



# 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

**6.00 pm Wednesday 21 May 2014**

**ALIA House**

**9-11 Napier Close, Deakin ACT 2600**

## **MINUTES**

### **1. NOTICE OF CONVENING MEETING**

The meeting opened at 7.02pm on Wednesday 21 May 2014. In accordance with the Association's constitution, the President, Julie Rae, gave notice of convening the meeting. She welcomed everyone, including long standing members, past Presidents and Board members. Julie introduced the Vice-president/President-elect Damian Lodge, Executive Director, Sue McKerracher and Ian McCallum, Parliamentarian for the Annual General Meeting.

53 members were present which constituted a quorum. The President called the meeting to order.

Voting rights for members voting in person were established. Proxies were received from 17 members. The voting procedures were outlined by the Parliamentarian.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Margaret Allen, Michelle Pitman and Margy Burn.

**Motion: That the apologies be accepted.**

*Moved: Julie Rae*

*Second: Marian Morgan-Bindon*

*Motion Carried.*

### **3. MINUTES OF THE 2013 AGM**

The draft minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting were provided to members present at the meeting and had also been available on the ALIA website.

**Motion: That the minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**



*Moved: Julie Rae*  
*Second: Vanessa Little*  
*Motion Carried.*

#### **4. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT 2013 AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Annual Report and Annual Financial Statements for the year ended December 2013 were tabled.

**Motion: That the 2013 Annual Report and Annual Financial Statements as tabled be received.**

*Moved: Julie Rae*  
*Second: Roxanne Missingham*  
*Motion Carried.*

#### **5. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The meeting considered the confirmation of the election of Directors to the ALIA Board.

**Motion: The meeting notes that Damian Lodge was declared elected as President, John Shipp was declared elected as Vice-president (President-elect) ) and Beatriz Aroche, Anne Lahey, Marian Morgan-Bindon and Aileen Weir were declared elected as Directors of the Association for the term commencing from the conclusion of the 2014 Annual General meeting.**

*Moved: Julie Rae*  
*Second: Gabrielle Watt*  
*Motion Carried.*

#### **6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

The meeting considered the confirmation of the appointment of auditors.

**Motion: That Price Waterhouse Coopers be confirmed as the auditors for 2014.**

*Moved: Julie Rae*  
*Second: John Shipp*  
*Motion Carried.*

#### **7. FIXING OF AUDITORS' FEES**

The meeting considered the fixing of the auditor remuneration.

**Motion: That the remuneration of Price Waterhouse Coopers, the Association's auditors, be fixed by the directors for the ensuing 12 months.**



Moved: Julie Rae  
Second: Karna O'Dea  
Motion Carried.

## 8. REPORTS

### i. President's Report

The President presented the following report:

It is my pleasure as President to present an overview of the activities of ALIA for the past year.

I started my presidential year concerned that we were involved in a war about our future, especially in relation to ebooks. This 'war' is now no longer because our active involvement with this issue has enabled us to form stronger relationships with authors, publishers and government. There is still some way to go in relation to libraries being able to fully incorporate ebooks into their collections as they do with print books, but now we are on track to work this out with all the players involved.

Over this last year we have held numerous workshops and presentations concerning the future of our profession. Through our work on the Future of the profession project, we have identified a number of issues that ALIA must continue to explore to ensure our members and, in turn, our organisation's future is realised.

Ensuring our professional development is vital, not only for our own personal growth but also our longevity as a profession and to illustrate to the world that we are vital and relevant to our country's economic, social and environmental wellbeing and growth.

