

## **David Cook FACS CP – Statement of Goals – ACS Vice President Academic**

My name is David Cook and I work at Edith Cowan University in the School of Science. I work in both research and teaching. I seek the consideration of National Congress members as they choose a new Vice President (Academic) to serve their needs on Congress and Management Committee.

As an academic working in the university sector I am at the coalface of the academic challenges that sit before the ACS. My goals include meeting the challenge of a rapidly changing academic landscape, where the breadth and depth of ICT and computing knowledge, and its transfer, are crucial to the relevance and success of the ACS. I look forward to giving thought leadership to the role that the ACS plays in terms of its Academic position, during a time of change and competition. The other challenge is to make complex technical elements gain broader understanding by non-technical thinkers. The ACS must retain its appeal to a wider audience. Academic issues drive a significant portion of that appeal. New areas about curriculum, new technical standards, new ethical boundaries, and a fresh approach to knowledge transfer... these are the big ticket items for a progressive society advocating for the advancement of professional excellence in information technology.

### **Adding Value to the ACS**

I am passionate about the success and progress of the Australian Computer Society. In the last 8 years I have spent 5 years on Congress, 4 years as WA Branch Chair, 2 years on the National PD Board, 2 Years on the National Membership Lifecycle board, 1.5 years on the National Community engagement Board. I have chaired over 100 Branch meetings and worked as the public face for the ACS in WA. At branch level my best efforts have been directed at the PD portfolio, the mentoring portfolio, and the Government Relations portfolio. I'm keen to see those areas provide better outcomes for members.

In WA my time has also been spent as a representative of the ACS on a range of government, educational, and community boards and committees. I've put forward the ACS position to governments, politicians, and through the news. The engagement has driven over 50 news, media, and radio stories, and the opportunity to share the ACS values about ICT as a profession, and the importance of the work that we do is something that I do not shy away from. I am genuinely keen to see the ACS included in the outward-facing side of today's computing and technology challenges.

At the same time I've sat on many advisory boards as one of the members – quietly advocating for change, and helping committees to form meaningful policies, activities, and reflections that enable other ICT affiliates outside of the ACS to appreciate the need for professionalism and expertise from the right people, and at the right time. Much of my work is related to Academic outcomes. I sit on the South Metropolitan Higher Education Academic Board in WA, the WA State Training Council, and I am the chair of the Educational Training and Advisory Board for NIT Australia.

### **Motivation to do more**

I have recently (July 2016) finished 4 years as the ACS WA Branch Chair, and now I am looking for the next big challenge. The role as Branch chair has been a fantastic experience. I feel that it has given me a window into the growing needs of the ICT community, and I relish that chance to take what I've learned from the last 5 years so that I can assist the ACS grow and prosper in the next few years.

I understand the fiduciary responsibility of MC. I am a board director of two WA NGOs. One is an International NGO specialising in poverty alleviation in Southeast Asia, and the other is as a Director of the Indonesia Institute, an Australian think-tank organisation where I work as the ICT Technology Director for strategic development in the Indonesian Archipelago.

Please consider my nomination for Vice President Academic.