

NATIONAL CONVENOR'S NOTES



Election of New Convenor

The current term of office for the National Convenor expires in August 1995. The advertisement calling for nominations appears in this issue of the *Australian Law Librarian*. We are also calling for nominations for a National Treasurer - another honorary position, which should not take up much time, but would be of assistance to the National Convenor.

If there are several nominations for the position of National Convenor, an election will be conducted by postal ballot. The logistics of organising this will be settled with the State Convenors.

Having a National Convenor allows our group to have a national focus and speak with one voice when needed. It provides not only a focal point, but a channel for the exchange of ideas between autonomous state groups, which, in my opinion, has been of benefit to members. One ongoing challenge for the new convenor will be revisiting the question of annual conferences, which is supported by a group within the ALLG. This group will need to be encouraged to undertake a feasibility study in the next twelve months to test the practicality of what many agree is an excellent idea.

Librarians must never underestimate the wonderful nature of their job - the variety, the people contact, and the relative autonomy enjoyed by many librarians contribute to making it one of the best occupations around. It is wonderful to be able to combine management, computer know-how, and research tasks in one job, and we must not undervalue ourselves or our profession.

ACLIS Summit

The ACLIS Interlibrary Loan Summit was held in May in Canberra, and Lorraine Weinman attended as a representative of the ALLG. She will be reporting to the group on outcomes of the Summit.

Butterworths BIALL Exchange Delegate 1995

It gives me pleasure to let you all know that BIALL are sending a representative to the Conference in August, thanks to the Butterworths Exchange Bursary. He is David Byrne, Information Manager for British Telecom, and on behalf of the ALLG I look forward to making him feel most welcome in Sydney.

I have enjoyed my term as National Convenor very much, and am proud to have been able to represent such a dedicated and enthusiastic section of the profession. Thank you to the State Convenors for their support, idea sharing and feedback. I look forward to seeing as many members as possible at our General Meeting in Sydney in August, as we "Synergise".

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