

# Busy meeting in October...

## ALIA Board of Education meeting, October 2000

The ALIA Board of Education met on Sunday 22 October 2000. The Board thanked Ross Todd, who has been appointed to Rutgers University for 2001, for his five years of work as a member of the ALIA Board of Education, including three years as deputy chair.

**Library Industry Training Package and course recognition**  
Providers of most library technician courses are introducing courses based on the *Library and Information Services Industry Training Package*. The Board considered the report of the Working Party on the Library Industry Training Package and Course Recognition.

The Board of Education agreed that the diploma would continue to be the qualification required for admission to library technician membership of ALIA. Noting that the *Library and Information Services Industry Training Package* sets course content, the Board decided that course recognition for such courses should focus on the delivery of the course, to ensure that each course delivers the core knowledge, skills and attitudes for the library and information sector.

To ensure that the course recognition process for courses based on the training package considers relevant criteria, the ALIA Board of Education will revise the Course Recognition Questionnaire and the Annual Course Return.

### Course recognition

The Board of Education is aware of problems associated with course recognition visits occurring after the commencement of a course. The Board of Education discussed the impor-

ance of course recognition to the profession and to the Association and the need to identify alternate pathways for recognition.

The Board of Education has advised the Board of Directors that it could develop a report on alternative processes for course recognition if desired by the Board of Directors. The Board of Education intends to continue with the current course recognition process throughout 2001.

### Continuing Professional Development initiatives

The Board of Education received a report indicating almost 500 Associate and Library Technician members have joined the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) subcategory of membership. The Association is developing partnerships with providers of CPD activities, to enable preferential rates to be offered to ALIA members for CPD activities.

### Widened eligibility applications

People holding qualifications in library and information studies which are not recognised by ALIA can apply for Associate or Library Technician membership through the widened eligibility process. At the October meeting, Marie Murphy, secretary to the Board, reported that twenty-three people applied for admission through the widened eligibility process in 2000, a significant increase on the eight applicants throughout 1999. The current process for assessing applicants relies on a decreasing number of volunteers who meet with each applicant to consider their application. The Board recognised the need to develop alternative processes for admission through the widened eligibility provision. ■

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