



# ALIA Board of Directors meeting

## Take home messages

Thursday 18 & Friday 19 October 2018

ALIA House, Canberra

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Robert Knight (Vice-President)  
Jonathon Guppy  
Helen Ebsworth  
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Anne Reddacliff  
Monika Szunejko

#### Guests

Gemma Siemensma, Ann Ritchie, ALIA  
Health Libraries Australia

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## Meeting summary

The Board met for two days in October and discussed a wide range of issues including:

### 1. Industry Partner round table

The Board met with a number of industry partners for a round table discussion, recognising that there is a symbiotic relationship between the library and information profession and industry partners. The discussion focused on enhancing the conference experience for both exhibitors and delegates and innovative ways to further connect industry partners with the LIS sector that will benefit both the industry partners and library practitioners.

### 2. ALIA Health Libraries Australia (HLA)

Gemma Siemensma and Ann Ritchie, the current and former Chair of the [HLA Advisory Committee](#) provided a presentation to the Board outlining the aims and achievements of HLA. The Board was impressed by the depth and breadth of the work undertaken by HLA.



### 3. Strategic plan

The ALIA Strategic Plan 2017-2021 was reviewed, and Board members were in agreement that the plan accurately reflects the interests and concerns of ALIA Members. Some minor amendments were made to update the values section of the plan and incorporate reference to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals into the leadership and advocacy component of the strategic priorities. The updated plan can be found [here](#).

### 4. Advisory Committee appointments

The Board was pleased to confirm appointments to several [ALIA Advisory Committees](#):

- Professor Gillian Hallam, Chair of the ALIA Education Advisory Committee;
- Jo Clark, Member of the ALIA Vocational Education and Training Libraries Advisory Committee;
- Matthew Burgess and Samantha Hay, Members of the ALIA New Generation Advisory Committee; and
- Rowena Brannigan, Member of the ALIA Interlibrary Lending Advisory Committee.

The Board noted that the advice provided by the ALIA Advisory Committees is invaluable to the work of the Board.

### 5. Policies and Guidelines

A number of ALIA policies have recently been reviewed and revised by ALIA Advisory Committees and working groups.

The Board was pleased to approve new guidelines that were developed by the ALIA Special Libraries Working Group to assist [special libraries that are experiencing service reviews](#).


The [Public library services policy statement](#) was reviewed by members of the ALIA Australian Public Library Alliance (APLA), and the Board confirmed the revised statement.

In addition, the Board considered and approved amendments to several [ALIA policies](#) that relate to values and ethics and other professional issues. These policy statements have been updated in order to create a coherent set of ALIA policies, removing duplication, and harmonising language and content.

### 6. ALIA submissions

A number of submissions that had been prepared in support of ALIA Members and the profession as a whole were considered by the Board. These include:

- Submission in response to the [New Australian Government Data Sharing and Release Legislation](#).
- Submission in response to the Australian Government [Independent Review of the Australian Public Service](#).

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- Australian Libraries Copyright Committee submission to the [Copyright Modernisation Review](#) consultation.
  - Submission to the Australia Government review of the [Enhancing Online Safety Act 2015 and Online Content Scheme](#).

## 7. Conferences, Forums and Symposiums

The Board noted the success of recent ALIA events and the progress of planning for upcoming events including the:

ALIA Top End Symposium

[Australian Libraries Design Awards and Conference](#);

[ALIA Leadership & Innovation Forums](#)

## 8. PD Specialisations

The growing participation by Members in the [ALIA Professional Development scheme](#) and the recently introduced specialisations; LIS Practitioner Research and Indigenous Engagement, were noted by the Board.

## 9. ASA RIMPA MoU

ALIA has relationships with a number of other organisations, which are formalised with a [Memorandum of Understanding](#). The Board was pleased to confirm an updated agreement between ALIA, the Australian Society of Archivists and the Records and Information Management Professionals Australasia.

## 10. Board election

The Board reviewed the timeline for the [2019 ALIA Board of Directors election](#). Nominations for the Board open on Monday 12 November.

## 11. Financial Sustainability

The Board considered the financial report for August 2018, noting that the results were positive and it is anticipated that the end of year outcome will be a deficit in the range of the budgeted amount.

## 12. ALIA House maintenance

The Board considered a report on the ongoing maintenance requirements of ALIA House, and approved additional capital expenditure to allow for essential refurbishment of the ALIA House lift and installation of a stair lift to enable access to the first floor of ALIA House during the refurbishment.