.org.au/members-only/education/cpd/userguide/activities/html>) is a useful guide. The table has details on the various types of CPD activities that you may undertake, shows how points are allocated, and also displays the documentary evidence required for audit for each individual activity. The type of activities listed in the left-hand column link to more specific information on each category.

Not a CPD member but would like to join?

<http://alia.org.au/members-only/education/cpd/register.html>. For more information contact Jill Yvanovich, ph 02 6215 8216, or cpd@alia.org.au.

And congratulations...

Congratulations to the following Certified Practitioners who have completed their first triennium in the ALIA CPD scheme:

- Jean Truebridge
- Moyra McAllister (who was also awarded an ALIA Fellowship in March 2004)
- ShirleyAnn Summers-Morrow
- Veronica Delafosse
- Nancy Lander
- Rachael Browning. ■