

March/April Board Report



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ASLIA SA Chairperson

ASLIA Executive Meeting 4th March 2020

- All states committee meeting – the minutes from this meeting held 16 February have been distributed, and the next meeting will be held Sunday 9th August 4-6pm AEST
- ASLIA's submission to the Disability Royal Commission on the Justice System is undergoing final formatting then will be submitted.
- NAATI Industry Development Fund grant – the education video series for interpreters is awaiting feedback from the Board before these are sent through for NAATI's feedback.
- Currently ASLIA does not have any guidelines for media interpreting. Given the current situation with COVID19, ASLIA will start discussions with all corporate members and the Deaf Societies to document best practice.
- Rosalie and Amy have contacted the CPA and Accounting for Good for advice on ASLIA's financial processes, to inform the development of a consistent approach with all state associations that meets our responsibilities as an association.
- Coronavirus – ASLIA is continuing to share relevant information with members via Email and Facebook.

Additional Executive Meetings

Given the rapidly changing nature of the COVID19 situation, the Executive have been meeting more frequently to support members and ASLIA business.

ASLIA Board meeting 2nd April 2020

- **New Board director** – we welcomed Angela Drakos as the new QLD rep in addition to their President Duke Moolenaar
- **ANC2020** – The Board had to make a decision about what to do with ANC2020. Options and their consequences were discussed and then voted on. ANC will be postponed to September 2021. Please refer to the announcements for further details.
- **COVID19** – ASLIA and Deaf Australia released a joint statement about the situation, and ASLIA have been keeping members updated with emails and Facebook. Weekly online forums have been organised by ASLIA with Julie Judd and Daniel Hatley leading the process for interpreters currently working in the emergency media interpreting space, both in Australia and NZ. The first one took place on 1st April, with Della Goswell kindly facilitating. A private Facebook group has been set up for this group of interpreters to receive support, exchange information and debrief. A meeting has been set up with member agencies which will happen on 3rd April. During this time of social distancing, ASLIA will run casual members online catch ups.

- **PD** – in response to COVID19 and instructions from Government and WHO, most states have either moved to online delivery or postponed PD that was planned.
- **Board** – De Brown has resigned from the ASLIA SA Committee and the ASLIA Board. She will continue to support ASLIA through the Debrief and at the state level, and we thank her for all of her work to date.
- **NAATI videos** – Feedback has been received from NAATI, and some videos require changes before being made public.
- **Auslan Interpreter Awareness training project** – an expression of interest has been circulated for a project officer. Will re-send and include a deadline.
- **Centre of Excellence Deaf/Blind Reference Group** – will advertise a volunteer to be the ASLIA rep
- **Standards Australia** – the Board endorsed Susannah Macready as a replacement for Julie Judd as the Auslan representative (not an ASLIA representative)
- **Membership** – have reached 500 members!
- **Financial** – the Board approved the points that will be included in an MOU with all state associations regarding financial matters such as the reporting of funds received through the shop and distributed to each state
- **National Disability Services** – As a member of NDS, ASLIA will provide feedback on the impact of COVID19 for our organisation and members.
- **Next meeting** – we had begun alternating Exec and Board meetings, but will have another Board meeting in May so that we can address everything that might have changed over the next month.