

# David Allen's Nomination for IGeLU Chair - 2024

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## Who am I?

My name is David Allen and I am the current IGeLU Chair and I humbly submit my nomination for IGeLU Chair 2024-2027.

## Where am I from?

I live on the Gold Coast in Queensland, Australia and work in Brisbane at the State Library of Queensland.

## Bit about me and my institution!

The State Library of Queensland opened its doors in 1896 as the Brisbane Public Library. In 1943 the Queensland Parliament passed the *Libraries Act* establishing the Library Board of Queensland. The State Library of Queensland operates under the *Libraries Act 1988*.

Some of the areas where I have contributed to the State Library include:

- Software programming
- Library Management System replacement project
- Analytics
- Content delivery project
- Infrastructure support
- Digital Preservation.

Some of the library products that I have been involved in include:

- ORACLE - an in house developed Library Management System
- Voyager Library Management System
- ENCompass Digital Asset Management System
- Primo ('BO - on prem' and VE)
- DigiTool Asset Management System
- SFX
- MetaLib
- EZProxy
- Alma
- Alma-D
- Rosetta Digital Preservation System.

I am also a member of the following groups:

- Queensland University Libraries Office of Cooperation - ICT Working Party
- Australasia Preserves
- National State Libraries Australia - Digital Preservation Network.

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## What is my Ex Libris User Community experience?

ANZREG - Australia New Zealand Ex Libris Group

- ANZREG Committee Member - February 2011 to January 2015
- ANZREG Chair - January 2015 - December 2016

IGeLU SC Committee - September 2014 to August 2018

Some of the roles that I have undertaken as a IGeLU Steering Committee member include:

- Rosetta Working Group Liaison
- Primo Working Group Liaison
- Alma Working Group Liaison
- Developers/Interoperability Working Group Liaison
- Linked Open Data Working Group Liaison
- Analytics Working Group Liaison
- Voyager Working Group Liaison.

IGeLU Chair - August 2018 to present

Some of the activities that I have undertaken as IGeLU Chair are as follows:

- Increased transparency of SC monthly meetings by publishing minutes to the member's section of the IGeLU web site- <https://igelu.org/sc-minutes>
- Improvements to the IGeLU Governance - <https://igelu.org/transparency>
- Ongoing delivery of the annual conferences
- Increased our areas of cooperation between IGeLU and our sister organisation ELUNA including the redevelopment of the Ex Libris and IGeLU and ELUNA Software Development Cooperation Agreement
- Met regularly with Ex Libris Senior Management to escalate concerns raised by the community.
- Regular meetings with Ex Libris Regional staff to
  - Increase the visibility of IGeLU's activities.
  - Increase IGeLU membership.
- Regular meetings with Senior Vice President and General Manager of Ex Libris
- Provided additional support to Ex Libris National and Regional Users Groups by providing:
  - Access to web publishing facilities
  - Access to email list facilities
  - Access to online meeting and webinar facilities.
- Rosetta WG liaison activities
- Leganto WG liaison activities
- Alma-D WG liaison activities
- Esploro WG liaison activities

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## What is my three (3) year action plan for IGeLU?

My three (3) year action plan for IGeLU is:

- Succession planning for the Chair's position.
- Continue supporting IGeLU's members in advancing members' requirements. Representation of the IGeLU membership is the primary role of IGeLU.
- Continue delivery of Annual Conferences
- Continue improving communications with the membership. It is important that IGeLU represents the needs and requirements of its membership.
- Increase IGeLU membership base.
- Advance with Diversity, Equity and Inclusiveness Agenda. This applies to both within IGeLU and also within the Ex Libris suite of products.
- Increase IGeLU's profile with Ex Libris, ProQuest and Clarivate
- Continue improving IGeLU's internal policies and procedures.
- On going support of the IGeLU Working Groups and Communities of Practice

## Acknowledgements

As the current IGeLU Chair, I rely on and acknowledge the following groups:

- IGeLU Steering Committee members
- IGeLU ex-officio members
- IGeLU program Planning Committee
- Past IGeLU Chairs and Steering Committee members
- Working Group and Community of Practice Chairs and members
- IGeLU members who continue to show faith in the organisation by renewing their memberships every year.