IPEd Notes: March 2016 to May 2016

IPEd appoints national Executive Officer

The IPEd Council has appointed Karen Lee as the national Executive Officer of IPEd. Karen lives in Brisbane and is a qualified solicitor from the corporate law arena. She worked as Senior Policy Adviser to the Australian Democrats from 2001 to 2007 and subsequently as Chief of Staff to two senators. Her established political experience and intimate knowledge of the parliamentary process, as well as her strong strategic advocacy and campaigning skills are assets she brings to the role. She also has extensive experience working at executive and senior levels in both the community sector and state government.

Karen is passionate about working in this industry and is looking forward to working with Council to ensure that we provide a strong and unified voice on behalf of our membership.

IPEd Transition update

The societies of editors whose members voted against becoming direct members of IPEd in the 2015 ballot were given the option to hold second ballots in early 2016. All of the three societies held second ballots, with the societies of editors in Tasmania and Western Australia voting for the resolution and the Canberra Society of Editors (CSE) voting against.

The results were as follows:

- The Society of Editors (Tasmania) – 13 for and 1 against
- The Society of Editors (WA) – 40 for and 6 against
- Canberra Society of Editors – 20 for and 22 against

The result of the second ballot rendered very positive support for the transition, with 43% of eligible members voting and the final result 89% in favour of the transition.

The final result table is available on the IPEd website.

From July 1 all the Australian societies of editors except CSE will form the new IPEd and become branches of IPEd.

Individual members of CSE will be able to apply for membership of IPEd from the transition date.

IPEd from 1 July 2016 – What you can expect

From 1 July 2016, the members of the societies of editors that supported the IPEd Transition will become members of IPEd and their membership records transferred to IPEd.

The new IPEd membership system, MemNet, will have an online member portal on the IPEd website that members will be able to use to:

- review and update personal records
- renew and pay subscriptions
- book and pay for events
- subscribe to the Editors Directory (ED), if eligible, and enter and maintain directory entry
- access members-only information.

At the same time, these societies of editors will become branches of IPEd and will continue to organise events, member meetings, training and mentoring activities much the same way as the societies did. Events and meetings will be promoted on the branch websites and through the national webmail system, and bookings and payments will be handled via MemNet.

Renewing your membership

As a member of IPEd, you will keep the same membership renewal date as you did in your society. If your membership renewal falls due on 1 July, you will be sent a renewal notice from IPEd and will be able to renew your membership using the MemNet online portal.
If your society membership renewal date is after 1 July 2016 you will receive a credit against the IPEd subscription fee for the unexpired portion of your membership. The new IPEd fee may be higher, requiring you to pay a pro rata top-up fee to make up the balance of the IPEd subscription for the year, which is the period until your membership anniversary date. Your invoice will indicate the top-up fee. More detail regarding the above is available in the ‘Your Transition questions answered’ document on the IPEd website.

**IPEd membership fees for the 2016–17 financial year**

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* For more than 10 staff, add additional subscriptions as appropriate

**Editors Directory**

The records of the freelance registers and databases from the societies of editors will be transferred to IPEd and, soon after 1 July, the national Editors Directory (for professional members only) will be created. This will be publicly available on the IPEd website.

The branches of IPEd will maintain their freelance registers until the ED has been developed to ensure a consistent online presence for those with entries.

**Accreditation update**

If you achieved accreditation in 2011, your application for renewal of accreditation is due by the end of August 2016. Renewal of accreditation assures clients and employers that you have maintained your requisite skills and knowledge as outlined in *Australian standards for editing practice*.

For renewal of accreditation, you need to submit the renewal of accreditation form and pay the renewal of accreditation fee by the due date of **31 August 2016**.

The renewal of accreditation process requires you to provide evidence of continuing employment or involvement in the editing profession as well as evidence of professional development activities.

Details of the process, including forms and fee information are available on the [Renewal of accreditation](#) page of the IPEd website.

There were 100 registrations for the IPEd exam, which will be held in an onscreen format on 25 June. Candidates will receive information shortly regarding their exam number and other exam details.

**Chicago Manual of Style online subscription for members**

IPEd is subscribing to the online version of the *Chicago Manual of Style*, giving access to all members at no charge from 1 July 2016.
Details on how to use the *Chicago Manual of Style* online will be made available to members as soon as it is available.

**Insurance for editors available through Aon Risk Solutions**

Through an agreement between IPEd Council and Aon Risk Services, all members of the societies of editors have been able to take out professional indemnity and public liability insurance at a discounted rate.

The insurance scheme has now been enhanced to better meet members’ requirements with various options for policy limits, allowing members to tailor their insurance coverage to suit their needs.

The insurance form and a rates sheet by state, which includes stamp duty, GST and Aon broker fees is available on the [Insurance Page](#) of the IPEd website.

**IPEd negotiates an agreement with Editors Canada**

IPEd is pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached between IPEd and Editors Canada which comes into effect on 1 July 2016.

In terms of the reciprocal agreement, IPEd and Editors Canada members can access each other’s webinars and online training courses at member rates. This adds to an existing arrangement whereby members of the societies of editors (soon to be branches) could attend Editors Canada conferences at the member rate and vice versa.

**Changes to IPEd Council**

Three councillors will end their terms at the end of June 2016, namely Charles Houen (Victoria), Julie Ganner AE (NSW) and Eris Harrison AE (Canberra). Charles joined council in May 2013, Julie in October 2014 and Eris in August 2015. All have made significant contributions to Council, with Charles noted for his contribution to finance, ably assisting the Honorary Treasurer and Julie taking on the Professional Development portfolio.

All have played important roles on committees relating to the IPEd Transition and Council thanks them for their contribution, especially during the IPEd Transition and voting phase which required hours of dedication.

**Viva La Novella IV – Selecting the novella**

Viva La Novella IV is sponsored by IPEd, and editor Tom Langshaw will write a series of articles for IPEd explaining his experiences as publisher and editor of a short novel.

His first article, on selecting the winning novella for publication, details the challenges of the selection process and what influenced his final choice. His article is a personal account of the process and is both entertaining and informative.

You can find it on the [Articles about editing](#) page of the IPEd website.

**IPEd rejects Productivity Commission proposal to limit copyright**

IPEd has endorsed a submission by the Canberra Society of Editors (CSE) to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Intellectual Property Arrangements, rejecting its proposed changes to copyright.

Further details about this including the full submission are on the [IPEd website](#).

**IPEd conference 2017: Advancing Our Profession.**

*Save the date: 13–15 September*

Join us in Brisbane from 13 to 15 September 2017 for the 8th IPEd National Editors Conference.
This will be the first conference of our new national organisation and a great opportunity to be part of advancing the profession of editing.

It will be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, in the heart of South Bank on the Brisbane River and within walking distance of the city.

Watch for the call for papers coming soon. Want to submit? Think along the lines of advancing our profession through technology, professional development and building alliances.