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Brisbane conference accounts have now been finalised, and the Conference Committee is to be congratulated for the excellent result — a profit of \$98,000. Part of this goes to the New Zealand Library Association, joint organiser of the conference. The E.D. stressed the importance of using the excess to consolidate the Association's financial position rather than regarding it as readily available money for spending particularly as it is not yet possible to predict what effect the 5% personal fee reduction and unlimited 'voucher only' membership will have in 1985.

Educational Trust Fund

The nature of this fund makes it very difficult to invest and use monies held. After seeking legal advice, Council has decided to take steps to dissolve the Trust Fund and transfer the capital to a more readily accessible form of investment. No change is proposed to the nature or use of the fund — it will continue to be used for LAA Study Grant Awards and the Metcalfe Medallion, and other educational purposes that might be identified by Council and the Board of Education. (GC 45/85)

Membership

There was a drop of 166 financial members in the year to 1 March, a most disappointing result for a biennial conference year. Council's \$500 prize for the first Branch to reach its target of a 7.5% increase was not awarded, but Peter Maskell of WAIT and James Henri of Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education win LAA publications for nominating the most new members for the year (14 and 13 respectively). A target of 5% has been set for 1985, again with a prize of \$500, and Council has asked each Branch to appoint a recruitment officer as a step towards reversing the decline. (GC 49-51/85) It has also accepted the offer of the Vice-President, Ian McCallum, to examine the situation and recommend a plan of action to attract members.

Formation of divisions

Council has approved the formation of a national TAFE Section, and a Northern Territory Group of the Library Technicians Section. (GC 55 & 56/85) Members working in TAFE feel that there is a need for a separate Section to promote the needs and interests of this area, and to co-ordinate and disseminate information at a national level. Bernice Bur-

gess of Bankstown College of TAFE is the Interim President of the Section, and members wishing to join should contact the LAA office.

Reciprocal membership benefits for NZLA members

Council has approved an NZLA proposal that financial personal members of the NZLA be able to purchase LAA publications at member rates, provided reciprocal rights are offered to LAA members. (GC 59/85) Further details of this agreement will be reported once negotiations with NZLA are finalised.

Course recognition procedures

After an examination of course assessment procedures of state higher education boards, and in the light of a conjoint LAA/WAPSEC visit to Western Australian CAE in 1984, the Board of Education has decided that the Board's assessment panels will undertake further conjoint visits where circumstances are appropriate. Such a visit is proposed at Brisbane CAE later in the year. The Board is to introduce a two phase recognition process. Stage 1 will be a new course appraisal, for courses not previously assessed by the LAA, and will be an assessment of course documentation only. Stage 2 will be the same as the current on-site assessment of courses in train.

1988 IFLA Conference and 1988 LAA Biennial Conference

The committee systems for the two conferences have now been drawn up, with separate committees for finance, program and publications, but joint bodies for all other areas. Appointment of a conference organiser is now a priority, and the position is to be advertised shortly. A separate organiser will be appointed for the trade exhibition. A detailed budget for the IFLA Conference is being prepared. The Biennial Conference Committee is to hold a brainstorming session on 29 April to seek ideas about the program and format of the 1988 LAA conference.

Metcalfe Medallion winner

Averil Condren, a 1984 student in the Diploma of Information Management — Archives Administration at the University of NSW, is the first winner of the Metcalfe Medallion. Her entry, entitled 'The finding aid as Duke of Omnium: a standard to fail by' was the unanimous choice of the selection panel, and it is hoped it will be published by the Association.

Recognition of Riverina courses

Council has endorsed the Board of Education's recommendation that courses offered by Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education be recognised by the Association. The Bachelor of Arts (Library and Information Science) and Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Science have been granted unlimited recognition (subject to normal re-inspection procedures) and the Graduate Diploma in School Librarianship has been recognised to 31 December 1987. (GC 64/85)

Michael Middleton elected to Board of Education

Michael Middleton of the University of NSW has been elected a member of the Board of Education and Board of Examiners by the Professional Committee of General Council. His term of office is from 1 May 1985 to 30 April 1988.

Continuing Education

Council was advised that the first run of the tendering process for CE has been fairly successful, with fourteen tenders accepted covering all states and the ACT. The Northern Territory Branch requested deferral of programs at this stage. The CE Committee has prepared guidelines and documentation for 1986 tenders, and notices will appear shortly in *InCite*.

Library Workforce Standing Committee

Council has approved revised terms of reference for the Committee and Dr Patricia Layzell Ward has been seconded as a corresponding member. (GC 67 and 68/85)

Review of National Book Council

The NBC is reviewing its constitution and structure. Frances Awcock, representing the LAA as a constituent body of Council, has made a submission on the LAA's behalf proposing changes to the Governing Council and to the structure of state branches.

Honorary Awards

The Honorary Awards Committee has made recommendations for the award of the H.C.L. Anderson and Redmond Barry Awards. Details are in this issue of *InCite*.

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Concurrent sessions will cover bibliographic work, interlibrary loan options, connections with the book trade, training, workflows, interfaces with other Australian networks and integrated library management systems available in Australia.

The two-day Conference will be followed by the Users Annual Meeting, to be held Thursday, June 27.

Enrolment is of interest and concern to administrators and librarians in:

- libraries which use ABN to support part of their operation; and
- all types of libraries whether ABN members or not.

A Post-Conference Seminar, organized by the Acquisitions Section of the LAA, will be held on Friday, August 28. A leaflet with full details is available with the ABN Conference Circular.

For ABN Conference Circular with detailed programme and enrolment form, contact:

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**NSW TAFE Technical
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move to Parramatta**

The Acquisitions, Cataloguing and Clerical Branches of the Division of Library Services, Department of Technical and Further Education, N.S.W. have moved to the following address:

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Parramatta, N.S.W. 2150.
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The Library Services Administrative Unit of the Division of Library Services, and Head Office Library will remain in the Central Square Building, 323 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

**National study on Inter
Library Loans.**

After discussion between the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Committee and the Australian Libraries and Information Council, it is proposed to fund a project to study inter-library loans traffic, the first step towards the ultimate development of national strategies in this area.

The Commission is funding the first stage, the design of a national survey to be conducted as stage two, which will be jointly funded by ALIC and CTEC.

Andy Exon, R & D Librarian, WAIT, has been appointed to undertake Stage 1. This design stage will use existing data wherever possible. However, it will be necessary to collect some data in a short questionnaire to be distributed as widely as possible. Colleagues are urged to assist us to meet our deadline by compiling this questionnaire and returning it as speedily as possible.

Meanwhile any comments about the Australian Document Delivery System will be welcomed by Andy who can be contacted at WAIT, Bentley, WA 6102. Phone (09) 350 7206. Telex AA92983.

Orders for SA School Libraries Section publications should be sent to School Libraries Section, PO Box 47, Adelaide, SA 5000.

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**Retirement of Director-General
of NLA**

The LAA is to hold a cocktail party at LAA House on 26 June to honour the retiring Director-General of the National Library of Australia and former LAA President, Harrison Bryan.

National Library Fire

The Association has expressed its concern at the recent fire at the National Library, and has offered its assistance in any way appropriate. It noted the appreciation of the Association and the wider library community of the efforts of the Director-General and staff in restoring services so promptly. (GC 83/85)

Next meeting

The next Council meeting will be held at LAA House on 9 and 10 August. The closing date for agenda items is 9 July.

Sue Phillips
Assistant Executive Director

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