

Board Report

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The 2019 year has well and truly begun for ASLIA. Below are some of the projects the board is working on.

- Duke Moolenaar and Bernadette Chapman from the ASLIA board will be attending WASLI in Paris, in July, and will share information with members as to what is happening internationally.
- The new ASLIA blog 'The Debrief' is closer to launching its inaugural edition. If you wish to contribute, please contact your state association or email thedebrief@aslia.com.au.
- We have also continued work on upgrading our website. ASLIA is keen to have automated certificates for any National and state-based ASLIA workshops, and to keep track of previously attended workshops for re-certification requirements.
- Soon, ASLIA will begin webcasting certain professional development events. The first PD will be on Auslan linguistics in collaboration with Auslan Consultancy. This will be available via our website in the near future.
- We are continuing to work on improving the consistency of our policies and procedures. A big thank you goes to everyone involved in this. One policy that is being worked on is the Social Media policy. A survey will be distributed in the coming weeks with the generous assistance of Auslan Consultancy who will be contributing their expertise with the English>Auslan translation.
- The Legacy Fund is one of our newest developments. The recipient of the ASLIA Legacy Fund (one member per year) will be awarded \$500. This will be used to assist with the cost of paying to engage with a trained ASLIA mentor. The fund was established after the sad passing of Ben Souter in 2018 and is intended to honour the memory of our deceased colleagues. More information to be found here - <https://aslia.com.au/pd-and-events/the-aslia-legacy-fund/>
- ASLIA is also looking at how to better engage the government on interpreter issues. We are planning to make contact with Federal and state government ministers and their shadows. The focus would be to get our industry in the minds of politicians and ensure that we are invited to consultations and to make contributions on issues affecting our industry.
- ASLIA will very soon begin the planning process for ANC2020 in NSW. We are looking at ways to reduce the heavy burden placed on state branches with coordinating the ANC and we plan to simplify this process. More information to come soon about ANC2020!
- Lastly, don't forget to check the ASLIA website for upcoming PD events, and ASLIA Live events that will be streamed or webinars to view at your convenience. Visit <https://aslia.com.au/pd-and-events/events/> for more information.