

Your LAA Fees are now Overdue

WITH the passing of the 31 March those membership subscriptions unpaid are now overdue. It is hoped that this is an oversight or a problem of the perpetual passing of time, and that the next week will see an inundation of renewals.

The LAA has many activities planned for 1983 – new publications, new continuing education programs, as well as a number of national conferences, and an accelerated lobbying process to get a better deal for libraries, to name a few. Considerable resources, both human and financial, have already been devoted to these activities;

without the prompt payment of membership fees some of these may be at risk.

The year 1982 was a very successful one, and an appreciation of this fact was evidenced by a slight increase in our membership. As a result of the constant cry about the level of fees, General Council resolved to hold 1983 fees at the 1982 level. The results of this will not be known until the end of 1983 but in effect a lot of faith has been put in the membership – in you – to support your Association.

A breakdown of expenditure for 1981 reveals that it cost \$92.27 to service each mem-

ber of the Association. Fifty-eight percent of our members paid less than this in fees. While it is hard to dispute the fact that students and those not in employment should pay lower fees, this does account for the levels paid by many members.

We can only encourage you to pay your 1983 fees and also get others to join the Association. A flip through *InCite* illustrates what is happening in librarianship, and the Association. I hope you won't relinquish your membership lightly.

Susan Acutt
Executive Director

Where Your LAA Fees Go

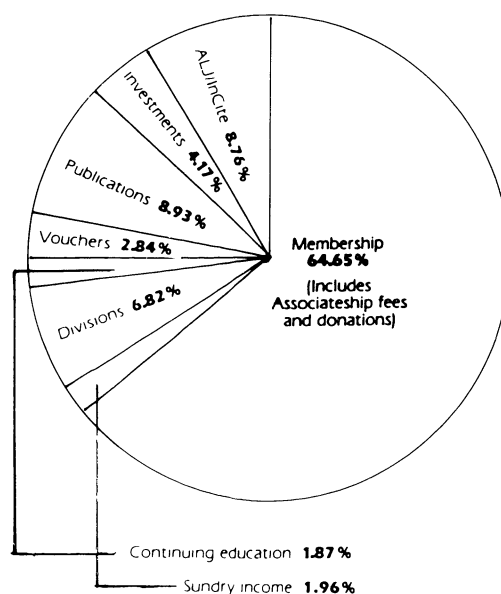
In 1981 the cost of servicing *one* member of the LAA was \$92.27 distributed as follows:

Salaries and associated expenses	\$ 24.44
Membership (printing, stationery, postage, telephone, computer, etc.)	18.49
<i>ALJ/InCite</i>	15.26
Divisions (allocations, special grants, travelling, meeting expenses)	15.77
Continuing education	0.12
Publications	6.17
Subscriptions and donations (IFLA, AACOBs, National Book Council, etc.)	1.22
Overheads (accountancy, depreciation, insurance, electricity, etc.)	10.80
	\$92.27

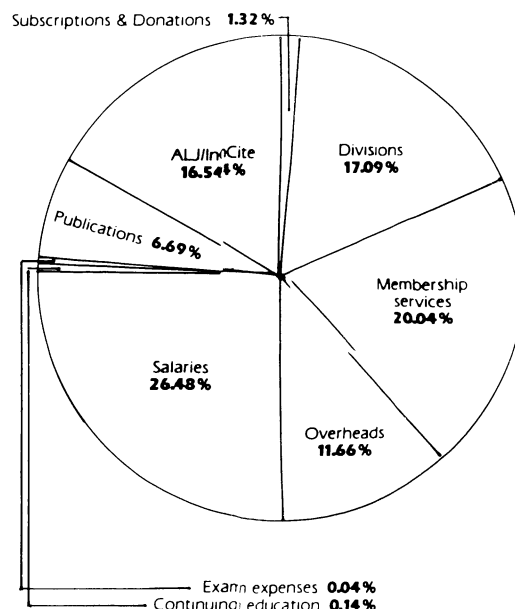
1982 figures are not yet final, however allowing for inflation, in 1982 the cost of servicing one member was approximately \$100.

LAA Income and Expenditure 1981

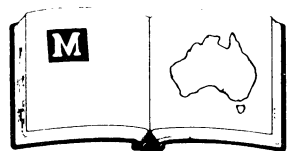
Income
\$693,183



Expenditure
\$606,343



Operating profit before tax \$86,840



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Communications 1983

IN NOMINATING 1983 World Communications Year (WCY), the United Nations wished to bring attention to the contribution made by communications to development which often remains unrecognised.

The first issue of the Australian WCY Bulletin has just been received, and it lists some events to take place in Australia during the special Year.

There will be a CCITT Working Party in April, a special issue of commemorative stamps in May and in June there will be an international conference 'Tertiary Education for the Age of Communications' organised by RMIT. This will, of course, be listed in Happenings as soon as more information is received.

From 5-9 September there will be an IREECON International 83 Exhibition in Sydney, and in November a seminar and exhibition on 'Education and communications Technology' will take place in Adelaide.

See centre pages for List and Order Form for all LAA publications