

Australian Law Librarians' Group (WA Division)

Report to the National Executive Committee, September 2006

Membership of the WA division continues to sit around the 80 mark. Committee members for 2006 were:

Lisa Scott – President

Cassie Jones – Vice President, President elect, Union list editor & Assistant newsletter editor

Natalie McDonald- Secretary and Publishers Liaison (June -)

Clare Steele – Treasurer

Ann Tolson – Events and Website coordinator

Luise Crisafulli – Newsletter editor

Anne Greenshields – CPD Coordinator

Niamh Corbett – Publishers Liaison (Jan – June)

Alissa Sputore – Policies and Procedures, Job register

Committee activities

The Committee awarded life membership to Helen Wallace and Marie Luffman upon their retirement, for their service to the profession in Western Australia.

The Committee wrote to the Attorney General regarding the electronic availability of the WAR's. It is our understanding that the contract is waiting for signing within the AG's department. We received acknowledgement of our letter but no indication as to when the contract negotiations are likely to be finalised.

The Office of Parliamentary Counsel is undertaking a review of the State Law Publisher website and have contacted the Committee with a view to us providing feedback on an early prototype of the new site. We are delighted to have the opportunity and will advise of the progress in the coming months.

Motions to be put before the membership at the December AGM are: a motion to put our AGM in line with other States so that Committee's are all changing members at the same time; and, a motion to have the President elected to the position for a 2 year term instead of one.

The Committee met with Richard Sayers from CAVAL to discuss the possibility of having a consortia model for the delivery of training, as is currently being done in Queensland. Richard was meeting with other stakeholders whilst in Perth for CLICK06 and this idea will no doubt be progressed in the coming months.

The Committee invited interested members to attend an initial planning meeting for the 2008 ALLG conference in Perth. We brainstormed our ideas for themes and established a timeline to follow. We also established some committees to deal with various aspects of the conference. We are keen to debrief with Melbourne post Southern Currents so we can find out about lessons learned and what works, etc. We are also using the document kindly provided by Dorothy Shea that contains lessons learned and information from previous conferences.

Events

Icebreaker – February
Collection development: digital discussions – March
Easter breakfast – April
WorkChoices seminar – July
International law seminar – August
CLICK06 drinks evening – September
Southern Currents brown bag discussion – October
News services brown bag discussion – November
AGM and Christmas function – December

Bursary

The CCH/ALLG(WA) bursary to attend Southern Currents was awarded to Alissa Sputore from Blake Dawson Waldron. Alissa will present a report on her experience at the AGM in December.

Salary Survey

We undertook the salary survey in electronic form this time. I am very happy to report that we had a 150% increase in responses compared to the last salary survey, so the online format looks like a winner. We are in the process of collating the results and these will be sent out to members in the coming weeks.

Lisa Scott
President