

Report of the July ALIA Board of Directors meeting



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The July ALIA Board meeting in Adelaide was a great opportunity for Directors to attend the SA Library Achiever of the Year Award evening, to meet the Libraries Board of South Australia and to acknowledge the support that Alan Smith, SLSA Director and the State Library of South Australia has given to ALIA, particularly the SA group.

At the Board meeting we heard and discussed a presentation on developing a communications strategy for the Association. The President and Executive Director reported on their June meeting with CASL members. There was agreement to investigate a resumé review service for members (proposed by the New Generation Policy and Advisory Group). Revised guidelines were approved for the Marjorie Cotton and Bess Thomas Awards. On pages 31 and 33 we congratulate the 2006 winners of these awards, which are managed by the Children's and Youth Services Group, NSW.

A response to a letter from members about senior appointments from outside the profession was discussed. The ALIA Statement on senior library and information services appointments was reaffirmed. A response from the President on behalf of the Board is in *Frontline*, on page 4 of this issue of *inCite*.

A 'Board readiness' program will be developed for ALIA Members, which will be run in early 2007. (For what will be involved and why we're doing this, read Roxanne Missingham's piece on Board readiness on page 4.)

The Board also concentrated on strategies to further the current priority of empowering and supporting groups. As part of this plan a new position, Groups Liaison Officer, has been established until the end of this year within National Office. The main role of this position is to become the National Office's link to people working in ALIA groups and volunteer roles. This position will also be reviewing group guidelines in an effort to make volunteers' administrative tasks easier. The Board hopes to continue this role into next year.

Planning continued for the National Advisory Congress regional meetings as well as the national meeting to be held on Tuesday 19 September, 1:00–4:00pm at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre. All the details are at <http://alia.org.au/governance/nac/2006/>. Please RSVP if you intend to come to the national meeting.

At the NAC we will discuss a proposal from the Board to improve the effectiveness of governance of the Association. The proposal includes amendments to the composition and terms of office of the Board of Directors. This was a lively discussion item at the last Board meeting! The proposal issues paper is now available at <http://alia.org.au/governance/nac/2006/2006.governance.issues.paper.pdf>. All

ALIA members are encouraged to comment on this paper.

Following a review and rationalisation of the committee structure, the Board of Directors now has five Standing Committees, which report to each meeting.

Finance, Audit and Risk Management Standing Committee: Chair – Dagmar Schmidmaier

Governance: Chair – Roxanne Missingham

Conferences and Professional Development: Chair – Ann Ritchie

Membership and Awards: Chair – Rachael Browning

Education, Research and Workforce Planning: Chair – Dagmar Schmidmaier

ALIA Awards

Congratulations to these ALIA members, who have won 2006 Research Awards and Grants.

Twila Ann Janssen Herr Research Award for Disability Services: to Cameron Tang for his project 'Please ask us! – Adolescents with cerebral palsy speak out'

YBP/Lindsay & Croft Research Award for Collection Services: to Bruce Munro and Peter Philips for their project 'Bibliographer vs Academic: who is responsible for academic library collection management?'

ALIA Study Grant Award: to Edmund Balnaves for his project 'Electronic collection building: oxymoron or opportunity?'

Congratulations also to Imogen Garner, University Librarian at the Curtin University of Technology, who was conferred with an ALIA Fellowship which will be presented at Click06 in September.

The Board decided to extend the closing date for nominations for the National Excellence Award 2006 to 30 September 2006. Nominate someone whose work you admire! The award details are at <http://alia.org.au/awards/national.excellence/>.

Local liaison officers

LLOs are ALIA representatives in each state/territory. Their duties include being a point of contact for members and non-members and ALIA groups.

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You're invited!

ALIA National Advisory Congress 2006

1:00–4:00pm, 19 September,
Perth Conference Centre

The half-day national meeting will be held in association with CLICK06, and all ALIA members are invited and encouraged to attend.

For additional information, go to <http://alia.org.au/governance/nac/>. To RSVP, please e-mail jane.hardy@alia.org.au or telephone 02 6215 8235.