

## Calling all editing advocates – your national body needs you

# IPEd councillor for Western Australia

Are you interested in helping to drive the strategic direction for IPEd, over the next few years? Perhaps you'd like to be more involved in IPEd's growth and development? Would you like to connect with experienced editors from around Australia?

If you answered 'yes' to these questions, and you've been a member of the Editors WA branch of IPEd (previously the Society of Editors (WA)) for a few years, you could be our next IPEd councillor.

Stephen White, our new WA branch President has been doing a stellar job as WA councillor for the last 2.5 years. Now, as he settles into his new role, he's ready to hand the councillor baton to someone new.

### What does being an IPEd councillor involve?

The councillor is a member of IPEd's Board of Directors. Your term is initially two years, usually from the date of the national AGM held in September/October. With branch approval, you have the option to renew for two more years. The position is voluntary but there is an honorarium.

#### As a councillor you will:

- Contribute to strategic planning
- Review and approve national policy
- Approve recruitment (as applicable)
- Liaise between Council (the IPEd Board) and branch committee – communicating national initiatives to the branch and conveying branch queries and concerns to the Board
- Attend Board meetings via teleconference approximately every six weeks, and half-yearly with branch presidents
- Attend an annual in-person Board meeting (rotated between the states)

[Read more here.](#)

### Benefits of becoming an IPEd councillor

If you're passionate about editing, becoming an IPEd councillor is a fantastic way to become more involved in your profession. It's also an excellent professional development opportunity where you'll be able to:

- Participate in and influence IPEd's development
- Advocate for the interests of editors
- Interact with councillors and branch presidents from other states, and IPEd staff
- Access opportunities to chair standing committees or working parties
- Gain insight into the structure, growth and management of an Australia-wide not-for-profit organisation, operated largely through online communications
- Develop connections with other arms of IPEd, such as the Accreditation Board, Standing Committees, and the mentoring program

Stephen is committed to working with the new councillor over several months leading up to the national AGM, to help familiarise that person with the role.

Would you like to know more about joining the dedicated team of councillors working to advance IPEd's interests at the national level? Why not email Stephen or give him a call for an informal chat?

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