

NATIONAL CONVENOR'S NOTES



Convenors' Meeting

The ALLG National Committee met recently in Sydney for what was a highly productive (if a little hectic) national meeting. Hosted by Kerrie Millgate and Niall O'Driscoll at the Australian Securities Commission, the agenda included among other things:

- Future development of our Internet Homepage
- Publication of the ALLG Handbook and Directory
- Revision of the National Constitution
- Conference Survey

Future Conferences

The issue of future conferences for the ALLG was an important topic of discussion for the meeting. Unfortunately, with only a 25% response rate to the survey, it was difficult to consider the results as entirely conclusive. The responses were fairly well spread between sticking with the current Specials, Health and Law format to moving to a separate Law Symposium. What was most useful from the survey was the number of people who had provided comments that the Committee was able to consider.

At present the Committee is still considering some of the financial details needed to make a final decision. There is of course On the Edge in Perth this year, there will be a Law Symposium in Melbourne in 1998 and then the next Specials Health and Law Conference is planned for Hobart in 1999. It is this conference that we need to decide on.

Publishers' Visits

While in Sydney, the National Committee along with Kerrie Millgate (National Publishers' Liaison Representative) took the opportunity to visit the head offices of the main legal publishers. This was a most worthwhile and successful exercise and something we all agreed should have been done long before now. The intention of the visits was to establish a more formal contact between the ALLG Convenors in each state and the key people at Butterworths, CCH and LBC Information Services. We hoped to raise awareness of the role the ALLG plays in representing over 800 law librarians and their clients, as well as discussing future directions particularly in electronic publishing.

I think the meetings were informative and useful on both sides and should certainly lead to a closer working relationship in the future. I'd just like to thank all the publishers for not only taking the time to meet with us (even if 10 librarians *en masse* can seem a little overwhelming), engaging in frank and open discussion and looking after us so well - and a special thanks to Clive for driving us back in peak hour traffic when the Sydney taxi service failed us - what do you expect, it was Friday!

New Zealand Law Librarians' Group

While in Sydney, I took the opportunity to stay over the weekend (blowing out my Visa card) and meet with the ALLG Sydney Division at one of their monthly meetings. Jane Treadwell, the New Zealand Law Librarian's Group Convenor was their guest and spoke to the group about our New Zealand counterparts and about their upcoming conference in 1998. Jane is keen, as I am, to forge closer ties between the two groups and suggested we look at a joint conference in the future. There is certainly a lot we can share between the two groups and the issue of a joint conference is one we will consider more closely.

National Convenor Nominations

It hardly feels like I've been in this role for six months let alone eighteen, but the time has come to call for a new national convenor for the ALLG. Although its been a lot of work, I've certainly enjoyed the role and I would encourage anyone who has had some involvement with ALLG Committee work and is energetic and full of ideas to throw their hat in the ring and go for it. If anyone would like to know more about what the role of national convenor entails before making a commitment, please give me a call on (08) 9429 3747.

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NATIONAL CONVENOR - ALLG Call for Nominations

In accordance with the provisions set down in the ALLG Constitution, nominations are sought for the position of **National Convenor** for the term October 1997 - October 1999

Written notice of nomination should include the following details:

- name and address of candidate
- name and signature of proposer
- name and signature of seconder
- brief statement of candidature (no more than 150 words) including ALLG experience and ways in which the candidate can work for the best interests of the ALLG

**PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES MUST BE FINANCIAL MEMBERS OF
THEIR STATE DIVISION AS AT 31 MARCH 1997.**

Nominations should be forwarded to:

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Closing date: 22 August 1997