

# National Archival Forum

At a meeting held on 28-9 November 1984 at the Australian National University Archives of Business & Labour, Canberra, and attended by representatives from a wide range of archival institutions (including the Australian Archives, all State archives, the major manuscript libraries, and many specialist archives) it was resolved to approve in principle the formation of 'an organisation of archival institutions to provide a continuing basis for co-operation and consultation between those institutions'.

A drafting committee was appointed to investigate various matters relating to the membership and operations of the proposed body and to report back to a further meeting of institutions to be held in conjunction with the ASA Biennial Conference in July 1985. Membership of the drafting committee consists of a representative of the Australian Archives (Ms Maria Ignatievski has been nominated); Mr Michael Saclier, Archives of Business and Labour; Ms Baiba Berzins, Mitchell Librarian and President of the ASA; and Mr Clive Smith, Westpac, who chaired the meeting. The committee was given the power to co-opt as required.

The drafting committee is expected to present the July meeting with a draft constitution consonant with guidelines contained in various resolutions passed at the meeting and is to take cognisance of the general tenor of discussion in order to produce a frame of reference for the organisation which will be in accordance with the realities of the archival community in the 1980s.

It was further resolved that the body be called the National Archival Forum.



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