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By the time this issue of *Preview* reaches you, the ASEG Annual General Meeting (AGM), to be held in Canberra on 10 April 2014, shall be recent history. Our Outgoing President, Koya Suto, is set to step down and be replaced by President Elect, Greg Street. On commencing his presidency in April 2013, Koya Suto wasted no time implementing his clear vision for the ASEG. A vision that both acknowledged and employed all available resources. His pragmatic approach ensured an effective application of his passion and ability, whilst showing infinite respect to all. Moreover, he demonstrated a style of leadership that is one of example – not mere spectatorship. The rapid replies to my diurnal and nocturnal e-correspondence, for me,

exemplifies Koya's diligence and tireless efforts. Notably, as a good facilitator, he fostered growth and acceptance through encouragement, rather than blatant criticism. In this sense, Koya built and maintained 'internal bridges', treating each of his colleagues as valued members of the 'ASEG Team', true to his mission statement.

An important development within the ASEG is the establishment by the Federal Executive of Specialist Groups (p. 9), the existence of which is permitted by the adoption of a new By Law (p. 10). Crucially, the Federal Secretary, Barry Drummond, reminds us that the '[ASEG] Constitution allows for members to comment on and disallow By Laws', hence its publication. In brief, Specialist Groups are an extension of the Branch model of the ASEG, providing an extra dimension incorporating workshops, conference sessions, newsletters and publications, each with its own executives, budget and programme of activities. It is an exciting initiative, more so because expressions of interest are now open, with additional opportunity to be actively involved in setting up a group.

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As part of the ASEG Continuing Education programme, members are reminded of the up-coming SEG DISC with Shawn Maxwell: 'Microseismic imaging of hydraulic fracturing: improved engineering of unconventional shale reservoirs', to be held in Perth (28 April), Melbourne (30 April) and Adelaide (5 May). Tour information including, abstract, instructor biography, course objectives and booking information, can be obtained via the SEG directly (www.seg.org/disc), or by contacting your local ASEG State Branch.

In closing, I give recognition to Ristch Camille's article entitled 'Constrained magnetic modelling of the Hawsons Iron Deposit, western New South Wales', for being the inaugural piece of *Preview's* new section, 'Early Career Geoscientists'.

Student membership now free

On 27 March 2014, a motion passed in the Federal Executive Committee meeting to waive the student membership fee. Effective immediately, all student members are no longer required to pay an annual subscription, currently \$44 including GST. Those student members who already paid the 2014 subscription will receive a refund in the near future.

Accordingly, the Student Sponsor Programme, in which corporate sponsors subsidise the student membership fee, shall now cease. The ASEG thanks the sponsors, Origin Energy, Rio Tinto and Coffey Geoscience, for their past sponsorship.

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 and 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.