



Nominations for National President

The current term for the National President expires at the end of the Biennial General Meeting to be held in Hobart during the National Conference. A notice advertising the

position appears on page 4. Applicants should be aware that the position of National Treasurer needs to be filled by a member from within the same Division as the President to facilitate an efficient working relationship

The role of National President is as rewarding as it is demanding. It is a key position in terms of developing and maintaining a strong national focus which has been one of the main objectives of the National Executive over the past few years. The establishment of positions such as the National Publishers' Liaison Co-ordinator and the National Website Co-ordinator has contributed to raising the Group's profile with legal publishers and the wider library community as well as promoting communication between the National Executive and the Divisions.

Future Directions

All Divisions have had an opportunity to consider the draft document and provide feedback. A final document is now being prepared for circulation. Work is also proceeding on a document outlining strategic directions for the Group. These initiatives will consolidate the Group's structure and provide a platform to ensure that it achieves its objectives. The emphasis will be on simultaneously meeting the needs of members and establishing a pattern of growth and expansion.

Publishers' Liaison

1999 got off to a good start with a hectic but enjoyable visit to the major legal publishing houses. Greig

Williams, the new National Publishers' Liaison Co-ordinator, Mary Greenfield, the President of the NSW Division and I dashed from one side of Sydney to the other to meet with key representatives from Butterworths, CCH, LBC and TimeBase. Greig provides an overview of the meetings in her Publishers' Liaison Column on page 61

Conference Sponsorship Programme

The National Executive hopes to support the development of newer members of the profession by allocating two of the five \$1,000.00 provided by CCH Australia to support attendance at the 8th Asia Pacific Specials Health and Law Librarians Conference to ALLG members with up to three years' experience.

ALLG representation at important overseas conferences is worth pursuing. It supports the Group's aim to broaden its affiliations nationally and internationally. Anne Gardner will jet off to attend the 92nd Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries in Washington in July courtesy of Oceana Publications and the ALLG. The possibility of the Group funding a biennial scholarship to BIALL's Conference and Exhibition will be discussed at the General Meeting in Hobart.

8th Asia Pacific Specials Health and Law Librarians Conference

I am pleased to announce that David Byrne, Information Manager for British Telecom will be representing BIALL at the conference. David will be presenting a paper on knowledge management. He was BIALL's representative at the 1995 National Conference in Sydney.

Our Tasmanian colleagues report that plans for the conference are progressing well. The program has been moulded into shape, the social functions look great and the conference has attracted much interest from sponsors and exhibitors. There's also the ALLG's 30th birthday to celebrate. As well as all this, I keep being

told that Tasmania is a gourmet's paradise. Hope to see you all there.

ALLG Website

Our website is a credit to Anne Gardner and her team of State web wizards. It contains a wealth of information from member contacts, to conference award information and links to other sites. The URL is <http://www.allg.asn.au>.

Sydney Symposium 2000

The planning committee for the 3rd Law Librarians Symposium has started meeting. This is sure to be a memorable event especially after the success of the first two Symposiums so ably organised by members of the Victorian Division. Like its predecessors, the 2000 Symposium will be relaxed, with papers by local experts and plenty of scope for discussion and networking.

Just a final word to encourage any interested members to consider standing for National President. The ALLG is going from strength to strength. This role offers the challenge of working with a dynamic group of colleagues from across Australia to ensure the Group's continued success in a time of rapid change. It brings all the satisfaction of working with a great team.

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