ALIA Board of Directors meeting

Take home messages

Monday 12 February 2016

Via Teleconference

Present
John Shipp, President (Chair)
Patricia Genat, Vice-President
Beatriz Aroche
Fiona Emberton
Marian Morgan-Bindon
Ghylene Palmer
Aileen Weir

Meeting summary

At the first meeting of the ALIA Board of Directors for 2016 many issues were canvassed including:

1. ALIA Membership
The Board was pleased to note that during 2015, 39 Members joined the ranks of the ALIA Member 25 year club taking the total to over 800.

2. Anniversary
Planning is underway for events to celebrate the 80th ALIA anniversary in 2017.

3. FAIR Great School Libraries campaign
The Great School Libraries advocacy campaign undertaken as part of the ALIA FAIR initiative received nearly 600 nominations for 226 school libraries. The final list of nominees will be announced in March.

4. Early Literacy Summit
The Board was advised that registrations for the Early Literacy Summit to be held in Canberra in March were tracking well and that it promised to be an important collaborative event that will contribute to the development of a national early literacy strategy.
5. Copyright Amendments

The Board discussed the recent Copyright Amendment Bill exposure draft and ALIA’s response to the draft as part of the Australian Libraries Copyright Committee and the GLAM peak bodies group. While the proposed legislation deals with many concerns of the library and information sector, it was noted that additional changes are required to ensure we have an efficient, effective and appropriately balanced copyright law in Australia.

6. Conferences and Symposium

The draft program for the ALIA National 2016 Conference to be held in Adelaide in August is due for release in the coming weeks and the Board was pleased to note a positive response to sponsorship opportunities for the conference.

The 8th ALIA New Librarians’ Symposium will take place in 2017, and the Board approved a proposal to coordinate this important event. Further details will be made available as the planning progresses.

7. Accreditation

The reaccreditation of 14 TAFE Library Technician Diploma courses was noted. The Board gratefully acknowledged the work of the review panels and ALIA House staff involved in this process.

8. TAFE Sector

The Board acknowledged the importance of VET libraries in the education sector. Draft Guidelines for Australian VET libraries have been developed with the assistance of the ALIA Vocational Education and Training Libraries Advisory Committee (VLAC) and feedback relating to the draft is sought until 29 April.

In addition, to strengthen the case for renewed investment in libraries, VLAC is conducting a survey to capture evidence about how changes in structure and funding have affected TAFE libraries. The survey closes on 25 February.
9. Board of Directors election

An update was provided on the progress of the ALIA Board of Directors election to fill the positions of Vice-President, Institutional Director and two general Directors.

CorpVote, an independent election company, has been appointed to manage the election process which will commence on Monday 7 March and conclude on Friday 8 April. ALIA members will receive an email outlining the online voting system. Members without a registered email address will receive a postal voting pack from CorpVote.

For personal and professional reasons, one candidate has withdrawn their nomination from the general Director category. Ten candidates remain for the two positions in this category.

Four candidates have nominated in both the Institutional Director and general Director categories, and the Board confirmed that the successful candidate in the Institutional Director category will be excluded from the general Director category vote count.

10. HIMMA MoU

The Board was pleased to confirm a Memorandum of Understanding with the Health Information Management Association of Australia Ltd. Development of the MoU has been facilitated by Ann Ritchie, Chair of the ALIA Health Libraries Australia group. The aim of the agreement is to promote collaboration between the two groups, with particular focus on strategic workforce planning and education and training opportunities.

11. ALIA Advisory Committee membership

The Board thanked a number of ALIA Members as they retire from positions on ALIA Advisory Committees: Christine Mackenzie (ALIA Book Industry and Elending Advisory Committee); Wendy Davis (New Generation Advisory Committee); and Paul Kloppenborg (VLAC).

The Board also confirmed the appointment of ALIA Members to these Advisory Committees: Vanessa Little and Marian Morgan-Bindon (ALIA Book Industry and Blending Advisory Committee); Alisa Howlett (New Generation Advisory Committee); and Brenda Burr (VLAC).

The next Board meeting will be held on Friday 18 March 2016 at ALIA House, Canberra.