Our published annual report outlines all the work that ALIA achieved throughout 2013 some of the highlights:

- ALIA Directors and the senior team made more than 15 presentations to members and non-members at conferences, with the message 'open, inclusive, collaborative and member-focused.'
- We commissioned return on investment reports for public libraries and health libraries.
- Two additional membership categories were approved by the ALIA Board – Associate Certified Professional and Library Technician Certified
- We worked on 13 major campaigns during 2013:
  - Library Lovers' Day
  - Library and Information Week
  - National Simultaneous Storytime
  - Federal election: The Library and Information Agenda
  - Ebooks and lending
  - Project 13 for schools
  - Copyright reform
  - ALIA's Future of the Library and Information Science Profession



- o Love2Read/The Reading Hour
- o Public libraries return on investment study
- o ScrapTheCap
- o Australia's Favourite Librarian

Professional membership organisations require the cooperation and commitment of members to ensure they are relevant and viable. Some of our members simply join, pay their membership fee, and value that the Association is representing their own and their professions interests with governments, organisations and academic accreditations. Many also value the Association for these reasons but decide also to volunteer their time to participate and add value to the Association's objects.

I would like to thank both these groups of members. Without your membership ALIA would not be able to do the things it does. Over the past year I have met and seen firsthand the wonderful work that our members do. The meetings you hold to share and grow your profession. The debates you conduct to consider issues both futuristic and political. The sharing of the stories and commitment to our profession is inspiring.

Thank you to Sue McKerracher, our executive director, she has been a joy to work with, she is dynamic, energetic, optimistic and clever. Sue has been an excellent addition to ALIA and I thank her greatly for her guidance and advice. I must thank Margaret Allen for her commitment and dedication to our ebook strategy, copyright and IFLA relations she has worked tirelessly to bring Australia to the world stage. All our advisory groups that inform the Board and provide their expertise and sage advice must be thanked. We listen to what you say and value your ongoing commitment. Thank you to our countless members, who volunteer your time to ensure ALIA is alive and active.

And finally thank you to the Board, Damian Lodge, Susan Coker, Edmund Balnaves, Alyson Dalby, Elke Dawson and Aileen Weir who understand the importance of good governance and setting strategic directions. I warmly welcome Damien to his role of President and wish him great success.

**Motion: That the President's report be received.**

*Moved: Julie Rae*

*Second: Judy Hutchinson*

*Motion Carried.*

Noted: Roxanne Missingham congratulated the Board on the very important work undertaken by the Board in relation to the Future of the Profession.



## ii. Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director presented the following report:

Our keywords for 2013 were 'open, inclusive, collaborative and member-focused'. These ideas underpinned our activities throughout the 12 months, and this is reflected in the many projects and initiatives described in our Annual Report.

2013 was a busy year for ALIA and it is hard to pick out just a few highlights, as each initiative was important in its own way.

- Our Information Online conference was a terrific start to the year, with a really inspiring program of speakers and a broad range of exhibitors. NLS6 and the Library and Information Technicians Symposium committees have also set the bar high for future events.
- The advances in our ALIA PD Scheme were a standout for 2013, because these changes will help position our members as professionals on a par with their peers in health, law, business, industry and other sectors.
- We were highly active in the advocacy and lobbying arena throughout the year, especially around the topic of ebooks and eLending. And our in-depth consultation with colleagues around the Future of the Library and Information Science Profession has resulted in a series of reports in 2014, which will help guide our advocacy for the next five years.
- We were pleased to collaborate with other associations in the sector (including the National and State Libraries of Australasia and the Council of Australian University Librarians), with equivalent associations in New Zealand and internationally (LIANZA, CILIP (UK), ALA (US), IFLA and others), and with many other stakeholders from government, not-for-profit organisations and businesses.

Of course, we rely on volunteer committees to deliver our conferences and events; to produce our journals; to advise our Board; to run our Groups and to ensure that there is an active ALIA presence in every state and territory. These activities could not happen without the dedication of our volunteers. Most of all, we are grateful for the commitment of the ALIA Board, who set the strategy and direction for the Association and ensure that it has a sustainable future.

