

**Australian School Library Association
National Council Meeting
Teleconference
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The summary is presented under the ASLA Strategic Plan main headings.

- A. Provide leadership in professional practice and school-based workforce planning**
- *ASLA XXI 2009* planning continues with initial program development and finalisation of speakers for this conference.
 - ASLA NSW has expressed interest in hosting the *ASLA XXII 2011* biennial conference.
 - *Australian School Libraries Research Project (ALIA/ASLA/ECU)* project reports received and accepted. Joint publication procedures to be developed.
 - Submission to the National Curriculum Board in response to *The shape of the national curriculum: A proposal for discussion*.
 - Submission to the Productivity Commission for *Copyright restrictions on the parallel importation of books*.
 - The ALIA/ASLA Policy Advisory Group to undertake a review of the *Standards of professional excellence for teacher librarians* to align with the three capabilities identified by Teaching Australia under the National Standards project.
 - The ALIA/ASLA Policy Advisory Group to cross-map the Library Media Specialist USA national standards against the *Standards of professional excellence for teacher librarians*.
 - The ALIA/ASLA joint policy statements were accepted and will be published on the ALIA and ASLA websites.
 - The development of a position statement on school libraries in Australia to be prepared for hosting on the ASLA website.
 - ASLA representative, by invitation, attended the Prime Minister's briefing session on the Government's National Building and Jobs Plan in Canberra.
- B. Develop and maintain sound governance and management**
- A second discussion paper on the future directions for the association as supplied by Mr John Peacock, Associations Forum Pty Ltd, was discussed. The ASLA Executive Committee will prepare a brief for a more detailed report to explore different options for the associations' structure.
 - New joint series publication (ALIA/ASLA) *Learning in a Changing World* (to replace *Learning for the future: Developing information services in schools*, 2nd edition) is underway and is to be published by ACER Press. The members of this reference group are: Sandra Ryan – ALIA, Kris Johnstone – ALIA, Sue Spence – ASLA, June Wall – ASLA, Karen Bonanno – ASLA ex officio. The first two books in the series should be published before June 2009.
- C. Commit to communication and engagement**
- The association continues to respond to and engage in discussions with Teaching Australia, National Education Forum, Education.au, Electronic Resources Australia and Peak Bodies Forum.
 - The ASLA Online Ning to host discussion forums with the first forum topic to focus on the question – “With the Internet fast becoming students' first port of call when it comes to research, should I spend my budget on print resources or on online subscriptions?”