

Nomination of Michael Wyatt as Honorary Life Member of the Australian Society of Indexers

The Society's constitution provides for the award of Honorary Life Membership in recognition of outstanding service to indexing and/or to the Society. Honorary Life Members have full membership rights without being required to pay membership fees.

We wish to nominate Michael Wyatt for this award, and provide the following testimonial. If the nomination is accepted by the National Committee, a motion for the award should be presented to the Annual General Meeting, for voting by members, where a two-thirds majority will apply.

Testimonial

Michael Wyatt has recently announced his decision to retire from indexing, a profession in which he has worked full-time for nearly twenty years.

Michael has made major contributions to the Society throughout his indexing career, as a committee member and more often than not in time-consuming roles such as membership secretary, conference and workshop organisation, and the editing, desktop publishing and distribution of the *Newsletter*.

He has been an active member of professional societies with related interests, such as the Society of Editors (NSW), which he has served as President and Membership Secretary, and the Galley Club of Sydney. His links with associated societies have been invaluable for AusSI.

In the late 1980s Michael was instrumental in getting indexing courses going in NSW, designing and teaching the first courses, and continuing to teach courses at the University of New South Wales, Macquarie University and Macleay College until last year.

He was also instrumental in establishing the NSW Branch of AusSI, which he has served as an office-bearer for over fifteen years, and to which he has contributed a great deal of time and expertise.

Michael has always been innovative and imaginative in proposing projects for the Society and for the profession generally. His curiosity in investigating and using new technology has been invaluable to the Society, yet has always been tempered by his keen sense of what was practical. He has helped many indexers with his tutelage and advice, and through his many published articles in the *AusSI Newsletter* and his contributions to indexers' discussion lists. He is recognised internationally for his knowledge of indexing software, and is appreciated by many for his willingness to record and share his knowledge.

In recognition of these contributions, which have gone far beyond the call of duty, we are happy to nominate Michael as a worthy Honorary Life Member of the Society.

Alan Walker
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