President’s Report for 1998. Alan Walker summarises the achievements of AusSI over the last year.

National Committee

The National Executive has been based in Sydney for the past two years, since the Annual General Meeting in March 1997.

The National Committee includes members from Melbourne and Canberra, and it is the policy of the committee to consult widely about significant matters and to decentralise functions which can be performed in other places. Nine meetings were held during the year. Members outside Sydney, or who unable to attend meetings, participate by email.

Membership

The Society had 213 financial members in December 1998, distributed as follows:

Australia: Victoria 59
            New South Wales 58
            Australian Capital Territory 42
            Queensland 22
            South Australia 11
            Western Australia 5
            Northern Territory 4
            Tasmania 2

Overseas: New Zealand 8
            Papua New Guinea 1
            United States of America 1

The membership database, set up by the Membership Secretary, Garry Cousins, is now of high quality, and up-to-date. Members were asked to provide some additional information as part of the renewals for 1999, and this data has been incorporated.

Indexers Available

Entries for Indexers Available were sought at membership renewal time, and more than half the members have asked to be included. From 1999, Indexers Available will be maintained on the Society's website, and updated from time to time. A publicity campaign will inform publishers and other potential employers of the availability of this list. The National Committee will also monitor publishers’ need for a hard copy version of Indexers Available and produce one when required. This list on the website will commence with 84 entries, compared with 59 in the 1997/98 print version, and 62 in the 1995/96 print version.

Medal and awards

No Medal was awarded in the annual AusSI Medal competition, but Clodagh Jones, of Hobart, was highly commended, for the second year running.

The Web Indexing prize was offered for the third time, and again attracted an international field. This year’s winner was Tasmania Online, which provides a comprehensive index to Tasmanian content on the Internet. Tasmania Online <http://www.tas.gov.au> provides access to over 1,600 Web sites which either reside on a Tasmanian server, or have substantial Tasmanian content or authorship.

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New committees

The following National office bearers were elected unopposed:

National Committee: President, Alan Walker; Vice-President, Michael Wyatt; Hon. Secretary, Lorraine Doyle; Hon. Treasurer, Tricia Waters; Committee members: Pamela Johnstone, Carolyn Kearney.

The following are ex officio members of the National Committee: the Chairman of the Panel of Assessors (Michael Harrington); the Editor of the Newsletter (Glenda Browne); and the Presidents of Branches (Madeleine Davis, NSW, Lynn Farkas, ACT Region and Margaret Findlay, Victoria).

The National Committee, when it meets, normally co-opts other people performing national functions.

The following NSW committee was elected unopposed:

President: Madeleine Davis; Vice-President, Carolyn Kearney; Hon. Secretary, Lorraine Doyle; Hon. Treasurer, Pamela Johnstone; Committee members: Alan Walker; Tricia Waters, Michael Wyatt.

In 1999, it is planned that the National and NSW committee meetings will be held at the same place and date.

[Note: Victorian members are announced on page 27 and ACT members were announced in the March issue].

New members

A warm welcome to the following new members:

Sandy Cahir, (Vic)
Jenny Graham (Vic)
John Robinson (Qld)

The August Indexer: AusSI conference in Hobart

Reserve the dates Friday 27 to Sunday 29 August 1999 for the AusSI conference in Hobart.

Victorian Branch meeting: Three coins in the fountain - which one will you choose?

Have you ever wondered what is the difference between an archivist, a cataloguer and an indexer?

The Victorian Branch of the Australian Society of Indexers is holding a public meeting on Tuesday 4th May on this very issue - how do each of these specialists describe documents, objects etc. whether in printed or electronic format?

Our panel includes Gavan McCarthy (Australian Science Archives Project), Jane Odgers (Australian Tourism Index) and Margaret Waller (State Library of Victoria, Cataloguing Department).

The evening will commence with drinks and nibbles at 6 pm and members of the panel will be introduced at approx. 6.30 pm. Each panelist has been asked to talk for about 10 minutes and then everyone can participate in a Questions and Answers session.

Usually meetings end round about 8 pm and are followed by dinner at a nearby restaurant.