On an operational front, during 2013 we initiated a number of projects to keep pace with the rapid changes taking place around us. We launched our new website, introduced *ALIA Weekly* (in place of a monthly e-newsletter), and reviewed various aspects of our operations, including Advisory Committees and course accreditation. Our member survey, carried out in September, suggested that we were moving in the right direction, but with further room for improvement. We must certainly aim to stem the decline in membership numbers, and the ALIA House team and our State and Territory Managers are focused on this outcome.



There has been a significant amount of change in how we operate behind-the-scenes, and I would like to thank the ALIA staff who have contributed their ideas and enthusiasm and made this such a positive experience.

These changes have helped offset the lower income from membership and we ended the year with a respectable surplus of \$160,000, boosted from our original end of year profit and loss account estimate of \$60,000 by the reassignment of ALIA House depreciation. The surplus generated in the last few years goes some way to addressing the deficit in 2008 and 2010 (resulting from the Global Financial Crisis), but we are still \$330,000 shy of the total. Reinstating these funds remains an important target for the Association.

**Motion: That the Executive Director's report be received.**

*Moved: Julie Rae*

*Second: Vanessa Little*

*Motion Carried.*

## **9. NOTICES OF MOTION**

The President advised the meeting that there were no motions to put to the meeting.

## **10. SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

The meeting considered the special resolutions relating to proposed changes to the Australian Library and Information Association Limited Constitution. The proposals followed a review of the ALIA constitution carried out by the ALIA Board of Directors with the aim of ensuring simplified governance; providing greater efficiency and flexibility; and acknowledging the expanding role of technology.

The proposed amendments had been unanimously endorsed by the Board of Directors and the Board recommended that ALIA members accept the amendments. Details of the proposed amendments along with a marked up copy of the Constitution were provided to members attending the meeting and had been made available on the ALIA website.

The Chair noted that the special resolutions relating to proposed changes to the ALIA Constitution must be passed by at least 75% of the votes cast by members entitled to vote on the resolution and who voted at the meeting in person or by proxy. In order to ensure the special resolutions were passed by the required percentage, voting for the special resolutions relating to Constitutional amendments was conducted by a show of hands.

The Chair received three letters concerning the amendments, one from Dr Kerry Smith and two from Margaret Allen in her capacity as an institutional representative for the State Library of Western Australia and a second as an individual member. The relevant sections of these letters



were read out to those attending the meeting as each special resolution was considered. Copies of the letters were also made available to members attending the meeting.

### **Special Resolution 1**

**Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following change:**

#### **Clause 1.1 Definitions**

**Replace the title and definition of Secretary with:**

**“Company Secretary” means company secretary as defined under Corporations Law and appointed by the board from time to time.**

*Moved: Julie Rae*

*Second: Vanessa Little*

*Speakers for: Nil*

*Speakers against: Nil*

*Motion Carried.*

### **Special Resolution 2**

**Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following change:**

#### **Clause 3.4 Doctrine of Ultra Vires**

**Delete clause.**

*Moved: Julie Rae*

*Second: Marian Morgan-Bindon*

*Speakers for: Nil*

*Speakers against: Nil*

*Motion Carried.*

### **Special Resolution 3**

**Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following change:**

#### **Clause 4 Income and Property**

**Replace clause with:**

**The income and property of ALIA must be applied in promoting the objects of ALIA and no portion of it is to be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends or profit distribution to members. Surpluses are to remain within the organisation for the benefit of members.**



