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General Meeting – November 2006

Thank you to all those members who attended the General Meeting held on Thursday 30 November 2006, at which the proposed changes to the ALIA Constitution were discussed and rejected by ALIA members. Draft minutes of the meeting can be found at <http://alia.org.au/governance/meetings/> and these will be confirmed at the AGM in May 2007.

Both the e-discussion prior to and attendance at the meeting demonstrated that, while a number of members offered wide-ranging input about the proposed changes to the Constitution, only a very small percentage involved themselves in the process.

A few facts: for your information

A total of 163 members (or 2.79% of the membership) attended a National Advisory Congress (NAC) meeting where the proposed governance changes were discussed as an agenda item. Thirteen direct submissions were made in response to the Governance Issues Paper. Forty members attended the November General Meeting at UNSW Scientia, where 129 valid proxy votes were also taken into account. One hundred and sixty-nine votes were cast at the meeting, representing 2.89% of members entitled to vote. (Percentages are based on membership numbers as at 30 June 2006, when there were 5851 personal and institutional members.)

The meeting considered three motions proposing changes to the Constitution as set out in the meeting agenda. Motion 1 was subsequently lost after it had been amended; motion 2, again amended, was passed with the result that section 13.2 of the Constitution was repealed. Motion 3 was not put because it was dependent on Motion 1.

What next?

The Governance Standing Committee of the Board, chaired by Roxanne Missingham, will continue to review issues that would improve ALIA's governance and recommend appropriate changes to the constitution and by-laws.

ALIA's 70th Anniversary

ALIA has a rich history in working to improve and promote the profession itself and, just as importantly, libraries and the services they provide. The willingness of members to work together and share their expertise to achieve this is one of the Association's greatest strengths.

Whether through their commitment to developing and maintaining professional standards or their contribution to ALIA's many activities such as submissions to governments at all levels on issues that impact upon library services, members have always played a major role in raising awareness of the profession and the importance of libraries and the services they offer to the Australian community.

During 2007, our anniversary year, we will use *inCite*, ALIA events and our website to highlight the many aspects of ALIA's work and the valuable contribution our members make.

For more on the 70th Anniversary celebrations keep up to date at <http://www.alia.org.au/alia70>. How can you continue this proud tradition and be part of the valuable work of the Association? Here are seven ideas about how you might contribute during our 70th anniversary year:

7 for our 70th

1. Encourage another person to join ALIA and continue to be an active member yourself
2. Start a discussion on an ALIA e-list: for example, share the results of a project
3. Attend an ALIA function – mark your diary now!! (See our events listing at <http://alia.org.au/events>.)
3. Submit a conference paper to an ALIA conference or seminar
4. Participate in ALIA's PD scheme
5. Volunteer to assist an organising committee or an ALIA group
6. Nominate a colleague for an ALIA award
7. Write an article for *inCite*

Values and ethics

Do you know what the core values and ethics of our profession are? ALIA, through input from members, has formulated three core policies in this area. (See 'Values and ethics' at <http://alia.org.au/policies/>.) All ALIA's policy statements are reviewed at least every five years, and it is time to revisit this vital area. In early 2007 we will ask members to comment on these seminal statements that form the basis of our professional practise.



NLS presenters, past, present and future: Sue Hutley (NLS1), Kate Sinclair (NLS2), Adrienne Harris and Alyson Dalby (NLS3), Tania Barry (NLS4)

Membership queries

A gripe, an idea or a question? Why not contact your Board Members directly? Their contact details are listed on page 3 of *inCite* every month. Is there a membership issue you want discussed? Rachael Browning currently chairs the Membership and Awards Standing Committee, which considers membership issues.

Would you like to pass on an ALIA membership pack to a colleague? Contact your Local Liaison Officer (contact details on this page) to discuss what you need.

Elections 2007

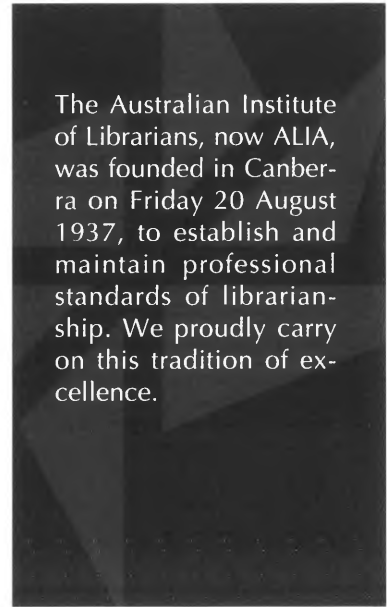
It is now time to vote on who will be part of the ALIA Board of Directors for 2007–2009. Election 2007 ballot papers will be in the March issue of *inCite*. More details are available at <http://alia.org.au/govern->

[ance/elections/](#). Take the opportunity to vote for the candidates who will be leading the Association for the next two years.

NLS2006 in Sydney

Congratulations to the New Librarian's Symposium 2006 committee for organising an engaging and interesting program for new graduates. Scientia@UNSW in Sydney was a great location for the conference and our spirits were not dampened by the welcome rain prior to the conference dinner at the racetrack. A full report of the conference will be in the March edition of *inCite*.

Planning has already started for NLS4, to be held in Melbourne in December 2008. See <http://alia.org.au/conferences/2008-2009.html>.



Who's where

Malcolm Knox appointed to CAL Board

Journalist and author **Malcolm Knox** has been appointed to the Board of Directors for Australian copyright management company Copyright Agency Limited (CAL). He replaces *Sydney Morning Herald* journalist Anne Davies, who served on the CAL Board for two years.

New Associate Director at SLSA

The new Associate Director of PLS is **Geoff Strempel**, currently the Library and Arts Manager, City of Onkaparinga. Geoff will be starting with SLSA on 5 March 2007.

Children's Services Librarian: Vision Australia

Anne Shears has been appointed Librarian to the Burwood Resource Centre, which is part of the library and educational services of Vision Australia.

UTS appoints new Monographs Librarian

The new Librarian, Monographs at University of Technology, Sydney is **Vivien Leung**, whose previous position was at the Conservatory of Music/Sydney University Library. She will start with UTS on 5 Feb 2007.

State Library of Western Australia: New Director – Client Services

Alison Sutherland has been appointed to the position of Director – Client Services at the State Library of Western Australia. Alison was formerly Unit Head, Resources an Access Librarian at Curtin University of Technology.

New University Librarian at Queensland University of Technology

Judy Stokker has been appointed University Librarian at Queensland University of Technology (QUT). Previously, Judy was the Branch Library Manager at the QUT Kelvin Grove Campus.

New University Librarian at Queensland University of Technology

Insync Surveys, formerly Ambit Insights and Rodski Survey Research, has appointed **Michael Samarchi** as a Client Relationship Manager to grow its presence in the library sector. He also takes responsibility for the continued success of its 10 year relationship with the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL).