

Your voice

A professional title

The other day I heard on the wireless a truck driver referring to his 'profession'. A few days later, a neighbour, who is doing a librarianship course, referred to her 'industry' placement. What reason does ALIA give for shoving us out of a 'profession' and into an 'industry'? Like other tertiary-educated specialists, I am in a profession, thank you, not an industry.

Pamela Lloyd, Victoria

Binding trumps content?

Recently I spent several months indexing an oral history of the dairying industry in South East Queensland. It provides valuable access to a unique book. When I sent a copy of this exhaustive index to the National Library Legal Deposit Section, it was returned because it was held together by a paper clip, and not bound with glue and a soft or hard cover.

From discussions with the Officer Responsible, it seemed that the binding of the publication was far more important than the contents. I was led to believe that had I written a book of nonsense doggerel, and had it professionally bound, and distributed to my friends and family, then this would be grabbed gleefully by the National Library's Legal Deposit Section.

I find this approach to collection building amusing. My local Public Library was pleased to receive the index, because it is relevant to our district's history.

I'm glad the National Library has such a policy in place. Who knows what sort of rubbish might wind up being kept till the year 3000 CE.

W. David Mason, Queensland

ALIA response

The National Library of Australia will provide a response in the next issue.

Note to Members

We welcome letters on any issue of relevance to the library and information sector. It is important to note that the opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor are those of the authors and not necessarily the official policy of the Australian Library and Information Association.

Deadline for letters is the 10th of the month and they should be no longer than 250 words. Please include your name and postal address as anonymous correspondence will not be reproduced.



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**Australian
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Association**

President Derek Whitehead and Directors invite members

to join them at 6:00pm, Tuesday 19 May 2009 for the

ALIA Annual General Meeting

First notice of Annual General Meeting and call for motions

*The 21st Annual General Meeting of the Australian Library and Information Association
will be held on Tuesday 19 May 2009*

Rules of Meeting

1. Motions for discussion at the AGM are to be forwarded in writing to the ALIA Executive Director, ALIA, PO Box 6335, Kingston ACT 2604 by **Friday 6 March 2009**. Motions should be signed by the movers either individually or on behalf of a division/group of the Association. All such motions received will be published in the AGM agenda notice in the March & April issue of *inCite* and on ALIANet.
2. All motions to be put to the AGM must appear in this published agenda.
3. 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.
4. 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 notice must be given.
5. All motions additional to those on the printed agenda and in accordance with rule 4, and amendments, shall be in writing, signed by the movers (forms will be provided) and delivered to the Chair.
6. When addressing the Chair, the person desiring recognition will properly identify themselves, giving his or her name and affiliations. Only ALIA members may speak.
7. 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.
8. 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, email address: enquiry@alia.org.au, by **6:00pm AEST on 18 May 2009**. 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://www.alia.org.au/governance/>
9. By general consent, if there be no objection, or by a two-thirds vote, any rule governing the debate may be suspended.
10. The Chair'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*, 10th ed, 2007. A Parliamentarian will be appointed to advise the Chair on procedures and to assist in determining the results of a poll of members present if necessary.

All members are invited to attend. RSVP Jenna Walter, ALIA National Office, ph 02 6215 8222; jenna.walter@alia.org.au