*Moved: Julie Rae  
Second: Jan Gordon*

*Speakers for: Nil  
Speakers against: Nil*

*Motion Carried.*

#### **Special Resolution 4**

***Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following change:***

***Clause 7.2(a) Founding Members***

***Delete clause.***

*Moved: Julie Rae  
Second: Marian Morgan-Bindon*

*Speakers for: Nil  
Speakers against: Nil*

*Motion Carried.*

#### **Special Resolution 5**

***Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following change:***

***Clause 7.2(b)(i) and 7.2(b)(ii) Members***

***Delete 7.2(b)(i) and***

***Remove the word "other" from the beginning of 7.2(b)(ii).***

*Moved: Julie Rae  
Second: Annette McGuinness*

*Speakers for: Nil  
Speakers against: Nil*

*Motion Carried.*





### **Special Resolution 6**

**Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following change:**

**Clause 7.3(b) Categories of Membership**

**Delete clause.**

*Moved: Julie Rae*

*Second: Vanessa Little*

*Speakers for: Nil*

*Speakers against: Nil*

*Motion Carried.*

### **Special Resolution 7**

**Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following change:**

**Clause 7.6(h) and Clause 7.7(b) Termination of Membership**

**Replace the number 6 with three in both clauses.**

*Moved: Julie Rae*

*Second: Elke Dawson*

*Speakers for: Nil*

*Speakers against: Nil*

*Motion Carried.*

### **Special Resolution 8**

**Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following change:**

**Clause 7.9 Rejection of Application**

**Replace clause with:**

**Any person who is refused membership of the Association, may by notice in writing to the Board, appeal the rejection of membership. The appeal must be made within 3 months of the notice of rejection.**

*Moved: Julie Rae*

*Second: Ailee Weir*



Speakers for: Nil

Speaker against:

- Eric Wainwright; The speaker noted that this amendment appears to give more power to the Board rather than members. There should be a requirement for the grounds on which the refusal is made to be minuted, and the applicant to be advised of the decision before it is made public.

Motion Carried.

### **Special Resolution 9**

**Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following change:**

**Clause 8.1 Appointment of Proxies**

**Add the word "general" into the clause before the word "meeting".**

Moved: Julie Rae

Second: Edmund Balnaves

Speakers for: Nil

Speakers against: Nil

Motion Carried.

### **Special Resolution 10**

**Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following change:**

**Clause 11.1 Quorum**

**Replace the number Twenty one with Eleven.**

Moved: Julie Rae

Second: Elke Dawson

Speakers for:

- Elke Dawson; The speaker noted that under the Corporations Law only one member is required to achieve a quorum and that modern company practice is for a quorum of 11.

Speakers against:

- John Brudenall; The speaker noted that the smaller quorum number would mean that the Board on its own could pass a special resolution to amend the constitution.
- Dr Kerry Smith; Now that the use of electronic link is proposed, there is no reason to reduce the quorum from "twenty one" to "eleven".



- *Margaret Allen; Whilst appreciating the difficulties of obtaining a quorum in Canberra I do not believe this change to be in the best interests of the members. A quorum of 11 means that major decisions of the Association could be made with the support of only the Directors and just 4 other members. Without wishing to suggest this is currently, potentially, or has been the case, those 4 members could in fact be ALIA staff. This is hardly in the best interest of the members at large or the Association and nor do I believe this could be considered to be reasonable governance of a national Association of some 5,500 members. I believe the Board has a responsibility to ensure the Constitution prevents this ever being a potential issue and the proposed changes do not prevent this. If obtaining a quorum is a major issue then ALIA should be endeavouring to find ways to engage members across Australia which I assume is the intent of the proposed changes under Special Resolution 11. If a commitment from the Directors to enabling electronic participation by members exists, why is there a need to reduce the quorum because of the small Canberra population? I have no doubt that members across the country would participate if they had a practical means of doing so and this could only benefit the Association.*

*Motion NOT Carried.*

### **Special Resolution 11**

***Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following change:***

***Clause 11.1 Quorum and Clause 11.13 Voting***

***Add the phrase "or by electronic link".***

*Moved: Julie Rae*

*Second: Marian Morgan-Bindon*

*Speakers for: Nil*

*Speakers against: Nil*

*Motion Carried.*

### **Special Resolution 12**

***Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following change:***

***Clause 11.16 No Vote***

***Replace clause with:***

***No unfinancial Member shall be entitled to vote or speak at any general meeting.***



Moved: Julie Rae  
Second: Aileen Weir

Speakers for: Nil  
Speakers against: Nil

Motion Carried.

