

family and community to better enable individuals to learn

- Introduce more consistency, flexibility and streamline the recognition of qualifications
- Redress the balance between too much emphasis on monitoring the administration of the system and not enough on the

delivery.

Phase 2 of the review of the Library and Information services training package

If you are interested in participating in the consultation on this CREATE project please contact Marie Murphy at National Office, marie.murphy@alia.org.au. ■

Board of Directors meeting

14 March 2003

The Board undertook a futures planning session projecting to ALIA 2010 possibilities. Papers will be developed around four key themes for discussion and further development by the National Policy Congress:

1. Continuing professional development, lifelong learning, future proofing — skills for the future
2. Shared vision/drive > empowerment
3. Celebrating success, promoting innovation
4. Communication — managing expectations — what we do, we do well.

2003 and 2004 plan

ALIA — making the difference

The Board endorsed the plan, noting that many of the initiatives are underway. Five initiatives were identified as of priority:

- B — Membership growth program;
- C — A framework for career-long education for the knowledge age, encompassing formal education and continuing professional development;
- H — develop and promote lobbying and advocacy resources for members;
- K — implement new services and a marketing campaign aimed at new professional members to strengthen participation in ALIA by those early in their LIS career;
- R — review ALIA's assets.

ALIA House

An expression of interest in purchasing ALIA House was considered. As ALIA House is a major asset for the Association the Board has had a watching brief on the market and the benefits to the Association of retaining or selling ALIA House. Following investigation of all options the Board affirmed its position that it is not in the Association's best interests to sell ALIA House at this time.

Strategic partnerships

The Board resolved to finalise strategic partnerships with Aurora; a coalition of the Australian Society of Archivists, Museums Australia, the Australian Institute for Conservation of Cultural Materials; the Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL); the Records Management Association of Australia; the Regional Cultural Alliance; and to work with Public Libraries Australia on the development of a memorandum of understanding.

New generation

The Board commends the work done by the New Generation Policy and Advisory Group (NGPAG) in developing proposals for marketing new services for students/new members of the profession. A national New Graduates group was endorsed. The Board has asked NGPAG to work with it to further develop proposals for mentoring, recruitment and CPD activities.

Course recognition

The Graduate Diploma in Information Management — Information Services/Schools streams offered by RMIT; and the Master of Information Management (Librarianship), the Graduate Diploma in Information and Library Studies and the Bachelor of Arts (Librarianship and Corporate Information Management) offered by Curtin University were recognised for seven years from 1 January 2002.

Policy statements

The *Library and information services sector: core knowledge, skills and attributes* statement and the *ALIA/ASLA statement on teacher librarians in Australian schools* were endorsed. Editorial changes to the *Statement on information literacy for all Australians* and to the format for joint statements were endorsed.

Membership fees

A five per cent increase for the coming membership year was endorsed. In reaching its decision the Board took into account the fact that since 2000 the Association has not passed on to members through the membership fee the costs associated with the introduction of the GST and eliminated the fee for group membership.

Other business

Joyce Kirk was appointed as the Association's representative on the National Library of Australia Harold White Fellowship Scheme advisory committee. The Board thanked Kerry Smith for her excellent contribution as the Association's representative for the previous two terms.

An update on the LISEKA project is reported separately in this issue [see p30].

The Awards and Voucher system by-laws were amended.

The TropicALIA (Queensland) group was dissolved and will continue as an e-list. ■

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