

HISTORY OF WA DIVISION BREAKFAST AND AWARDS PROGRAM

1980 November 1980 – first Secretary of the Year (SOTY) Quest was launched. Conducted by “Girl About Town” Magazine and British Airways was the major sponsor, donating a trip for two to London.

IPSA’s President, Lorelie Tacoma, was on the judging panel and assisted generally in the conduct of the quest.

1981 27 March - This was the first IPSA National Secretaries’ Day Breakfast held in WA.

- **Jeanette Ward** (Member and later President), was SOTY winner.

1981 26 March –

- Winner: **Caroline Orriss** (non member)
- 2nd : **Faye Schippeheijn**,
- 3rd : **Joy Thompson** (now Herwegg), both IPSA members.

1983 No mention of any SOTY quest.

1984 No further mention of SOTY until February 1985.

1985 SOTY winner was **Irene Thackray**, an IPSA member, and it was announced at a special function.

1986 No mention of SOTY.

1987 4 June – Sir Charles Court announced the West Australian SOTY winner at a cocktail party at the Parkroyal Hotel.

- Winner: **Helen Rogers**. (6 finalists)

From the limited records on hand, this appeared to be IPSA’s first full involvement with organizing the SOTY awards.

1988 17 May – SOTY winner announced at a Cocktail Reception, Sheraton Hotel.

- Winner: **Anne Grigg**.

1989 SOTY finale was held at a cocktail party at the Sheraton Hotel.

- Winner: **Sharon Dawson**.

1990 No SOTY mentioned.

- 1991 SOTY launched in June 1991
30 July – SOTY Presentations at Finale Dinner held at the Perth Parkroyal Hotel.
- Winner: **Lynne Schickert** (member),
 - Runner-up: **Cheryl Leyland** (non member, but later joined upon return to Perth)
- 1992 **10 June** - Launch of SOTY at Mount Street Inn, Compere: Verity James, ABC
12 August - SOTY Presentations held at Mount Street Inn.
- Winner: **Maggie Joss** (member)
 - Runner-up: **Jan Hurn** (non-member)
- 1993 **28 July** - SOTY Launch, Cocktail Party at Hyatt Regency Hotel
22 September – Presentations at Gala Finale Dinner
- Winner: **Maureen Eaton** (Edith Cowan University),
 - Runner-up: **Kaye Southern** (member)
 - WA Member of the Year: **Jan Combridge**.
- 1994 **22 June** - SOTY Launch held at Perth International
21 September – Presentations at Gala Finale Dinner at Perth International Hotel. Compere: Verity James, ABC.
- Winner: **Lyn Patience** (non-member),
 - Runner-up: **Helen Richards** (member)
- 1995 No SOTY quest held in Perth
IPSA SOTY quest held in Bunbury by Jean Tait Recruitment and announced at Bunbury Secretaries' Day Breakfast held at The Lord Forrest Hotel
- 1996 **29 March** - SOTY combined with IPSA Secretaries' Day Breakfast held at Novotel Langley Hotel. Guest speaker: Hon Richard Court MLA, Premier of WA. Major sponsor: Drake WA
IPSA Secretary/Administrator of the Year Awards.
- Winner: **Marion Kilderry** (member)
 - Achievement Award: **Judith Ennis** (member)
 - Encouragement Award: **Nola Sinden** (non member)
- IPSA Junior Secretary/Administrator of the Year Award:**
- Winner: **Danijela Jevtic** (corporate member)
- 1997 **21 March** – IPSA International Secretaries' Day Breakfast and Awards Presentation held at Hyatt Regency Hotel. Guest speaker: HE Major General Michael Jeffery, Governor of WA. Major sponsor: Drake WA
IPSA Secretary/Administrator of the Year Awards.
- Winner: **Wendy Wiley** (member)
 - Achievement Award: **Jo Drayton** (non-member)
- IPSA Junior Secretary/Administrator of the Year Award:**
- Winner: **Rebecca Trigwell** (non member)
 - Runner-up: **Dayna Hodgskin** (non-member)