### **Special Resolution 13**

**Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following change:**

**Clause 12 National Advisory Congress**

**Delete clause.**

Moved: Julie Rae  
Second: Edmund Balnaves

Speakers for:

- Alyson Dalby; The speaker noted that in coming to this recommendation the Board remained committed to holding annual meetings of members but sought the opportunity to be more flexible and do things differently.

Speakers against:

- Eric Wainwright; The speaker expressed the view that if this change was implemented there would need to be more detail about member meetings and consultation in the ALIA by-laws with a strong statement committing to member consultation.
- Dr Kerry Smith; If this deletion is accepted, then I note that some matters are already dealt with in the By Laws but they will need updating. However, the proposition is that the clause be deleted and there is no suggested replacement for it, i.e. an undertaking that the Board will, in the words of the explanatory notes "continue to hold at least one formal meeting a year for all members in every state and territory".

Motion Carried.

### **Special Resolution 14**

**Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following change:**

**Clause 13.1 Composition of Board**

**Replace clause with:**

**The Board shall consist of 7 persons or such other number as shall be determined from time to time at a general meeting.**



*Moved: Julie Rae*  
*Second: Vanessa Little*

*Speakers for: Nil*  
*Speakers against: Nil*

*Motion Carried.*

### **Special Resolution 14 AMENDMENT**

**Motion: That the word ' persons' as included in Special Resolution 14, Clause 13.1  
Composition of Board be amended to 'Directors', so that the clause reads as follows:  
The Board shall consist of 7 Directors or such other number as shall be determined from  
time to time at a general meeting.**

*Moved: Dr Kerry Smith*  
*Second: Julie Rae*

*Speakers for: Nil*  
*Speakers against:*

- *Alyson Dalby; People are not directors until elected to the Board, so the term persons is correct*

*Motion NOT Carried.*

### **Special Resolution 15**

**Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be  
amended by making the following change:  
Clause 13.2 First Directors  
Remove heading for previously repealed clause.**

*Moved: Julie Rae*  
*Second: Alyson Dalby*

*Speakers for: Nil*  
*Speakers against: Nil*

*Motion Carried.*



### **Special Resolution 16**

**Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following change:**

**Clause 13.3(a)(iv) Directors**

**Delete clause.**

Moved: Julie Rae

Second: Gabrielle Watt

Speakers for:

- *Alyson Dalby; The speaker noted that all members of the Board undertake to represent the interests of all members.*
- *Tony Ralli; The speaker noted that this clause was likely to be a hangover from when ALIA was initially formed and brought together organisations that included specific Board representation for institutional members. This was no longer necessary.*
- *Marian Morgan-Bindon; As an institutional member, this speaker indicated that she was happy to have the Board as a whole represent the interests of her institution.*

Speakers against:

- *Eric Wainwright; The speaker questioned the extent to which unintended consequences of this amendment had been considered. Institutional members comprise 15% of ALIA membership, and if the institutional member of the Board is removed, the speaker queried to what extent the institutional view would be represented in ALIA activities? The view was expressed that if it is not broken, then don't fix it.*
- *Dr Kerry Smith; Retain the director elected by institutional members. If ALIA is indeed the peak body for the profession and our industry, the differing needs and expectations of institutional members needs to be recognised and supported at the Board level. Otherwise you will lose the support of our institutions.*
- *Margaret Allen; Whilst agreeing the duty of Directors is to represent the interests of all members and that this is clearly expressed in the Constitution, I believe there are differences in emphasis and priorities for institutional members which warrant the specific representation on the Board. Institutional members provide significant financial support to ALIA each year through membership fees, conference registrations and at least the same value in staff time to support the ALIA Board and its Committees, working groups, lobbying and other ALIA initiatives. I believe there should be some formal recognition of the particular interests of institutions and the existing ability for institutional members to elect a Director each year is not an inappropriate or redundant way to do this. If ALIA is indeed the peak body for the industry, the differing needs and expectations of institutional members needs to be recognised and supported at the Board level.*



