

THE ASID MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Who are we?

Allyson Thomson – Registrar

Divisional Membership Officers – currently Britta Meyer, Ian Pearce, Olive Webb, Morrie O'Connor, Darryleen Wiggins, Coral Farr, Linda Ward

What does the Membership Committee do?

- Review and monitor ASID membership, particularly at a divisional level.
- Recommend membership fee rates to the Board.
- Help the Board to decide on ways to attract and retain members as a part of the company's income generation strategy.
- Provide opportunities for the inclusion of people with lived experience of intellectual disability and/or family members as members of ASID.
- Membership fees are an important part of the ASID budget. It is important that members get benefits that they want as a result of their membership.

What categories of membership are there?

- Individual: Full or Concessional
- Organisational: Gold, Silver or Bronze

What benefits are there to membership?

Organisational membership:

Includes subscriptions to:

- Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability (JIDD)
- Research and Practice in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (RAPIDD)
- Access to Intellectual Disability Australasia (IDA)
- Discounts for publications, conference and event attendance
- Access to podcasts and other materials on the website

Gold - entitles 10 people discounts to events/conferences.

Silver - entitles 5 people discounts to events/conferences.

Bronze - entitles 2 people discounts to events/conferences.

Individual Membership:

Includes subscriptions and online access to:

- Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability (JIDD)
- Research and Practice in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (RAPIDD)
- Access to Intellectual Disability Australasia (IDA)
- Discounts for publications, conference and event attendance
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Who are our Gold Member Organisations?

- The Centre for Disability Studies (NSW), CCT (NZ), Te Roopu Taurima (NZ), Spectrum Care (NZ), NZCare Disability, Explore (NZ), IHC New Zealand, Inclusion Australia (Qld), Lifestyle Solutions (Tas), ONCALL Personnel and Management Services (Vic), Nulsen (WA).

What has the Executive Officer done to help membership?

- Worked with the Registrar and the secretariat on changing to a 1 July membership renewal date for everyone.
- Fortnightly e-news and coming events.
- Sending welcome email to all new members.
- Sending reminder email to all overdue/lapsed members.

What has the Board done to help membership?

- Supported the Annual Conference to share research with members and the community.
- Supported the production of position papers to inform members and the community.

What have the Membership committee done to help membership?

- Membership officers in each division follow-up member renewals.
- Membership officers have been contacting organisational members to ensure the correct nominated person is listed in the membership database.

What can members do to help membership?

- Hand out brochures at trade fairs, career expos and other suitable venues.
- Talk to people in the sector about ASID and what it means to be involved.
- Forward event flyers to people in their networks.