



ALIA BOARD ELECTIONS 2014

DIRECTORS

ALIA is pleased to announce that nine candidates have nominated for the four Director positions that become vacant in May 2014. The candidates have supplied the following information about themselves:



BEATRIZ AROCHE

Qualifications:

Bachelor of Arts, University of New South Wales, Graduate Diploma in Information Management- Librarianship, UNSW, Master of Information Studies (Library Leadership), Charles Sturt University, Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and Workplace Training, TAFE NSW Sydney Institute

Current position:

Library Manager, Ultimo library, TAFE NSW Sydney Institute

Previous positions:

- Library Manager, Ultimo library, TAFE NSW Sydney Institute
- Librarian in Charge, Petersham TAFE Library
- Educational Services Librarian, Ultimo TAFE
- Campus and Collection Services Librarian

Professional activities:

- TAFE NSW representative, ALIA TAFE Advisory Committee
- Presented at a number of Conferences, including ALIA, TALC, ARK and various VET conferences
- Represented Sydney Institute libraries in a number of VET forums

Statement of professional concerns:

With over 20 years library experience in the VET sector, I am concerned about the challenges faced by the library sector which has been neglected in political discourse and although sizable in terms of its workforce, is underrepresented at a professional level. My main concerns are: the survival of libraries and information professionals in a challenging budgetary environment; strategic management and business sustainability; skilling the profession; and ensuring libraries remain at the heart of our national culture through sustained lobbying. Increased collaboration between all library sectors is vital to ensure a strong professional association to give voice to these concerns.

Social media connections:

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- Linked In: [Beatriz Aroche](#)
- Blog: Sydney TAFE Library



ELKE DAWSON

Qualifications: BA (Lib Sc), Kuring-gai C.A.E (NSW), AALIA (CP)

Current position: Manager, Library Services, CQUniversity Australia, Rockhampton Qld



Previous positions:

- Several positions at CQU including Acting Director, Deputy Director (Resource and Access Services) and Technical Services Librarian
- Established the Goethe Institute Library, Sydney
- Various positions at Deakin University, Gordon Institute of TAFE and University of Melbourne

Professional activities:

- ALIA Director, 2012-2014
- Convenor, QULOC, Information, Resources and Access Working Party, 2008-2009, 2014
- Deputy Convenor, QULOC, Research Working Party, 2011
- Keynote speaker, ALIA Top End Symposium 2013
- Projects: CQUniversity's digital repository, Australian National Data Service 'Seeding the Commons' and Queensland Cyber Infrastructure Foundation, QCloud dataset storage service

Statement of professional concerns:

ALIA has been very proactive during my last term as Director in the areas of advocacy, the Future of the Profession, engagement with e-book policies and the new Professional Development (PD) scheme initiative. I am seeking re-election as a Director in order to continue work on these initiatives as well as following through on several others in the pipeline, which include defining the 'I' in ALIA, the development of ALIA's research agenda and its own digital repository to capture, preserve and promote its extensive portfolio of advocacy documents, research publications and conference papers to promote libraries, librarians and LIS research.

Social media connections:

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MICHELLE JENSEN

Qualifications: Masters of Education: Teacher Librarianship, Masters of Visual Arts: New Media, Bachelor of Education: Art and Design, Bachelor of Visual Arts with Honours: New Media

Current position: Teacher Librarian Hoxton Park High School, President SLANSW

Previous positions:

- Teacher Librarian Hunters Hill HS
- Secretary SLANSW
- Organiser for Northern Network Teacher Librarian group and TeachMeet East, hosting the first Library TM

Professional activities:

- Active member of TL Network organising professional development events for SLANSW supporting TL's transitioning to 21st century educators
- Launched the publication 'WORDS' for SLANSW and developing their website
- As a Highly Accomplished Teacher on PLANE, built a Virtual Library using Open Simulator with related Moodle

Statement of professional concerns:

The closure of libraries is my biggest concern. As a life long learner I have experienced many types of libraries. I could not imagine a world without such phenomenal supportive environments. I endeavor to support librarians during this time of change. Library services need to be relevant and provide services that support a unique cliental. In an effort to support remote areas I am working with Ozberry Pi to create a program that develops mobile information Hubs using



the Raspberry Pi to deliver the information to the client of the Hubs.