*Motion NOT Carried.*

### **Special Resolution 17**

**Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following change:**

**Clause 13.4 Executive Director**

**Delete clause.**

*Moved: Julie Rae*

*Second: Aileen Weir*

*Speakers for: Nil*

*Speaker against:*

- *Dr Kerry Smith; You have combined two actions in the one resolution: (1) changes the title from Executive Director to Chief Executive Officer; and (2) record that this person has no voting rights on the Board. While I do not support (1), I do support (2), so I shall have to vote against this resolution.*

*Motion Carried.*

### **Special Resolution 18**

**Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following changes:**

**Clause 13.6(a), 13.6(a)(ii) and 13.6(b) Rotation of Directors**

**Amend Clause 13.6(a) to insert "in each year" as follows:**

**Except for special arrangements for the initial establishment of the Board, then in each year the following positions will be filled:**

**Clause 13.6(a)(ii) Remove "two"**

**Clause 13.6(b) Delete clause.**

*The Chair advised that as Special Resolution 16 was not passed and Special Resolution 18 was tied to this, a motion for Special Resolution 18 would not be put to the meeting for consideration.*

*Motion NOT Carried.*



### **Special Resolution 19**

**Motion:** *That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following changes:*

**Miscellaneous amendments** replacing the title of Executive Director with the title of Chief Executive Officer wherever it appears in the Constitution, specifically:

- **Table of Contents, Clause 13.4 Heading**
- **Clause 7.6(b)**
- **Clause 7.7 (a) and (d)**
- **Clause 8.3(a).**

*Moved: Julie Rae*

*Second: Edmund Balnaves*

*Speakers for: Nil*

*Speakers against: Nil*

*Motion Carried.*

### **Special Resolution 20**

**Motion:** *That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following change:*

**Clause 14.1 Functions of the Board**

**Insert new Clause 14.1(a) as follows:**

**The Chief Executive Officer shall be engaged on terms and conditions agreed in writing between the Board and the Chief Executive Officer. The powers and duties of the Chief Executive Officer shall be as agreed between the Chief Executive Officer and the Board and such further or other powers, duties and discretions as determined by the Board from time to time.**

*Moved: Julie Rae*

*Second: Elke Dawson*

*Speakers for: Nil*

*Speakers against:*

- *Dr Kerry Smith; As you have tied this to Special resolution 17, I have had to vote against this one, while realising that the intent makes some sense.*

*Motion Carried.*





### **Special Resolution 21**

**Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following change:**

**Clause 15.1 Meetings of Directors**

**Replace the second sentence of the clause with:**

**The President, Vice President or three Directors may at any time call a special board meeting and the Company Secretary or Chief Executive Officer shall on the requisition of such a meeting summon a meeting of the Board.**

*Moved: Julie Rae*

*Second: Alyson Dalby*

*Speakers for: Nil*

*Speakers against: Nil*

*Motion Carried.*

### **Special Resolution 22**

**Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following change:**

**Clause 18 Minutes**

**Remove the phrase "and of all committees of the Board".**

*Moved: Julie Rae*

*Second: Aileen Weir*

*Speakers for:*

- *Aileen Weir; The speaker affirmed the Boards intention to ensure adequate record keeping. Each Advisory Committee tables reports to the Board that become Board papers and a formal record of ALIA.*

*Speakers against:*

- *Eric Wainwright; The speaker queried the intent of the amendment and whether minutes are still required to be kept. He questioned whether this is really such a difficult task and suggested that the problem that needs to be considered is how to best streamline the process.*
- *Sherrey Quinn; The speaker questioned how decisions that are made and the reasons for them will be tracked and understood in the future if minutes are not kept?*
- *Dr Kerry Smith; All Committees of the Board must keep minutes. Otherwise how can they be held accountable for their actions and decisions, and where is the history of the Association and its operations if these are not kept?*