Our meetings are held at the ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) 19 Prospect Hill Rd., Camberwell, Vic. just up the hill from Burke Rd. and within easy walking distance of Camberwell station or Burke Rd. trams. Car parking available behind shopping centre opposite ACER. There is no admission charge for our meetings.

Further information and RSVP to Jenny Restarick via email Jenny.Restarick@enquiries.csiro.au or tel. 03 9545 2178 or fax 03 9545 2579 (work hours) or at home 9528 2539 fax/ tel after hours.

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**Book, Database and Pictorial Indexing courses - Queensland.**

Expressions of interest are sought from persons who would like to attend:

- A three-day Introduction to Book Indexing course to be held in Brisbane 5-7 July 1999. The physical assessment/evaluation of submitted indexes is an important part of the course.
- A one-day Abstracting and Indexing for Databases/Pictorial Indexing course to be held in Brisbane 8 July 1999.

Presenter: Max McMaster BAgrSc, GradDipLib

Please register your interest by 7 June 1999, to Ann Cross, tel: (07) 3847 2463, fax: (07) 3397 7449, or email: hamcross@hotmail.com.

**Indexing: From practice to research...and back!**

The Indexing and Abstracting Society of Canada’s AGM will be held on May 7 and 8 1999 in Montreal, Quebec.

On Friday, May 7 two half-day workshops will be held: Indexing 101 (a workshop for indexers new, and not so new offered in English) and Gestion du vocabulaire ... (offered in French).

Registration deadline: Friday April 30, 1999

On Saturday, May 8

* Keynote presentation by Suzanne Bertrand-Gastaldy, a well known researcher in the field of indexing;
* description and discussion of techniques used for indexing visual materials, a fast developing field of practice;
* presentations of subject and name authority files used in various contexts (local, national, international);
* round table on the theme: marketing your indexing services;
* general assembly of members of the Indexing and Abstracting Society of Canada.

**Cataloguers conference**

Charting the Information Universe, the 13th National Cataloguing Conference, will be held at the Carlton Crest Hotel in Brisbane from 13–15 October 1999.

Abstracts are invited on topics such as classification systems on the web, cataloguing for digital libraries, links between abstracting and indexing and cataloguing, metadata, subject analysis, and thesaurus construction.

For more information contact Judy Lederle on (07) 3369 0477 or cat99@im.com.au.

**From the editor**

Electronic indexing has featured strongly in my life lately.

This week I have heard of three organisations contacting indexers to create web indexes (by which one meant adding metadata, and two meant book-style indexes). From wondering “What is our place in the world of electronic information?” or, worse still, “Will we have a place?” I am now wondering “What will they do when all the indexers are too busy to help out?”

I am currently editing an online help index and asked my team leader why he thought of employing a professional indexer. He said he could see that the index needed work, and he had learnt about indexing at a joint meeting of AusSI and the Society of Technical Communicators. So every time we talk about what we do we have the chance to influence the future, even if we never see the results ourselves.

I had a look at the proceedings of the Australasian Online Documentation conference (Sydney March 1999), and found that indexes were mentioned a few times. Someone also showed an example of a web index.

I also learnt a great word. The pop-up box that shows when you select an entry that leads to more than one topic in a Windows Help index is called a disambiguator! Now there’s a mouthful.

Glenda Browne

Glenda Browne
(President's Report, Cont. from page 21)

Second was the Case-in-POINT Index (<http://www.acxiom.com/caseinpoint/cip-ix-home.htm>), from the USA, which indexes a print and online newsletter on information-based business solutions. Third was the Screen Network Australia directory (<http://www.sna.net.au>), which provides a gateway to sites for or about the Australian film and television industry, and is maintained by Peter Langmead of the Australian Film Commission, Sydney.

The winners of both these awards will be presented with their prizes at our August 1999 conference, which is being held, conveniently, in Hobart.

The National Committee thanks the committees who gave their time and expertise to judge the awards: for the Medal: Max McMaster, Susan Keogh, Carolyn Larsen and George Levick; and for the Web Indexing Prize, Dwight Walker, Maureen Henninger and Kerry Webb.

Honorary Life Members

I am happy to report that the Society's first two Honorary Life Members were elected at the 1998 Annual General Meeting. Congratulations to Jean Hagger and Joyce Gillespie for this richly deserved recognition.

