

Report from the Board of Director's May meeting

2003-4 planning

The planning process for 2003-4 will commence at the August Board meeting and progress through to the March 2003 meeting. The process will include consultation with members, and the National Policy Congress. A two stage process is proposed for the NPC: the first is regional meetings followed by a meeting on 2 November at ALIA House of around thirty delegates representing groups and allied organisations. The NPC will focus on policy and issues of relevance to the sector

as a whole. The planning process will incorporate reports prepared for the Board on IT and communications, LISEKA, the research initiative, conferences, promotions, services for institutional members, the 2000 and 2001 NPC, and the ALIA 2002 conference issues summary.

Groups

The Board accepted the report of the working group of Group representatives. Georgina Dale, the new member liaison officer based in National Office will be working with groups over the next few months to develop the working group's recommendations regarding local presence officers, co-ordination of cpd activities, issues relating to rural and remote groups, newsletters and electronic communication, funding criteria, and plans for the 2002 National Policy Congress.

Four ALIA groups have been dissolved: ACT and District Health Forum, Geelong Regional Group; South Queensland University and Research Libraries; and Latte (Northern Territory).

Course recognition

The following first award courses were recognised:

University of New South Wales: Master of Information Management; Master of Commerce — Information Management; and Graduate Program: Special Program in Information Management.

University of South Australia: Graduate Diploma in Information Studies; and Bachelor of Arts (Information Studies).

All recognised courses are monitored through an annual course return process.

Key initiatives

developments

Key initiative 1: new services for students/new professional members

A new policy and advisory group comprising young professionals will assist the Board in strengthening the participation of the new generation of library and information professionals in the Association.

Key initiative 2: new services for senior professional

members

The ALIA 2002 conference provided an excellent model that could be built on for shorter programs.

Key initiative 3: purchasing and licensing agreements

The Association will convene a forum of sector representatives at ALIA House in August/September to consider what is already under way or operating; what are the issues to address; who has responsibilities in what areas; and what outcomes are desirable and how they can be achieved.

Key initiative 4: a library and information services promotion campaign

Following on from advice from the cross-sectoral steering group and subject to a satisfactory licence agreement and resource implications the Association will adopt the @ your library campaign encouraged by the IFLA Campaign for World Libraries and look to incorporate the theme as a part of Library and Information Week 2003. A promotions-specific e-list will be set up on ALIANet, and National Office will facilitate the offering of courses in library promotions as part of ALIA's cpd activities.

Key initiative 7: strategic action program for public libraries

A reference group will develop two or three strategic activities and report to the August meeting.

Key initiative 9: central role of ALIA in the development of a research culture for the library and information sector

The Board accepted the report on research conducted by Varavena Pty Ltd and will be incorporating the findings in the 2003-4 plan. ALIA will focus on setting up networks and opportunities for exchange of information and partnering in research to inform practice.


Policy statements and guidelines

Members frequently report on the value of our policy statements in supporting them in their practice. As part of the continuing review of policy statements the:

- Board withdrew the *Statement on management of the Association's Archives* from the suite of policy statements as this is a guidelines document. It will be readily available to Groups and other ALIA bodies through the Office-bearers' Guide.
- *Statement on senior library appointments* will be re-written in the new format.
- *Statement on the role of librarians and library technicians* was withdrawn. This information is available in other documents such as the *Work-level Guidelines*.
- *Statement on libraries and multiculturalism* was withdrawn as the content is now incorporated into other statements.

ALIA appointments: for details visit

<http://www.alia.org.au/employment/vacancies.html>



**THE UNIVERSITY OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

■ **ASSOCIATE LIBRARIAN
(INFORMATION SYSTEMS)**
(REF: 61/02)
UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

**SALARY RANGE: HEE Level 10 (Grade 4)
\$87,078 - \$90,457 pa**

Applications are invited for the above position. This position is responsible for leading and coordinating the work of the Information Systems Division of the Library, which incorporates the Library's Administration Section, the Information Resources Access Management Section, the Information Resources Budget Section, and the Information Technology Section. As a member of the Library's senior executive the appointee will participate fully in the development of Library strategy, policy and planning.

