



ALIA Board of Directors meeting

Take home messages

Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 September 2019

ALIA House, Canberra

Present

Robert Knight OAM (President and Chair)
Viv Barton (Vice-President)
Helen Ebsworth
Vicki Edmunds

Paula Kelly Paull
Kim Sherwin
Monika Szunejko

Meeting summary

The Board met for two days in September and discussed a wide range of issues including:

1. Advisory Committee appointments

The Board was pleased to confirm the following appointments:


- ALIA New Generation Advisory Committee; Linden Carroll, Jade Koekoe, and Carl Smith.
- ALIA Research Advisory Committee; Deidre Bryson, Mozhdeh Dehghani and Kirsten Thorpe.

The Board acknowledged the significant contribution made by ALIA Members to the Advisory Committees.

2. ALIA policies & guidelines review

As part of an ongoing review the following ALIA policies and guidelines were approved by the Board:

- Guidelines for undertaking a library review; These ALIA guidelines have been developed in conjunction with the Special Libraries Working Group to provide a good practice model for undertaking a library service review.
- Principles of access to public sector information; The policy was reviewed and updated in consultation with the ALIA Australian Government Library and Information Network (AGLIN) elist.
- VET Library Guidelines; The ALIA Vocational Education and Training (VET) Libraries Advisory Committee undertook a significant revision of the 2016 guidelines. The guidelines have been updated to reflect current VET library practices with the intention that they be used to assist VET library managers to advocate for best practice and improvements to library services.

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- *ALIA Disaster Management for Libraries*; The disaster management guidelines have been reviewed and revised as part of a Blue Shield Australia special project supported by ALIA members Heather Brown and Christine Ianna. The [guide](#), [template](#) and [scenarios](#) for staff training will assist anyone in the library and wider GLAM sector when planning for natural disasters. The work of Sue Hutley as the current chair of Blue Shield Australia was acknowledged.
 - It was also noted that the ALIA Interlibrary Lending Advisory Committee is reviewing the Interlibrary Resource Sharing (ILRS) Code and the Board will consider the report recommendations once this is finalised.

The Board thanked all those who contributed to the development and review of these important guidelines and policies.

3. By-Laws review

The Board approved changes to the [ALIA By-Laws](#) to bring them into line with amendments to the [ALIA Constitution](#) that were approved at the [2019 ALIA Annual General Meeting](#).

The changes include:

- Amendments to the definitions section to mirror amendments made to the definitions in the Constitution.
- Amendments to *By-Law 3: Elections* and *By-Law 4: Board of Directors* to bring the By-Laws into line with the changes to the structure of the ALIA Board.
- A few other minor amendments that are stylistic in nature, add clarity to the By-Laws or ensure consistency with the requirements of the Constitution.

4. Board election

Board members were advised that nominations for the 2020 [Board election](#) will open on Monday 7 October 2019 and close on Friday 6 December. This is slightly earlier than usual to accommodate the [Annual General Meeting](#) that in 2020 will be held on Monday 4 May at the ALIA National Conference in Sydney.

5. Professional development

The Board was pleased to note the introduction of a Heritage collection stream to the ALIA [Professional Development Scheme](#).

6. Memorandum of collaboration

A [memorandum of collaboration](#) with the National Early Language and Literacy Coalition (NELLC) was endorsed by the Board. The memorandum provides a framework for collaboration amongst 9 organisations to advocate for early language and literacy. An important aspect of this work is the development of an Australian National Early Language and Literacy strategy.



7. Advocacy

The Board considered the following ALIA reports and thanked all those involved in their preparation:

- [Workforce diversity trend report.](#)
- [Improving library services for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples report.](#)
- [Services for Migrants and Refugees report.](#)
- [Linh Nguyen, Research Grant Award report, Humanoid robots and public libraries .](#)

8. Conferences

A thorough feedback report was received from the organising Committee of the [ALIA New Librarians' Summit \(NLS9\)](#), and the Board thanked the organising Committee for their efforts in organising a successful event.

9. Financial sustainability

The Board considered and approved the financial report for July 2019, noting that the results continue to be positive and ahead of the budget expectations.

10. ALIA strategic plan

The Board reviewed the [ALIA strategic plan](#) with discussions focusing on:

- Where the LIS industry is headed and how this may affect the Association.
- Long term opportunities for the Association.
- Areas of the business of our Association that will continue and evolve, areas that will end and new opportunities that will emerge.

The revised strategic plan will be confirmed by the Board at the December Board meeting.

11. IFLA WLIC reception

The ALIA President was pleased to report on a successful reception to welcome Christine Mackenzie as the IFLA President. The reception was held at the Australian Ambassador's Residence in Athens as part of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) World Library and Information Congress. The generous sponsorship of the event by Taylor and Francis was noted.

Next Meeting: 9 December 2019