



**Board Meeting Summary**  
Friday 17 May to Sunday 19 May 2013

**A. Leadership**

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

- The *Policy Advisory Project Team* will be overseen by Anne Girolami and Marie Clarke, Directors, in 2013.
- The *Policy Advisory Project Team* continues to work on matching the AITSL standards with best professional practice for teacher librarians. The Highly Accomplished career stage is nearing completion and will be available in the members' section of the web portal. The Proficient and Lead career stages will be worked on during 2013. A workshop will be held during the ASLA XXIII Biennial Conference in Hobart.
- Joint policies with ALIA will be reviewed during 2013.
- A statement on 21st century learning is being developed.

**ii. Identify and develop publications of national significance for school libraries and the profession.**

- The *Publications Project Team* will be overseen by Dr Jill Abell, Director, in 2013.
- The *Publications Project Team* is working on the development of an e-book: e-books in education.

**iii. Develop and deliver professional learning.**

- The *Professional Learning Project Team* will be overseen by Sue Johnston, Director, in 2013.
- The *Professional Learning Project Team* has developed a calendar of professional learning opportunities in both virtual and face-to-face format for 2013. <http://www.asla.org.au/Professional-learning.aspx> Upcoming events include:
  - *Learning paradigms: integrating web tools and digital literacy in your school* (Mackay, QLD 15 June, Hobart, TAS 29 June and Melbourne, VIC 10 August)
  - Leading through the school library webinar, 31 July
- The highlight from the *Conference Project Team* will be the ASLA XXIII conference in Hobart at the Hotel Grand Chancellor 28th September, 2013 to 1st October, 2013. Theme: The Curriculum Experience: Connect, Integrate, Lead. Early bird bookings close 30 June 2013.
- The 2015 ASLA XXIV conference location is being finalised.
- A professional learning survey for members is being developed to assist the planning of future professional learning offered by ASLA.

**iv. Develop and lead a futures focus for school libraries and teacher librarians.**

- The ASLA white paper on *Future learning and school libraries* can be downloaded from <http://www.asla.org.au/advocacy.aspx>
- A webinar on this futures paper is scheduled for 31 July 2013.

**v. Develop and deliver an advocacy campaign leading up to the 2013 Federal election.**

- The *Advocacy Project Team* will be overseen by Isobel Williams, Director, in 2013.
- ASLA is producing a pro forma letter and a handy question paper that can be used by members when approaching the candidates in the upcoming Federal election building on the findings of the School Library Inquiry.

**B. Management**

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

- The *Director Induction Project Team* will be overseen by Sue Johnston, Director, in 2013.
- The *Director Induction Project Team* has implemented the program and supporting materials are now being developed with feedback from new Directors.

**ii. Review, develop and implement internal guidelines and procedures to guide the business operations of the Association to attain principles of good governance.**

- The Strategic Plan for 2013-2014 has been revisited and the updated version is available at <http://www.asla.org.au/about-us/strategic-plan.aspx>
- The *Director Induction Project Team* is commencing work on a Code of Ethics for ASLA Directors.
- The Constitution is undergoing a review to better align it with the required legislation.

**C. Relationships**

**i. Identify and celebrate the achievement of highly accomplished professionals.**

- The *Awards Project Team* will be overseen by Jan Barnett and Cathy Shaw, Directors, in 2013.
- The *Awards Project Team* has appointed judging panels for the two awards to be made in 2013: the ASLA Citation and ASLA/Pledgers Australian Teacher Librarian of the Year Award.
- A review is being conducted of the ASLA awards.

**ii. Develop partnerships to support a national focus on literacy development.**

- Following on the success of the *National Year of Reading Project Team's* contribution around Australia, ASLA has begun preparations for its involvement in the *Love to read* campaign in 2013. The next major event is The Reading Hour, 24 August 2013 - <http://www.thereadinghour.org.au/>

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

- External relations are being reviewed, and professional associations and potential partners are being identified.

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

- The *ACCESS Editorial Project* will be overseen by Sandy Amooore, Director, in 2013.
- The *ACCESS Editorial Project Team* has continued to develop the journal to a full colour publication and to investigate digital options in 2014.
- The journal is available in PDF format in the members' section on the web site.