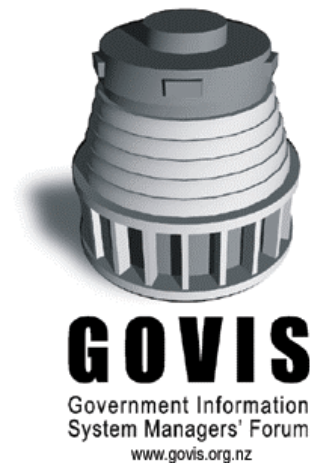


Presidents Report

Annual General Meeting of GOVIS 2006

22/9/2006

This year has been a year of innovation for GOVIS, with many successful achievements.



The Webstock conference was a huge success for the Web Standards NZ group and GOVIS. Webstock would not have happened without GOVIS. GOVIS bought into the concept before anyone else and underwrote the financial risk. The outcome was a quality conference not only for our web forum, but the wider NZ web community:

From Doug Bowman, designer for Blogger and now lead designer at Google: "In the past few years, I've attended quite a few conferences, both as attendee and as speaker. After attending Web Essentials in Sydney for two years, and @media in London last year, I thought I had experienced the high points of medium-scale web conferences. Now that Webstock is here, it appears the bar has been raised significantly higher."

The IPANZ New Professionals conference was suggested by GOVIS, as a result of feedback from our GOVIS 2005 conference, about the lack of events for new professionals. IPANZ and our conference organisers (Paardekoopers and Associates) did a great job in organising a conference in only 12 months. From all accounts it was "a good time had by all".

GOVIS sponsored the Innovation in Technology category of the BearingPoint Innovation Awards 2005 – the winner of the category was New Plymouth District Council's Real Service Real Time management system integrates various technologies, systems, data and communication tools



GOVIS also continued to support the Institute of Public Administration New Zealand, as a corporate member. Our membership of IPANZ ensures any new IT/IM professionals have access to their New Professionals (NPs) group.

The GOVIS SIG Sponsorship continued to draw little interest. There was only one application; Beryl Anderson from ESR attended the AIIM conference, May 16-18, in Philadelphia

Our forums continued to do well, thanks to those who have put their time and effort into our forum activities. Membership of the forums has increased slightly from last year:



- GOVIS (236 members)
- Information Management (149 members)
- Information Technology (123 members)
- Security (112 members)
- Websites (150 members)
- Call Centre (6 members) ** new

We have successfully tried a lunchtime workshop format and in October we will be trying a GOVIS café format. The Website forum has also provided us with lots of valuable feedback on our GOVIS website.

Presentations on demand are now possible, as GOVIS pilots a new form of communication tool known as rich media. Rich media is a term used to describe a broad range of interactive digital media that takes advantage of enhanced features such as video, audio and animation. This technology benefits GOVIS for the following reasons:

- Allows us to build up a resource of presentations for reference and historical purposes
- Allows us to provide a more flexible service to our members, by allowing them to view presentations remotely, and/or at a later date;
- Allows us to easily disseminate information outside the traditional geographical “reach” of GOVIS, (ie to public servants outside of Wellington).

The service is available at <http://richmedia.govis.org.nz> and has over 90 hours of content.

GOVIS 2007 conference planning, getting ready for May 9-11, is now well underway, . The theme is “Innovation in ICT” – developing better ways of meeting needs and solving problems using ICT.

Mike Pearson
GOVIS President

Committee of Management 2005-06:

Mike Pearson – President (SSC); David Fitzgerald-Irons – Treasurer (Statistics NZ); Marie Nordstrand – Secretary (DIA); Ros Coote – Forum Coordinator (Ministry of Justice); Michelle Edgerley (Cabinet Office); John Hanson (Mfish); John Preval (Parliamentary Services); Rob McNie (Ministry of Justice).

2007 Conference Committee:

Mike Pearson; David Fitzgerald-Irons; Marie Nordstrand; Rob McNie; Doug Neilson (ACC); Greg Goulding (Archives); Sean Torley (Ministry of Education); Jillian Armstrong (Te Papa).

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