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Arabic Language Teachers' Assoc. of Western Australia

جمعية مدرسي اللغة العربية في ولاية غرب أستراليا

It gives me great pleasure to report on the achievements of ALTAWA, 2019.

Achievements: This year has been a very meaningful year for the Association as we have officially become members of the MLTAWA. This affiliation has meant a lot to all the members, it has given the members a sense of belonging and a sense of being part of a bigger group of professionals who are passionate about languages teaching and learning. At the SLA'S sundowner earlier in the year, the Association has been gifted a plant as a symbol of growth and success. I can confidently provide feedback at this time that the Association is growing steadily and consistently.

On the 9th October 2019, ALTAWA held its routine committee meeting. What made this especially worthy of mentioning is that we were graced with the presence of the MLTAWA president, Nadia Civa, who officially welcomed all ALTAWA members to the MLTAWA family. All the members were indeed very grateful for this wonderful gesture. Nadia Civa herself has seen the plant growing! The Association is also very pleased to report that we are very fortunate to have the dynamic and very supportive past president of MLTAWA, Kate Reitzenstein, as a member of the Association. In addition, a representative from one of the Community Languages Schools also joined the Association. This provides us with so much richness, diversity and opportunities to grow by having membership from various sectors in the languages learning and teaching space with valuable skillsets to bring to the Association!

Conferences: The Association was also represented at the AFMLTA -International Languages Conference in Hobart during the semester one break this year. Many good networking opportunities were taken advantage of and excellent connections were made at the conference. The Association also attended a conference in Melbourne and networked with an Academic from the University of South Australia, Nadia Selim. She is currently near completion with her PhD thesis on Arabic language learning and teaching experiences in Australia. Her research is very relevant to the Australian context and hence invaluable for the Association to reference research-based findings and evidence. Collaboration with Nadia Selim was established, and the Association is excited with linking classroom practice with research.

The Future: ALTAWA is planning to have an Arabic Language Symposium under the auspices of the MLTWA at the upcoming biannual conference in 2020.

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