

ASSOCIATIONS EVOLVE: 2025 & BEYOND

An Answers for Associations Project

Welcome to the Associations Evolve Journal

The idea for the Associations Evolve Journal came about (as many promising ideas do) over a glass of wine with an amazing group of colleagues.

We were talking about how many amazing association-specific experts existed around the globe. People with incredible ideas and experiences that they were applying to advance the associations they serve.

We talked about how these people came from a range of roles including volunteer leaders, association staff, consultants, and vendors (and often a combination of the above).

We bemoaned the fact that there was no place that brought together thought leaders from around the world to share their insights.

And so (over the fourth bottle) the idea of inviting all the amazing people we knew from to contribute to a free publication that would showcase their passion topics was born. And from those seeds this journal emerged.

When the first one came out, some people contributed existing articles they knew would have impact and others wrote entirely new content. I was delighted at how enthusiastically people supported the idea, and thrilled to read everything as it came in.

Since that time the journal has evolved beyond our expectations. We have a rapidly expanding group the most brilliant and inspiring thought leaders from around the world contributing. And a rapidly expanding readership.

In these pages you can learn more about getting involved in the next edition. Please contact me at: belinda@smsonline.net.au or +61(0)413190197 if you have any questions.



Warm regards,
Belinda Moore

Editor, Associations Evolve
Journal

About the Journal

The Associations Evolve Journal is committed to inspiring innovation, promoting best practices, and fostering intellectual curiosity within the association community. It is a compilation of thought-provoking articles by industry experts from all corners of the globe. The content spans a diverse range of topics, including innovative practices, case studies, emerging trends, and strategies for success. It is more than just a publication - it's a resource, a guide, and a catalyst for change in the field of association management.

Reader Profile

The readers of the Associations Evolve Journal are a diverse and dynamic group of professionals, researchers, and thought leaders from around the whole who are deeply engaged in the world of associations. They are who are passionate about driving positive change, shaping the future of their respective industries, and exploring innovative strategies and best practices for association management. Our readers seek insights, trends, and expert perspectives on topics such as membership engagement, digital transformation, governance, leadership, advocacy, and strategic planning, with a strong focus on staying ahead of the evolving landscape of associations.

Circulation

The journal is issued electronically and in print. The electronic version is sent free of charge, and without any requirement to enter contact details, to industry email lists of over 20,000 association executives. As many contributors onforward to their lists, the actual distribution is much larger. Over 1,000 printed copies are sent to premium subscribers of the Answers for Associations online community and contributors to the journal.

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Ways to Get Involved

Whether you're looking to share your expertise or promote your business, there's a spot for you in our journal. Get involved and reach a wide audience in the association community!

Article Submission: We invite experts from around the globe to contribute articles that inform, inspire, and motivate professionals in this field.

Advertising: A unique opportunity for organisations to showcase their brand, products, or services to a highly engaged and targeted audience.

Article Content Areas

Below are some of the topics we would like to cover in the publication. That said, we aren't limited to these and welcome topic ideas.

- **Transforming Associations.** Leading change, strategic planning, adapting associations to AI, helping members thrive in an AI world, Trends impacting associations, innovation, embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- **Offerings That Create Impact.** Creating compelling value, lifelong learning opportunities; online education advocacy and policy; fostering digital community building; meetings, events, and conferences.
- **Effective Stakeholder Engagement.** Impactful collaborations; marketing & communication; mobilising volunteers to maximise impact; strengthening informal networks; empowering chapters.
- **Membership.** Membership models; member recruitment strategies; member retention strategies, effective renewals.
- **Optimising Operational Performance.** Governance; strategic planning; people & culture; harnessing AI and technology; digital transformation; analytics and data-driven decision making.
- **Financial Sustainability.** Diversifying income sources; rethinking pricing models; sponsorships, partnerships; monetising virtual and online platforms; financial forecasting and budgeting.

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Article Submission Guidelines

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Your Topics

We aren't going to tell you what to write. Instead, let us know the topic you are passionate about. Write about an insight, idea, or case study you believe will inspire association professionals to maximise their impact.

If you think your idea is left field, too controversial, or a little bit crazy, reach out and let's talk more.

People don't read this type of publication to learn things they already know. They read to be challenged and pick up ideas they can practically apply to make a difference.

What difference could your ideas make?

Interested in Contributing?

Please send your proposed topic to Belinda@smsonline.net.au for approval before starting work. This helps us ensure we avoid duplication and allows us to provide advice that could help to focus your topics relative to other articles.

Key Dates

- **ASAP.** Proposed Topic for Approval
- **Fri 30 Aug.** Submission Deadline.
- **Fri 15 Nov.** Electronic Version Published.
- **Fri 22 Nov.** Lodgement of Print Version.

Note that we cannot guarantee delivery timeframes.

Writing Tips

- Clearly define the purpose of your article.
- Organise your article with a clear structure – use headings and bullet points to make the article easier to read.
- Provide proper references (we will insert hyperlinks where they are provided to us).
- Incorporate relevant examples.
- Avoid country or region-specific terminology.

Submission Inclusions

All submissions should include:

- ☐ Article Title
- ☐ Article of 500-1,000 words in Word.
- ☐ Portrait Headshot (high res) of author.
- ☐ Full Name of author.
- ☐ 50-word bio of author.
- ☐ LinkedIn Profile Link of the author.
- ☐ Email Address of author (for publication)
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- ☐ Postal Address of author (NOT for publication. To allow us to post you a copy)

By Fri 30 August, please submit your application via www.associationsevolve.com.au for review by the Associations Evolve Journal editorial team.

Submissions received after the due date may not be accepted.

Please note our production timelines are quite tight so it is important to have your submission in by deadline.