

Call for nominations – the 2019 CAUL Board Elections

Dear CAUL Members,

In line with CAUL's new Constitution (Section 3.3) I am pleased to call for nominations in the 2019 annual Board elections.

This regular renewal of the Board's membership ensures that:

- Leaders are refreshed to meet the challenges of a changing environment.
- The right people, skills and experiences fill vacancies.
- We minimise disruption to the governance of CAUL.
- We are able to anticipate and manage future needs.

This year nominations are called for the following two positions with terms expiring on September 30th:

- Chair of the Board (elected), currently held by Margie Jantti;
- Director (elected), currently held by Robert Gerrity at Monash.

Nominations for the two positions are invited from eligible CAUL members (i.e. members that hold Full Membership defined in the Constitution Clause 2.1.2) for election as a Director to the CAUL Board for the term of two years.

Nominations will be accepted from 9am on Monday the 22nd July until 5pm on Friday the 2nd August. Nominations should be lodged using the nominations form available online at <https://forms.gle/U91iecX3ENTKAf638>

Information about the Board elections [is available on the CAUL website \(after login\)](#), the dedicated webpage will be kept up-to-date with any developments and contains a list of frequently asked questions.

If you want to find out more about the role of Chair, or Director of the Board please contact the Chair, Margie Jantti at margie@uow.edu.au. If you have any questions about the election please contact the Retuning Officer, Harry Rolf directly at cpo@caul.edu.au.

What is the CAUL Board?

The CAUL Board is accountable for the effective governance of CAUL and establishes strategic priorities aligned to its purpose.

The Board is responsible for:

- strategy, policy and its execution;
- the governance, prioritisation and allocation of resources; and
- establishing and fostering strategic partnerships and collaborations to address, nationally and internationally, the issues and opportunities impacting Australian university libraries.

The Board comprises: the Chair (elected), Deputy Chair (elected), two Directors (elected) and three Directors (appointed), two of whom are Program Directors. The titles of Treasurer and Secretary are portfolios allocated to a director of the Board at the Board's discretion.

The Executive Director and Communications and Policy Officer are ex officio members of the Board. The Board is supported by the CAUL National Office, issues-based working groups, advisory committees and communities of practice. All advisory committees report to CAUL through the Board or directly to the Council.

The Board meets at least six times per year with 2-4 face-to-face meetings and the rest via video conference. The Board exercises due diligence through its commitment to the [Constitution](#), the [Board Charter](#), working to a Board Calendar and fulfilling audit and risk obligations. Further information on [the roles and functions](#) of the CAUL Board [can be found on the CAUL website](#).

How many positions are available?

As per the Constitution and Board Charter, there are 4 elected position(s) on the Board and in 2019 it is the positions of Chair (elected) and one Director (elected) that are up for election.

Who can nominate?

In accordance with the CAUL Constitution, any Full Member of CAUL is eligible to nominate for and stand in the election. Members who are acting in the role of University Librarian or Equivalent during the nominations period are eligible to nominate.

How does a nomination work?

Candidates may nominate themselves or be nominated by another member (Full or Associate) of CAUL. Candidates nominated by another member must give consent to their nomination.

When do nominations need to be submitted by?

Nominations open at 9am on the 22nd July 2019. Nominations must be lodged using the online nomination form and need to be received by the Returning Officer, no later than 5pm on the 2nd August 2019 when nominations close. The Returning Officer will issue a receipt for all nominations received, via email.

What happens next?

The results for uncontested positions will be announced following the close of nominations. Should more than one valid nomination for a position be received a poll will be called on 5th August 2019.

Sincerely,

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