

From General Council to Board of Directors

At its meeting on 21–22 October General Council finalised the composition of the Board of Directors, the governing body of ALIA as incorporated under *Corporations Law*.

The Board of Directors numbers eight members, seven of whom are to be elected: the president; vice-president (president elect); two directors to be elected by the membership at large; one director to be elected by institutional members; and two directors to be elected by the National Policy Congress. The Executive Director of the Association is the eighth (and non-voting) member of the Board.

The president and the vice-president (president-elect) will hold office from the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in one year until the AGM in the next. Other directors elected to the Board will similarly take up office at the AGM in any year. A requirement of *Corporations Law* is that the AGM be held within six months of the end of the Association's financial year and it is the usual practice in many similarly incorporated organisations that the term of

office of directors relates to the timing of the AGM.

General Council agreed that only personal financial members of the Association may nominate for election to the Board although institutional members, through their nominated representative, will continue to hold voting rights under the new constitution. It is also important to note that all directors will be elected to represent the interests of the Association as a whole rather than those of a particular constituency. This differs from the current General Council where eight of the sixteen members represent one of the state or territory Branches.

Under *Corporations Law* directors have particular duties and responsibilities. Section 232 of the *Corporations Law* details of the duties of directors in relation to care and diligence and also to the position itself. Where a director is proven to have acted improperly in the performance of these duties the *Corporations Law* makes provisions for civil legal action to be taken against that director. Nominees for a position on the Board will be provided with in-

formation outlining the duties and liabilities of a director and will be required to indicate in their nomination that they understand and are prepared to accept these.

Transition arrangements

General Council also set in place arrangements to enable a smooth transition to governance by a Board of Directors. Mairéad Browne, the current vice-president (president-elect), together with the newly elected vice-president 2000 (president-elect 2001), Alan Bundy, will take office as president and vice-president respectively on 1 January 2000. An Interim Board of Directors, comprising the president and vice-president 2000 and members of the current executive committee, Craig Anderson, John Shipp, Colette McCool, Beth McLaren and Trevor Wakely, will act until such time as the Board of Directors can be elected.

Election of Board of Directors

At the same time General Council agreed to a timetable for election of the Board of Directors to be completed by April/May 2000. General Council further determined that the 2000 president, Mairéad Browne, and vice-president, Alan Bundy, will take their place on the Board and will complete the terms for which they have been elected by the membership.

A call for nominations for five members of the Board of Directors is published in this issue of *inCite*. It will also appear in the January/February 2000 issue with nominations to close on 11 February 2000. Ballot papers will be distributed in the March 2000 issue of *inCite* and the ballot will close in ALIA National Office at 5:00 pm on Friday 14 April 2000. The Board of Directors will take office at a General Meeting of the Association to be held on completion of the winding-up process of ALIA as incorporated under Royal Charter and following election of the Board of Directors.

This election timetable has been drawn up to enable the first election for the Board of Directors. During 2000, the schedule for election of the vice-president (president-elect) and members of the Board of Directors will be finalised and established in the By-laws.

Further information about the Board of Directors and about nominating for a position on the Board is available from ALIA National Office. ■



Election of ALIA Board of Directors

Call for nominations

Nominations are called for five positions on the Board of Directors of ALIA as incorporated under *Corporations Law*.

Two directors are to be elected by the membership at large. One director is to be elected by institutional members. Two directors are to be elected by the nominated divisional representatives to the National Policy Congress.

Nominees should be personal members of the Association and will represent the interests of the organisation as a whole rather than those of a particular constituency.

The term of office of directors elected in the first election shall be as determined by the Board of Directors but shall not exceed two years. It is expected that one director will be elected by the membership at large and one director will be elected by divisional representatives to the National Policy Congress to hold office until the Annual General Meeting of the Association in 2001. It is expected that one director will be elected by the membership at large and one director will be elected by divisional representatives to the National Policy Congress to hold office until the Annual General Meeting of the Association in 2002. It is expected that the director elected by institutional members will hold office until the Annual General Meeting in 2002.

Nominations must be in writing and must be signed by two financial members of the Association and include the consent in writing of the nominee.

Nomination forms must be accompanied by a 100-word current curriculum vitae which provides full details of academic and professional qualifications and a 100-word statement of professional concerns. The curriculum vitae should be arranged under headings of present position, previous positions and professional activities. A standard colour portrait photograph *must* be included.

Nomination forms are available from ALIA National Office, or via ALIANet.

Nominations close at 5:00pm on **11 February 2000** and should be sent to the ALIA executive director, PO Box E441, Kingston ACT 2604, e-mail enquiry@alia.org.au.

Forms and information available from <http://www.alia.org.au/gc/elections/2000/>