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ALIA BOARD ELECTION 2014

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

ALIA is pleased to announce that two candidates have been declared elected as the next President and Vice-President of ALIA. Following the ALIA Annual General meeting on 21 May 2014, Damian Lodge will assume the role of President for a term of one year and John Shipp will become Vice-President (President elect).

Damian is a current Board member, and stepped into the role of interim Vice-President late in 2013. Currently a lecturer in Information Studies at Charles Sturt University, his previous roles include Director for the Centre for Information Studies and Manager, Client and Information Services for Charles Sturt University Libraries. He also serves on the ALIA Professional Development, Education, Research and Publishing Committee.

Damian is keen for his term as President to underpin leading ALIA into a bright future for both the organisation and the profession.

Incoming Vice-President John Shipp returns to the ALIA Board having previously served as President in 1998 and has also served as a board member and President of the Council of Australian University Librarians. He is currently pro bono Manager of the Illawarra Museum, having retired from his previous position as University of Sydney Librarian and roles with the University of Wollongong and Charles Sturt University Libraries.

John will bring his extensive experience in the education sector and in roles such as Chair, Public Lending Right to the Board and intends to include in his priorities a focus on ensuring that information professionals have access to appropriate career education and are recognised for their contribution to the well-being of our society.

Further information about Damian and John can be found on the ALIA website at www.alia.org.au/elections.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Nine candidates have nominated for the four Director positions on the ALIA Board for 2014 – 2016. Below are their statements for the election and full candidate information can be found on the website at www.alia.org.au/elections.

Successful candidates will take their place on the Board following the Annual General Meeting that will be held on 21 May 2014.

THE CANDIDATES

BEATRIZ AROCHE



With over 20 years library experience in the VET sector, I am concerned about the challenges faced by the library sector which has been neglected in political discourse and although sizable in terms of its workforce, is under-represented at a professional level. My main concerns are the survival

of libraries and information professionals in a challenging budgetary environment, strategic management and business sustainability, skilling the profession, and ensuring libraries remain at the heart of our national culture through sustained lobbying. Increased collaboration between all library sectors is vital to ensure a strong professional association to give voice to these concerns.

ELKE DAWSON



ALIA has been very proactive during my last term as Director in the areas of advocacy, the Future of the Profession, engagement with ebook policies and the new Professional Development (PD) scheme initiative. I am seeking re-election as a Director in order to continue work on these initiatives

as well as following through on several others in the pipeline, which include defining the 'I' in ALIA, the development of ALIA's research agenda and its own digital repository to capture, preserve and promote its extensive portfolio of advocacy documents, research publications and conference papers to promote libraries, librarians and LIS research.

MICHELLE JENSEN



The closure of libraries is my biggest concern. As a life-long learner I have experienced many types of libraries. I could not imagine a world without such phenomenal supportive environments. I endeavour to support librarians during this time of change. Library services need

to be relevant and provide services that support a unique clientele. In an effort to support remote areas I am working with Ozberry Pi to create a program that develops mobile information Hubs using the Raspberry Pi to deliver the information to the clientele of the Hubs.



ANNE LAHEY



I am passionate about the provision of excellent library services and professional development of library and information services staff. As library budgets in all areas of library services continue to decline, and as more library services continue to close

around the country, I think it is more important than ever that ALIA has a strong united voice that lobbies effectively for its members to retain a strong library presence in Australia.

ANNETTE MCGUINNESS



I have been involved in the library and information industry for over 20 years and still love it as it enables me to engage with my passions every day – people, information, and technology! My core focus is people and I have advocated particularly for

continuing staff development (para-professional and professional), facilitating information literacy and learning, and the provision of client-centred services. I have gained significant knowledge and experience over my two decades in libraries and I would value the opportunity to apply my skills to further enhancing the resources, services and support offered by ALIA to its members.

MARIAN MORGAN-BINDON



Our core vision: "Australia's libraries are examples of community cohesion and well-being, economic growth and cultural identity.

They present a wide range of resources and contemporary information products that must be relevant to their users".

My concerns are centred in the continued recognition of their relevance regardless of their sector and I welcome the opportunity at national level to contribute to the Association that leads sector cohesion and advocacy. I would value contributing to that strategic agenda and building on opportunities for collaboration and partnerships to ensure our spaces remain as incubators of ideas, innovation and forces for social change.

JANE SHELLING



The community deserves the best access to the widest possible knowledge base. But the closure and downsizing of libraries is resulting in a deterioration of access and a loss of knowledge. The physical presence of the library staffed with qualified professionals is the ideal and worth

fighting for. To ensure preservation and access we need to improve networking and collaboration through our professional organisation, make best use of innovation such as digitisation and find a stronger political voice that can be heard.

CHERYL SMITH



Our public library funding has failed to increase with CPI across the board; the funding is being cost-shifted back to already strained local governments. All NSW public libraries and councils need to start a campaign to target the State Government on our funding concerns to reach

an agreeable increase across all library services. Without an increase in funding, libraries will continue to decline in services.

AILEEN WEIR



Our profession is re-defining what it means to be a librarian in a world of mobile devices, mass digitisation and complex copyright law that is shifting to ebooks. Expectations are high, yet most libraries face significant budgetary constraints. We need a strong, united and vibrant

professional association to advocate for fair use of copyright material in a digital world, access to ebooks through libraries, cost-effective library course accreditation, and recognition of ongoing learning through the PD scheme. If re-elected, I will continue to promote both the 'library' and 'information' skills of members and advocate on the issues that matter.

HOW TO VOTE

Independent election specialist Corpvote has been appointed to manage the election process. All current financial members are eligible to vote, with voting open from 11 March through to 9 April. Instructions for casting an internet vote are emailed to each member by the election company. If you do not have an email address registered with ALIA, you will receive your voting material by mail.

YOUR AGM

The 2014 ALIA Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 21 May 2014. For information regarding rules of meetings, proposal of motions to the meeting and meeting details, visit the website at www.alia.org.au/agm