

Chairperson's Report

By Duke Moolenaar

Happy new year and welcome to 2019.

As one of the newest board members and newly elected president of ASLIA Qld it is my pleasure to write the first board report of 2019.

To start the year we have changed email hosts as we had a major crash just before Christmas affecting all email addresses. I would like to thank Roberto from Robtec Hosting in WA his wonderful assistance. ASLIA is proud to support the Deaf ecosystem. If any members have sent an email to any of the @aslia.com.au addresses and have not received a response please resend your query.

As you all know, we have been working very hard on our Strategic plan which was released in 2018 (<https://aslia.com.au/governance/strategic-plan/>) . ASLIA's strategic plan is important to ASLIA and you as our members because it provides a sense of direction and outlines measurable goals that are useful for guiding our day-to-day decisions and also for evaluating progress whilst being agile in changing approaches when moving forward in the ever-changing landscape that we all work within.

Our current Strategic plan outlines 4 key objectives:

- Excellence
- Presence
- Collaborative
- Sustainable

These are used to set priorities, focus energy and resources, strengthen operations, and ensure that our members and other stakeholders are working toward common goals.

We continue to work on our strategic plan to ensure the best opportunities are pursued to work towards our growth goals and identify which strengths we must develop in the near future to improve ASLIA's focuses, improve on our resources and energy to achieve and maintain our association's competitive advantage

The board would like to announce that we have a new blog going into the members section of Aslia.com.au appropriately named "The Debrief". This blog is for members only and will be replacing the monthly ASLIA eUpdates. Please keep an eye out soon for announcements of when the blog will go live and I would like to remind all of you that you can receive revalidation points for your contribution and discussion on blog posts. If you wish to contribute please contact your state association or email thedebrief@aslia.com.au.

While work is happening on the website adding the blog into the members section, the board has made changes to the front page to add in a news feed which will be updated with articles of interest, PD events, new blog announcements and industry related information as we realise not everyone is on social media nor able to read every email. The first post will hopefully be the results of the recent members survey, so please keep an eye out for this and check in regularly for updates.

Talking about revalidation points, Revalidation for the NAATI certification has already started and I urge members to log into their MYNAATI portal to see when your NAATI revalidation window opens and to update your log books as there may be a backlog for NAATI to work through.

Fact : One of the easiest points to earn towards revalidation is being an ASLIA Member.

On the subject of points and professional development. Each state association has committed to provide 2 ASLIA live PD events throughout the year. Keep an eye out for these events on the news feed and in the events section, they will also be advertised on Facebook for those members that are on social media.

Next for 2019 is the WASLI conference in Paris. Who plans to attend? For more information, view the program and to register visit <https://wasliparis2019.com/>

You may have noticed ASLIA communications and documents now describe interpreter practitioners as Auslan<>English Interpreters. This is based on how spoken language interpreters are classified, as per their working languages. For example, French<>English Interpreter, French<>German Interpreter, Mandarin<>English Translator. Using this language clearly demonstrates what languages (Auslan and English) and interlocutors (Deaf and hearing) we are working with.

Those certified at Conference level will either be English>Auslan Conference Interpreter or Auslan>English Conference Interpreter, working into their 'A' or Native language.

ASLIA welcomes our newest board member and WA ASLIA President Adrian Chia and thank Suzie Scott past WA ASLIA President for her time served on the ASLIA board. There are still a few vacancies on the ASLIA board so If you are a member from Tasmania or Northern Territory that may be interested in supporting the work of ASLIA please contact your state association or chairperson@aslia.com.au

To close I would like to remind you all that the work of ASLIA is conducted by members, for members, so I encourage you to consider contributing your ideas and feedback at any time

Until next month!

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