



ALIA Board of Directors meeting

Take home messages

Friday 8 March 2019

ALIA House, Canberra

Present

Lyndall Ley (President and Chair)
Robert Knight OAM (Vice-President)
Helen Ebsworth
Jonathon Guppy

Paula Kelly Paull
Anne Reddacliff
Monika Szunejko

Meeting summary

A broad range of issues was canvassed at the first meeting of the ALIA Board of Directors for 2019 including:

1. ALIA Submissions and reports

The Board noted a number of recent submissions and reports produced by ALIA, particularly three documents prepared as part of the 2018- 2019 focus on Indigenous matters:

- [Improving library services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.](#)
- [ALIA submission](#) in response to the IP Australia Inquiry into the Protection of Indigenous Knowledge in the Intellectual Property System
- [Indigenous Matters](#): A report on the ALIA Leadership & Innovation Forums.

2. ALIA Pins

The Board approved two changes to the [suite of pins](#) awarded to ALIA Members to acknowledge their contributions to the Association. The criteria for the [silver pin](#) that recognises ALIA Members who have served for five years on ALIA committees will be extended to include other instances of exceptional service. A special pin will also be introduced for Members awarded the distinction of ALIA [Fellow](#) (FALIA).

The Board was pleased to confirm a special award of silver pins to Maddy Medlycott and Michael Hawks who conducted Librarians and Dragons workshops at various locations around Australia during 2018.



3. ALIA Fellowship Award

The Board was pleased to approve the award of Fellow (FALIA) to Vicki McDonald. The distinction of Fellow and the post-nominal FALIA can be conferred on an ALIA Member who, in the opinion of the Board, has reached an exceptionally high standard of proficiency in library and information science and has made a distinguished contribution to the theory or practice of library and information science. The Board acknowledged Vicki's considerable involvement with ALIA, as immediate past-President, Vice-President and Director, and as a highly successful conference program committee Chair.

4. Advisory Committees

The Board confirmed appointments to several ALIA Advisory Committees:

- Elizabeth Roberts as the ALIA Australian Public Library Alliance representative on the Book Industry and Lending Advisory Committee.
- Samantha Hay and Claire Murphy as Co-Chairs of the New Generation Advisory Committee.
- Dr Elham Sayyad-Abdi as the Co-Chair for the ALIA Research Advisory Committee.

The Board acknowledged the significant contribution made by members of all the ALIA Advisory Committees.

5. Federal election agenda

The Board reviewed and endorsed the ALIA federal election agenda that had been prepared in consultation with ALIA Members.

6. Constitution Review

The Board considered feedback from Members about proposed amendments to the ALIA Constitution. A majority of Members who responded were in favour of the proposal to extend the term of the ALIA President from one year to two years.

The Board reviewed and agreed on the details of the changes to the Constitution. Members will be provided with the text of the amendments and an explanatory statement prior to the Annual General Meeting where the proposed changes will be voted on.

7. Information Online Review

A report summarising the successful ALIA Information Online 2019 conference was reviewed by the Board. Feedback from both delegates and exhibitors was largely positive and the excellent work of the conference program committee headed by Vicki McDonald was noted.



8. Financial sustainability

The Board considered and approved the financial report for January 2019, noting that although it is early in the financial year, the results were positive and slightly ahead of the budget expectations.

9. ALIA House update

Renovation of the bathrooms and other maintenance projects associated with ALIA House were noted by the Board. ALIA House is now fully tenanted, and it is hoped that the recent renovations will encourage ALIA House tenants to renew their leases as they expire.

Next Meeting: 21 May 2019