



October 12th, 2019

Dear ECAWA Members,

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of Ian Gaynor.

He was always available to give advice and assistance to teachers, and helped shape computing education in WA.

I can't remember a time as a teacher where Ian didn't have a presence. His advice was always thoughtful, considered and friendly. I'm confident many Western Australian teachers would feel the same.

Ian will be sadly missed by all who knew him as a kind and gentle person, and a man of great wisdom, integrity and patience.

The Educational Computing Association of Western Australia extends very sincere condolences to Ian's wife and family.

We have made a page available on ECAWeb at http://bit.ly/ECAWA_Ian_Gaynor where those who wish may record their tributes and memories and share any photos they would like to make available.

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Ian Gaynor

Ian Gaynor was a member of ECAWA from the late 1990s. He was a member of the ECAWA Committee in 2000 - 2001, and continued to be an active member and supporter of ECAWA throughout the 2000s, returning to the ECAWA Committee in 2010 - a very busy time, as ECAWA prepared to host the national conference - ACEC 2012 - in Perth

Ian was elected Vice President of ECAWA in 2011, and became Acting President when, in the lead up to ACEC 2012, the then President, Robin Hutton became seriously unwell.

Ian Gaynor was elected President of ECAWA in 2012 and began the difficult process of rebuilding the ECAWA Committee after the exhausting national conference experience.

Ian also took on the role of ACCE Board Member for Western Australia in 2012, and later became the Treasurer of the ACCE Board.

Ian Gaynor was one of longest serving of Western Australia's representatives on the ACCE Board, working in that role from 2012 to early 2019.

Ian was also arguably, the most successful of WA's representatives, both in winning benefits for Western Australians and ECAWA members, and in establishing and maintaining excellent working relationships with other board members and the CEGs they represent.

Ian Gaynor convened a considerable number of ECAWA State Conferences, in parallel with his other responsibilities.

As President of ECAWA between 2012 and 2017, Ian Gaynor became the longest serving President in ECAWA's history.

After stepping down from the President's position, Ian remained a member of the ECAWA Committee and continued to work to support the subsequent Presidents', the ECAWA Committee and ECAWA members.

Ian Gaynor also represented ECAWA and was a leading participant in the group that made the STEM Consortium a reality.

Ian Gaynor's contribution to education and the professional associations in education in Western Australia went far beyond his work with ECAWA, and also (in part) included :

- Australian Council of Educational Leaders: Member (ACEL)
- Australian College of Education: Member: (MACE)
- Australian Computer Society: Associate: (AACS)
- Australian Council of Computers in Education: Associate (ACCE Assoc)
- Western Australian Information Technology and Telecommunications Alliance (WAITTA)
 - Incite Award: Judging Panel-Category - Secondary, Undergraduate & Post Graduate category
 - Game Changer: Stem Award Planning Committee
- Coderdojo: Member of the steering committee

Ian also served on numerous other community groups.

Ian Gaynor was very well known in his role with the Curriculum Council of Western Australia, and later with the School Curriculum and Standards Authority, in his role as Moderation and Standards Officer and Principal Consultant, Secondary Curriculum and Assessment, Applied Information Technology / Computer Science, Technologies: Digital Technologies

Ian's contribution in this area has been outstanding, and he truly earned the gratitude of teachers for the support he has provided.

Ian Gaynor supported ECAWA and always brought enormous credit to the association, of which he became an Honorary Life Member in August, 2019.