



Sue Kosse, Executive Director

General Council report

The third General Council meeting for 1990 was held in Perth on Saturday 29 September prior to the 1990 Biennial Conference. General Council is the Association's policy making body and consists of the President, the Vice-President, the Immediate Past President, the Chair of the Board of Education and a General Councillor from each State.

Honorary awards

Letters of Recognition have been awarded to Christine Goodacre for work on the CRESAP review of the State Library and public libraries in Tasmania and to Bill Rushton for advising the Association on the sale of its Ultimo building, the construction and tenancies of ALIA House.

The Redmond Barry Award has been awarded to George Frederick Malthby.

Fellowships

A Fellowship of the Australian Library and Information Association is to be conferred on Jeanette Knox.

ALIA conference Management: business paper

General Council supported the principle that all ALIA national conferences, whether generated by Divisions of the ALIA or from within the National Office, be managed by the ALIA Conference Manager.

General Council is to be circulated with details of any national conference to be organised by the ALIA Conference Manager, to confirm that this resolution is followed. The procedure will be reviewed in November 1991.

A Division may retain 30 per cent of the profits generated from a national conference organised by that Division and managed by the Conference manager, to be used for Divisional projects.

The Executive Director will write to all Divisions asking for advice on the amount of money currently held by Divisions as profits from previous national conferences.

A regular travelling speaker system will be introduced to facilitate professional development of members.

ALIA local presences

Council considered the establishment of local presences, as opposed to funding being made available to Branches for specific purposes. It was resolved that Branches should apply for funding of up to \$10 000 per annum for local presence activities. Applications to General Council must include a business plan and an annual report must be submitted at the end of each calendar year.

Council stated that this resolution was endorsed in principle. Branches may make application but it may not be implemented until all the budget implications are finalised.

It was also noted that the previous General Council Resolution entitling the NSW Branch to \$11 000 for local presence operations in the first year of operation of the Canberra building would be operational in the 1991 budget.

Council requested the Executive Director to investigate whether funds are available in the ALIA 1991 Budget.

Formation of new Divisions

Approval was given for the formation of a Reference and Information Services Librarians Section Northern Territory Group.

Australian Library Journal review

A review of the Australian Library Journal was completed by the ACT Working Party. The review sought to identify the real costs to produce the journal, in a situation where institutional support was decreasing. A salary of up to \$10 300 (CPI indexed) was recommended, in the context of production costs in the home city of the Editor and any support from the National Office.

It was resolved that the position of Editor of the ALJ be advertised, and that the Executive set up procedures and selection criteria for prospective candidates.

Membership fee restructure

The 1991 ALIA membership package is to be restructured to include the cost of membership of one Section added to the basic membership fee. This will be indexed according to the CPI.

Fees for members studying for a first level qualification in library and information services should be \$65 (or indexed equivalent) if the member is

in receipt of a salary; or \$35 (or indexed equivalent) if not in paid employment.

Categories of membership

A Working Party comprising the South Australian General Councillor, the ACT General Councillor and the Membership Services Manager will consider the issues outlined in the Council discussion paper on membership categories and report to the March 1991 meeting of General Council.

Awards

The revised selection criteria and conditions of entry for the award of the Metcalfe Medallion were endorsed.

An award for the best student bibliography will be established and the Board of Education will develop selection criteria for this award.

The General Council Working Party on ALIA Awards is to examine the role of the Board in awards and consider referees reports as a matter of course.

Job advertisements

Job advertisements to be placed in *inCite* should concur with ALIA Appointment Statements. The Industrial Information Officer will check all advertisements before publication.

Formation of North Queensland Branch

Ian McKinlay, Secretary of the North Queensland Regional Group in the absence of the Queensland General Councillor spoke to the paper. Issues highlighted were service to members and level of support to members in a regional group; though the North Queensland case was not unique, it was special. Council believed that the implications of this paper for the Association were numerous and that the issue required discussion and comment among all members.

An article focusing on this issue appeared in *inCite* 18.

A working party comprising Peter Cohen, the Vice-President and the Executive Director is to be established. It will investigate all aspects in relation to the Association's policies and include responses from Branches.

The North Queensland Branch proposal will lay on the table until all issues have been investigated and an informed decision can be made.

Senior library appointments

A paper on Senior Library Appointments written by the Director General of the National Library was tabled at the meeting. The proposed statement on Senior Library Appointments was endorsed in principle subject to being refined. A working party comprising

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Board of Education meets at ALIA House



The photograph on the left shows, in the group photo, from left to right, Anne Hazell, Twila Herr, Angela Bridgland, Sue Kosse, Fay Nicholson, Vicki Williamson, David Jones, Joyce Kirk and Jean Bailey.

(Below) The Chair of the Board, Fay Nicholson, shown marking the occasion by an exchange of gifts with the Executive Director of ALIA, Sue Kosse.

The Board convened at ALIA House on 25 and 26 October, the first time that a national level committee of the Association has met in the new building. ■

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members of the Board of Education is to be set up to develop a statement on library appointments in general.

1991 Strategic plan

Council decided that rather than debate each of the papers, a working party comprising the Western Australian General Councillor and the New South Wales General Councillor should crystallize into one paper the issues arising out of the twelve strategic papers. It was also agreed that the Executive Director should consider the resource implications of programs in light of the strategic issues and prepare a paper for the November meeting of Council. The President is to write a paper on the role of the president. ■

ALIA House Conference Room

ALIA House Conference Room is now open and functional. It can be hired for meetings and seminars. The following charges will apply as from 1 November 1990.

	Weekdays	Weekends (per hour)
0800-1300	\$150	\$200
1300-1800	\$150	\$200
1800-2100	\$150	\$200
2100-2400	\$150	\$200

ALIA Committee activities will be discounted by 50 per cent. However, seminars, etc will be treated as commercial activities at the full rate.

The Conference Room is also available for social activities such as birthday parties, weddings and social club activities. It is particularly suitable for these functions, with the lovely foyer and patio area.

Bookings for the Conference Room are to be made through the Conference Manager. Lunches, receptions and morning/afternoon teas can be provided. Seven days notice is requested for bookings requiring catering.

Please publicise our attractive venue among friends and acquaintances so that the best use can be made of our facility and income can be generated for ALIA. A brochure will be produced in the future to promote the venue. ■