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IPAA National appoints new Treasurer and Vice President

The Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA) has announced the appointment of Len Scanlan and Yehudi Blacher to the Executive of the National Council. Mr Scanlan has been appointed Treasurer and Mr Blacher Vice President (Journals and Partnerships). IPAA is the nationwide professional association of the public sector.

In welcoming Len's appointment, National President Percy Allan highlighted Mr Scanlan's career in the Queensland public sector which spanned more than 30 years.

"Len Scanlan was the Auditor-General of Queensland from December 1997 until December 2004. He also served with the Premier's Department working in inter-governmental relations, the Transport Department in policy and planning, and Queensland Treasury in the area of financial management policy," Mr Allan said.

Mr Scanlan is the Chair of the Audit Committees for Brisbane City Council, Queensland Health and Queensland Urban Utilities where he is also a Board member as a Non-Executive Director. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Queensland and Bond University.

"Len brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position of Treasurer and we are very happy to have him on board," Mr Allan added.

Mr Scanlan's appointment comes as Barry Mewett steps down after more than 20 years in the role of Treasurer for the Institute.

New Vice President (Journals and Partnerships), Yehudi Blacher has taken over from outgoing VP, Peter Allen, who served on the IPAA National Executive from 2008.

"Mr Blacher hails from Victoria and until recently was Secretary of the Department of Planning and Community Development. He has held senior management positions with the Department for Victorian Communities, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Department of Human Services and the Office of Local Government in Victoria," Mr Allan said.

Mr Blacher has studied at a tertiary level in Jerusalem, Melbourne and the United Kingdom. He serves on six boards and has authored numerous articles and contributed to books such as *Local Government Reform in Victoria* and *The Collaborative State*.

"In his role as Vice President (Journals and Partnerships), Mr Blacher will be overseeing the Institute's two publications, the *Australian Journal of Public Administration* (AJPA) and *Public Administration Today* (PAT). He will also be fostering the affiliations IPAA has with national and international bodies such as the Institute of Public Administration of Canada, the Institute of Public Administration New Zealand, the Chinese Public Administration Society, and the Australia and New Zealand School of Government," Mr Allan added.

Biographies and photos of Mr Scanlan and Mr Blacher are available at www.ipaa.org.au

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