- *Margaret Allen; Appropriate record keeping is an essential element of good governance which is critical for any Association. The rationale for this change which suggests that ALIA should not keep minutes because of the administrative burden of too many Committees is concerning. If the Committee is considered useful then appropriate minutes should be kept. A large part of our professional activity is directed to collecting and keeping records so that future generations may benefit from the information they contain. I refer to two of the values expressed in the ALIA Core Value Statement: 1. Promotion of the free flow of information and ideas through open access to recorded knowledge, information and creative works; and 5. Preservation of the human record. ALIA's statement on Freedom of Access to Information appropriately records ALIA's support of access to information whilst acknowledging regulatory frameworks for record keeping and information – both fundamentally underpinning the right of the citizen to information, ideas and knowledge. By making this change to the Constitution are we not breaching our own professional values and statement on Freedom of Access to Information? Our own credibility and record in this area is important if we are to be leaders in broader society.*

*Motion NOT Carried.*

### **Special Resolution 23**

***Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following change:***

***Miscellaneous consequential amendments replacing the title of Secretary with the title of Company Secretary wherever it appears in the Constitution, specifically:***

- **Table of Contents, Clause 20 Heading**
- **Table of Contents, Clause 20.1 Heading**
- **Clause 20, and 20.1 Secretary and Honorary Officers.**

*Moved: Julie Rae*

*Second: Gabrielle Watt*

*Speakers for: Nil*

*Speakers against: Nil*

*Motion Carried.*



#### **Special Resolution 24**

**Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following change:**

##### **Clause 25.1 Notices General**

**Replace the first sentence of the clause with:**

**A notice may be given by the Association to any Member either personally, or sent by facsimile, email to the address supplied to the Association by the member, by notification on the ALIA website and notification in ALIA newsletters or by sending it by post to the Member's registered address.**

*Moved: Julie Rae*

*Second: Helen Roberts*

*Speakers for: Nil*

*Speakers against: Nil*

*Motion Carried.*

#### **Special Resolution 25**

**Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following change:**

##### **Clause 31 Transition**

**Delete clause.**

*Moved: Julie Rae*

*Second: Edmund Balnaves*

*Speakers for: Nil*

*Speakers against: Nil*

*Motion Carried.*

#### **Special Resolution 26**

**Motion: That the Constitution of Australian Library and Information Association be amended by making the following change:**

##### **Contents Heading and Clause numbering**

**Miscellaneous consequential renumbering of clauses within the Table of contents and throughout the Constitution as necessitated by the approved Constitutional amendments.**



Moved: Julie Rae  
Second: Annette McGuinness

Speakers for: Nil  
Speakers against: Nil

Motion Carried.

## 11. GENERAL BUSINESS

### i. Presentation of 25 Year pins to ACT members

The President presented pins to the inaugural ACT members of the ALIA 25 Year Club which has been established to honour members who have been involved and supported ALIA with 25 or more years membership.

### ii. Presentation of pins to newly elected Board members

Incoming President, Damian Lodge acknowledged and congratulated the new Directors, and presented them with the ALIA gold pins.

### iii. Future of the profession report launch

Julie Rae launched the ALIA Future of the Profession reports that have been produced after a lengthy consultation process with members. A number of issues have been identified that ALIA will continue to explore. The President thanked all those who have worked to develop the reports for the various library and information sectors and the roadmap for future work in this area.


### iv. Other items


Damian Lodge thanked the retiring members of the Board, President Julie Rae and Directors, Edmund Balnaves and Elke Dawson, for their service and made a presentation on behalf of all ALIA members.

No further items were raised.

## 12. MEETING CLOSED

There being no further business, the President thanked members for their attendance and declared the 2014 Annual General Meeting of ALIA closed at 7.48pm.

  
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President

  
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Date