



JALIA Working Group Terms of Reference

Purpose

The JALIA Working Group is to provide advice to the ALIA Board on the future publishing options for the Association's journal.

Background (optional)

The Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) currently publishes *the Journal of the Australian Library and Information Association (JALIA)* under agreement with Taylor and Francis. The ALIA Board requires advice as the optimal future publishing options for the journal.

Term

The JALIA Working Group will be constituted for a period of 24 months.

Membership

The group will consist of:

- One nominee from the JALIA Editorial Board, approved by the ALIA Board.
- One Nominee from the ALIA Research Advisory Committee, approved by the ALIA Board.
- Five ALIA Members, appointed by the ALIA Board.
- Up to one non-ALIA Member expert position appointed by the ALIA Board, if required.

Nominations will be sought through an expression of interest process for the five ALIA Member positions. The ALIA Board will choose the Members from the expressions of interest. Members who are serving on the JALIA Editorial Board or Research Advisory Committee who are not the nominated representative, are eligible to be appointed to the ALIA Member positions.

Office Holders

The ALIA Board will appoint the Chair of the Working Group.

The Secretary will be appointed by a simple vote of the Working Group.

Additional office holders will be appointed by simple vote of the Working Group as deemed necessary by the Working Group.

Relationships

The Working Group will report to the ALIA Board.

The Working Group will work collaboratively with ALIA National Office. The Working Group will communicate with the ALIA Research Advisory Committee and JALIA Editorial Board through the nominated representatives from those bodies.



Responsibilities

The Working group is to investigate and advise the ALIA Board on publishing options for JALIA.

This includes:

- Providing advice on the extension of the T&F contract, including terms and duration (by September 30 2023)
- Review possible publishing models for JALIA in the medium term. Factors to be considered include:
 - Alignment with ALIA purpose and values
 - Openness
 - Cost
 - Administrative arrangements
 - Impact and reach
 - Quality
 - Diversity of authorship
 - Relevance to the sector
- Provide the ALIA Board with a recommendation for the future publishing arrangements for JALIA (by December 2024).

Frequency of Meetings

The Working Group will meet at least 10 times a year.

Changes to the terms of reference

The terms of reference may be revised by the Working Group in consultation with Group members and submitted to the ALIA CEO for approval.

Version history

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