



ALIA Board of Directors meeting

Take home messages

Monday 24 May 2021

ALIA House and via Zoom

Present

Viv Barton (President)
Stefanie Gaspari
Justine Hyde
Kim Sherwin
Clare Thorpe

Emily Wilson

Observers

Mary Carroll
Alissa Sputore

Meeting summary

The final meeting of the 2020/21 ALIA Board of Directors was held at ALIA House in Canberra. A wide range of issues were considered including:

1. Board members

Recently elected Board members, Mary Carroll and Alissa Sputore were welcomed to the meeting as observers. The Board thanked retiring Board members, Viv Barton (ALIA President) and Kim Sherwin for their significant contribution to the work of the Board over the past two years.

2. AGM


The appointment of the incoming Directors was confirmed at the ALIA Annual General Meeting held on the evening of 24 May 2021 with ALIA Directors attending the meeting at ALIA House and Members attending over the Zoom platform. 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 to strengthen the library and information science profession and help create a future-ready workforce was received, including the Professional pathways consultation report that sums up the key themes that emerged during the initial consultation process. Members of the Professional Pathways Board established to oversee the initiative have been announced.

4. Professional Development

The Board was encouraged by the increase to 60% in Member participation in the ALIA Professional Development scheme. The scheme supports ALIA Members to undertake ongoing



learning and professional development and provides a framework that assists Members to demonstrate their value to employers and the broader community.

5. Advisory Committee appointments

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

- Sandra Wretham and Hollie White as members of the ALIA Community On Resource Description.
- Anne Laidlaw and Linda Marchesani as members of the Interlibrary Lending Advisory Committee.
- Lisa Lynch, Sarah Doecke and Olivia Larobina as members of the New Generation Advisory Committee.

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.

6. ILRS Code Fees

The Board noted the change to interlibrary lending fees as outlined in the [Australian Interlibrary Lending Resource Code](#) from 1 July 2021.

7. NSS and LIW

The success of the [National Simultaneous Storytime](#) from space as part of Library and Information Week was celebrated by Board members. Some 1,980,280 readers participated from 33,418 locations in 27 countries.

8. Educators' Forum

The Board received a report on the successful Educators' Forum with participants from VET and higher education accredited course providers. A panel provided useful insights into the employer perspective of LIS education and qualifications.

9. Kirsten Thorpe presentation

Kirsten Thorpe, the recipient of the 2019 ALIA Research Grant Award provided the Board with an informative snapshot of her preliminary findings from a National Survey of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment in Australian libraries. The research findings will be published in the *Journal of the Australian Library and Information Association (JALIA)* and presented at a future ALIA conference.

10. Financial sustainability

The financial report for March 2021 was considered and approved by the Board. A year-to-date surplus was reported largely due to income from the Information Online and Library Design conferences.

The 2020 financial statements were also noted. An end of year profit was recorded, primarily due to the sale of ALIA House and refunds received for deposits that had been paid for the cancelled ALIA National conference.

11. Vice-President appointment

Members of the 2021/22 Board were consulted and determined that Stefanie Gaspari was appointed as the ALIA Vice-President for the 2021/22 ALIA Board of Directors.

12. 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 24 May 2021:

ALIA Board Sub-Committees	Board members 2021-2022
Finance	Stefanie Gaspari (Chair) Alissa Sputore Justine Hyde Clare Thorpe
Risk & Governance	Vicki Edmunds (Chair) Mary Carroll Clare Thorpe
Accreditation and Standards	Emily Wilson (Chair) Stefanie Gaspari Justine Hyde
Advisory Committees	Board liaison 2021-2022
<i>ALIA Australian Public Library Alliance</i>	<i>Vicki Edmunds</i>
<i>ALIA Book Industry and eLending Advisory Committee</i>	<i>Emily Wilson</i>
<i>ALIA Community on Resource Description</i>	<i>Clare Thorpe</i>
<i>ALIA Health Libraries Advisory Committee</i>	<i>Alissa Sputore</i>
<i>ALIA Interlibrary Lending Advisory Committee</i>	<i>Alissa Sputore</i>
<i>ALIA International Relations Advisory Committee</i>	<i>Stefanie Gaspari</i>
<i>ALIA New Generation Advisory Committee</i>	<i>Emily Wilson</i>
<i>ALIA Research Advisory Committee</i>	<i>Clare Thorpe</i>
<i>ALIA School Libraries Advisory Committee</i>	<i>Mary Carroll</i>
<i>ALIA Special Libraries Working Group</i>	<i>Justine Hyde</i>
<i>ALIA VET Libraries Advisory Committee</i>	<i>Mary Carroll</i>