



ALIA Board Election 2017

Directors

ALIA is pleased to announce that four candidates have nominated for the two general Director positions that become vacant in May 2017. The candidates have supplied the following information about themselves:



Alicia Cohen

Qualifications:

- Masters of Communications (Book Publishing)
- Graduate Diploma of Editing and Publishing
- Bachelor of Social Science (Honours)
- Cert IV in Training and Assessment
- ALIA.

Current position:

Head of Content – Books, CCH Australia, Wolters Kluwer.

Previous positions:

- Regional Sales Manager, CCH Australia, Wolters Kluwer
- Head of Strategy, CCH Australia, Wolters Kluwer
- Major Account Manager, CCH Australia, Wolters Kluwer
- Account Manager, TSO, London

- Production Controller, Cambridge University Press.

Professional activities:

- Australian Law Librarians' Association (Victoria) Committee Member (2014-2015)
- Australian Law Librarians' Association (Victoria) Secretary (2015-Present).

Statement of professional concerns:

Alicia has extensive experience in the Australian and UK publishing industry. With a postgraduate degree in publishing and a passion for all things digital, Alicia is currently the Head of Content – Books at Wolters Kluwer. She has maintained a close and productive relationship with libraries throughout her career, leading to regular and innovative discussions around technologies, content and industry growth. Alicia welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the Association at a national level, advocating for the vital role of special libraries. As a new mum, Alicia is also keen to promote literacy, education and access to libraries.

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Jonathon Guppy

Qualifications:

- Currently studying Master of Information Leadership
- Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Management
- Bachelor of Science (Computer Science)
- AALIA (CP) Government.

Current position:

Digital Initiatives Librarian, Reserve Bank of Australia, Sydney.

Previous positions:

- Executive Information Officer, Office of the Parliamentary Librarian, Canberra, 2015
- Senior Collection Management Specialist, Australian Parliamentary Library, Canberra, 2014
- Manager, Digitisation, Australian Parliamentary Library, 2013
- Indexer, Australian Parliamentary Library, 2012
- Multimedia Officer, Flinders University, 2004-2011.

Professional activities:

- Aurora Institute for Emerging Leaders in the Library and Information Management Profession, 2015
- ALIA PD Scheme

- AGLIN Futures Task Force - Executive Committee
- Reserve Bank LGBTI and Allies Employee Resource Group - Executive Committee.

Statement of professional concerns:

The information environment continues to evolve and become more complex. Having accomplished huge changes in the last 10 years, I believe the profession needs to get "back to basics" with a simple message that applies to ALL Library and Information Professionals in ALL settings:

Library Professionals KNOW how to help you find what you need.

The value in libraries is becoming less about the collections and more about the expertise to listen, understand and link people to solutions. In all library settings, people should think LIBRARY automatically as the FIRST place to seek help finding ANY answer - simple or complex.

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Clare O'Dwyer

Qualifications:

- Master of Business (Arts Management)
- Graduate Diploma of Business (Organisational Change & Consulting)
- Bachelor of Business (Double major in Economics & Information Management)
- AALIA.

Current position:

Head of Library Services and Student Academic Success, RMIT University, Ho Chi Minh City & Hanoi, Vietnam.

Previous positions:

Several library and information centre management roles including:

- Fair Work Commission,
- Faculty of Business and Law Library Deakin University,
- VCAT and
- Ernst & Young.

Professional activities:

Presentations, conference papers and lectures including at:
Can Tho University and Dong A University, Vietnam,
RMIT Learning and Teaching Conference,
ALLA Biennial Conference,
LIS Kyoto, Japan Conference.

Consultancies to review:

- Dong A University Library and
- University of Samoa Library.

Statement of professional concerns:

It is time to re-imagine libraries as a destination "space" for curious and creative minds. Physical, digital and the client experience of spaces can be recreated to fire up the imagination and enhance learning.

There is an opportunity for libraries to equip clients with digital literacy skills and the confidence to access resources. The digital and physical spaces of libraries can be re cast to enrich client engagement, foster repeat visits and a sense of belonging. Our challenge is to stay in touch with client needs while being open to new opportunities to innovate and enrich our services.

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Anne Reddacliff

Qualifications:

- BA (Communication Studies)
- Grad. Dip. Applied Science (Library & Information Management)
- Completing PhD in Arts (Medical Sociology)
- AALIA (CP).

Current position:

Librarian, Indigenous Services, State Library of New South Wales.

Previous positions:

- SLNSW. Librarian, Information & Access
- SWAHS Macarthur Clinical Library. Librarian
- Camden Libraries. Library Assistant
- University of Wollongong Library. Library Assistant.

Professional activities:

- ALIA Sydney, Coordinator & Event Officer: 2014-2017
- ALIA Information Online, Tour Leader: 2017
- ALIA NLS8, Presenter: 2017
- ALIA National, Volunteer: 2016
- IFLA LGBTQ Users Special Interest Group, Convenor: 2016-2018
- IFLA WLIC Session Chair: 2017

- International Librarians Network, Mentor & Blog writer: 2016
- Publications in INCITE: 2011, 2013, 2017
- Black Dog Institute, Volunteer: 2010-2015.

Statement of professional concerns:

Libraries aspire to be places for everyone. My professional concerns are the issues facing libraries and their staff today: digital literacy and inclusion, changing library spaces, funding cuts, mentoring/professional development and the need to provide inclusive services particularly for LGBTQI+ users, Indigenous communities and people living with a disability or mental health condition. Through my involvement in ALIA Sydney and IFLA I have witnessed the power of our professional associations to effect change, advocate for diversity and promote equity of access. I seek to play a more active role in this by serving on the ALIA Board.

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