# A Summary of the PD White Paper from IPEd

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*These notes were partly provided by Katie Poidomani, who was unable to attend the September meeting.*

The White Paper produced by the PD Project Team of WP4 sets out how PD is likely to work under the DM (Direct Membership) model.

PD (Professional Development) is one of the aspects of the running of an editing organisation that is relevant to every single member of it. It encompasses training in specific aspects of editing, and being mentored, or mentoring, in areas that may or may not be covered by hands-on training.

In terms of how the new DM Model will affect PD, there are no surprises. Very little is likely to change from the members’ point of view – in Canberra, training will continue as at present, in the same venue as at present, and at the same cost to members as at present, as far as we can see. We will continue to arrange training to suit local members and find presenters and suitable topics locally or with the assistance of IPEd. The only difference would be that fees for training will be paid direct to IPEd through a central system, and IPEd would help with finding venues and would make presenters more available around the whole country if that was wanted. We would pay indirectly for this through part of our increased membership fees that would go to paying for the possible services of a part-time PD Officer (though such a position is by no means a *fait accompli*).

A likely benefit to the Canberra members would be the possibility of increased discounting for attending interstate training (as already happens between CSE and NSW).

The National Mentoring Program will remain largely unchanged as it is already a national program with the IPEd stamp of approval. It will continue to function as it does now – being administered by two joint national coordinators (currently in Canberra), and state/territory coordinators around Australia, for such time as everyone agrees it’s working. IPEd already funds travel costs for the mentoring program, and that will continue. The main difference to current procedures would be the arrangement of fees and disbursements for mentorships being dealt with through IPEd instead of through our local Treasurer.

The only noticeable difference overall that either Katie or I can see so far will be that the local PD Coordinator will, under a DM Model, deal with admin matters, such as registrations for training and payments through IPEd. IPEd, in turn, will provide more promotional and other assistance to branches for both training and mentoring.