Newsletter

The newsletter, published eleven times throughout the year, was regular, lively and informative. Our thanks to Glenda Browne who has completed her first year as Editor, and who has performed this time-consuming and important task admirably.

From 1999, each issue of the Newsletter is mounted on the website. Members who do not wish to receive the printed copy are informed by email as each issue becomes available.

Website

Jonathan Jermey has completed his first year as Webmaster, and has maintained, streamlined and improved the site. As well as the addition of the Newsletter to the website and the forthcoming Indexers Available (both reported above), the site now includes a professional index, compiled by Glenda Browne, providing access to a wealth of information of interest to indexers and their employers.

Skills and education: research and development projects

The Society's first two research grants were awarded to the ACT Region Branch, to pursue two related topics: the definition of indexers' skills, and a survey of educational opportunities for indexers. Both of these projects were near completion at the end of the year.

Following members' meetings in Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney to discuss indexers' skills, a one-day workshop on the production of a guide to indexing services was held in Canberra on 7 November 1998. A document for prospective clients, setting out the types of services offered by indexers, was drafted, and is now undergoing final editing by the co-ordinator of the workshop, Lynn Farkas, and members of the ACT Region Branch.

Research on the survey of educational opportunities available to people in Australia and New Zealand as training for indexing has also been completed, and the report will be considered by the incoming National Committee.

Courses

Two new courses were sponsored by the Society and conducted by the School of Library, Information and Archive Studies at the University of New South Wales. One was a half-day workshop on Indexing Still Images, and the other a full-day workshop on Indexing Web Documents, which ran three times in 1998.

These are in addition to the Society's established courses which continued to run in Sydney and Melbourne, covering book indexing, indexing and abstracting for databases and thesaurus construction. For the first time, Max McMaster presented a course on book indexing in Alice Springs, attended by 14 people.

Registration

The Panel of Assessors is now based in Canberra, chaired by Michael Harrington. The Panel has developed a statement of criteria used to assess the quality of indexing presented for registration.

Recommended rates for indexing

The committee issued the following statement:

The Australian Society of Indexers recommends that the minimum hourly rate of pay for freelance, self-supporting, registered book indexers, working on

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short-term contracts, be $38.00 per hour.

The Society recommends that professional indexers working as freelance database indexers, or in other areas where remuneration is on a piece-work basis, should be paid a rate equivalent to the hourly rate recommended for registered freelance book indexers.

This recommendation was made after a detailed investigation of the rates of pay of comparable professions in Australia, particularly book editors and librarians, and consideration of changes in inflation and other economic indicators since the previous rate was set.

**Standards**

Following our recommendation to Standards Australia, the international indexing standard (ISO 999:1966) *Guidelines for the content, organization and presentation of indexes* is now a draft Joint Australian and New Zealand Standard. Copies of the 52 page text are available for a reasonable price from any office of Standards Australia or Standards New Zealand, or from the website <http://www.standards.com.au>. This standard provides our members with a sensible, internationally recognised benchmark for indexing work and contracts.

**Archives**

The archives of the Society (1976–97) have been placed in the State Library of Victoria (Australian Manuscripts Collection), and are available for reference there. Our thanks to Jean Hagger for sorting and listing the material and arranging for its deposit in the library.

**Members’ library**

Negotiations with Warringah Library to deposit the Society’s collection of books and periodicals having been unsuccessful, the committee has now reached an agreement with the Library of the University of New South Wales, under which the collection will be held, developed and made available to AusSI members for use in the Library and on inter-library loan.

**International relations**

Three AusSI members attended the joint conference of the American and Canadian societies of indexers in Seattle in May 1998. All three (Alan Walker, Max McMaster and Dwight Walker) contributed to the conference program.

In October 1998 I attended the conference of the Society of Indexers, in Tynemouth, England, at which a new international affiliation agreement was drawn up between the British, American, Canadian and Australian societies. This agreement should provide the basis for greater co-operation between the societies. Delegates of each of the societies now maintain regular contact by email, and will meet again at the conference in Cambridge, England, in 2000.