Social media connections:

- Twitter: [@Bibliothecaire3](#)
- Facebook: [missy.bibliothecaire](#)
- Linked In: [Michelle Jensen](#)
- Blog: [new teacher librarian](#)
- Other: [School Library Association of NSW](#)
- Other: [Planevrlibrary](#)
- Other: [Hunters Hill High School Library](#)



ANNE LAHEY

Qualifications: B.A. - Library and Information Science, Charles Sturt University, Master of Information Studies - Library Leadership, Charles Sturt University

Current position: Manager, Digital Scholarly Communication, Australian National University

Previous positions:

- Information Services Manager, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
- Information Librarian, James Cook University
- Library Assistant - Mossman Library
- Relief Librarian - Paroo Shire Council Library
- Library Assistant - Toowoomba City Council Library

Professional activities:

- TropicALIA member;
- Article on leadership published in inCite, 2011
- Paper presented to ALIA InfoOnline 2011 on mentoring and leadership
- Personal member, IFLA
- Aurora Leadership Program, 2014
- AALIA (CP)

Statement of professional concerns:

I am passionate about the provision of excellent library services and professional development of library and information services staff. As library budgets in all areas of library services continue to decline, and as more library services continue to close around the country, I think it is more important than ever that ALIA has a strong united voice that lobbies effectively for its members to retain a strong library presence in Australia.

Social media connections:

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ANNETTE MCGUINNESS

Qualifications: Masters of Business Administration, Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Management, Bachelor of Arts, Certificate IV in Training, Development and Assessment

Current position: Campus Librarian (Canberra): Australian Catholic University

Previous positions:

- Liaison Librarian (Information Literacy): UNSW, Canberra
- Senior Content Manager, AustLit: UNSW, Canberra
- Lecturer & Tutor: UC
- Database Administrator, AUSTLIT & MIHILIST
- Circulation Librarian: ACU

Professional activities:

- ALIA University & Research Libraries ACT Committee member 1998-2014; Convenor 2006-2010; Treasurer 2013-
- ACTive ALIA Group and ACT University Librarians' Group



- Various ACU Committees, including: Information Literacy Committee (Chair): 2010- ; Client Services Management Committee: 2010- ; Faculty of Arts & Sciences Library Standing Committee (Chair): 2010-2013; Library Research Committee: 2011, 2014-

Statement of professional concerns:

I have been involved in the library and information industry for over 20 years and still love it as it enables me to engage with my passions every day - i.e. people, information, and technology! My **core** focus is people and I have advocated particularly for: continuing staff development (para-professional and professional); facilitating information literacy and learning; and the provision of client-centred services. I have gained significant knowledge and experience over my two decades in libraries and I would value the opportunity to apply my skills to further enhancing the resources, services and support offered by ALIA to its members.

Social media connections:

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MARIAN MORGAN-BINDON

Qualifications: Graduate Certificate Public Sector Management, Graduate Diploma of Arts (Library and Information Science), Bachelor of Arts (Modern Asian Studies), Certificate 4 Project Management

Current position: Manager Library Services & Cultural Development, City of Gold Coast

Previous positions:

- Executive Coordinator, Library Customer Services, GCCC
- Over 20 years leading complex library and information services, delivering wide ranging resources and contemporary information products
- Various roles in private sector, government, special, academic, public and school libraries

Professional activities:

- 2013 Vice President, 2003-04 President, QPLA
- 2013 Chair Public Libraries Section, IFLA
- 2012-13 Member Lending Rights Expert Reference Group, BICC (Digital Lending Right)
- Associate member CILIP (UK)
- 2005-2013 Member Information Online Group

Statement of professional concerns:

Our core vision:

Australia's libraries are examples of community cohesion and well-being, economic growth and cultural identity. They present a wide range of resources and contemporary information products that must be relevant to their users.

My concerns are centred in the continued recognition of their relevance regardless of their sector and I welcome the opportunity at national level to contribute to the Association that leads sector cohesion and advocacy. I would value contributing to that strategic agenda and building on opportunities for collaboration and partnerships to ensure our spaces remain as incubators of ideas, innovation and forces for social change.



