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Next meeting

Annual General Meeting

(postponed last month)

Tuesday 5 March 1991

The Society's Annual General Meeting was cancelled in February after our newsletter went out too late to remind members about the meeting. The AGM will now be held at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 5 March at the Bowlers Club in the City. None of the current committee is standing for re-election, so it will be necessary to elect an entirely new committee. Aspiring committee members please note—now is your chance to make a name for yourself in connection with the Society! Please, everybody, do make an effort to come along. This time you've had plenty of notice.

Our AGM speaker will be Jacqui Kent, who was president of the Society in the early 1980s. For further information see the enclosed notice.

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Future meetings

Meetings of the Society are held on the first Wednesday of each month.

5 March AGM

3 April Either a speaker from 'Style Council 90', or from the Macquarie University course in publishing

Dates and topics for future meetings will be organised by the new committee, and will be announced as soon as they are available.

ABPA seminars

The Australian Book Publishers' Association will be holding a number of seminars and workshops in 1991. Note that members of the Society of Editors are entitled to ABPA member discounted rates. For more information about these events contact Catherine Milne at the ABPA on 29 5422 [fax 262 1631].

Finance for small publishers

This one-day seminar will be held at the University of Sydney on Friday 15 March. It will be convened by Anthony Dwyer of E.J. Dwyer (Australia) and will cover such topics as financial planning, developing and working with budgets, maintaining cash flows and accessing sources of finance.

The cost will be \$240 for members; a discount applies for early payment.

Artwork law

This seminar will be held at the NSW State Library in Sydney on Tuesday 19 March and at the Southern Cross Hotel in Melbourne on Tuesday 9 April. The half-day seminar will focus on copyright and the protection of artistic works, clearances and collections. The cost is

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\$150 for members; a discount applies for early payment.

Other training events include:

- Management development program: leadership and staff management, Sydney April 18.
- The use of computers in book publishing, Sydney 9-10 May.
- Executive development program, Sydney 9-10 May.
- Management development program: training and presentation skills, Sydney 8 August.

An Introduction to Book Publishing

The ABPA has sent us a copy of a twenty-page booklet *An Introduction to Book Publishing*. The accompanying publicity states

Those contemplating a career in the book publishing industry, as well as newcomers to the trade, will find this book invaluable. It explains in simple terms the functions of various personnel and departments in publishing companies and serves as a brief introduction to the

way publishing fits into the whole book trade in Australia.

The price is \$8.00 to ABPA members and \$10 to non-members.

A review will appear in a future issue of *Blue Pencil*.

Other groups

SBC serif awards

Entries for the Society of Business Communicators' annual Serif Awards opened on 11 February and close on 28 March. The awards are for excellence in organisational communication produced in Australia in 1990.

There are thirteen categories, which cover print and electronic media as well as multi-media programs. Five categories are for various forms of internal communication and four are for external communication. Other categories cover specialist communication skills including writing, graphic design and photography.

Non-members are welcome to enter, but only financial members of the SBC

will be eligible to receive the special Diamond Serif, awarded for the most outstanding all-round professional achievement by an individual.

The fee for an entry in each category is \$80 for SBC members and \$100 for non-members.

Telephone 247 5312 for further information.

Australian Society of Authors AGM

The ASA will be holding its 1991 Annual General Meeting on Saturday 23 March at 10 am in the Koala Heritage Hotel, Oxford Street, Sydney. There will be a hot two-course luncheon fol-

lowed by the 1991 Colin Simpson PLR Memorial Lecture. The speaker is yet to be announced. The cost is \$26 per person.

We need a new committee

As we said in the January *Blue Pencil*, all members of the 1990 Society of Editors committee are resigning at the AGM, so please consider nominating or standing yourself for a position on the new committee.

There are seven positions, listed on page 7 of the January *Blue Pencil*.

Being on the committee does involve some time and effort, but it is an excellent way of getting known in the field and keeping in touch with what is happening in publishing, both here and in other States. One committee member (in the past it has been the newsletter editor) is given custody of the Society's Amstrad computer — another perk.

If you wish to nominate a member for a committee position please telephone Michael Wyatt on 281 0460 or come along and make your nomination at the AGM.

Remember, we need your support in electing a new committee — without one the Society cannot continue to operate.

Position vacant

Enclosed is an advertisement for a Medical Editor for Churchill Livingstone. The successful applicant will be stationed in Tokyo.

Subscription renewals

Subscription renewal forms were sent to all members with the January *Blue Pencil*. Please return them with your money *now*.

Subscriptions became due on 1 February. If you do not renew by 1 April, you cease to be a member of the Society.



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Guest speaker Jaqui Kent

Jaqui Kent, who is probably Sydney's best known editor, was president of the Society of Editors in 1981. She has worked both in-house and as a freelance editor for most major Sydney publishers and is also the author of two books, *Out of the Bakelite Box* – a history of Australian radio – and *In the half light: life as a child in Australia 1900–1970*.

Jaqui will be talking to us about the early days of the Society and her experiences as an editor.

When: Tuesday 5 February 1991 at 6.30 pm.

Where: Bowlers Club, 95 York Street, City (across the road from the York Street entrance to BBC Hardware). Parking is available under the Bowlers Club at a cost of \$5. The carpark entrance is in Clarence Street.

Cost: Wine, soft drinks, Chinese finger foods and sandwiches will be served at a cost of \$5 for members who book by Friday 2 February and \$10 for non-members and members who do not book.

RSVP: Please telephone your booking to Michael Wyatt by 5 pm Friday 2 February. His telephone number is 281 0460.