



AUSTRALIAN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ASSOCIATION LTD

22nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 18 May 2010

ALIA House, Deakin ACT

1. Notice of Convening Meeting

The meeting opened at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 18 May 2010. The President, Jan Richards, in accordance with the Association's constitution, gave notice of convening the meeting. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Vice-president/President-elect, Graham Black, the Executive Director, Sue Hutley, and Averill Edwards who had been appointed as Parliamentarian for the Annual General Meeting. 27 members were present which constituted a quorum.

Voting rights for members voting in person were established. No proxies had been received. The Parliamentarian noted that tellers were available should this be required.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Sally Burford, Frieda Evans, Gaik Khong, Karna O'Dea, and Helen Roberts.

Moved: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Roxanne Missingham

Seconded: Margaret Allen

Carried

3. Minutes of the 2009 AGM, Tuesday 19 May 2009

Moved: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 19 May 2009 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Jan Richards

Seconded: Roxanne Missingham

Carried

4. Presentation of the Annual Report 2009 and financial statements

Moved: That the Annual Report 2009 and financial statements as tabled be received.

Moved: Jan Richards

Seconded: Vanessa Little

Carried

5. Election of Directors

The President noted that Margaret Allen was unopposed as of 13 January 2010 for the position of Vice-President (President-elect) and has been elected Vice-President (President-elect) with her term to start at the ALIA AGM Tuesday 18 May 2010. The President noted the election of John Bayliss, Andrew Hocken and Julie Rae as directors of the Association. The Executive Director declared the ballot on 18 January 2010 for the term commencing Wednesday 19 May 2010 and they consent to act as directors of the Association until the 2012 Annual General Meeting.

Moved: That the meeting notes that Margaret Allen was declared elected as Vice-president (President-elect) and Andrew Hocken, John Bayliss and Julie Rae were declared elected as directors of the Association for the term commencing from the 2010 Annual General meeting to the 2012 Annual General Meeting.

Moved: Jan Richards
Seconded: Roxanne Missingham
Carried

6. Appointment of Auditors

Moved: That Walter Turnbull be appointed the Association's auditors for 2010.

Moved: Jan Richards
Seconded: Vanessa Little
Carried

7. Fixing of Auditors' Fees

Moved: That the remuneration of Walter Turnbull, the Association's auditors, be fixed by the directors for the ensuing 12 months.

Moved: Jan Richards
Seconded: Margaret Allen
Carried

8. Reports

i. President's Report

The President reported that 2009 was a challenging year for ALIA – as it was for the majority of Australian corporations, small businesses, and not-for-profits. She listed the challenges as including the global financial crisis which affected ALIA's investments, the issue of declining member numbers, and the devastating tragedy of the Victorian bushfires.

The President, Jan Richards, highlighted ALIA's achievements during 2009-2010. She identified that the primary focus is, and will continue to be, targeted services

for our members. Lobbying and advocacy was the discussion topic for the 2009 National Advisory Congress; this topic was based on the results of the 2008 Member Survey which identified lobbying and advocacy as the number one priority.

The President identified other lobbying and advocacy achievements:

- ALIA's submissions which focussed on the National Broadband Network, parallel importation of books, the digital economy, freedom of information (FOI) reform, the contribution of the not for profit sector, Government 2.0, reform of Australian Government administration, and the Victorian bushfires;
- Sue Hutley's attendance at the invitation-only Broadband Future Forum in December to highlight the importance of libraries as a neutral 'third space';
- ALIA's hosting of the first ALIA Public Libraries Summit on 16 July 2009 which was opened by Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens, Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and for the Voluntary Sector. The Summit has led to the development of a National Vision and Framework for the public library sector;
- ALIA's annual campaigns – Library and Information Week, Library Lovers Day, and National Simultaneous Storytime, which are valuable advocacy tools for ALIA and which raise awareness of libraries across all sectors.

The ALIA Board endorsed a new ALIA National Partnerships Standing Committee which will focus on partnerships at a national level; the Standing Committee will advise the Board on sectoral issues and facilitate the cross fertilisation of ideas.

The Rebuilding with Books project was established in response to the February bushfires in Victoria.

ALIA enhanced the range of PD opportunities available, including access to online resources and current awareness services, an e-newsletter PD Postings, and LIS Management in Focus.

The President reported that ALIA had supported the IFLA Governing Board in their decision to relocate the IFLA 2010 Congress from Brisbane to Gothenburg.

With regard to other conferences, there was a very successful ALIA Information Online Conference in January, and RAILS5 was held in conjunction with it to highlight the importance of research in the profession; and the very successful ALIA National Library and Information Technician Conference, *Technology, Technique, Unique*, was held in Adelaide in September.

One of ALIA's biggest projects during the year, and core to ALIA's role, was the work done with TAFE educators to accredit courses. The President thanked the LIS Educators, Board Members and ALIA staff who were involved in this mammoth effort.

