

IPSHA State Life Membership Citation for Chris Riemann

Chris Riemann joined IPSHA (formerly JSHAA) in 1984. During this time Chris has shown a clear understanding of the concept that leadership starts from within. Chris has lived the IPSHA values and has served others, in his school communities (Pilgrim, Pembroke, Investigator and Hills Christian), within the state branch, nationally in cross-sectorial roles and in all education arenas during his long service to education. It is clear that he has lived IPSHA's mission and as an individual he has "provided professional support for its members and their teachers through ongoing learning opportunities and collegiality."

Through his involvement in IPSHA he has also shown that his leadership has had influence on others; he has facilitated conversation to assist IPSHA to be "a national voice of independent primary schools" and "to deliver and facilitate quality professional learning opportunities".

This is supported by:

- Regular attendance at meetings and conferences.
- Roles on the Organising Committee (sometimes Chair) of Halls Gap SA/Vic seminars and the Organising Committee for at least one Barossa retreat with focus on professional dialogue and the wellbeing of colleagues.
- Chair of 2003 APPA Conference Committee in Adelaide.
- Producing two volumes of professional reading for JSHAA: Good Practices in Primary Schools and More Good Practices in Primary Schools.

In his leadership of associations, state, national and international, Chris has shown that leadership builds professionalism and management capability. He has:

- Served on SA Branch Executive for at least six years including a term as President.
- Served on Federal Executive.
- Served on National Executive Council (NEC) of APPA for at least two years before going to Switzerland.
- When in Switzerland served on National Council on International Schools (NCIS) Elementary Heads Committee and Swiss Group of International Elementary Heads Committee. Chris started new collegial networks and groups of Principals who had never connected prior to his vision to do this.
- Gratefully used Grants in Aid to attend an ASCD conference in Philadelphia and reported on his learnings to colleagues.

Chris understands that there is much to be learned from professional dialogue and sharing and has visited well over 50 interstate schools in the process and established lifelong collegial relationships.

Chris has mentored colleagues, offered wise counsel and also encouraged his own staff to take up leadership opportunities in a distributed leadership model and at other schools, thus showing that leadership inspires leadership actions and aspirations in others. He has always been an encourager of professional learning amongst Principals in branch meetings and in each other's schools. He has willingly undertaken the mentoring of less experienced school leaders, giving of his time generously.

I highly recommend Chris Riemann for State Life Membership. I have no doubt that he has lived the core understandings of IPSHA and has been a servant leader to the association and his colleagues. IPSHA has been all the richer for his membership and his care and desire to be a life-long learner.

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