

Vote in the 2019 ALIA Board Election

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ALIA is pleased to announce the details of the candidates for the 2019 Board election. Viv Barton, the Service Lead – Libraries & Lifelong Learning at City of Stirling, Western Australia, has been elected unopposed to the position of Vice-President (President-elect), and following the ALIA Annual General Meeting on 21 May 2019, will assume the role.

As there are three candidates for the two general Director positions, an election will be held to determine the successful candidates. Information about the candidates (Vicki Edmunds, Kim Sherwin and Rob Thomson) is available online (bit.ly/1xPZsjO).

An independent election specialist will be appointed to manage the election process. We anticipate voting will open on Monday 4 March 2019 and close on Friday 12 April. Instructions for casting a vote will be emailed to all eligible Members by the election company. Members without a registered email address will receive voting material by mail. Only current financial ALIA Members as of 5pm AEDT on Friday 11 January are eligible to participate in the election.

Further information about the Annual General Meeting can be found at (bit.ly/1VX7PVH). 🌐



Viv Barton

Reporting back on the ALIA 2018 survey

ALIA has released the results of a 2018 survey of workers across the library and information sector.

ALIA Members are always encouraged to provide feedback about ALIA through the ALIA Board; their ALIA State Manager; to the team at ALIA House; by attending ALIA's Annual General Meeting; and by participating in the various forums held around the country. We want to hear what ALIA is doing well and what areas need improvement. Every year, ALIA Members also have the opportunity to provide feedback through a Member survey. In 2018 the survey took place from 29 October 2018 until 18 November 2018 and was open to everyone working in the library and information sector. We received a total of 1,564 responses.

The response rate from ALIA Members represents 19% of the total ALIA personal membership. This is an increase on the 2017 response rate of 14% and the 12% achieved in 2015.

36% of respondents to the survey had been ALIA Members from more than ten years, while 13% had joined in 2018. Over 90% were aware that ALIA regularly makes submissions to government and agency inquiries and supports individual Members with local issues.

The three most important activities that ALIA undertakes were advocacy and lobbying for the sector; commitment to professional development; and professional recognition of qualifications. For more statistics, you can view the Member survey summary online (bit.ly/2RprUnG).

The ALIA Board would like to thank everyone who participated in the survey and welcomes further feedback to (enquiry@alia.org.au) at any time. 🌐