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IPAA announces new National Secretariat and Website

The National President, Percy Allan AM, has announced that from today the National Secretariat of IPAA will be managed by the NSW Division which recently won a competitive tender to provide the service.

Percy said:

“The new arrangements will result in significant savings in back-office expenses which will be applied to:

- Engaging a Communications Officer for two days a week to keep the new IPAA nationwide website portal up to date with IPAA news, announcements, events and Knowledge Centre resources and to assist the National President in his official role as IPAA public spokesperson,
- Engaging public policy researchers to prepare regular submissions on public administration matters for IPAA National’s Submissions Committee to review and release, and
- Addressing IPAA National’s structural operating deficit which has been reducing the national body’s cash reserves.

“The new National Executive Officer will be Gemma Rygate who is also Manager, Training, for IPAA NSW. Gemma has qualifications in Education and Arts and previously worked in secondary education and for a pastoral holding. She is well experienced in project management and strategic planning and has a strong understanding of business and corporations in an educational and arts context.

“Gemma will be assisted by an administration officer and a finance coordinator. All positions in the new National Secretariat will be part-time.” Percy added.

Gemma Rygate will report directly to the National President between quarterly National IPAA Executive meetings though legal responsibility to IPAA National for the National Secretariat service contract will be with the Chief Executive of IPAA NSW, Paul Doorn.



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Percy Allan paid tribute to Peter Rumph, Executive Director of the Queensland division of IPAA, for agreeing to be Acting NEO after the departure of Cath Healy, in March 2011. The National IPAA contract with the Queensland division for office premises and support expired in February 2011, but was temporarily extended to the 30th June. The Queensland Division will continue to provide office back-up for Natasha Hardy, the National Conference Manager for the forthcoming conference in Hobart, Tasmania.

Finally, Percy announced the launching of the new IPAA Nationwide website (www.ipaa.org.au) which publicises IPAA news, events, services and offices Australia wide rather than focusing on IPAA National itself as the previous site did.

The recast website also provides the latest public service news through direct access to *PSNews* online and in its Knowledge section gives direct access to *12manage*, a not-for-profit resource centre for management concepts and tools.

Percy said:

“The new website will strengthen IPAA’s brand as the nationwide professional association of the public sector by providing a single portal for all IPAA offices and services.”

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