

Message from the President

The Endowment Fund Review Sub Committee has made its recommendations to the Executive Committee for consideration and subsequent presentation to the Board of Trustees. The Executive will have met on 22 February and the Board will meet on 25 April to consider this matter. The principle recommendation is to rename the fund from the Endowment Fund to the Investment Fund as our current Bylaws only need minor amendments to clarify the purpose and method of operation of the fund. Roles and Responsibilities, and Policy and Procedures documents will also be needed to be revised to better state how and for what purpose the funds can be used.

Subject to Board approval the new chair of the committee will be Gary Green and I sincerely thank him for taking on this role. Details of when Gary takes over as Chair and the term of his appointment are still being finalised.

With the Chair of the 5 Year Business Plan Sub Committee having returned home from overseas the committee will shortly commence its work. If you have ideas on how the Society can future proof itself in the foreseeable future please let Jim Dominick, Mark Hauser, John Lyons or Garry Roux know of your thoughts on the matter.

We are still searching for suitable members to take on the roles of Secretary, Treasurer and Web master. The current members stepped into these roles after the death of Eric Krum but cannot continue forever. Without new members volunteering to fill these positions the Society is in danger of withering and dying, a tragic result of inaction by its members.

John Tillack #10303
President



Vice President Election/Appointment 2026

One of my duties as Immediate Past President is to source candidates and conduct elections for President Elect and Vice President of IWCS and confirm the outcomes of the election process. With the promotion of John Tillack from President Elect to President after the death of Rick Long the terms of office for President, President Elect and Vice President are now out of synch.

IWCS Bylaws and Policies and Procedures do not provide guidance on how to synchronize these appointments. Consequently, I can announce, with the concurrence of the Executive, that Violet Oman, the current Vice President, will remain in her position until 1 October 2027.

Nominations for President Elect and Vice President will be sought in early 2027 with elections to be held in mid 2027 for these positions.

I urge any of our members to apply for this position. Rest assured you will have all the support you may need from me and our executive committee in this role.

*Mark Duff
Immediate Past President*



A Note to Contributors

Please submit articles as you complete them. They could be placed into future editions so each edition will present a balance of topics.