

Call for nominations to ALRA positions

- Amy Chan [ALRA President 2015-2019]

Hello all,

Welcome to the new year, 2019, and for those of you who celebrate, the year of the pig!

The current Committee has been in service since 2015, and ALRA is very due for a changeover of position holders.

Since the expansion of EALRGA (East Asian Library Resource Group of Australia) to include other parts of Asia 5 years ago, we have been actively advocating for Asia, Asian Studies and Asian studies/library resources.

We have solidified our purpose as:

1. To build a national community of Asian Studies librarians and library liaisons (non-specialists who work to support Asian Studies), and to coordinate communication, collaboration and sharing of knowledge and information within this community; and
2. To represent it to the Asian Studies scholars community, in particular in its liaison role with the ASAA through a representative position on the ASAA Council.

In general, we are advocates for Asian Studies and the resources required for in-depth study of the region, recognising that these resources may be esoteric, difficult to source, in a variety of languages and scripts, and may not necessarily fit into what is largely a Western library. It is in this area where ALRA makes a difference. We recognise that when we share information nationally and are able to consolidate our resources and knowledge, we can best serve our community of Asian Studies scholars.

These are some of the things we do:

- We have organised and convened roundtable sessions in conjunction with the ASAA biennial conference.
- We have a representative on the ASAA Council
- We publish a bi-annual newsletter
- We have a website, mailing list and database of e-resources
- An annual Christmas lunch, co-organised with Asia Pacific Special Interest Group (APSIG).

We are hoping new committee members will continue the good work, particularly in the era of the Asian Century.

Hence, I **call for nominations** for the following positions:

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Web manager
- Newsletter editor

In your submission of nominations, please include the following:

1. Your name
2. Name of your nominee
3. Secunder
4. A statement of why the nominee is nominated for the position and an acceptance of nomination by the nominee

Nominations will close at **11.55pm on 2 April 2019** and should be addressed to any member of committee as listed at <http://alra.org.au/committee.html>

Regards,

Amy Chan

President of ALRA, 2015-2019.