The successful candidate must have the demonstrated skills and experience to lead and manage large groups of staff and to work effectively as a member of a senior management team. In addition to knowledge of current issues in human resource, financial and space management, it is desirable that the appointee has experience in the application of information technologies to library systems and in cataloguing, acquisitions and data management.

In accordance with University practice this senior position will be offered for a fixed-term period of five years.

For further information regarding the position please contact Mr John Arfield on (08) 9380 2355 or email: jarfield@library.uwa.edu.au. For an information package, call (08) 9380 1400. The University Library website is <http://www.library.uwa.edu.au/>

CLOSING DATE: Tuesday, 30 July 2002

APPLICATION DETAILS: Interested applicants must obtain the position's application package by accessing the website below or telephoning the 24 hour "hotline" on (08) 9380 3733.

Essential details of UWA's application procedures are contained in the package.

<http://jobs.uwa.edu.au/>

- draft *Statement on library and information services for people with a disability* has been out for comment and will go to the next Board meeting for endorsement.
 - procedures prepared by the Publishing and Editorial Reference Group for the publishing of ALIA conference proceedings were accepted and will be incorporated into the conference guidelines.
 - ALIA/ASLA joint policy advisory group is revising the statement on teacher-librarians.
 - Online Content and Regulation policy and advisory group is finalising a statement on online content regulation and supporting guidelines and will forward these to the Board in July.
 - *Guidelines for assistance to library and information personnel in developing countries* prepared by the International Relations Policy Advisory Group and the Asia Pacific Special Interest Group were endorsed.
 - Board endorsed the Peak Bodies Forum *Principles of Mutual Support*.
- Other business**
The Board:
- appointed Barbara Horn as the Association's representative on the Library Board of Queensland's steering committee for assessing current State Library service delivery to Queensland public libraries, and Christine Mackenzie as the Association's representative on the State Library of Queensland public libraries advisory committee.
 - gave in principle agreement to a Memorandum of Understanding between ALIA and the Australian Society of Archivists. The document will be prepared for joint signing at a formal occasion in the next few months.
 - agreed to support the distribution of funds arising from the winding up of AIMA Training and Consultancy Services Ltd to the AURORA Foundation.
 - received the Information Literacy Project report *Feasibility study for the development of a national coalition for information literacy advocacy* and agreed to assume continuing secretariat support within National Office, with expertise support from the Information Literacy Roundtable for the next stage of promoting the proposals for the coalition.

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Library expo gets results...

Mornington Peninsula Libraries celebrated the start of Library and Information Week on 18 May with our first-ever Libraries Expo. This was a fun-filled day which show-cased the best features of our libraries and gained some great community attention.



The ever popular face-painting for kids adds colour at Mornington Library

Staff at Hastings Library dressed as the characters from Alice in Wonderland and had patrons literally dancing in the shelves to a live brass band. Mornington Library set up face-painting for children (and some staff!) in their front window, which drew in a lot of interested passers-by from busy Main Street. Rosebud Library was a colourful mass of helium balloons and displays, and a visiting entertainer delighted children with music and a beautiful live Macaw. Somerville Library and the mobile at Bannarring impressed patrons with Devonshire tea, scavenger hunts, and story-time.

Results were very pleasing, with a forty-eight per cent increase in new borrowers; a twenty-two per cent increase in loans and a fifty-two per cent increase in numbers through the door

compared to a normal Saturday. All told it was an enjoyable (if exhausting!) day and a great opportunity to bring staff together to promote our libraries to the community.

Anne-Marie Raymond,
Mornington Peninsula Libraries



Hastings Library was a wonderland during Library and Information Week

The Margery C Ramsay and Barrett Reid Scholarships

The Library Board of Victoria is offering two scholarships, each valued at \$15,000. The scholarships are named in honour of the late Barrett Reid and Margery C Ramsay, eminent librarians in Victoria.

Applications for the two scholarships are invited from Victorian public library staff.

Applicants must:

- hold a senior or middle management position in a Victorian public library
- have at least two years' management experience
- have a proven record of library management.

In previous years the scholarships have been awarded to library staff undertaking management courses, study tours within Australia and overseas, internships or secondments at appropriate organisations.

Guidelines for the scholarships are available from

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Closing date for applications is Friday 16 August 2002