In Shanghai, I met the senior officers of the China Society of Indexers, who are keen to develop relations with the English-language societies. We have maintained contact since that meeting, and they have invited me to address their conference in Dalian in October 1999.

**Appreciations**

Finally, a personal expression of thanks to all members of the National Committee and the Branch Committees, who have worked hard during the year, and given up their time and (sometimes) potential earnings, for the sake of the profession.

It would be good to mention everyone individually, but since this is not possible, I would like particularly to express my warm thanks to two people:

Garry Cousins is stepping down as a committee member after continuous service since he became the first President of the New South Wales Branch on its foundation in 1990. As Membership Secretary for the past two years he has put a lot of time and energy into establishing and maintaining our excellent membership database.

Lynn Farkas also deserves special mention. As well as serving as ACT Region Branch President, she has taken the time to attend a number of National Committee meetings in Sydney, and has done an excellent job in organising and overseeing the important research program on indexers’ skills.

To them, and to the many others of you who have done much beyond the call of duty, as volunteers always must, my thanks and appreciation for your support, on which the success of the Society absolutely depends.

Alan Walker, President, March 1999

**Low rates (from Index-L)**

Index-Lers discussing low rates quote clients saying ‘I can get all the out-of-work actors I want to do indexing for less than $10 an hour’. (Carolyn Weaver) and ‘we don’t need volunteer indexing for the county historical society, as it’s already indexed by prisoners at the local medium-security prison’. (Karen Kolavalli). The response? ‘You get what you pay for’.
AusSI Medal 1998: Report of the judging panel

The panel was regretfully unable to award a Medal to any entry considered this year.

We were, however, unanimous in deciding that one index emphatically deserved to be Highly Commended.

This was the index by Clodagh Jones to the text: Lucy Frost (ed.) The Journal of Annie Baxter Dawbin, July 1858 - May 1868. University of Queensland Press in association with the State Library of New South Wales, St Lucia, 1998.

Broadly, this index was exemplary of the requirements of the judging guidelines. It is long enough and accurate enough to serve the user of the text reliably. On the whole, it is free of distracting idiosyncrasies, with entries formulated and laid out in the accepted style. Cross-references are well-used, though we felt that with the space that had evidently been made available, there could have been more of them. A feature was the unusually prominent and lengthy introductory note, which was most helpful, but not quite comprehensive. Finally, on the less tangible criterion of style, the comment by more than one member of the Panel that the Index in itself was nearly as attractive to the reader as the main text says all that needs to be said.

However, when it came to the actual award of the medal, the Panel had to consider, as well as the qualifying comments above, a few inconsistencies of a technical kind (that were evident, it should be said, not only to the practitioners on the Panel, but to all). We felt that these considerations were enough to deny the award.

Nonetheless, we offer our congratulations to Clodagh Jones for a thoroughly professional piece of work, and (together with her publishers) for an undoubtedly worthy contender for the prize.

George R.T. Levick on behalf of: Susan Keogh, Carolynn Larsen, and Max McMaster

The Highly Commended Certificate for this index will be presented to Clodagh Jones at the Hobart Conference.

Law via the Internet '99


See http://www.austlii.edu.au/austlii/conference/
Victorian Branch: AGM and dinner

The night of Tuesday March 16th saw us once again enjoying the ambience of Graduate House Carlton for our annual Dinner and AGM.

Midway during a delightful dinner our President, Margaret Findlay, opened the Annual General Meeting and after formal acceptance of Apologies, Minutes of the 1998 AGM and Treasurer’s Report, summarised her tabled report - a comprehensive review of the past year’s activities, which included public meetings, indexing workshops, planning for the Second International Conference of the Society to be held in August 1999 in Hobart, representation at a national workshop on “What is indexing?”, membership of National Committee sub-committees and responses to issues brought forward by our National body. Mac McMaster and George Levick continued their roles in coordinating the Indexing Medal Award Committee.

As most current Branch committee members renominated for their positions (with the exception of the resignation of Michael Ramsden), the incoming 1999 Committee stands as follows - President - Margaret Findlay; Vice-President - Max McMaster; Treasurer - Joyce Gillespie; Secretary - Jenny Restarick; Committee Members - Josephine McGovern, Elizabeth Wood-Ellem, John Simkin and George Levick. Victorian members wishing to nominate as a Committee member would be warmly welcomed.

