



Public Libraries Australia

Minutes of the BOARD MEETING held at 2.30pm on Friday 11th February 2005

Telephone Meeting

Meeting opened 2.35pm

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. Attendance and Apologies

Directors Present

Robert Knight	NSW
Lynne Makin	VIC
Lea Giles-Peters	CASL
Siobhan Gaskell	TAS
David Cornwell	QLD
Susan Feeney	WA
Glenys Aird	NT

Alternate Directors

Ros Dorsman	ALIA
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Apologies

Ian Chalmers	ALGA
Merrilee Pigram	ACT
Jan Richards	ALIA
Geoff Srempel	SA

B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

1. Motion for resignation of Tom Elliott
Moved David Cornwell and Seconded Susan Feeney that the resignation of Tom Elliott be accepted from the position of Director of Public Libraries Australia.

Carried

2. Endorsement of Merrilee Pigram as Director
Moved Lynne Makin and Seconded Glenys Aird that Merrilee Pigram be endorsed as the Director on the Board representing the ACT until the AGM

Carried

3. Strategy for Advocacy
Susan Feeney discussed the paper that she has put together demonstrating the value of public libraries to the Federal Government. The email from Alan Bundy re the Australian Bookstart program was tabled as it is very similar to the Strategy for Advocacy. The email is attached to these minutes

The State Library of Queensland (Lea Giles-Peters) and the State Library of Tasmania (Siobhan Gaskell) are not supportive of the strategy because it does not give PLA the profile that is needed. As the State Libraries are not being represented as individual institutions on the Board of PLA the noting of non-support of the strategy is for information only

ALIA (Ros Dorsman) is supportive of the advocacy role that the strategy can provide.

There is a need to articulate who we are advocating to – demonstrate to the Federal Government that there is a role for them to disseminate information and services through the public library network.

Motion

That further investigation be undertaken with other stakeholders to clarify the capacity to further the Strategy for Advocacy project.

Moved: Lynne Makin
Seconded: Ros Dorsman

Carried

The Board endorses the Executive Officer undertaking the associated work with PLA taking the lead role in organizing the consultation for the Australian Bookstart project.

Lea Giles-Peters left meeting at 3.10pm

Discussion on the inaugural PLA Conference was positive. The format of the conference was discussed with it being a two-day conference and the second day being a facilitated day to formulate the strategic plan for PLA for the next three years.

Siobhan Gaskell left the meeting at 3.20pm

The Board endorsed the proposal that planning for the conference proceed.

Motion

That a Conference Planning Committee be established to further advance the conference. Planning Committee to be Robert Knight, Jan Richards and Lynne Makin

Moved: Susan Feeney
Seconded: David Cornwell

Carried

3. Dates for Quarterly Meetings and AGM

The proposed dates to be sent out with the Minutes. AGM to be held at the Conference if possible.

Meeting Closed at 3.28pm