

Editors WA survey of members April 2018

Responses to questions with comments field

Q7. What kinds of events would you like to attend in future?

- Answered: 32
- Skipped: 5

Comments (6)

- ✓ To be honest I'm not in a position to attend any events at the moment as life is ridiculously busy as it is. But I'm not a member of IPEd for events – I'm a member because it is my professional association and advocates on behalf of editors.
- ✓ Any technical training in editing would be most welcome.
- ✓ It would be great to tap more into the membership if possible as there is a lot of expertise. There should be some payment, however as it does take time to prepare. Also input from young people in different aspects of the industry
- ✓ I live in regional WA so if the branch meetings could be video linked, either real-time or to watch later, I'd be interested to participate. I don't know how this could be done though, not part of my expertise unfortunately
- ✓ all of the above
- ✓ Mini-workshops of perhaps 2–3 hours for editors in particular fields (by genre or subject), probably arranged separately from regular branch meetings, to support and be supported by editors in our field and gain from each other's experience and knowledge.

Q8. What meeting topics do you think Editors WA should offer?

- Answered: 33
- Skipped: 4

Comments (5)

- ✓ Some practical sessions on: Promoting your business How to get work online How to network Make the most of your branch Intro to the committee and IPEd committee Build a better website Specific editing skills How to update your register entry Quoting best practice How to get on government procurement lists Working remotely Make more money editing Online networking What's MEAA? Maybe a few more after work networking events for people working in the city - not as long as a lunch but can pop in for a quick drink to meet others
- ✓ Technologies - future?
- ✓ All of the above, but options 2-5 are not relevant to me personally.
- ✓ How styles differ between publications and why How styles have changed with the advent of the web and why
- ✓ NB I have only recently become an editor/ joined IPEd as an associate member so I am interested in learning about anything/everything... Also, only recently moved to Perth (from Melbourne) so networking is important to me at this stage.

Q9. Can you present, lead or help organise topics for branch meetings?

- Answered: 6
- Skipped: 31

Comments (7)

- ✓ No (x 2)
- ✓ Suggestions for other things: Do more promotion with the Facebook page Consider Facebook groups for sharing work opportunities or questions Or encourage to interact with the IPEd FB group A quick tips email once a week/ month as helpful advice on various issues Photos of events posted on Facebook to encourage attendance
- ✓ have presented on government consumer writing - happy to talk on web writing, plain English, image editing (Photoshop), desktop publishing and pre-press
- ✓ Editing for magazines and newspapers (which also means managing staff and vested interests)
- ✓ Science editing; referencing; working with digital datasets and specialist software
- ✓ I do that now. I have organised or helped organise reviews of conferences, discussions of editing genres and presentations by visiting experts. I could set up author/editor presentations focusing on fiction and memoir.

Q10. IPEd CEO, Karen Lee, will visit Perth on 14 April 2018 to meet with members. What topics of branch or national scope would you like to discuss with Karen?

- Answered: 10
- Skipped: 27

Comments (10)

- ✓ National standards/practice being devised and implemented
- ✓ Branch and National Body relationships - where/what are the boundaries?
- ✓ I am unable to attend
- ✓ Continuing to stress the importance of accreditation to keep the shonky 'editors' at bay
- ✓ index of editors
- ✓ no idea
- ✓ That the members' directory be part of our membership fee!
- ✓ The distinct and joint responsibilities of members, branches and the national office for improving editors' standing. Also the role of branch presidents with respect to Council and national office: where do branch presidents fit into the scheme for policy, communication, delivering IPEd objectives, conveying members' preferences and needs to Council and staff?
- ✓ Helping rural members be active members by webinars etc.
- ✓ More ways of working with other groups/societies, e.g. writers, indexers, publishers ...

Q11. Do you feel there is sufficient integration or coordination between the Editors WA branch and IPEd nationally?

- Answered: 22
- Skipped: 15

Comments (14)

- ✓ I don't know.
- ✓ I don't know as not aware of how much there currently is.
- ✓ I'm not sure.
- ✓ I am not sure, as I have only recently joined IPEd.
- ✓ I'm starting to regret the change from Editors WA. WA is too far away and all I get from IPEd is request for money
- ✓ not sure. I'm quite remote from it really because I am a fulltime in-house editor, and I dont live in Perth and cant get 'in amongst it all' (meetings, workshops, panels etc) to really get a feel for the level of integration and coordination
- ✓ don't know
- ✓ No idea, but can I suggest you look at other professional organisations that have a national "head office" with state-based branches. Engineers Australia comes to mind - seems to have seamless integration with state based functions. (Although I note they don't have a publically accessible register - for the record I'm on the paid IPEd register)
- ✓ Not sure actually. I don't pay enough attention to make a distinction.
- ✓ I'm not sure.
- ✓ To me, it seems as though the tripartite relationship between individual members, the branch (including committee) and IPEd as a national organisation is fractured. I don't think there is a coherent sense of the branch as a subset of the national organisation; rather, that the branch still straddles the divide between being an autonomous society and a vehicle for bringing members together under the IPEd umbrella. There will always be a place for editors who don't want to belong to IPEd, but among members of IPEd, there seems to be a distinct ambivalence about their relationship to the branch and to the national organisation, and the relationship between the branch and IPEd nationally.
- ✓ Not sure, sorry.
- ✓ More communication both ways, and more awareness at centre of state branch societies' connections with other organisations in the state (e.g. writers' groups and publishers in each state).
- ✓ I only selected No as I am really not sure. As I am unable to attend meetings, I know very little of what goes on 'behind the scenes'. I am not happy though about the closing of the WA directory of editors as I do not qualify to be entered on the IPEd website and I have obtained work through the WA listing.