Max McMaster announced that Clodagh Jones is to receive the 1998 Highly Commended Certificate for indexing “The Diary of Annie Baxter Dawbin 1868-1868”.

Following upon the formal part of the evening, Dr Rita Albert, Secretary/Business Manager of the Graduate Union of the University of Melbourne, Inc. gave us a fascinating talk about the history of Graduate House and the Union, and how the terrace houses it owns and occupies are currently at risk of full or partial demolition due to the university’s plan to build a private university on all the land within the “university precinct” bordered by Grattan, Leicester and Barry Streets in Carlton.

We were most appreciative of the time Rita gave to answering our barrage of questions and particularly grateful to Josephine McGovern, a councillor of the Graduate Union, who arranged for this entertaining and informative talk from “the inside” of the debate which has been featured in the Melbourne press for some months.

Margaret Findlay, President.

NSW South Wales Branch: President’s Report 1998

Since evening meetings held in central Sydney have proved to be unpopular, this year we decided to concentrate on a single major seminar held in a district within easy access of indexers living in the outer suburbs. When the ACT Region Branch asked us to assist with gathering data for their research project on the skills of indexers, we saw our chance.

On Saturday 29 August we held a seminar “The Electronic Haystack: Roles for Indexers,” attended by seventeen people, including a small number new to the indexing area. The first half consisted of a panel discussion on directions in multimedia and interactive technology, how to create in information navigation system to provide access to electronic information, and web indexing and design for information access, with speakers form the information industry. The second half was a workshop, moderated by the President of the ACT Region Branch, designed to discover NSW members’ ideas on “Professional indexers: who are they and what do they do?”

The Committee’s major project for the year was a close examination of the structure and future of the Society’s publication *Indexers Available*. This resulted in a recommendation to the National Committee that print publication cease, to be replaced by a periodically updated version on the World Wide Web. In addition, we recommended an overhaul of the types of information to be included and the indexing system; and that inclusion should be free to all members who desire it. At the same time, the Committee proposed revisions to the membership application/renewal form. The new form now combines the information required for *Indexers Available* (previously a separate application form) and also requests additional information to update the AusSI membership database and build up a profile of its members. As members will be aware, our recommendations were accepted, and the Web version will be operating shortly.

The 1998 Committee was based in the Blue Mountains, allowing in theory access to a fresh set of talents. However, we suffered once again from the problems arising from the available talent being spread too thinly between the National and Branch Committees, and have recommended that membership of the Committees, though not their functions, should be combined, with meetings being held back-to-back.

Michael Wyatt, President.
Honorary Life Members

The Society’s constitution provides for the award of Honorary Life Membership in recognition of outstanding service to indexing and/or to the Society. Honorary Life Members have full membership rights without being required to pay membership fees.

Kingsley Siebel was elected as an Honorary Life Member at the Annual General Meeting on 24 March 1999, on the recommendation of the National Committee. Kingsley was nominated by Alan Walker and seconded by Lorraine Doyle, who have provided the following testimonial.

Kingsley Siebel

Kingsley has been a member of the Society since 1983. He has been active in all New South Wales activities, since the first meetings held in Sydney in 1984. He held office in the New South Wales Branch from its establishment in 1990 until 1997, serving as President in 1994-95, and Secretary in 1993. At some time or other, he held almost every Branch position, including Vice-President, Treasurer, Minutes Secretary and Newsletter Correspondent. In 1997-98, when the Branch became strong enough to take on the function of the National Committee, he became the Society’s national Vice-President.

Kingsley came to indexing after retiring from a long and distinguished career in legal publishing. He then embarked enthusiastically on his new career as an indexer. His considerable body of legal knowledge and experience has been invaluable to the Society, and he has always been willing to contribute his expertise to its committees and to give advice and assistance to individual members.

