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NEWSLETTER OF THE AUSTRALIAN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ASSOCIATION

Copyright update

The Copyright Amendment Bill, which has just passed through Parliament, is important for educational libraries and may have some implications for other libraries.

The amendments cover a range of matters. For libraries, the most important change is that educational institutions, including their libraries, will be able to record TV and radio broadcasts legally under a statutory licence. A collecting society to represent audio-visual copyright owners will be established. This will have the exclusive right to negotiate with educational interests about payments to be made for copying under the statutory licence. Educational institutions will be able to either keep records and pay for copying at rates agreed with the collecting society, or agree to a per capita student rate with the society.

The Universities and Colleges had made representations to include audio-visual items that had not been broadcast in the amendments. These representations were unsuccessful.

A change that may well have implications for a wider range of libraries is the introduction of fair dealing for purposes of research or study in relation to audio-visual items. Formerly there was no such provision for audio-visual items corresponding to that applying to works — that is, literary, dramatic, musical and artistic works. Moreover, unlike the educational copying provision, the fair-dealing clause is not confined to material that has been broadcast. The situation is now the same for both works and other than works (i.e. audio-visual) items.

ALIA has made representations in the past for *all* libraries to have similar entitlement to copy audio-visual material, but without success. There is still no provision permitting libraries to copy audio-visual items for library users or for interlibrary loan, as can be done in the case of works. Nor is there a provision permitting copies to be made of published audio-visual items for preservation provided that the originals are

destroyed, as there is for copying printed materials onto microform.

The amendments alter the previous situation regarding multiple copying by educational institutions. An approved collecting society (probably Copyright Agency Limited) is now to be recognised by the Attorney-General's Department. Payment, as with broadcasts, can be either by record keeping and payment of royalties or on a per capita student basis. A major change is that institutions are required to forward records to the collecting society, thus making scanning of records on behalf of copyright owners much less expensive.

The original draft of the Copyright Amendment Bill removed the exemption from royalties of copies made for external students, if not included in lecture notes. This provision was reinstated by amendment in the Senate, but now appears under fair dealing and not under the statutory licence for educational institutions. It is not clear to me whether this has implications for other than educational libraries, since the permission is no longer confined to the latter.

Presumably the new provisions regarding educational copying will not become operational until the Attorney-General's Department has set up the structure raised for the administration of the statutory licences.

Finally, the Copyright Law Review Committee is reviewing copyright in relation to computer software including programs, works made by or with the assistance of computer programs, and works stored in computer memory. Although the date for submissions has closed, it is probable that late submissions would be entertained. They should be sent to Ms Veronique Ingram, Secretary, Copyright Law Review Committee, Robert Garran Offices, Barton, ACT 2600.

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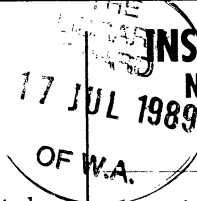
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WE ARE MOVING

From Monday 24 July 1989, all copy for *InCite* should be addressed to the

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The benefits of participation in office are legion. There is no doubt that elected officers learn much: new skills in conducting meetings, preparing the groundwork as secretary to make meetings run effectively, financial and budgeting skills, political skills in how to achieve an objective, listening skills, evaluation skills. The range of new contacts within the local area, the State or the nation can be significant in professional development. The views of other sectors of the library and information scene provide a broader perspective. Remember, too, that involvement as an office bearer need not be drudgery, but a source of fun.

The Association needs a variety of voices serving as its office bearers. It is important that in its councils the views of the very different sectors of our profession, for example the city and country members and the members who work in small and large institutions, are heard.

Above all, don't think that nomination for national office is only for the 'arrived' or for the 'rapidly upwardly mobile high flyers' — it is available for all members, and all should consider it seriously. Election time is not a time for undue modesty — if you have a contribution you want to make, nominate for election.

It is a pity that so many of our branch elections are not contested — why not make it an objective for your branch next year that every position on branch council will be vigorously contested? It would certainly stir interest in branch activities and in the carriage of the elected council's activities. The political statements required to be made as a justification for election would make members think about the objectives of their branch council for the forthcoming year and how they want them achieved.

The election of General Councillors is of the utmost importance for branches, and yet it often attracts little interest. The Branch President is clearly a priority for any branch, but the position of General Councillor must rank next. This person is the one who is to represent the interests of that branch on the General Council. The General Councillor is required to exercise independence of judgment at Council meetings, often in the heat of debate, and without briefing from the branch.

The General Council has the carriage of the affairs of the Association. Its decisions are only as good as the persons who are elected by the membership to become members of the General

Notes from the Executive Director

Plans for the move of the national office to Canberra are now well under way. Office space has been leased in the ACTU Building at 40 Brisbane Avenue, Barton, and will be occupied as of 31 July 1989.

ALIA's mailing address for the next 12 months will be: PO Box E441, Queen Victoria Terrace, ACT 2600, enabling us to receive your mail while in the temporary office and preventing disruption when we move into the new national headquarters building in 1990. We are waiting for telephone and fax numbers, and will publicise these in the next issue of *InCite*.

The office is also gearing up for the General Council Meeting in Adelaide

on 21–22 July. Two major items on the agenda are the progress report for the building (Friday morning) and the papers on the Australian Libraries Summit, including User Pays (3.30 pm on Friday). A complete listing of agenda items will be available on ILANET. Observers are most welcome to attend.

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ALIA STUDY GRANTS AWARDS FOR 1990

The Australian Library and Information Association will make funds available each year to support practising librarians/information professionals wishing to undertake a study project. The number of awards in any year will depend upon the funds available and the estimated costs of proposals received.

The Association's intention in offering study grants is to assist librarians/information professionals who work at middle management level, but who do not have access to institutional support or study leave, to undertake projects they would otherwise be unable to do because of the time and costs involved.

Conditions:

- Available to practising professional or technician members of the Association with a minimum of three years' experience in library and information work who occupy a middle management position, or other position of a similar nature, involving the use of expertise from the field of library and information work. Awards will normally not be made to members occupying research or teaching positions.
- For the purpose of undertaking a study program on a selected library/information issue or problem of present and future relevance to the development and improvement of library and information services in Australia.
- The study may include opportunity for preliminary work, local or overseas visits/consultations, attachment to another organisation, preparation of a publication, further educational qualifications.
- The study is to culminate in a written report presented in two parts:
 - (i) a summary of the report, accompanied by a photograph of the author, suitable for publication in *InCite*, and
 - (ii) a comprehensive report, presented in a form suitable for publication as a journal article, which should be forwarded to the ALIA within four months of the project's culmination.
- A follow-up report is to be provided to the ALIA by the recipient showing how the outcomes of the project have been applied to the benefit of the individual, institution and broader professional base. This is due 12 months after the project's completion.
- It is expected that the study project will provide an opportunity for self development as well as benefit to the successful applicant's institution and present position. The award is not intended to be used to fund research projects.

Applicants should complete an application which gives:

- A brief description of the study project, including aims; benefits to the individual and to the institution; possible outcomes of a project.
- Identification and reasons for choice of particular institutions, persons or activities.
- Itinerary, timetable, travel/accommodation costs involved.
- Details of any other funds or facilities being provided for the study project.
- A curriculum vitae.
- 2 referees' reports.

Applicants must be personal financial members of the ALIA.

Application forms are available from the ALIA office and applications for an award in 1990 should reach the Membership & Division Services Manager, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007 by **1 September 1989**.