- 1998 **22 April** – IPSA International Secretaries’ Day Breakfast and Awards Presentation held at Hyatt Regency Hotel. Guest speaker: Hon Graham Kierath MLA, Major sponsor: Drake WA
IPSA Secretary/Administrator of the Year Awards.
- Winner: **Jane Reid** (non member)
 - Achievement Award: **Jan Williams** (member)
- IPSA Junior Secretary/Administrator of the Year Award:**
- Winner: **Brigette Paterson** (non member)
 - Runner-up: **Jo-Anne Crutcher** (non-member)
- 1999 **21 April** – IPSA celebrating International Secretaries’ Day Breakfast and Awards Presentation held at Hyatt Regency Hotel. Major sponsor: Drake WA
IPSA Secretary/Administrator of the Year Awards.
- Winner: **Denise Green** (non member)
 - Achievement Award: **Robyn Parsons** (non member)
 - Encouragement Award: **Kristy Nankiville** (non member)
- 2000 **19 April** – Office Professionals Day Breakfast and Awards Presentation held at Hyatt Regency Hotel. Major sponsor: Drake WA
Office Professional of the Year Awards.
- Winner: **Jan Williams** (member)
 - Achievement Award: **Jenni Lumsden** (member)
 - Encouragement Award: **Nina Anderson** (non-member)
 - Junior Award: **Elizabeth McGregor** (non-member)
- 2001 **4 April** – “Moving on Up” - Office Professionals Day Breakfast and Awards Presentation held at Hyatt Regency Hotel. Major sponsor: Drake WA
Office Professional of the Year Awards.
- Winner: **Julie Rawlings** (non member)
 - Achievement Award: **Renee Westlake** (non member)
 - Encouragement Award: **Emma Martin** (non member)
 - Judges’ Special Recognition Award: **Susan Du Boulay** (member)
- 2002 **24 April** – “The Strongest Link” - AIOOP National Office Professionals Day Breakfast and Awards Presentation held at Hyatt Regency Hotel. AIOOP national partner: Drake
AIOOP Office Professional of the Year Awards.
- Winner: **Jenni Lumsden** (member)
 - Achievement Award: **Liz Gray** (non-member)
 - Encouragement Award: **Bernice Yoong** (non-member)

2003 23 April – “Ruby Wednesday” - AIOOP National Office Professionals Day Breakfast and Awards Presentation held at Hyatt Regency Hotel. Event jointly organized by AIOOP and Debrett's Conference & Event Management. AIOOP national partners: Drake and Avery
AIOOP Office Professional of the Year Awards.

- Winner: **Wendy Ireland** (member)
- Achievement Award: **Maree Clune** (member)
- Encouragement Award: **Mellissa McLean** (non-member)

2004 7 May - “Aspire to New Dimensions” - AIOOP National Office Professionals Day Breakfast and Awards Presentation held at Hyatt Regency Hotel in conjunction with Debretts. AIOOP national partners: Drake and Microsoft.

AIOOP Office Professional of the Year:

- Winner: **Debbie Pantany** (non member)
- Achievement Award: **Natalie Skipworth** (non member)

Young Office Professional of the Year:

- Winner: **Angela McGrade** (Mardon Recruitment – corporate member)

2005 6 May - “Your Stairway to the Top” - AIOOP National Office Professionals Day Breakfast and Awards Presentation held at Hyatt Regency Hotel in conjunction with Debretts. AIOOP national partners: Drake. Major Breakfast & Award sponsors: Microsoft, Tupperware.

AIOOP Office Professional of the Year:

- Winner: **Christine Browne** (Alcoa – corporate member)
- Achievement Award: **Victoria Cairns** (non member)

Young Office Professional of the Year:

- Winner: **Samantha Johnson** (non member)

2006 5 May - “Leading the Way” - AIOOP National Office Professionals Day Breakfast and Awards Presentation held at Hyatt Regency Hotel in conjunction with Debretts. AIOOP national partners: Recruitment Solutions.

AIOOP Office Professional of the Year:

- Winner: **Dawn Rouse** (Dept Water - corporate member)
- Achievement Award: **Helen Ball** (City of Mandurah – corporate member)

Young Office Professional of the Year:

- Winner: **Sarah Oldfield** (non member)

2007 4 May – “Your Key to Success” AIOOP National Office Professionals Day Breakfast and Awards Presentation held at Perth Convention Entertainment Centre in conjunction with Debretts (final year of joint venture) 530 attendees.

AIOOP national partners: Recruitment Solutions, Cartridge World

AIOOP Office Professional of the Year:.

- Winner: Catherine Donnelly (member)
- Achievement Award: **Susan McCall** (non member)

Young Office Professional of the Year:

- Winner: **Phillipa Brine** (member)



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2008 2 May – “Shaping your Destiny” AIOOP National Office Professionals Day Breakfast and Awards Presentation held at Perth Convention Exhibition Centre.

AIOOP National partners: Recruitment Solutions

AIOOP Office Professional of the Year Awards.

- Winner: **Kristy Stewart** (Gerard Daniels)
- High Achiever Award: **Bozenka Raich** (Gerard Daniels)
- High Commended Award: **Susan Brown** (Public Transport Authority)

2009 1 May – “Beyond Tomorrow” AIOOP National Office Professionals Day Breakfast and Awards Presentation held at Perth Convention Exhibition Centre.

AIOOP Office Professional of the Year Awards.

- Winner: **Elizabeth McFerran** (Schlumberger)
- Young Office Professional: **Elizabeth May** (Perth Convention Exhibition Centre)
- Judges’ Award: **Christie Fordyce** (Momentum Partners (Australia))

2010 30 April – “Moving Forward – To Plant a Garden is to Believe in the Future” AIOOP National Office Professionals Day Breakfast and Awards Presentation held at Perth Convention Exhibition Centre.

AIOOP Office Professional of the Year Awards.

- Winner: **Kristy Rewell** (Woods Bagot)
- Young Office Professional: **Danielle Nordeck** (WA Business News)
- Judges’ Award: **Allison Taylor** (Curtin University of Technology)

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