



ALIA Board of Directors meeting

Take home messages

Monday 16 May 2022

National Convention Centre, Canberra and via Zoom

Present

Vicki Edmunds (President)
Stefanie Gaspari (Vice President)
Justine Hyde
Alissa Sputore
Clare Thorpe

Emily Wilson

Observers

Hero Macdonald
Janette Wright
Kathryn Eyre

Meeting summary

The final meeting of the 2021/22 ALIA Board of Directors was held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra. A wide range of issues were considered including:

1. Board members

Recently elected Board members, Hero Macdonald, Janette Wright and Kathryn Eyre were welcomed to the meeting as observers. The Board thanked retiring Board members, Stefanie Gaspari (ALIA Vice President) Justine Hyde and Emily Wilson for their significant contribution to the work of the Board over the past two years.

2. AGM

The ALIA AGM was held on the evening of 16 May with ALIA Directors attending the meeting at the National Convention Centre, Canberra and Members attending in person and over the Zoom platform. The meeting included consideration by Members of one special resolution to amend the ALIA Constitution. The resolution was passed.

The amendment to the Constitution involved the extending of all Director terms to provide for the carry over of the corporate knowledge on the Board the terms of office shall be overlapping, for a period of three Years each. As a result of the amendments the Board will continue to be made up of seven Directors but will be restructured to include:

- President (3-year term elected by ALIA Personal and Institutional Members)
- General Directors – 5 positions (3-year term elected by ALIA Personal and Institutional Members)
- Institutional Director (3-year term elected by ALIA Institutional Members)

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- Vice-President (Annual appointment by the Board of one Director other than the President from the current Board membership).

The appointment of the incoming Directors Hero Macdonald, Janette Wright and Kathryn Eyre was also confirmed at the Annual General Meeting. The achievements of the Association over the past year were highlighted and are available for review in the [Annual report](#).

3. Professional Pathways

An update on the Professional Pathways initiative supporting a resilient diverse workforce was received. Progress on the recommendations to investigate a framework have progressed, with focus groups held in February/March. From these, the initial draft framework has been developed and will be launched for consultation and development in June-September.

4. Advisory Committee appointments

Board members were pleased to confirm several [ALIA Advisory Committee](#) appointments:

- Kiah Rogers, Jane Bollard and Margherita Meering to the ALIA VET Library Advisory Committee (VLAC)

The Board thanked these Members for their willingness to participate in the work of ALIA, providing input into the strategic decisions made by the Board.

5. NSS 2022

We have 1.6 million registrants across Australia and New Zealand to participate in this year's National Simultaneous Storytime. VIP events will include a reading by the Australian Children's Laureate, Gabrielle Wong, the Governor-General, and Mrs. Hurley reading from Government House and the author reading at a live event at the National Library.

6. Rebecca Giblin presentation

Professor Rebecca Giblin gave an informative presentation to the Board on current trends and issues in the lending environment drawn from two Australian Research Council funded projects, including the ALIA supported Untapped project.

7. Financial sustainability

The financial report for March 2022 was considered and approved by the Board. A year-to-date surplus was reported.

Investment partner Playfair Tan provided an update on ALIA's investment portfolio to the end of March 2022.

The 2021 financial statements were also noted. A small end of year profit was recorded.

8. Vice-President appointment

[Members of the 2022/23 Board](#) were consulted and determined that Clare Thorpe was appointed as the ALIA Vice-President for the 2022/23 ALIA Board of Directors.



9. Board sub-committee and advisory committee liaison appointments

Board members agreed on their appointments to the following Sub-Committees and to liaison roles with ALIA Board Advisory Committees commencing 16 May 2022:

ALIA Board Sub-Committees	Board members 2022-2023
Finance	Clare Thorpe (Chair) Hero Macdonald Alissa Sputore Kathryn Eyre
Risk & Governance	Janette Wright(Chair) Clare Thorpe Mary Carroll
Accreditation and Standards	Alissa Sputore(Chair) Janette Wright Hero Macdonald