

## Summary: Australian School Library Association Board Meeting 4-6 November 2011

### 1. Presentation by Julian Moore, SMS, regarding sponsorship:

- Sponsorship is not fundraising, grants or seeking donors – it is a commercial agreement with a corporate body.
- Seeking sponsorship for major projects on behalf of members.
- SMS provides a workshop and process to support not for profit associations with a guarantee to support the association until the income target has been achieved.
- Important to consider companies “outside the box”.

The Board decided to pursue two more sponsorship proposals to enable the Board to make an informed decision about whether or not to pursue sponsorship for ASLA.

### 2. Reports from Office Bearers and paid staff were presented. These led to the following outcomes:

- **Access Creative Brief** for the change to layout of the journal was presented and accepted by the Board.
- **Review of Executive Officer** – review report was accepted by the Board. Karen Bonanno was confirmed and endorsed to continue in the position in 2012. Key deliverables for 2012 were outlined and accepted. The Board congratulated Karen on her work and level of professionalism.
- **Review of Access Editor** – review report was accepted by the Board. Rachel Hoare was confirmed and endorsed to continue in the position in 2012. The Board acknowledged the excellent job that Rachel is doing in actively networking with people to provide content and her role in helping *Access* transition to a new layout.

### 3. Reports from Project Teams were presented. Updates will also be included in future issues of *Access*.

- **Policy Advisory Team** – currently working on mapping the lead strand of the AITSL standards, adding indicators and evidence. Will also be updating ASLA’s e-Policy and further developing a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning policy.
- **School Library Inquiry Implementation Team** – Advocacy wiki, Facebook and ASLA website continue to inform the broader community about school library issues. Presented two ideas to the Board which were approved for further development – stickers/bookmarks and videostories. AEU have indicated an interest in working with ASLA and ALIA to produce a statement on the importance of teacher librarians as part of the learning and teaching team in schools.
- **ASLA XXII Conference** – some initial analysis of conference evaluation forms was presented and discussed. Local speakers scored highly with attendees. Attendees enjoyed the “speed trading” concept and opportunities for networking. Accounts are due to be finalised at the end of November.

- **NYR 2012** – Active promotion of NYR through the ASLA XXII Conference. Are seeking several more quality projects to contribute to the NYR 2012 website and are particularly seeking units of work for secondary students. Directors and Member Associations are asked to please publicise the NYR via weblinks, email signatures etc.
  - **Awards** – Judging process for 2012 completed. Recipients for 2012 Citation Award and Australian Teacher Librarian of the Year 2012 have received their awards. The team is currently working on developing a set of protocols for the award ceremony for TL of the Year.
4. Vera Visevic from *Mills Oakley Lawyers* presented **two workshops related to governance of the Board**. These covered: 1) Directors' Duties (Fiduciary duties; Duty of care, skill & diligence; Improper use of position of information; Insolvent trading; OH&S; National vs. state interests; Board meetings), 2) The Management Team (Board vs. management; Duties of office bearer positions), 3) Electronic/Digital Environment (Circular resolutions; Recordings).
  5. The **by-laws** were reviewed and several alterations made based on recommendations of the By-Laws Project Team and Board discussions. Charters will be developed for each Project Team to be included in the by-laws.
  6. **Issues from states/territories** were shared and discussed. Common issues were identified and actions put in place to be pursued by Project Teams. Directors were redistributed across Project Teams to ensure that the Publications and Professional Learning project team priorities will be addressed. The Publications team will explore a possible publication around e-readers and e-books and the Professional Learning team will be addressing the PL needs of members in states/territories without member associations as a first priority, with member associations being invited to access professional learning activities should they wish to.
  7. The **2012 calendar** was discussed. **Meeting structures** were reviewed. The Board decided to trial use of the GoToMeeting online facility for Board meetings in 2012 as it is more cost-effective than current arrangements and 2011 trials have proved very positive.