

ISANA Life Membership Nomination - 2012

Peter Spolc is one of the true 'rocks' of ISANA. He has ably demonstrated leadership through his committee and executive responsibilities and has provided generous mentorship for a number of emerging ISANA officers and members. His commitment to the organisation is clearly outlined in his extensive biodata as is the constancy of his care for international student welfare at all levels. His deep knowledge of international education combines with a level of compassion for individuals seeking advice and assistance; this professional breadth has spanned decades, since his ELICOS teaching in the 1980s.

What is obvious upon meeting Peter is his warmth and friendship to colleagues in the industry, his measured judgement and objectivity - and his wisdom. These qualities are central to ISANA's mission and purpose; his modeling of these principles is outstanding.

Key contributor to the professional development of international education professionals, through ISANA's PD program.

Outstanding office bearer over a number of years.

Commitment to ISANA's mission and values.

1997 - became an ISA and joined ISANA.

1998 - became co-convenor of the NSW ISANA branch with Josh Switzer.

2000 December - hosted the first Sydney conference at the Sydney Convention Centre.

2000 December - worked with Paula Dunstan for the first time in co-delivering the Newcomers welcome session.

2002 - created the concept of the Meeting the Needs session and ran it at Macquarie with five presenters on North American students.

2003 - co-wrote and co-delivered first iteration of the 'Introduction to International Education' (IIE) with Paula Dunstan

2003 - with Paula Dunstan, entered negotiations with AEI on behalf of ISANA to run PD training and events. Continued to run IIE in various cities, including at the ISANA national conference in Yeppoon.

2004 - co-delivered IIE as a TRACs event at IDP conference.

2006 - delivered IIE at annual conference. Took on role as ISANA delegate at NSW DIAC Client Reference Group.

2007 - Engaged as the tutor in the Diploma of International Education Services program, continuing in this role until 2011.

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2007 - attended Adelaide conference and was awarded ISANA's 'outstanding individual' award.

2008 - prepared Sponsorship package for ISANA Council

2009 - elected as VP Planning & Development. Assisted with NSW Ministerial Taskforce on International Education.

2010 - co-wrote Education Agents Manual with Melanie Duncan as ISANA contractor

2011 - second term as VP Planning & Development. Presented paper at UKCISA as ISANA delegate.

2011 - wrote review of constitution which successfully led to adoption of revisions at 2011 conference.

2012 - presented paper at British Council conference in Singapore as ISANA delegate