

Directline

It starts with one little vote!

Members often comment to me that 'I don't have time to get involved in ALIA.' While I do encourage all of you to invest a few hours in your professional organisation, one of the most time-efficient opportunities to be involved is now available! Voting in the ALIA Board of Director elections takes only a few minutes (though more research may take a little while longer).

Scan the candidate information and make your decision on who you would like to lead the Association for the next two years.

Then complete the ballot paper correctly following all the instructions. Any ballot paper that has not been completed correctly will be deemed invalid and will not be counted. Please read the instructions carefully so that your vote is not wasted.

Then mail your vote so that it reaches us at ALIA National Office in Canberra by 5:00pm Wednesday 11 April 2007.

So what are some of the other reasons to vote? Well, here are 7 reasons (in keeping with our 70 years).

1. ALIA is a company limited by guarantee and, as members, you should ensure there is a strong board to lead your multi-million dollar Association.
2. ALIA needs board members who can represent the interests of ALL of its members, using their skills and experience. This year, nominees come from Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. Their experiences include other leadership roles, technology, training and service to the sector, but they need your votes to decide the election.
3. Active, engaged and hard-working board members will further the work of ALIA – your votes encourage them to give their time to you and to ALIA as volunteer directors.
4. The Board of Directors need your support – Members' support – for their work and decisions they make on your behalf.
5. Are you concerned about the reduction in requirements for professional standards by some employers? ALIA works to assist members in all professional situations. To do this the Board of Directors need your input. (Also your comments,

feedback, ideas and perspectives – keep them informed of the issues that you think are important for our industry.)

6. The library industry in Australia needs a strong, consolidated professional body to represent your interests. The ALIA Board of Directors is an important component of this representation.
7. The library industry has important issues to debate and make progress on – education for the profession, professional standards and representation of the rights of library workers. The board members that you vote in will be pursuing these and other issues.

Congratulations to all the nominees for Board positions this year. Kevin Dudeney and Derek Whitehead are standing for the Vice-presidency 2007–2008 (President 2008–2009). Two of five candidates will be elected directors for 2007–2009: Margaret Allen, Graham Black, Damian Lodge, Richard Sayers, and Kate Watson.

All positions this year are elected by the membership at large – that is, personal and institutional members. Senior staff of institutional members, please note the name of your representative who must complete the ballot form.

Details of the 2007 Board of Director elections can be found on the web at <http://alia.org.au/governance/elections/>

Minister opens Information Online

The Hon Gary Nairn, Special Minister of State, officially opened the 2007 Information Online conference in January. Minister Nairn in his opening address mentioned the importance of being involved in your professional association and the value that he had gained from being



ALIA's President Dagmar Schmidmaier AM and the Hon Gary Nairn at Information Online



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LLOs are ALIA representatives in each state/territory. Their duties include being a point of contact for members and non-members.

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involved with the Institute of Surveyors (his original profession). Minister Nairn visited the trade exhibition where he joined staff from AGIMO (Australian Government Information Management Office) at the australia.gov.au booth. The minister's speech and media release can be found at <http://www.smos.gov.au/>.



Elizabeth Swan, ALIA's newest Fellow

Elizabeth Swan awarded a Fellowship

At the 2007 ALIA Information Online conference dinner Elizabeth Swan, one of the founders of the Information Online Conference, received an ALIA Fellowship Award. Congratulations Elizabeth. Fitting recognition for a lifetime of contribution to the Australian library industry.

Your voting equipment

As well as what's between your ears, that is! Election ballot papers enclosed with this copy of *inCite* – all personal members and institutional representatives should complete and return the ballot papers.

On 20 August 1937, 55 of the 150 foundation members at the inauguration of ALIA at the Albert Hall in Canberra. We would love to hear from any relatives of foundation members.



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President Dagmar Schmidmaier AM and Directors invite members

to join them at 6:00pm Tuesday 15 May 2007 for the

ALIA Annual General Meeting

First notice of Annual General Meeting and call for motions

The 19th Annual General Meeting of the Australian Library and Information Association will be held at 6:00pm on Tuesday 15 May 2007 at National Library of Australia, Level 4 conference room, Parkes Place, Canberra City ACT.

AGENDA

- 1 Notice of convening meeting
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of the General Meeting, 30 November 2006
- 4 Minutes of the 2006 AGM, 16 May 2006
- 5 Presentation of the *2006 Annual report financial statements*
- 6 Presentation of supplementary balance sheet and supplementary income and expenditure account to 30 April 2007
- 7 Election of Directors
- 8 Appointment of Auditors
- 9 Fixing of Auditors' fees
- 10 Reports
- 11 General business

RULES OF MEETING

1. Motions for discussion at the AGM are to be forwarded in writing to the ALIA Executive Director, ALIA, PO Box 6335, Kingston ACT 2604 by **15 March 2007**. Motions should be signed by the movers either individually or on behalf of a division of the Association. All such motions received will be published in the AGM agenda notice in the April issue of *inCite* and on ALIANet.
2. All motions to be put to the AGM must appear in this published agenda.
3. The only items 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 any item of urgency arises which is not within the business of the meeting, the Chair 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 rule 4, and amendments, shall be in writing, signed by the movers (forms will be provided), and delivered to the Chair.
6. When addressing the Chair, the person desiring recognition will properly identify themselves, giving his or her name and affiliation. Only ALIA 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 the *Constitution* — item 8.2 and be in the hands of the ALIA Executive Director, ALIA, PO Box 6335, Kingston ACT 2604, e-mail address: enquiry@alia.org.au, by **6:00pm** on **14 May 2007**. Proxy forms must not specify how the holder of the proxy is to vote on specific areas. A proxy must also be a member. A form is available from ALIA National Office or on ALIANet at <http://alia.org.au/governance/meetings/agm/2007.proxy.html>
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 Chair'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*, 10th ed, 2007. A Parliamentarian will be appointed to advise the Chair on procedures and to assist in determining the results of a poll of members present if necessary.

All members are invited to attend. RSVP to: Kamara Schlegel, ALIA National Office, ph 02 6215 8214, kamara.schlegel@alia.org.au