



**Library Association of Australia  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 49th Annual General Meeting of the Library Association of Australia will be held at the University of New South Wales, in Sydney on Saturday, 27 August 1988.

**AGENDA**

1. Notice of convening meeting
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the 1987 AGM
4. Presentation of 1987 Annual Report and Balance Sheet, and Income and Expenditure Account
5. Presentation of supplementary Balance Sheet and supplementary Income and Expenditure Account to 31 July 1988
6. Appointment of auditors
7. Presentation of Awards
8. General business (see 3 below).

**RULES OF MEETING**

1. Motions for discussion at the AGM are to be forwarded in writing, in duplicate, to the Director, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo by Friday, 3 June 1988. Motions should be signed by the mover either individually or on behalf of a Division of the Association. All such motions received will be published in the AGM agenda in the 24 June issue of *InCite* (No. 10)
2. All motions to be put to the AGM must appear in this published agenda.
3. The only terms 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 an 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 due notice must be given.
5. All motions additional to those on the printed agenda and in accordance with 3 above, and amendments, shall be written in triplicate and signed by the movers (forms will be provided), one copy to be delivered to the Chair, the second to the projectionist, the third to the mover.
6. When addressing the Chair, the person desiring recognition will properly identify themselves, giving their name and library. Only LAA 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 By-law 15 and in the hands of the General Secretary, Ms Anne Harris, at the LAA office, 376 Jones St, Ultimo 2007, by 24 August 1988. Proxy forms must not specify how the holder of the proxy is to vote on specific issues.
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 Chairperson'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 and New Zealand, 7th ed., 1982*. A Parliamentarian will be appointed to advise the Chairperson on procedures and to assist in determining the results of a poll of members present if necessary.

**INVESTIGATIONS:  
an overview of  
research for library  
managers**

**compiled by Steve O'Connor  
and Andy Exon**

This column aims to alert busy library and information practitioners to the significance of extensive and intensive Australian research. Too often the busy library manager has insufficient time to become aware early enough of investigations which may have a useful impact on their library or system. The editors of this column intend to place significant findings in these pages in a timely and succinct fashion. The column will be up-to-date and idiosyncratic in order to stimulate interest in the findings of fellow professionals elsewhere. It is also hoped to review studies of interest to all spheres of our profession, if we can find them. Contributions and constructive suggestions are therefore very welcome.

**Cool-cat trial**

In reporting on the introduction of the Carlyle Tomus OPACs in Victoria, CAVAL has highlighted the value and future usage of regional databases. The published report provides data on the system's acceptance and a description of 'how we done it!'

**Vietnamese refugees and  
TAFE library needs**

The findings of this case study by Sabina Robertson (Monash Graduate School of Librarianship) suggest that the Vietnamese students are having difficulties in understanding their enrolled courses and suggests library solutions.

**Primary school libraries in  
Victoria, 1972-85**

This detailed study of six schools explores the influences behind developments in educational practices and local school needs and how they affect the workings of the school library. The role of the library co-ordinator as a resource and/or curriculum person is also explored. The study was completed by Margaret Eastman (Monash Graduate School of Librarianship).

**Performance measurement**

The Dawkins' Green Paper on Higher Education heralds, among other things, an era of performance measurement for Australian academic libraries. Western Australian public libraries are already responding to the legal requirements of the WA FAA Act, while the Public Service Board of Victoria has recently recommended formula-based funding, including a 'performance/level of use component', for Victorian municipal public libraries.

Australian academic librarians may well be able to learn a good deal of the UK experience on performance measures through IFLA/LAA this year.

Jose Griffiths (heading up the new UK office of the US consultancy, King Research) has been awarded a British Library grant to study the problems of developing performance measures in libraries. Meanwhile, among Australian research a recent Monash Master's thesis by Charmain Mitchell considers the value of performance measures derived by regression techniques, rather than ratios. It is likely that is the technique preferred by funders of education.

**Scientific information**

Dawkins stresses the Government's desire that the Australian economy emulate that of Japan, in the emphasis given to technology, and it is no surprise to see a spate of comment on the strength and weaknesses of Australian scientific and technological research. CSIRO's information provision has come under scrutiny, therefore, at a critical moment. Professor Carmel Maguire's survey of STI information resources and use for the Commonwealth Department of Science reports scientists' need to access trade and scientific journals and their concern at the declining purchasing power of libraries. Their ignorance of the use of bibliographic and numeric databases was also highlighted. Doubtless the espousal of the RLG Conspectus by Australian university libraries will be watched with interest for its potential use in collection description.

**Preview**

Plans for the National Summit are well advanced. It is likely that issue papers and resolutions will generate questions to which there are no immediate answers. Watch this space!

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