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Re: Societies vote for direct membership of IPEd

Dear members,

As you know, we recently conducted a vote on the future business model of IPEd.

Your votes were well received, and tallied, and the result is now in.

Nationally, the members of the seven societies of editors that comprise the Institute of Professional Editors (IPEd), have voted for direct membership of a new national organisation.

For a decisive result, the vote required more than 60% of those voting, after preferences, to choose one of the three options.

The primary vote was 55.1% for direct membership (DMM), 28.1% for the increased funding model (IFM) and 16.8% to keep the IPEd structure and funding as is.

The ‘as is’ vote, as the option with the least votes, was then distributed according to those voters’ second preferences for the other two options (18 members had no preferences), producing 61.2% for the DMM, and 34.2% for the IFM.

Society	As is		IFM		DMM		Total
CSE	3	8%	15	38%	19	48%	37
NSW	14	19%	9	12%	52	69%	75
Qld	10	16%	29	47%	23	37%	62
SA	3	11%	9	31%	15	52%	27
Tas	0	0%	1	11%	8	89%	9
Vic	34	23%	38	25%	79	51%	151
WA	2	6%	9	29%	20	65%	31
National total	66	16.8%	110	28.1%	216	55.1%	392
Allocated preferences			24		24		
Total with preferences			134	34.2%	240	61.2%	

Nationally, 392 members voted, or 23% of membership. This is a similar level of member participation as for the *Standards* review vote in 2012 and the June 2013 survey about the IPEd structure.

So what happens now?

This national in-principle vote allows IPEd to now develop detailed plans and policies, including constitutional changes, timing and budgets, to implement a direct membership model. A new working party has been formed, and there will undoubtedly be working sub-groups set up to develop key aspects of this process (particularly legal, membership and communications).

We will be seeking society representation on both the Working Party and any sub-groups formed – so if you have an interest and desire to be part of this exciting process, please contact IPEd Secretary, Charles Houen at secretary@iped-editors.org.

Once all details have been finalised and well communicated nationally, each society will then need to have a final vote of its own members to participate in the direct membership model, and undertake to meet what that will require.

We'll keep you posted in several ways:

1. The IPEd website will be updated regularly with information.
2. We will use Facebook and Twitter to alert members and industry to activities, so follow us and you will then be alerted as we progress.
3. Starting in January, our newsletter, IPEd Notes, will be used as the chief vehicle to keep people informed of our move to a direct membership model.

There are interesting times ahead – and we want to both keep you informed and also get your participation and assistance in this process.

By early 2014 the online member's Forum can be used for questions and discussion if needed. You will also be provided with the Working Party and sub-group contact details if you have submissions or key information you want to provide.

Have a happy holiday season and you will hear more from us in the New Year.



Chair

Owen Kavanagh