ACAL Annual General Meeting

Date: Thursday 27 September, 2007  
Place: Virtual meeting room – Literacy Live http://literacylive.ivocalize.net/  
Time(s)  
6.00pm Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania  
5.30pm South Australia, Northern Territory  
4.00pm Western Australia  
8.00pm New Zealand  

You will need to book a place in the Literacy Live meeting room by emailing acal@pacific.net.au by Thursday 20 September.

Dear Colleague

This year, ACAL is experimenting with holding the AGM as a virtual event.

We hope that this means more ACAL members will participate.

How can you join in? Log into Literacy Live on the evening of 27 September and join the meeting. This is the address http://literacylive.ivocalize.net/

If you have not visited the Literacy Live Conference Room before make sure you have a practice run before the meeting. You can email someone on the ACAL Executive Committee and set up a date to meet in the room and check your settings. The email addresses of committee members can be found on the back page of Literacy Link. (See ACAL web site www.acal.edu.au for latest edition.)

You will need a password to use Literacy Live. Contact your ACAL State Representative or a State Council member.

Group events face-to-face All ACAL members attending the International Literacy Conference in New Zealand are invited to attend a face-to-face meeting in the Langley Hotel at 8 pm. The virtual meeting will be chaired from this site.

Other face-to-face meetings may also be hosted by some of the State Councils. Please contact your State Council to see if an event is planned in a location near you.

Nominations

I am now seeking nominations for Office Bearer positions on the Executive Committee. These are:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary and
- Treasurer.

To nominate or vote you need to be a financial member. Annual membership Fees are $44 for Individual members) and $66 for Organisational members. The 2007 annual membership period expires in December 2007. New members are welcome. New members are offered a pro-rata membership for the remainder of 2007. Join July to September pay 50% (Individuals: $22 Organisations: $33)

Deadline for Nominations

This year we will need to have all nominations for Office Bearers in writing registered with the Returning Officer in advance of the meeting. The Returning Officer is Don MacDowall. Email: acal@pacific.net.au Fax: 03 9546 0421. Mail (only for the purposes of the nominations and voting): Box 938, Springvale South VIC 3172.

The last day to get your nomination in is Friday 21 September.

You will need to have your form countersigned by two Proposers who are Financial ACAL members. If you are interested in nominating for a position, please call one of the ACAL Executive to get more information and advice. A copy of the constitution is available online at the ACAL web site.

New members

I urge existing members to encourage their colleagues to join ACAL and become actively involved in ACAL activities. It is likely that there will be radical changes to the way adult literacy is funded and delivered in the near future. The more extensive and firm ACAL’s membership base, the more capacity we can draw on to engage with government decision-making. ACAL is only as strong as the input from its members. All ACAL activities are undertaken on a voluntary basis by members of the Executive and others – we need more volunteers.

Margaret McHugh  
President, ACAL  
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