

7 September 2015

The Secretary
IPSHA
Ms Jill Bosanquet

Dear Jill

At the most recent Branch meeting held on 21st August 2015 there was unanimous member support for Frank Ali to be nominated for an IPSHA fellowship.

I include the citation that was read out at that meeting.

Members believe that Frank reaches all the expressed goals of the Association and this nomination is forwarded to the Board for consideration.

Sincerely



Robert A Hoff
President IPSHA (SA)

IPSHA Fellowship for Frank Ali

Frank Ali has been a member of IPSHA for close on 29 years, having joined the Association in 1987 when he was appointed to the position of Head of Primary at Blackfriars Priory School. Frank served in this role for 12 years before he accepted the position as Head of Junior School at Mercedes College in 1999, where he was the Head for some 9 years. He is currently the Head of Junior School at St John's Grammar School, where he began in 2008.

During his time of such lengthy and meritorious service to three IPSHA member schools, Frank has filled a number of significant roles with the South Australian Branch of IPSHA. He was the President-Elect from 1998 – 2000, President and SA Branch Representative on the Federal Board from 2000 – 2002 and Past President of the Branch from 2002 – 2004.

Frank also served as the Liaison Head on the SA Branch Deputies' Group from 1998 – 2000, during his time as President-Elect. He was the Liaison Head for the Special Education Teachers' Hub Group from 1994 – 2014, a staggering 21 years. In that time he organised a significant number of worthwhile PD activities for the Special Education Teachers' in our schools, a group which still flourishes today as one of the important Hub Groups in the SA Branch.

Importantly, Frank has been a wonderful supporter and contributor to IPSHA at both a Federal and State level. He was an active and key member of both the 1994 and 2008 IPSHA national conference committees, when the conferences were held in SA. His role in the planning of the 1994 conference at Seymour College was pivotal, as this was the last IPSHA national conference held in a school.

Frank has attended every IPSHA national conference since 1990 in Hobart, Tasmania, including the conferences where IPSHA joined with APPA to host national conferences in 2002 and 2004. He attended every SA/Victorian Biennial seminar from 1988 – 2009 and has subsequently attended every Tri-state seminar with SA, Victoria and Tasmania members since 2011. Each time one of these seminars has been held in SA, Frank has been an important member of the Organising Committee.

Frank has been a prominent and well respected member of the SA Branch in his 29 years of continuous service to IPSHA. He has played a key role in welcoming many new members to the Association and helping them feel connected to IPSHA by supporting their attendance at meetings and conferences, as well as actively encouraging them and their schools to be involved in the student centred activities offered to member schools in the Branch.

It is clear that Frank Ali satisfies the criteria for an IPSHA Fellowship, through his outstanding and sustained contribution to IPSHA. IPSHA (SA Branch) respectfully requests that the Federal Board acknowledges his eminent service to the Association by awarding him with an IPSHA Fellowship.

David Hine