

**Asian Library Resources Group of Australia (ALRGA) \*\***

Constitution

- I. Name
  - Asian Library Resources Group of Australia (ALRGA)\*\*
- II. Objectives
  - a. To promote Asian Studies librarianship in Australia
  - b. To encourage discussion and the exchange of information through correspondence (including social media), newsletters, conferences and seminars
  - c. To serve as a professional body to facilitate contacts with similar organizations in other countries and partner organizations in Australia
  - d. *To develop and share a body of knowledge about existing resources for Asian Studies in Australia and to promote access to such resources.*
  - e. To promote the development of an effective distributed national collection for Asian Studies in Australia
  - f. To recommend programs for improvement of Asia related library facilities and services
- III. Membership
  - a. Membership is open to librarians, users and others interested in Asian Studies library services
  - b. Membership is free by signing up to the ALRGA\*\* mailing list. All members of the Group shall be entitled to subscribe to the mailing list, participate in conferences, seminars and other activities of the Group, and to receive information relating to professional interests
  - c. Voting Members are eligible to vote or to be nominated for the Committee. Individuals who are currently or have previously worked ***[or studied]*** in Australian libraries or academic institutions ***[in areas relating to Asian Studies]*** are entitled to be Voting Members.
- IV. Executive Committee
  - a. The Executive Committee shall consist of a President, Secretary, Editor, Website Manager, and a Treasurer.
  - b. Members shall be elected for a term of two years, and may be re-elected for further terms. The President shall not be eligible for immediate re-election to the same role.
  - c. In electing a committee, members should give consideration to geographical location, speciality/research interests to ensure a broad and balanced representation
  - d. Nominations for Committee members shall be invited via the ALRGA\*\* mailing list eight weeks before the date fixed for the election. All members are eligible to nominate from existing voting members. In the event of insufficient nominations being received by the closing date, the retiring committee shall make nominations to compose a new Committee.

\* The founding constitution of the Group, *E.A.L.G.A CONSTITUTION (November 1978)* is available from Newsletter No. 1 Appendix I <http://www.ealrga.org.au/newsletter1.pdf>

\*\* The new name "Asian Library Resources Group of Australia (ALRGA)" being used in this document is tentative. We seek further suggestion on a mnemonic alternative or catch words that suits.

**Suggestions: ALREGA, ALIREGA, ALREGOA, ALIBREGA, etc**