

Australasian Spatial Information Education and Research Association (ASIERA)

Terms of Reference

Introduction

ASIERA is an association of the tertiary education institutions in Australasia with a primary focus on spatial information education and research. As such, ASIERA represents a significant part of the spatial information industry in Australasia, with a workforce of several hundred people in fundamental and applied research and innovation, and educating the future generations of professionals. ASIERA can also access the excellent international networks of similar international institutions.

Purpose

To raise student uptake of tertiary spatial information education and to grow the research programs in Australasia.

Objectives

To foster and promote tertiary education and research in geospatial information by:

- Forming the first point of contact to the tertiary education and research sector;
- Engaging with other organisations for the promotion and growth of the field, such as SSSI, SIBA, SEAG, CRCSI, FIG, IAG, ISPRS,UCGIS, or AGILE;
- Contributing to the public discussion on the future of the spatial industry, professional sub-disciplines and geospatial science;
- Organizing, as and when appropriate, colloquia, seminars or workshops on spatial education or research topics;
- Sharing experiences, developments, and initiatives amongst the participant institutions.

Membership

Any department of a tertiary education institution that offers spatial information education and research programs can become member. Membership is constituted by paying a membership fee of \$500 per annum. ASIERA has an inclusive understanding of spatial information education and research programs. All departments supporting the *Objectives* laid out above are invited to join.

Member departments are represented in ASIERA by the academic leaders (Head of School, Head of Department, Discipline Leader or similar). There is no individual academic membership.

Internal regulations

ASIERA will hold at least Annual Meetings. At their Annual Meetings the representatives renew the charter of ASIERA and elect a chair for the next year. The representatives present at a meeting make decisions by majority vote.

The chair represents ASIERA externally, and convenes and chairs the meetings.

The chair is supported by a secretary. The secretary collects the membership fees, keeps the account, and provides the minutes of meetings.

ASIERA will maintain a website.

Approved

These *Terms of Reference* were approved by ASIERA members on the 9 March 2012.

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