ALIA embraced web 2.0 technologies, setting up a fan page on FaceBook and a Twitter account.

The President commented that none of the achievements could have been accomplished, without the aid, support, and unfailing enthusiasm of her colleagues on the Board, ALIA's members and wonderful volunteers. She thanked everyone who joined a group, submitted an article to *inCite*, attended an event, volunteered their time, or showed through their membership that they support ALIA and their profession.

The President thanked the ALIA staff for their outstanding commitment and professionalism and welcomed the new President, Vice-president, and new Board members.

Moved: That the report of the President be received.

Moved: Jan Richards
Seconded: Gill Hallam
Carried

ii. Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director provided a summary report of 2009.

She commented that 2009 was a year of challenges that included the swift economic downturn, the Victorian bushfires, and the Queensland floods. ALIA, along with other membership organisations, continued to face the issue of declining membership.

The Executive Director noted ALIA's challenges and achievements in the areas of lobbying and advocacy, education, professional development, social networking, conferences, disaster recovery, and the Living Libraries Australia project.

In the area of lobbying and advocacy, she noted that this was the topic for the National Advisory Congress meetings in 2009. She highlighted the successful ALIA Public Libraries Summit held in July. She also highlighted the submissions and contributions to discussions on the National Broadband Network, parallel importation of books, and internet filtering. ALIA attended the Realising our Broadband Future Forum and advocated for libraries as a key community hub.

In 2009, ALIA conducted a 'round the TAFES in 80 days' course recognition tour that resulted in a State of the Nation report for Library Technician Educators in Australia. The Research Mentoring Program was implemented.

Professional Development continued to be an important area. The PD Postings e-newsletter moved from quarterly to monthly, and LIS Management in Focus was introduced to provide management and executive level staff with high quality resources. A deal with ProQuest gave ALIA members free access to more than 120 LIS journals. In September 2009 it was announced that CAVAL's public training program would be transitioned to ALIA from the beginning of 2010.

ALIA worked at increasing communication with members and its profile outside the organisation by using the social networking tools, Facebook and Twitter, and using the Board blog to keep members up-to-date and implementing comments to allow for interaction.

With the help of active and enthusiastic conference committees, two very successful conferences were run – ALIA Information Online, and ALIA Library and Information Technicians Conference.

In mid-2009, the IFLA Governing Board decided to relocate the IFLA World Library and Information Congress from Brisbane in 2010 to Gothenburg in Sweden. The IFLA Governing Board and the Australian National Committee both acknowledged the effect of the global financial crisis on plans to host the Congress in Australia.

After the IFLA announcement, ALIA members and the profession pulled together with creativity, fellowship, and innovation to come up with an alternate event for 2010. The ALIA Access Conference 2010, to be held in Brisbane from 1-3 September 2010, has 'Access' as its theme, and the format is inclusive of many sectors and issues.

In regard to the financial statements, the Executive Director reported that while ALIA ended 2008 with a significant deficit, in 2009, ALIA showed a profit of just over \$170,000. ALIA House was revalued on 30 November 2009 and has increased in value to \$5 450 000. This value takes into consideration that there are a number of maintenance requirements that need to be addressed in the coming years.

ALIA National Office signed a new Collective Agreement which will carry through into 2012. In late 2009, National Office underwent a review of its management structure, and now has four National Office director positions.

The Executive Director identified some of the future challenges:

- ALIA House, while a sound investment, will require more and more significant repairs in the future
- the role of membership organisations is changing, and
- the LIS workforce is ageing, moving from full-time to part-time, and then into retirement.

She thanked Helen Partridge, Philip Keane, and Michelle Brennand as outgoing Directors, for their time, their dedication, their expertise, and their commitment. She noted that the Board of Directors volunteer their time and skills to deal with wide ranging, urgent, long-term, strategic and unique issues every year.

She offered special thanks to Jan Richards, the outgoing President, for her enthusiasm, good humour, strength, and dedication. She noted that Jan will continue working with ALIA as an advocate for public libraries.

The Executive Director acknowledged with gratitude the loyalty, hard work, and enthusiasm of the National Office staff.

Finally, she acknowledged the tremendous work done by ALIA's standing committees, advisory committees, conference committees, group coordinators, and the many volunteers who donate their time, energy, and skills to the Association and the Profession.

Moved: That the report of the Executive Director be received.

Moved: Sue Hutley
Seconded: Vanessa Little
Carried

9. General business

Roxanne Missingham congratulated ALIA for its advocacy on behalf of school libraries and for its work for the Inquiry into School Libraries and Teacher Librarians.

10. Conclusion of the meeting

There being no further business the President declared the 22nd Annual General Meeting of ALIA closed at 6.45 pm.

President

Date