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Welcome to the first edition of ODLAA Bytes!

This newsletter is aimed to supplement the current informative bulletin that is issued throughout the year.

Next week we will be having our AGM and there are currently several vacancies that we hope to fill! If you are a professional with solid experience in open and distance learning and would like to get involved in this growing organisation, please contact either the editor of ODLAA Bytes or the President of ODLAA for further information about nomination and what membership of the executive involves.

The formal notice of the AGM is included at the end of this bulletin.

Our Conference!

Arrangements for our conference are well underway. The dates, theme and venue have been set and we are looking forward to the involvement of all members in this event. In particular we are currently trying to identify potential sponsors in order to reduce the cost of attendance for delegates. If you have any personal contacts or suggestions for sponsors again please contact either the editor of

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ODLAA Bytes or the President of ODLAA listed at the end of this bulletin.

Here are the details to date for the conference:

Expanding Horizons in Open & Distance Learning

5-7 February 2017, Melbourne, Australia

Theme:

Our theme, Expanding Horizons in Open & Distance Learning has three sub-themes of:

Openness

Community

Innovation

These will allow participants and presenters to explore the possibilities for innovation, openness and community in the ever-changing and expanding world of Open and Distance Learning.

For information about these themes visit:

https://odlaa.org/odlaa_events/2017-conference/

Key submission dates:

Call for abstracts opens: 16 May 2016

Closing date for abstracts: 15 August 2016

Notifications to presenters: 19 September 2016

Submission of full papers: 14 November 2016

ODLAA has gone social!

You can now participate in ODLAA events and discussions through both our Facebook and Twitter Accounts.

Our Facebook account can be accessed at:

<https://www.facebook.com/OpenAndDistanceLearningAssociationOfAustralia/timeline>

Our Twitter Account is @ODLAA.org

Visit our website at www.odlaa.org

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Membership to ODLAA includes subscription to [Distance Education](#) and member publications, reduced event fees where applicable, access to member communication channels and information sources including the member's area on the website, and voting rights. [Membership fees of \\$110 include GST and can be paid online.](#)

NOTICE of ODLAA 2016 eAGM: 26–28 April, 2016

All ODLAA members are invited to attend the eAGM.

Duration: The 2016 ODLAA eAGM will be held over 3 days (26–28th April)

Attendance: Please email the ODLAA Executive Officer [executive@odlaa.org] at 9am AEST on Tuesday 26th to register your 'attendance' at the eAGM (or as soon as you are able to). We will start the eAGM as soon as the quorum is reached. Once your attendance is registered, your presence will be assumed for the full 3 days of the eAGM. Therefore you will not need to repeat this every day.

Reports: Once we have reached a quorum, the eAGM will begin with the presentation of the President's Report, Journal Management Report and Financial & Auditor's Report for discussion over Tuesday and Wednesday.

Election: Nominations for vacant positions on the ODLAA Executive will be called on the morning of Tuesday April 26th. Nominations for the vacant positions, seconded by two current members of ODLAA, along with 200-300 words in support of the candidacy should be submitted to the ODLAA Executive Officer [executive@odlaa.org] by 9am AEST on Wednesday April 27th

Nominations received will be posted on the mailing list soon after and before 12 noon on Wednesday April 27th.

If necessary an election to fill the vacating positions will be held between 9am-3pm AEST on Thursday April 28th with results of the election announced at 5pm AEST on Thursday April 28th at the close of the eAGM.