

Nerida Hart – information professional of the year



The inaugural SLA-ANZ Information Professional of the Year Award was presented to Nerida Hart, director of Knowledge and Information Services, Australian Department of Family and Community Services, at the Australian Government Library and Information Network (AGLIN) conference dinner in Canberra on 12 July 2005. Immediate past-president of the

Special Libraries Association Australia and New Zealand Chapter, Sue Henczel presented the award, which provides \$2000 to be used by the recipient for professional development.

Nerida Hart has been honoured for her outstanding accomplishments as an information professional. She has continually developed her library's services to best meet her department's objectives, while delivering exceptional service. She has embraced the possibilities of the knowledge management revolution to ensure that her library is not just a repository of information but also offers the tools and resources to help its users readily access knowledge in their professional pursuits.

The Australian Department of Family and Community Services' Knowledge and Information Service

serves about 40 000 clients in various government agencies. The service offers a portfolio of online research and information-sharing services, including daily alerts and customisable profiles.

Nerida plans to use the award money to attend the SLA conference in Baltimore in June 2006.

Although a monetary award is not available for runners-up, it was decided to award a 'Special Mention' certificate to Carmel O'Sullivan, Blake Dawson Waldron, Queensland. Carmel's nomination reflects her commitment to sharing her expertise and knowledge through mentoring and training, her work in promoting information literacy and lifelong learning in her organisation.

The SLA-ANZ Information Professional of the Year Award is an annual award sponsored by Dialog. It is open to all information professionals working in Australia and New Zealand, regardless of whether they are SLA members. Nominations for the 2006 award will be invited in April 2006.



Award winner Nerida Hart (centre) with Darren Wilson from Dialog and Sue Henczel, past-president of the Special Libraries Association



President Gillian Hallam and directors invite members

to join them and delegates of the National Advisory Congress for the

ALIA General Meeting

Agenda and rules of meeting

The General Meeting of the Australian Library and Information Association will be held at 5:30pm on Friday 25 November 2005 at ALIA House, 9-11 Napier Close, Deakin ACT, followed by drinks.

AGENDA

- 1 Notice of convening meeting
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Special resolution: motion
That the constitution of ALIA be amended by special resolution to allow for the election of all directors by the membership-at-large.

In all locations listed below:

- Clause 13.3 (a) (i)
- Clause 13.3 (a) (ii)
- Clause 13.3 (a) (iii)
- Clause 13.3 (a) (iv)
- Clause 13.3 (a) (v)
- Clause 13.5 (b)
- Clause 13.6 (a) (i)
- Clause 13.6 (a) (ii)
- Clause 13.6 (a) (iii)
- Clause 13.6 (b)

Rationale and specific changes to the ALIA constitution can be found on ALIANet at: <http://alia.org.au/governance/meetings/2005.general.meeting.html>

Moved: Gillian Hallam, ALIA president
Seconded: Dagmar Schmidmaier AM, ALIA vice-president

4. General business

RULES OF MEETING

1. The only items that may be raised under general business are those of an informal nature, or those that are within the scope of the business already laid down. Motions of a substantial nature relating to items not covered in the notice of the meeting will not be allowed.
2. If any item of urgency arises which is not within the business of the meeting, the chairperson has the power to accept it without notice or rule that due notice must be given.
3. All motions additional to those on the printed agenda and in accordance with rule 2, and amendments, shall be in writing, signed by the movers (forms will be provided), and delivered to the chair.
4. When addressing the chair, the person desiring recognition will properly identify themselves, giving his or her name and affiliation. Only ALIA members may speak.
5. Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker, no speaker may have the floor twice on the same question until all who wish to speak have spoken.
6. Proxies. To be valid, proxies must be in the form set out in the Constitution — item 8.2 and be in the hands of the ALIA executive director, ALIA, PO Box 6335, Kingston ACT 2604, e-mail address: enquiry@alia.org.au, by 6:00pm on 23 November 2005. Proxy forms must not specify how the holder of the proxy is to vote on specific areas. A proxy must also be a member. A form is available from ALIA National Office or on ALIANet at <http://alia.org.au/governance/meetings/general.meeting.2005.proxy.html>
7. By general consent, if there be no objection, or by a two-thirds vote, any rule governing the debate may be suspended.
8. The chairperson's rulings on procedural matters may not be debated. The reference for rules and their interpretation by the parliamentarian will be Joske's *The law and procedure at meetings in Australia*, 8th ed, 1994. A parliamentarian will be appointed to advise the chairperson on procedures and to assist in determining the results of a poll of members present if necessary.

All members are invited to attend. RSVP to: Mary Ann Ryan, ALIA National Office, ph 02 6215 8214, maryann.ryan@alia.org.au