

**Summary: Australian School Library
Association Board meeting held 16-18 May 2012**

Outcomes of the Board meeting are reported against the three key areas of the ASLA Strategic Plan



A. Leadership

i. Review, update and develop policy statements and standards to provide leadership in current professional practice

- Working draft of *highly accomplished teacher* in a school library context standard was presented – the Policy Advisory Project Team is writing a school library context and evidence examples for each focus area in the AITSL *National Professional Standards for Teachers* document. Three standards (Proficient, Highly Accomplished and Lead) are to be published by the end of 2012.
- Draft statement on school libraries and teacher librarians from AEU considered at the meeting.

ii. Identify and develop publications of national significance to promote school libraries.

- Publications Project Team is planning the publication of an e-book to support the National Curriculum.
- Funds allocated for web site redesign.

iii. Develop and deliver continuing professional learning that advances the objects of the association.

- The Professional Learning Project Team is investigating the delivery of online professional learning events to be available to all members.
- ASLA 2013 conference planning is underway for Hobart Tasmania.

iv. Implement the recommendations and outcomes from the Inquiry into School Libraries and Teacher Librarians in Australian schools.

- The Board identified the provision of a core set of online databases to be made available to all schools as a high priority to continue to pursue with the governments.
- The project team allocated to this deliverable was disbanded and ongoing work devolved to other project teams.

B. Management

i. Develop and implement a Director Induction Program for Board members to develop skills and knowledge for effective participation and decision making.

- A Director Induction program has been trialled and is now being finalised.

ii. Develop and implement internal guidelines and procedures to guide the business operations of the Association to attain principles of good governance.

- The Board accepted the guidelines for the awards ceremony for ASLA/LinksPlus Teacher Librarian of the Year Award.

C. Relationships

i. Identify and celebrate the achievement of highly accomplished teacher librarians.

- ASLA/LinksPlus Teacher Librarian of the Year Award 2012 nominations due and judging panel established. Winner to be announced International School Library Day October 2012.

ii. Effectively contribute to and promote the National Year of Reading 2012

- The Project Team has accomplished its promotion work for National Year of Reading 2012.
- Members are encouraged to contribute NYR 2012 achievements to the ACCESS journal and to participate in the ASLA 'Get Caught Reading' campaign.
<http://www.asla.org.au/pubs/nyr2012/index.htm>

iii. Identify and progress opportunities to build long-term relationships with external partners to ultimately benefit members of the Association.

- Sourcing sponsorship is on the ASLA agenda and opportunities are being investigated.
- Establish initial contact with the Australian Children's Literature Alliance.

iv. Provide an open forum for collaboration, contribution and communication through the national journal, Access.

- ACCESS issue 1 2012 well received by readers with new cover and content areas.
- ACCESS issue 2 2012 available soon.
- Online edition of ACCESS is being considered by the ACCESS Editorial Project Team.
- Advertising rates will apply to all advertisers under the agreement with the new publisher for ACCESS.
- Professional learning for library assistants and library technicians to be a permanent feature of ACCESS.

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