

**AUSTRALIAN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ASSOCIATION
18th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
6.00 pm Tuesday 16 May 2006
Conference Room, ALIA House, Canberra**

MINUTES

1. Notice of Convening Meeting

The meeting opened at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 16 May 2006. The President, Gillian Hallam, in accordance with the Association's constitution gave notice of convening the meeting. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Vice-President/President-elect, Dagmar Schmidmaier AM, the Executive Director, Sue Hutley and Michael Evans who had been appointed as Parliamentarian for the Annual General Meeting. 23 members were present which constituted a quorum.

Voting rights for members voting in person were established. No proxies had been received.

Ian McCallum and Sherrey Quinn were appointed tellers.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Craig Anderson, Angela Bridgland, Bev Kirby, Joyce Kirk, Moyra McAllister and Julie Young.

Moved: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Gill Hallam
Seconded: Roxanne Missingham
Carried

3. Minutes of the General Meeting held on Friday 25 November 2005

Moved: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Friday 25 November 2005 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Rachel Browning
Seconded: Sherrey Quinn
Carried

4. Minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting

Moved: That the minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Trevor Wakely
Seconded: Carol Newton-Smith
Carried

5. Presentation of the 2004 Annual Report and Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account.

Moved: That the 2005 Annual Report and Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account as tabled be received.

Moved: Roxanne Missingham
Seconded: Carol Newton-Smith
Carried

6. Presentation of the supplementary Balance Sheet, and supplementary Income and Expenditure Account to 30 April 2006.

Moved: That the supplementary Balance Sheet, and supplementary Income and Expenditure Account to 30 April 2006 as tabled be received.

Moved: Susan Magnay
Seconded: Trevor Wakely
Carried

7. Election of Directors

The President noted the election of Roxanne Missingham as Vice-President (President-elect), the election of Michelle Brennand, Philip Keane and Helen Partridge as directors of the Association. They were declared elected on Thursday 13 April 2006 for the term commencing Wednesday 17 May 2006 and consent to act as directors of the Association until the 2008 Annual General Meeting.

It was noted from the floor that the number of votes cast in the election had not as yet been published as had been the previous practice. In response to this query the Executive Director advised that the Association would be publishing vote numbers. She also advised that material aimed at encouraging more members to vote in Association elections would be published on the website.

Moved: Carol Newton-Smith
Seconded: Margarita Moreno
Carried

8. Fixing of Auditors' fees

Moved: That the remuneration of PricewaterhouseCoopers, the Association's auditors, be fixed by the directors for the ensuing 12 months.

Moved: Sue Hutley
Seconded: Rachel Browning
Carried

9. Reports

i. President's Report

The President, Gill Hallam, reported on achievements in the Association's five key areas - members, communication, education, innovation and learning and finance and management – and encouraged members to read the 2005 Annual Report for details of these.

Highlights included membership growth and excellent member retention. The Association had recognised individual member achievement through a number of awards and had also awarded scholarships to enable members to undertake research activities. Following its application to the Australian Taxation Office, the Association had been granted Approved Research Institute/Deductible Gift Recipient status which means that donations to the ALIA Research Fund are tax deductible.

During 2005 many events had been organised including many professional development opportunities for members at both national and local levels. Other events included those organised for Library and Information Week, sponsored by NetAlert, major organising responsibilities for National Simultaneous Storytime as well as other important involvement in the National Broadband Strategy and organisation of the Digital Amnesia seminar. The Association had also been involved in lobbying and advocacy activities of major importance to the profession. An example of this is the 2005 Survey of Internet usage in public libraries which the Association had undertaken and which will inform further developments of the broadband strategy.

The year has seen the appointment of a new Executive Director and some refocusing on priorities. The President thanked the Board of Directors for their support and ALIA National Office staff, including local liaison officers for their work during her period as a director.

Moved: That the report of the President be received.

Moved: Gill Hallam
Seconded: Sherrey Quinn
Carried

ii. Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director, Sue Hutley, noted that her position was a challenging one and she looked forward to working with Board members. She noted that the Association was now focussing more on communication and developing member resources and services to a higher level. The Association is committed to the @your library campaign and is seeking to work at moving out into the community.

Moved: That the report of the Executive Director be received.

Moved: Sue Hutley
Seconded: Dagmar Schmidmaier
Carried

10. General Business

Trevor Wakely noted the passing of Craig Grimison who had served on ALIA General Council and a number of ALIA committees.

Roxanne Missingham congratulated ALIA on the launch of the Member Advantage benefits package. She thanked the Executive Director and the Manager, Membership Services and Groups Liaison, Georgina Dale, for their work on this project.

The meeting offered a vote of thanks to Gill Hallam for her work as president of the Association.

Moved: Carol Newton-Smith

Seconded: Roxanne Missingham
Carried with acclamation.

11. Conclusion of the meeting

There being no further business the President declared the 18th Annual General Meeting of ALIA closed at 6.15 pm.

President

Date