Kingsley’s publishing experience goes well back to the 1950s when he undertook a course in publishing in Madras, followed by positions with the Christian Literature Society as manager, and bookshop manager for HW Cave & Co, Medical and Legal Publishers in Ceylon. In the late 1950s riots and uprisings forced Kingsley to consider migrating from Sri Lanka. On arrival in Australia in 1960 he took up a position with The Law Book Company where he worked for over ten years before joining Butterworths. He was the highly respected Chief Editor and then Editorial Director of Butterworths from 1971 to 1982. On retirement, Kingsley started his own publishing business, Serendip Publishing, as well as taking up indexing. With his well rounded background in the publishing industry and law (being admitted to the Bar in the seventies) Kingsley has been a valuable asset to the Australian Society of Indexers, being able to give direction whenever legal and publishing matters arose.

But Kingsley’s contribution has by no means been limited to the legal and publishing areas. He has always been a ready volunteer in all the activities of the Society, contributing to the organisation of meetings and conferences, compiling (on his own initiative) an index to the Newsletter, editing Indexers Available, and even (when appropriate) acting as wine supplier. His name has frequently been featured in the Newsletter and other indexing publications, as he contributed letters, articles and reviews and made proposals on many different matters. His energy, advice and practical contributions have helped to sustain the activities of both the New South Wales Branch and the national Society over fifteen years. His contribution to the Society is worthy of recognition by the award of Honorary Life Membership.

Boring civil engineers

My brother tells me that the UK Yellow Pages has the entry:

Boring – See Civil engineers.

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Web Indexing 2nd Prize

Second place in the Web Indexing Prize went to the Case-in-POINT Index by Marilyn Rowland on behalf of Janet Smith and Acxiom Corp. http://www.acxiom.com/caseinpoint/cip-ix-home.htm

Marilyn Rowland became involved in the Index with Volume 4. Previous volumes (1-3) were prepared by another indexer, Janet Smith is the editor of Case-in-Point and oversees work on the index.

Case-in-POINT is a print and online newsletter published six times a year by Acxiom Corporation (Conway, Arkansas) which serves as a reference center on information-based business solutions. The newsletter includes Newsletter Articles, Case Studies, and Reports which offer a wealth of ideas on the responsible, effective use of consumer and business data. The audience for the newsletter includes the wide range of organisations and businesses that use use consumer and business data for marketing and research.

The on-line index serves the same purpose as a print index—providing the user with quick and easy access to key information, concepts, people, companies, and products and services discussed in the newsletter articles, reports, and case studies.

Several indexes are provided: a comprehensive subject index, a company index, and name index, and product/service index, and a main subject index.

An interesting feature of the index is its keywords links. At the end of every article is a link to keywords so that the user can see which subject-area index terms were used in the index. The keywords list links back to the main index so that the user can readily search for other articles on the same topic.

The index is created in Cindex by Marilyn Rowland, who checks them against existing terms in the index, and then submits terms to Janet Smith for terminology review. Then, Marilyn converts the index into HTML format and inserts terms into the existing HTML pages. No Web indexing programs are currently used.

When Marilyn has finished updating the various indexes, she emails the updated HTML pages to the webmaster who uploads the pages to the site. Janet Smith adds: Keeping a printed index up to date and useful for readers is simply too expensive a proposition. We prefer to send readers to the Web to use our on-line index.

Index-L and an Indexing Index.

The Index-L archives are now at http://www.indexpup.com/index-list/index.html. Information regarding how to get to the archives is on the ASI web site (http://www.asindexing.org/discgrps.htm#indexlarcA

Nancy Guenther maintains an index to indexing information on the Web at the Philadelphia ASI group site at http://www.bcity.com/phila_asi/frameindx.html

aliaINDEXERS

All members of AusSI and ALIA interested in indexing in Australia and NZ are welcome to join aliaINDEXERS. Currently there is quite a wide range of readers around Australia, NZ and a few North Americans.

We could use it foster distance education and meetings and chat sessions for those who cannot make it into the cities - a good replacement for a full Web based training course.

The Web site is an excellent starting point for indexing but interaction really helps one work out a good indexing business wherever you are.

Why an Australian one? INDEX-L is good for broad international questions, aliaINDEXERS is based around conditions in Australia. We are smaller in population and have different means of obtaining work. Why not join in and WRITE something.

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