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IPA BOARD APPOINTMENTS

At the Institute of Public Accountants (IPA) board meeting last week, Wendy Leegel was re-elected as president and chairman of the IPA Board.

Ms Leegel was appointed as president in 2014 and has assisted the organisation in strengthening corporate governance and risk management and looks forward to her next twelve month tenure as president.

The Board meeting coincided with the IPA's National Congress last week where director Greg Parr was awarded life membership of the Institute. Mr Parr has held numerous board positions spanning some 17 years with the Institute and now retires leaving an excellent legacy for others to follow.

In a written statement, the Board acknowledged: "It is the unanimous view of the Board and of the Institute to confer Life Membership upon Mr Greg Parr FIPA".

Director of the Institute of Financial Accountants (IFA), Mr Michael Colin was also appointed Director of the IPA. The IPA acquired the IFA at the end on 2014, forming the IPA Group, the largest SME focused accountancy organisation in the world.

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About the Institute of Public Accountants

The IPA, formed in 1923, is one of Australia's three legally recognised professional accounting bodies. In late 2014, the IPA acquired the Institute of Financial Accountants in the UK and formed the IPA Group, with more than with more than 35,000 members and students in over 65 countries. The IPA is a member of the International Federation of Accountants, the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board and the Confederation of Asian and Pacific Accountants. The IPA was recognised in 2012 as Australia's most innovative accounting organisation and listed in the top 20 in the 2012 *BRW* Most Innovative Companies List.