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In 2013, the ASEG co-produced its first e-book with the SEG, and successfully launched OzSTEP, its answer to DISC. For me, these firsts symbolise adaptation and growth respectively. Guided by such pragmatic principles of innovation, *Preview* shall continue with incremental change, seeking ways to better serve its readership. A *National Calendar of Events (Branch News)*, introduced quietly in Issue 165, arose to complement, what effectively became, the *[International] Calendar of Events*. This new calendar fulfils two objectives: to better promote the activities of the ASEG, and to enable

members of each state branch to feel part of an integrated whole.

The latter point may seem a little odd to some, but it is a crystallisation of the many impressions I experienced whilst attending the ASEG Council Meeting, held in August during the 23rd IGC last year. Notably, the ASEG is more than a mere sequence of branch technical meetings, and its community extends nationally. Not to mention the wonderful opportunity I had in meeting the devoted individuals with whom I've exchanged countless emails. On hearing the developments in other branches, an uneasy feeling grew within me, that through no deliberate design, it seemed that each branch had effectively operated in silo.

For these reasons alone, members are encouraged to participate in the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM), to be held in Canberra on 10 April 2014. A Notice of AGM, prepared by the Federal Secretary, Barry Drummond, is posted within this issue. Items of particular importance include

the standing of President-elect, Greg Street, for the position of President, and the call for nominations to fill the positions of a number of executive offices. Please note, nominations are to be received by the Federal Secretary no later than COB 9 March 2014.

Returning to the opening theme of progression through incremental change, a new section is to be created within *Preview*: one that caters specifically to the needs and demands of *Early Career Geoscientists*. As its premise, this section shall endeavour to provide new opportunities to ASEG members undertaking graduate, honours, and postgraduate education. Specifically, those contributing are invited to publish their current research 'in progress', showcasing ability and areas of interest for both peers and recruiters alike, and share their experiences as interns, thereby offering implicit authentic advice to others. Ultimately, it is hoped that this section will facilitate those making the challenging transition from academia to industry.

Call for Associate Editors: *Preview* Magazine

Expressions of interest are sought from ASEG members to fill multiple positions as Associate Editor for the following columns: Industry News; Canberra Observed and Minerals & Environment. Successful applicants shall be required to independently source material and submit quality articles to be overseen by the Editor, whilst adhering

to stringent publication schedules for the bi-monthly publication.

Interested persons are encouraged to contact the Editor of *Preview*, Dr John Theodoridis, by email: previeweditor@aseg.org.au.



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