JANE SHELLING

Qualifications: Churchill Fellow 2010, Anne Harrison Award (Health Libraries Australia) 2007, ALIA Associate Fellow 2004, BAppSci (Information and Library Science) Curtin University Perth 1996, Ass Dip of Arts (Library Studies) CIT 1991, Certificate IV Assessment and Workplace Training Canberra Hospital 2001

Current position:

Manager National Drugs Sector Information Service, ADCA

Previous positions:

- Reference Librarian, Technical Services Librarian - ACT Health Library Canberra Hospital 1996-2003

Professional activities:

- ALIA CP Professional (2000-2013 ongoing)
- President Substance Abuse Librarians and Information Specialists
- Published in "Research, evaluation and audit" Grant, Sen and Spring 2013 and in AARL, ALJ, Incite

Statement of professional concerns:

The community deserves best access to the widest possible knowledge base. But the closure and downsizing of libraries is resulting in a deterioration of access and a loss of knowledge. The physical presence of the library staffed with qualified professionals is the ideal and worth fighting for. To ensure preservation and access we need to improve; networking and collaboration through our professional organisation, make best use of innovation such as digitisation and find a stronger political voice that can be heard.



CHERYL SMITH

Qualifications: Twenty years Library Management experience, Degree in Library Science, Return to Work Coordinator, Diploma of Business

Current position: Library Services Coordinator, Broken Hill NSW

Previous positions:

- Account Manager - Civica, Melbourne VIC
- Regional Library Manager - Goulburn Valley Regional Library Corporation, Shepparton VIC
- Manager Customer & Branch Services - Upper Murray Regional Library Corporation, Albury NSW
- Manager Library Resources & Community Resource Centre - Banana Shire Council, Biloela QLD
- Library Manager - Cobar Shire/Tafe Library, Cobar NSW

Professional activities:

- Currently enrolled in Project Management
- Member ALIA Children's and Youth Services Group
- Membership and attendance at ALIA, PLNSW, IFLA, LIANZA conferences
- Workplace Consultative Committee, Broken Hill Council

Statement of professional concerns:

State of public library funding. Our public library funding has failed to increase with CPI across the board, the funding is being cost shifted back to already strained Local Governments. All NSW public libraries and Councils need to start a campaign to target the State Government on our funding concerns to reach an agreeable increase across all library services. Without an increase in funding, libraries will continue to decline in services.



Social media connections:

- Twitter: [bhoblibrary](#)
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- Facebook: [Broken Hill City Library](#)
- Facebook: [ALIA's Children's and Youth Services](#)
- Linked In: Cheryl Smith



AILEEN WEIR

Qualifications: Master of Library Science, University of Toronto (Ontario, Canada), Graduate Certificate in Higher Education, Australian National University, Bachelor of Arts (Hon), Queen's University (Ontario, Canada)

Current position: Director, Reader Services, National Library of Australia 2011-

Previous positions:

- Manager, Virtual Reference Services, NLA
- Manager, Law Library, ANU
- Electronic Resources Coordinator, ANU
- Information Access Librarian (Law), ANU
- Government Publications Librarian, Ontario Legislative Library, Toronto Canada

Professional activities:

- Director, ALIA Board May 2012-present
- Convenor, ALIA Universities and Research Libraries Group 2010-2013; executive member 2006-2010
- Convenor, Australian Law Librarians Group (ACT), 2001-2003; executive member 1999-2001
- President, Canadian Library Association, Special libraries Division (Toronto Chapter) 1994-1995; executive member 1991-1994

Statement of professional concerns:

Our profession is re-defining what it means to be a librarian in a world of mobile devices; mass digitisation and complex copyright law that is shifting to ebooks. Expectations are high, yet most libraries face significant budgetary constraints. We need a strong, united and vibrant professional association to advocate for fair use of copyright material in a digital world, access to ebooks through libraries, cost-effective library course accreditation, and recognition of ongoing learning through the PD scheme. If re-elected, I will continue to promote both the 'library' and 'information' skills of members and advocate on the issues that matter.

Social media connections:

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