



THE EDITORS

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NEXT MEETING...NEXT MEETING...NEXT MEETING...

The next meeting will be held at the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre on Wednesday, 11 May at 6.30 pm. Guest speakers are:

Frank Moorhouse, novelist, president of the A.S.A.

Stirling Macoboy, author of more than a dozen internationally marketed gardening books, best known 'What flower is that?'

Gordon Winch, one of Australia's foremost reading experts, widely published author of reading programs.

It is important for our caterers to know how many will be staying for dinner. Please contact Monica Ardill, 406 4288 by Monday 9 May if you are attending.

LAST MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Editors was chaired initially by our retiring President, Jackie Kent, who summarised the society's activities for of the past year. Jackie also mentioned that The Editors is now a member of the Copyright Council and reports of the council are available to our members on request.

George Morrison submitted the Treasurer's report which showed a healthy balance of \$3250.48, Bruce Champion prepared the Catering Treasurer's report which showed a profit of \$190.30. (Copies of these reports are available on request.)

The following officers were elected for the year 1983-84:

President:	Desney Jackson
Treasurer:	George Morrison
Business Secretaries:	Sue McGrath, Sandy Richardson
Newsletter Editors:	Daphne Rawling, Gil Teague
Catering Treasurer:	Bruce Champion

The chair was then taken by Desney Jackson.

It was proposed that a group of scientific and technical editors be invited to form an affiliation with The Editors. This involved discussion of an amendment to the present constitution and subsequently it was proposed, seconded and passed that the wording regarding qualification of membership be altered to "...books and editors of scholarly publications". This amendment will be ratified at the next meeting.

Training seminars: A sub-committee has been formed to organise the training seminars for the forthcoming year. It was generally agreed that the meetings this year would operate more as workshops and that the organising sub-committee would need feedback from all participants in order to evaluate the success of these workshops and to assess where future interests might lie. Members are asked to submit suggestions for these seminars. Watch this space...

ANZ Association for Technical Editing

In July, 1982, at the conclusion of a one-week workshop on "Editing in a Changing Environment" attended by about 60 scientific and technical editors, it was decided to form an association, analagous to the European Association of Science Editors but more broadly based.

The "founding membership" --- those present at the workshop --- were largely involved in journal editing, although some book editors were present, as well as in-house editors from research establishments.

According to the draft constitution, which has been circulated for comment by the founding Convenor, Mr Basil Walby (Editor-in-Chief, CSIRO), the aims are: "to promote interaction between editors of serial and other publications in Australia, New Zealand and the Southwest Pacific region as an aid to raising standards of technical communication" and "to improve the standards of management and production of such publications..."

I have been asked to convene the NSW division of the association. Clearly, there is considerable overlap between it and the Sydney Editors, and there is bound to be a close relationship between the two societies. Equally clearly, those present at the July workshop were only a smallish sample of the potential membership of the new association.

I therefore invite anyone interested in joining the ANZ Association of Scientific and Technical Editors (or whatever they may eventually call it) to contact me. Let me know also if you would be willing to act on an interim steering committee, until such time as divisional officers are elected.

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Book review

The promised review of the Chicago Style Manual has been delayed and will appear next month.