

Call for nominations – 2023 CAUL Board Elections

In line with section 3.3 of the CAUL Constitution, nominations are called for the election of Directors to the [CAUL Board](#).

The regular renewal of the Board's membership ensures:

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

[Nominations](#) are called for three positions of Director (Elected) currently held by the following Members whose terms end on 30 September 2023:

- Jill Benn (University of Western Australia)
- Robert (Bob) Gerrity (Monash University)
- Gwenda Thomas (University of Melbourne)

Jill Benn and Bob Gerrity have served the maximum of three terms as Board Directors and are not eligible for re-election.

Nominations for these positions are invited from eligible Council Members for election as a Director to the CAUL Board for a term of two years. Eligible Council Members are those that hold Full CAUL Membership defined in clause 2.1.2 of the Constitution – University Librarian or equivalent at Australian institutions.

Nominations will be accepted from **10am AEST on Friday 21 July 2023 until 5pm AEST on Friday 4 August 2023**. Nominations should be lodged using the online [nomination form](#).

Information about the [Board elections](#) is available on the CAUL website (after login).

Some key information on the CAUL Board and this election

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 exercises due diligence through its commitment to the [Constitution](#) and the [Board Charter](#), working to a Board Calendar and fulfilling audit and risk management obligations.

How many positions are there on the Board? The Board consists of four (4) Directors elected from among the full members of CAUL and three (3) Directors appointed by the Board for their skills and experience (not required to be a member of CAUL). Terms for Directors are two years and elections are held each year as terms end.

What are the roles of Board members? There are three ongoing officer roles to which Directors of the Board can be assigned by the Board: Chair, Deputy Chair and Chair of the Finance, Risk & Audit Committee. A fourth ongoing officer role is that of Chair of the Content Procurement Committee which is equivalent to a program director role. Program director roles are assigned as needed to lead the implementation of strategy. The Executive Director is an ex officio member of the Board. Further information about [Board Roles & Responsibilities](#) is available online.

How is the Board supported? The Board is supported by the CAUL National Office, program project groups, issues-based working groups, advisory committees and communities of practice. Board members have access to a comprehensive online Board Manual including Board Induction for new members as well as an online repository of Corporate Documents. Board members are covered by Management Liability Insurance.

Details of [current Board members](#), including their terms and roles, are listed on the CAUL website.

What is the Board responsible for?

- Strategy, policy and its execution
- Governance of the association, prioritisation and allocation of resources
- Establishing and fostering strategic partnerships and collaborations to address, nationally and internationally, the issues and opportunities impacting Australian university libraries

How often does the Board meet? The Board meets at least six times per year with two in-person meetings, when possible, and the rest via video conference.

How many positions are available in this election? Three positions – Director (Elected)

How does nomination work? Full Council Members of CAUL (University Librarian or equivalent at Australian institutions) are:

- eligible to nominate themselves
- eligible to be nominated by another Full Member
- eligible to be nominated by a temporary Full Member (who is acting in the role of University Librarian or equivalent during the nominations period)
- eligible to be nominated by an Associate Member of CAUL (CONZUL member)

In all nominations, the Full Council Member being nominated must give consent to their nomination.

A temporary Full Member who is acting in the role of University Librarian or equivalent during the nominations period is not eligible to nominate themselves or be nominated.

When do nominations open and close? Nominations will be accepted from 10 am AEST on Friday 21 July 2023 until 5pm AEST on Friday 4 August 2023. The Returning Officer will issue a receipt for all nominations received, via email.

What happens next?

If there are only three valid nominations for the positions, the uncontested results will be announced following the close of nominations. Should more than three valid nominations for the positions be received, details of nominees will be publicised by Tuesday 8 August 2023 and **elections will be held over five working days 8-14 August inclusive**. The poll results will be announced at the in person Council Meeting in Melbourne on 14 September 2023 with the successful candidates assuming the Directorships on 1 October 2023.

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