



ALIA Board of Directors meeting

Take home messages

Monday 18 March 2022

Via Zoom

Present

Vicki Edmunds (President)
Mary Carroll
Alissa Sputore
Clare Thorpe

Emily Wilson

Guests

Playfair Tan

Meeting summary

A wide range of issues were discussed at the first ALIA Board meeting for 2022 including:

1. Presidential theme update

An update on activities associated with the 2021-2023 Presidential theme of diversity for our workforce and library services was provided to the Board.

For the very first time ALIA featured in the Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras on Saturday 5 March.

TWEET HIGHLIGHTS

Top Tweet earned 5,060 impressions

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Other highlights of activities included:

- 8 February – introduced the ALIA Creating Auslan Online Storytime seminar
- 16 February – introduced the ALIA Disability - Programs and services webinar
- 10 March – hosted ALIA Prison Libraries Seminar

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- 8 December – introduced the Research Review Seminar Series – Launch of the National Survey of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment in Australian libraries with Dr Kirsten Thorpe and First Nations panel.

2. Professional Pathways

An update on the Professional Pathways initiative to ensure a diverse, skilled, knowledgeable, supported and valued library and information services workforce was received. This four-year project has now concluded year one. Despite some delays to the publication of the Technical Report due to an extended feedback period to accommodate people impacted by the Omicron COVID-19 wave, the overall project remains on schedule to deliver a draft whole-of-career framework for consultation in May 2022.

3. Fellowship Awards

The Board was pleased to confer the award of an ALIA Fellowship recognising the attainment of an exceptionally high standard of proficiency in library and information science and a distinguished contribution to the theory or practice of library and information science to:

- Patricia Genat for her contribution to the Australian and New Zealand book industry including bookselling, publishing, distribution, and on-line services.
- Sue Hutley who has played a vital role in mentoring new generation LIS professionals and the Library and Information Sector.

and

- Pru Mitchell for her outstanding contribution to the Library and Information profession and sector.

Congratulations to these worthy recipients.

4. Excellence Award


Each year the ALIA community recognises excellence in professional practice and research within the field of library and information management.

The HCL Anderson award is the Association's highest honour that can be bestowed on an Associate Member of ALIA. The Board was especially pleased to confer this award on Margaret Allen FALIA (CP). As an industry leader, a champion for libraries and an ambassador for ALIA and Australia, Margaret is a worthy and distinguished recipient of the HCL Anderson Award.

5. Advisory Committee appointments

Board members were pleased to confirm several ALIA Advisory Committee appointments:

- Rochelle Nicholls as a member of the ALIA New Generation Advisory Committee
- Penelope Sherrell as a member of the ALIA Interlibrary Lending Advisory Committee
- Debra Gilmore as a member of the ALIA Interlibrary Lending Advisory Committee
- Jo Clein-McAlister as a member of the ALIA Interlibrary Lending Advisory Committee
- Megan O'Connor as a member of the ALIA Interlibrary Lending 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. The Board also thanked the outgoing members for their contributions.

6. Conference update

An update was received on the progress of planning for several future conferences, with particular focus on the 2022 ALIA National Conference that is scheduled as an in-person event at the National Convention Centre in Canberra from 16-19 May. 'Diversity' is the conference theme and [registrations](#) are now open.

7. Board Election

The Board received an update on the [2022 ALIA Board election](#) process with nominations welcomed from six ALIA personal Members for the positions of Institutional Director and three general Directors. The voting period will conclude at 5pm on Friday 8 April. The successful candidates will join the Board following the [Annual General Meeting](#) on 16 May 2022.

8. Constitutional amendment

The Board reviewed the proposal for an amendment to the ALIA Constitution that will be presented as a special motion at the [ALIA Annual General Meeting](#) to be held on Monday 16 May 2022 in conjunction with the ALIA National Conference. Members have been provided with details of the proposed change and will have an opportunity to provide feedback until March 31st before it goes to the vote.

9. Financial sustainability

The financial report for January 2022 was considered and approved by the Board. A small year-to-date surplus was reported at the end of January largely due to savings in salary expenses due to a changeover in staff.

The Board reviewed the December quarter report outlining the progress of the investment portfolio and were pleased with the results to date.

Next meeting: Monday 16 May 2022